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## Students Take Flight at Fallon's First Aviation ACE Camp

By Lori Kaiser

When 15-year-old Shelia Brown climbed into the F-16 simulator at Naval Air Station Fallon (NAS Fallon) this week, she gripped the stick, eased the throttle, and sent the jet rolling into a loop that left her grinning long after she climbed out.

"It was pretty fun," Brown said. "The F-16s were for sure a lot more interactive ... you had all this stuff and like three control panels." She explained that the simulator's joystick "only had about a quarter-inch allowance," but with enough pressure, "you could flip around a little ... I did a barrel roll."

Brown was one of 15 students participating in Fallon's first Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp, hosted by the Operation Aviation Foundation and led by Fallon native and fighter pilot Anthony "Judge" Tisdale. The three-day program brought hands-on aviation experiences to local youth ages 12 to 16, culminating in a winging ceremony Wednesday at the Fallon Municipal Airport.

Campers spent the week rotating through flight simulators, touring NAS Fallon, meeting military and civilian air crews, and learning about aviation careers ranging from piloting to aerospace medicine.

Oasis Academy student Stevie Hiskett said the



ACE Camp student Shelia Brown stands with Nevada Army National Guard flight medic Mason Burkhart and crew chief Ryan Brown during the final day of the Operation Aviation Foundation aviation camp in Fallon.

helicopter demonstration was her favorite part. "I had an amazing time," she said. "Probably this, or seeing the Care Flight medic team come down."

One of the most anticipated moments came on the final day, when a Nevada Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter touched down beside the hangar. Students rushed to the edge of the tarmac as the crew stepped out to greet them, answer questions, and pose for photos.

The crew included pilot in command Sergio Zarate, second pilot Colton Marlow, flight medic Mason Burkhart, crew chief and hoist operator

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## Special Election Ordered After 881 Ward 1 Voters Omitted From Ballot

By Riffin Stonebarger

A software mapping error that prevented 881 Fallon Ward 1 residents from receiving ballots in the June 9 city election has forced a special election and invalidated the original results, city and county officials announced last week.

The Fallon City Council voted unanimously on June 18 during a special meeting to reject certification of the Ward 1 election and schedule a new election for July 21 after county officials determined hundreds of eligible voters were assigned to the wrong precinct and never received the city council contest on their ballots.

The issue was also before the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on June 17, when commissioners canvassed the June 9 primary election and reviewed the ballot assignment error affecting 881 Fallon voters.

Churchill County Clerk-Treasurer Linda Rothery told city officials the error stemmed from a failed update within Nevada's statewide election management system, known as Total Vote.

"The voters have trusted me in conducting elections with integrity and transparency,

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## Ward 1 Special Election At a Glance

Election Date: July 21, 2026  
Race: Fallon City Council Ward 1  
Candidates:  
Lori Norcutt  
Ryan Swirczek  
Daniel Doty

### WHY A NEW ELECTION?

A software mapping error prevented 881 eligible Ward 1 voters from receiving ballots containing the city council race during the June 9 election.

### JUNE 9 RESULTS (VOIDED):

Lori Norcutt: 161 votes (53%)  
Ryan Swirczek: 110 votes (36%)  
Daniel Doty: 32 votes (10%)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Sample ballots: Late June  
Mail ballots: July 6  
Early voting: July 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Early voting: July 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Election Day: July 21, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

### POLLING LOCATION:

Churchill County Administrative Complex  
155 N. Taylor St., Fallon

## Community Gives Input During Data Center Discussions

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting June 17 to gather public input on potential data center development. Chair Myles Getto emphasized that the workshop was informational only. "There's no applications for any data centers right now," he said. "This meeting is to talk about how our community feels about it, how we want to address it, and how we want to go forward in the future."

Thomas Burns, director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, outlined how modern data centers operate in Nevada. He said newer facilities primarily use closed-loop cooling systems, which significantly reduce water consumption. Burns also noted that data center companies are responsible for the cost of extending power infrastructure to their sites, rather than shifting those expenses to local ratepayers.

Burns said construction of a data center can create hundreds of temporary jobs, while

completed facilities typically employ 50 to 80 permanent workers, often earning more than \$100,000 annually. He added that data centers can provide a stable source of property tax revenue.

Commissioner Matt Hyde stressed the importance of protecting private property rights and raised concerns about government overreach. He also said he would oppose placing data centers on agricultural land. Commissioner Eric Blakey agreed the county should begin developing regulations before any proposals are submitted. "We want to do this the right way," Blakey said. "We want to make sure we have everything in order so if someone shows up, we will be prepared."

Storey County Commissioner Clay Mitchell shared his county's experience with data centers, noting that facilities vary widely in size, power needs, cooling technology, and purpose. Mitchell said completed data centers typically create 20 to 100 permanent jobs, in addition to hundreds of construction jobs. He explained that Storey County requires data centers to bring their own

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The Trek

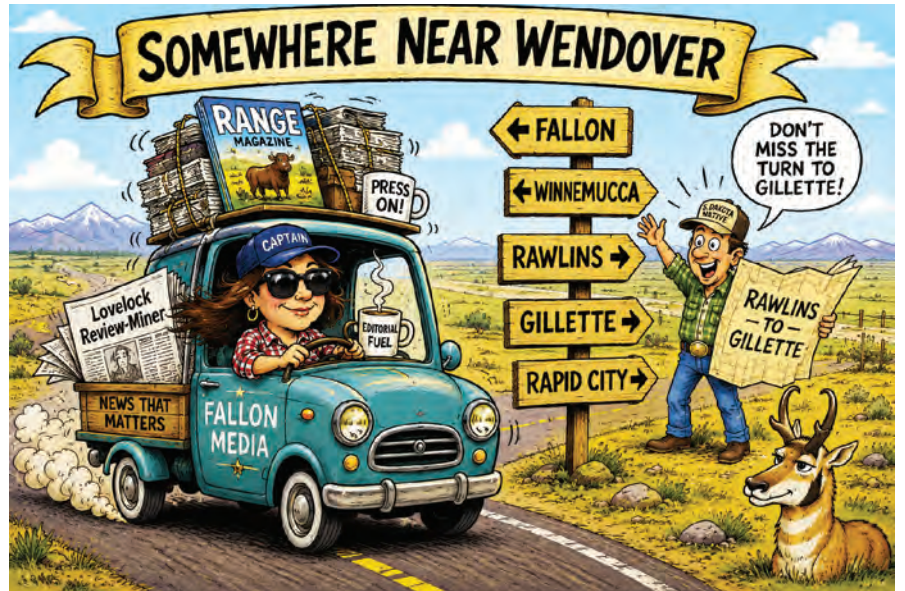
By Rachel Dahl

So – about those instructions from Rawlins to Gillette... For those of you who missed the Captain's Log last week, the Deckhands took charge of the pen and wrote about me heading to Rapid City to have a booth for RANGE magazine at the R-CALF convention. They wrote about trip preparations and all the warnings from our South Dakota native, Lori, who grew up there and knows where all the bodies are buried between Fallon and the Monument.

She wasn't joking. It's a harsh, beautiful land and that stretch is impressive. She had made me very detailed instructions, but what she didn't tell you is that she also made me three copies of the instructions and tucked them in strategic places in my car, computer bag, and metaphorically taped them to my forehead with a very firm lecture.

And they were very clear. Complete with a warning that there would also be no cell service. The only thing she didn't include was a little note to check my fuel level before setting off north on 287 to Muddy Gap. I'm famous for forgetting all the little details in life – not least being to check the fuel gauge before I get out in the middle of the desert. You would think as much time as I spend driving the wilds of Nevada this lesson would have been learned by now, but no. No.

I was fine until that very last stretch, 51 miles from this last little junction to Gillette and the "50 miles until you're empty, sweetheart" ding started serenading me as I drove. From what I could tell, there was not a vestige of civilization between where I sat on the edge of 220, wayyy



north of Bar Nunn and 17 miles off my path to Wright where there did appear to be green dinosaur fuel. True to the warnings from our SD native, there was no cell service so my only choice was to turn around and head to Wright. I take a lot of chances in life, but there was no one to call in that part of the world if my wing and a prayer didn't work.

From there it was smooth sailing and the event went well. We have a whole bunch of new contacts for the magazine, we met some really good people from across the country, and we learned a whole lot more about the livestock industry.

But we still didn't learn to check the gas gauge. Not even joking, on the trip home, it wasn't until about 11 miles south of Casper I thought to look down – and barely made it to Alcova as I followed the North Platte River south.

So here we are back home, grateful we didn't have to make that trip in a covered wagon, and as always...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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water rights and connect to the local utility rather than drill wells. Many facilities, he said, use dry cooling, closed-loop systems, or treated effluent water.

Nineteen people provided public comment during the meeting. Only six did not directly oppose allowing data centers. The most common concerns included water use, agricultural impacts, regulatory gaps, energy demands, and questions about economic benefits. Five speakers specifically requested a moratorium until more research is completed.

Michelle Anderson spoke in opposition, saying data centers would compete with agriculture for limited resources. "Agriculture depends on water, land, and reliable power," she said. "Data centers are industrial-scale facilities that consume enormous amounts of all three." She warned that allowing a data center could put agriculture and industry in direct conflict.

Kadie Zeller also opposed data center development, citing long-term environmental risks. "I'm all for progress, but not when progress supersedes our natural resources and our literal livable resources and fragile ecosystems and environments," she said. "Bringing in a data center of any size would be detrimental to our community and those who surround us."

Wendy Colborne, chief of staff for the Building and Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada, spoke in favor of allowing data centers with restrictions. She highlighted potential economic benefits, including high-paying union jobs, apprenticeship opportunities, and additional revenue for schools, police, and fire services. "We ask the Commission to pursue smart standards over outright moratoriums," she said.

Tray Abney, speaking for the Nevada Data Center Alliance, agreed that properly regulated data centers could benefit rural communities. "When properly sited and appropriately regulated, data centers can be a tremendous asset for rural Nevada," he said. "They bring significant private investment. They broaden the tax base, create skilled construction and technology jobs, and often fund infrastructure improvements that benefit the wider community."

Commissioners reiterated that the purpose of the workshop was to proactively discuss potential regulations before any data center proposals are submitted in Churchill County. No formal action was taken.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Dozer

Dozer, a 1-year-old Catahoula-Labrador retriever mix, is looking for a forever home. This handsome young dog is still learning leash manners and basic obedience, so he would do best with a patient owner willing to continue his training.

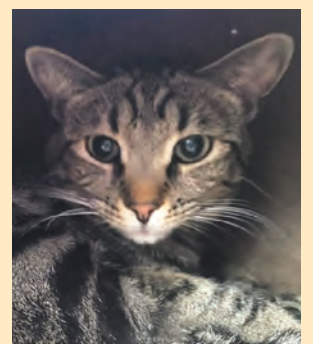


While Dozer can be shy around new people, he becomes a loyal and affectionate companion once he gains trust. He enjoys the company of other dogs, and a meet-and-greet is recommended for any resident canines. However, he is not a good fit for homes with cats.

Dozer is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and ready for adoption. Could he be your new best friend?

Teddy is Available for Adoption

Teddy is a handsome gray marble tabby with a heart as beautiful as his coat. He may seem shy when you first meet him, but with a little patience and love, Teddy quickly becomes a loyal companion.



This sweet boy has a calm, gentle personality. He enjoys playtime but is equally happy relaxing nearby and spending time with his favorite people. Once Teddy gains your trust, he forms strong bonds and rewards kindness with affection.

Teddy is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and ready for a forever home. Could Teddy be the missing piece of your family? Come meet him today.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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

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## FEATURES



Rob Stults' winning design for the 2026 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair volunteer T-shirt incorporates the festival's history and America's 250th anniversary celebration. Photo courtesy of the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair.

## Rob Stults Announced as T-Shirt Design Winner

By Sydney Trainor

Community creativity took center stage this year as roughly 50 artists submitted designs for the 2026 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair volunteer shirts.

Earlier this year, the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair held a T-shirt contest, inviting artists to design volunteer shirts as part of the fair's 41st anniversary. Participants were encouraged to submit digital, painted, or hand-drawn artwork that incorporated several required elements, including the festival name, the year 2026, the word "volunteer," "Est. 1985," and a cantaloupe somewhere within the design.

After reviewing the submissions, Rob Stults was selected as the first-place winner. His patriotic design celebrates America's 250th anniversary while highlighting the festival's longstanding history in Fallon.

Rebecca Mills-Wadsworth and Natalia McCool also earned honorable mention recognition for thoughtful and creative designs.

For those interested in sporting one of these locally designed shirts, sign up to volunteer at [falloncantaloupefestival.com/volunteer](http://falloncantaloupefestival.com/volunteer).



Rebecca Mills-Wadsworth earned honorable mention recognition in the 2026 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair volunteer T-shirt design contest. Photo courtesy of the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair.

## A Queen One More Time

By Nancy Chapman

Ellen Casey Blair, 87 years young, had a dream to become a queen one more time.

Having been Fallon Kiwanis Rodeo Queen in 1956 and Nevada State High School Rodeo Queen from Fallon in 1957, Ellen said, "I beat out 12 other girls to win." To compete in the queen contest, she would ride Georgie Sicking's horse, Tassy. Fallon cutting horse trainer Wayne Cuttliff would judge the state rodeo queen contest in Fallon that year. She would go to UNR for one semester and decide college was not for her. In 1981, she would complete her education to become a lymphology therapist.

Having lived in Hawthorne since 1970, she always wanted to win the Senior Armed Forces Day Penny Queen contest. This contest was a certified America 250 Nevada event celebrating the pioneering spirit of native Nevadans. The contestant who collected the most pennies won; Ellen collected 7,124 pennies and one red button. When she turned in her pennies, she thought the button was an additional penny. Macular degeneration stole most of her eyesight a few years ago.

The queen, Ellen Blair, and her princesses, first runner-up Ms. Della Young, 99 3/4 years young, and second runner-up Phyllis Lamb, represented the Mineral County Senior Housing Manor. They rode on a float behind the Grand



Ellen Blair wears her crown on her cowboy hat at her home in Hawthorne. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

Marshal in the 75th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Hawthorne on May 16, 2026.

Ellen Casey Blair was born in Handley Hospital, located on Auction Road in Fallon, in 1939 and was delivered by Dr. Sawyer. Dr. Sawyer's son, Frank Grant Sawyer, would go on to become Nevada's 21st governor from 1959 to 1967.

Ellen was born to parents John and Myrtle Atkinson Casey. She would begin her school years in Fallon, then her parents would move the

family to a ranch between Ely and Tonopah. She would graduate from the eighth grade in Tonopah; her teacher was Charlene Locke. The family would return to Fallon, where she would attend Churchill County High School and graduate in 1957. This would be the same year the Greenwave would win state championships in every sport.

Ellen would marry and divorce until marrying her third husband, Wes Blair, who was 35 years her senior. In 1973, she, her husband, and her four sons, then ages 4 to 10, purchased Lucky Boy Ranch Land and Livestock in Hawthorne, Nevada. Together, they built a ranch out of bare ground that did not have a well, electricity, corrals, or fences to hold the 113 head of cattle that would graze the Wassuk Mountains in Mineral County. To build the house, Ellen would straighten old nails that were used in the building process.

Several of Ellen's relatives left a legacy in Fallon. Her Uncle Ed Casey is the namesake of Casey Road, while her Uncle Clyde and Aunt Louise Gummow are the namesakes of Gummow Drive.

Her sons, rancher and silversmith John Mincer and rancher Aaron Williams, would leave Hawthorne at an early age and make Fallon their permanent homes. Two of her sons, Joel, who died in 1974, and Ben, who died in 2013, predeceased her.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

### Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender

By Sydney Trainor

Every person charged with a crime has the constitutional right to legal representation, even if they cannot afford an attorney. In Fallon, that responsibility falls to the Churchill County Office of the Public Defender and, when conflicts arise, the Alternate Public Defender's Office.

The Public Defender's Office provides legal representation to individuals who qualify for court-appointed counsel in criminal cases. The office helps fulfill the constitutional guarantee of legal representation and serves as a key part of the county's criminal justice system.

The Alternate Public Defender's Office serves a different but equally important role. The office represents defendants when the Public Defender's Office has a conflict of interest or is otherwise unable to provide representation. For example, conflicts can occur when multiple defendants are involved in the same case, requiring separate legal counsel.

Public Defender Jacob Sommer presented the department's budget request during Churchill County's budget review process, focusing primarily on staffing needs as the office expands to meet state requirements.

The proposed budget includes approximately \$766,000 in salaries and wages to support four deputy public defender positions. A fifth attorney position is expected to be filled by the office's current legal intern after passing the bar exam.

Sommer also requested reclassifying a senior legal secretary position to a legal office services supervisor position, which he estimated would cost the county about \$700 annually after state reimbursement. He requested adding a new legal secretary position with an estimated net county cost of \$4,400 per year.



In addition, Sommer proposed creating a social worker and liaison position. He estimated the position would cost the county approximately \$3,750 annually after reimbursement from the state. Sommer said the request could be deferred to a future budget cycle if necessary.

Sommer noted that operating and supply requests were lower than the previous year as the department continues refining its budget needs.

Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel said his office works alongside the county's indigent defense system to ensure legal services remain available while meeting state workload and compliance requirements.

Noel's proposed budget remained largely unchanged from the previous year. His primary request was the reclassification of legal secretary Tara Price-Gritzmacher to a senior legal secretary position. He estimated the change would cost approximately \$2,700 annually, with the county's net cost reduced to about \$300 after state reimbursement.

The proposed budget includes approximately \$165,000 in salaries and wages to fund one deputy public defender position and the secretary position.

Noel said adding an additional attorney would improve reimbursement rates from the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services, reducing the county's annual operating cost from approximately \$31,000 to about \$17,000.

Together, the Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office help ensure that Churchill County residents who cannot afford legal counsel still receive representation as guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Fourth of July Celebrations

By Sydney Trainor

The City of Fallon, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, and Churchill County Parks and Recreation will host this year's Fourth of July parade, honoring America's 250th anniversary and recognizing military service.

The parade theme is "Celebrating America 250 & Our Military," and it begins at 10 a.m. on Taylor Street at the middle school. The route goes north on Taylor to A Street, east to Ada Street, south to Williams Avenue, east to Maine Street, and ends back at the middle school.

After the parade, the community is invited to Oats Park for additional festivities. The party in the park will include carnival games from 12 to 4 p.m., face painting, a free bounce house, 1,000 free hot dogs, and live entertainment. Free access to the pool and splash pad will also be available.

Live entertainment continues until 9 p.m., with Kimmi Bitter headlining. Also performing are Jimbo Scott & Yesterday's Biscuits, Reno Silver Dollar Chorus Barbershop Quartets, Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs, Carson Street Ragtime Band, Stilt Walker Jodi Power, and The Kindred North.

### FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

10 a.m. — Parade Begins

Starts at the middle school on Taylor Street. Route: North on Taylor to A Street, east to Ada Street, south to Williams Avenue, east to Maine Street, ending back at the middle school.

### NOON TO 4 P.M. — PARTY IN THE PARK (OATS PARK)

- Carnival games
- Face painting
- Free bounce house
- 1,000 free hot dogs
- Live entertainment
- Free pool and splash pad access

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT (THROUGH 9 P.M.)

- Kimmi Bitter (headliner)
- Jimbo Scott & Yesterday's Biscuits
- Reno Silver Dollar Chorus Barbershop Quartets
- Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs
- Carson Street Ragtime Band
- Stilt Walker Jodi Power
- The Kindred North



## De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash Returns June 26-28



Staff Report

Fallon residents and visitors will have an opportunity to attend rodeo competitions, live music, and community events when the 12th annual De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash returns June 26-28 at Fairview Arena, 325 Sheckler Road in Fallon.

Hosted by Cody and Kristina de Golyer, the annual event features bull riding, ranch bronc riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, mutton busting, junior steer riding, vendors, food, and family activities.

The weekend begins Friday, June 26, with gates opening at 3 p.m. Entertainment starts at 6 p.m. and includes a concert featuring Love and Theft, with Reno-based band White Water opening the show.

Saturday activities begin at 10 a.m. and include fundraising events, vendors, and rodeo competition. The rodeo is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Sunday's schedule includes breakfast, cowboy church, and additional activities.

Organizers have also scheduled a cornhole tournament, water volleyball, a car and bike show, and Wiener dog and corgi races during the weekend. Proceeds from several activities will benefit community organizations.

The De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash is held annually during the last weekend of June and has become a longtime community event in Fallon.

Additional information, schedules, and tickets are available through the event's website and social media pages.

### IF YOU GO

What: 12th Annual De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash  
When: June 26-28  
Where: Fairview Arena, 325 Sheckler Road, Fallon

### Featured events:

- Bull riding
- Ranch bronc riding
- Barrel racing
- Breakaway roping
- Mutton busting
- Junior steer riding
- Live music
- Vendors and food

### Family activities:

- Wiener dog races
- Corgi races
- Water volleyball
- Cornhole tournament
- Car and bike show

### Friday highlights:

- Gates open at 3 p.m.
- Concert begins at 6 p.m. featuring Love and Theft
- White Water opens the show

### Saturday highlights:

- Activities begin at 10 a.m.
- Rodeo begins at 6 p.m.
- Sunday highlights:
  - Breakfast
  - Cowboy church
  - Family activities

Tickets and information: Available through the event website and official social media pages.

## MEETINGS

### June 25 – July 8, 2026

#### Board of County Commissioners

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

#### Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine St.  
Next Meeting:  
July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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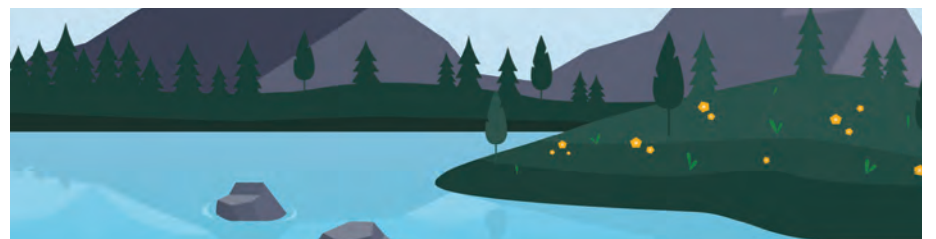
Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.  
155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting: July 2 at 11 a.m.

#### Central NV Health District

155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting:  
July 8 at 3:30 p.m.

#### Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.  
155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting:  
July 23 at 3 p.m.



## WATER LEVELS

### Measurements Taken June 22 at 9 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	205,600 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	873 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	209 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	128 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	33.8 cfs

June 22, 2024	June 22, 2023	June 22, 2022
294,028 acre feet	277,733 acre feet	144,440 acre feet

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

## 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, June 29

Swedish Meatballs  
Seasoned Egg Noodles  
Cali Veg Blend  
Fresh Apple

### Tuesday, June 30

Baked Potato  
w/Chili, Cheese & Onion  
Steamed Carrots  
Banana Muffin  
FF Fruit Yogurt

### Wednesday, July 1

All Beef Hot Dog  
WW Bun  
BBQ Baked Beans  
Mixed Veggies  
Strawberries  
Brownies

### Thursday, July 2

Lemon Baked Fish  
Buttered Peas  
Brown Rice  
WW Bread  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Orange

### Friday, July 3

—Center Closed for Independence Day—

## FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA 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, June 29

Buffet Night

### Thursday, July 2

Rotary Night

### Monday, July 6

Burritos  
Rice & Salad

### Thursday, July 9

Tahitian Chicken  
Rice & Salad

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

OBITUARIES

**RAMONA YVONNE TERRY**

Nov. 7, 1956 – April 29, 2026

Ramona was born in San Diego County, California, to Raymond and Edith Alden Beyer. At a young age, her family moved to Odessa, Texas, where she was raised and attended school. She later earned her GED.

On April 1, 1976, Ramona joined the United States Navy and attended Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, Mississippi. During her distinguished 20-year naval career, she served at the Pentagon with the Navy Internal Relations Activity and U.S. Navy Broadcasting Service; Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; COMNAVBASE NROTC at Villanova University in Pennsylvania; VP-9 at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California; and finally at the Strike Warfare Center (Top Gun) in Fallon, Nevada. She retired after 20 years of outstanding and faithful service to her country.

Ramona met her husband, Michael, in April 1984 at the Top Four Club at Naval Station Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were married on Michael's birthday, November 22, 1986. In 1988, both Ramona and Michael received orders



transferring them to California, where they spent the next three years. In 1991, they made Fallon, Nevada, their home.

Following her military retirement, Ramona remained active in her community and in veterans' organizations. She was a dedicated member of American Legion Post 16, where she volunteered as bar manager, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1002 Auxiliary. She was also employed at both the Bonanza and Nugget Casinos.

Ramona was a devoted daughter who lovingly cared for her grandparents and, later, her parents. Family was always at the center of her life.

She is survived by her loving husband, Michael, of Fallon, Nevada; her daughter, Jennifer and son-in-law, Nick; and four

grandchildren, Lilian, Kyle, Alison, and Ben, of Virginia. She was also a beloved stepmother to Laura, Tammy, Michelle (deceased), and J.R. (deceased), of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Ramona was a proud step-grandmother to Heaven, Seth, Chance, Hannah, and Zachary.

Those who knew Ramona knew she was a tough customer — in fact,

she proudly wore a fishing hat that said exactly that. Beneath that tough exterior was a loyal, caring, and devoted woman who touched the lives of many.

God took you too soon, but we take comfort in knowing you are in a better place. You will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved you. I will think of you many times, day and night, for the rest of my life here on earth. You are my sweetheart, Ramona, and you are my Chief. Until we meet again.

With all my love, Michael, your husband and Master Chief.

A Celebration of Life will be held on: Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 2 p.m. VFW Post 1002, Lawton-Silva, 405 S. Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada

**PASTOR TOM BUTLER**

Oct. 14, 1948 – May 17, 2026

Pastor Tom Butler, 77, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, in Park City, Kansas. Born on Oct. 14, 1948, in Laramie, Wyoming, Pastor Tom lived a life devoted to love, stewardship, faith, service, and compassion.

Tom graduated from Sparks High School in 1967 and pursued higher education with a passion for philosophy and ministry. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Nevada in 1971 and went on to achieve a Doctorate of Ministry in 1976. His academic journey laid the foundation for a lifetime dedicated to spiritual leadership and humanitarian efforts.

In 1974, Tom was ordained as a deacon in the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church in Stockton, California. Four years later, in 1978, he was ordained as an elder within the same conference.

Throughout his career, Pastor Tom's ministry was marked by his unwavering commitment to serving others and spreading hope.

He served as head pastor of nine United Methodist churches, including congregations in Greenville, Taylorsville, Chester, Orland, Asbury (Sacramento), North Sacramento, and Tracy, California, as well as Sparks, Nevada.

Pastor Tom's ministry also took him beyond U.S. borders to Bolivia, where he served with the Methodist Church. His global perspective enriched his work and inspired those around him.

He played a pivotal role in establishing the Walk to Emmaus program in Northern California and Nevada, a testament to his innovative spirit and desire to deepen others' faith journeys.

His ministry extended well beyond the pulpit. He tirelessly championed hunger-relief efforts and helped establish food closets to combat local food



insecurity. Tom was also an advocate for low-income housing, women's rights, and marriage equality. His dedication to these causes left an indelible mark on countless lives.

He authored the book "Let Her Keep It," sharing his insights, extensive research, and well-reasoned perspectives on the ordination of women, a cause he passionately supported throughout his ministry.

Tom was also very proud of his service with local law enforcement during the later years of his career. He served as Senior Police Chaplain for the Sparks Police Department from 2005 to 2011.

Tom's personal life was equally rich with love and devotion. He is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Butler; their three children: Jason (Sabrina) Butler of Park City, Kansas; Benjamin (Allicia) Butler of Riverbank, California; and Sharolyn (Josh) Mulvaney of Huntsville,

Alabama; as well as eleven cherished grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life. He is also survived by his brother, Bill Butler of Fallon, Nevada, along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family members whom he held dear.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Betty Butler of Sparks, Nevada.

Beyond his professional achievements and family life, Pastor Tom found great joy in teaching. Those who knew him remember him as a loving and caring individual with a heart as big as his mission. His passion for ministry shone through everything he did.

Pastor Tom's legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched with his kindness, dedication, and unwavering faith. May his memory bring comfort to all who were blessed to know him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Sparks United Methodist Church, 1231 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Nevada. Reception to follow.

**RICHARD CARL BACHLE**

July 16, 1931 – May 18, 2026

In Loving Memory of Rich Bachle.

It is with great sadness to report that Richard Carl Bachle, 94, of Reno, Nevada, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, May 18, 2026. He was surrounded by his adoring family, just two months shy of his 95th birthday... was still young at heart, with a twinkle in his eye and that famous sense of humor he was known for.

Rich was born on July 16, 1931, in Red Cloud, Nebraska, to Carl and Elsie Bachle. In 1947, the family moved to Selma, California, where Rich completed his schooling and met the love of his life, Glora June Willis. The two were married on August 5, 1951, and together built a loving home while raising their three daughters in the Clovis area.

Richard worked as a professional gas welder, a trade that took him throughout the San Joaquin Valley. In 1968, he moved his family to Winnemucca, Nevada, where he began a long career with Southwest Gas. He remained with the company until his retirement in 1986. His expert welding skills were highly sought after, and he continued to work for the Union, Local 246, for many more years.

Rich was good at everything he did, and his interests were many and varied. He was a proud member of the Masons for decades. He loved hunting, fishing, golfing, camping, and collecting guns, but above all, he cherished spending time with his family and his faithful best friend, Maks, his beloved German Shepherd. He was an expert trap shooter, winning the coveted Dan Orlich medallion. He also rode and trained horses and loved working with, and just being around, dogs. Rich and Glora had a long, wonderful life together. They always had a happy home and enjoyed traveling to the coast, camping, and visiting friends and family.

Everyone who knew Rich knew they had a loyal and lifelong friend. He was a mentor to many, someone people admired and looked up to throughout his life. Rich had a gift for conversation and storytelling, and he would want to be remembered for his warm personality, quick wit, and charm.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Elsie Bachle; Chet Sunderland, stepfather; his wife, Glora; his daughter, Cheryl "Cheri" Machado; and his sister, Joann Schuil.

Rich is survived by his daughters, Krissy Bachle and Rikki Bachle; five grandchildren, Kara White-Schene (Eric), Richard Machado, Joseph Machado (Cyndy), Branon White (Jessica), and Christopher McEachern; ten great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

One day at a time, Rich built a life worth living and a legacy that will live on in every life he touched.

A memorial Celebration of Life will be held on July 18 at 11 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church in Reno. A gathering to share memories and celebrate Rich's life will follow at 1 p.m. at Cook'd in Reno.

May his memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved him.

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*light snacks & refreshments*

COMMUNITY

### Fallon Rafter 3C PRCA Rodeo Results Fallon, Nev., June 16-17



Rodeo Airlines: Departure was sudden and unplanned as this bull rider was launched skyward during a wild ride at the Fallon PRCA Rodeo. Photo by 52 Photography.

Taken From PRCA News

**All-around cowboy:**

Wyatt Peek, \$1,159, tie-down roping and team roping.

**Bareback riding:** 1. R.C. Landingham, 87.5 points on Four Star Rodeo's Sapphire, \$1,963; 2. Cooper Filipek, 86, \$1,505; 3. (tie) Cole Franks and Ty Hawkes, 84.5, \$916 each; 5. Lincoln Reeder, 79, \$458; 6. (tie) Hunter Greenup and Tyson Hirschi, 78.5, \$294 each; 8. Donny Proffit, 78, \$196.

**Steer wrestling:** 1. Levi Rudd, 4.0 seconds, \$1,816; 2. Jace Melvin, 4.1, \$1,579; 3. James Banister, 4.3, \$1,342; 4. Kaden Greenfield, 4.6, \$1,105; 5. Owen Redfeairn, 4.7, \$869; 6. (tie) Tristan Martin and Grant Peterson, 5.0, \$513 each; 8. Tad Williams, 5.3, \$158.

**Team roping:** 1. Jr. Dees/Landen Glenn, 5.0 seconds, \$2,805 each; 2. (tie) Jack Fischer/Scott Lauaki and Clint Summers/Jade Corkill, 5.2, \$2,256 each; 4. Spencer Mitchell/Justin Davis, 5.3, \$1,708; 5. (tie) Wyatt Peek/Jarrett Peek and Erich Rogers/Cory Petska, 5.4, \$1,159 each; 7. (tie) Wyatt Bray/Chris Young, Zack Engelhart/Colby Scott and Clay Freeman/Brody Freeman, 5.6, \$285 each.

**Saddle bronc riding:** 1. Kaden Chance Horrocks, 86.5 points on Big Stone Rodeo Inc's Cinch Jeans Fire, \$2,414; 2. Jasper Frost, 85.5, \$1,851; 3. Joe Harper, 85, \$1,368; 4. Mitch Pollock, 84.5, \$885; 5. Jesse Wright, 84, \$563; 6. (tie) Jace Angus and Carson Bingham, 83.5, \$362 each; 8. Bailey Small, 82.5, \$241.

**Tie-down roping:** 1. Buck Tate, 8.9 seconds, \$2,205; 2. Pecos Tatum, 9.0, \$1,918; 3. J. Cody Jones, 9.7, \$1,630; 4. (tie) Caden Farquer and Gator Goodrich, 10.3, \$1,199 each; 6. Cody Stewart, 10.4, \$767; 7. James Mann, 10.5, \$479; 8. Dakota Felton, 11.0, \$192.

**Barrel racing:** 1. Jana Bean, 16.39 seconds, \$2,576; 2. Whitley Sharp, 16.42, \$2,189; 3. Kathy Grimes, 16.46, \$1,803; 4. Kappie Bryant, 16.52, \$1,545; 5. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, 16.56, \$1,288; 6. (tie) Anita Ellis and Emma Parr, 16.58, \$773 each; 8. (tie) Tricia Aldridge and Jordynn Knight, 16.62, \$483 each; 10. Sarah Roberts, 16.63, \$386; 11. (tie) Taylor Baize and Alyssa Urbanek-Wade, 16.64, \$290 each.

**Bull riding:** \*1. Jax Mills, 86 points on Four Star Rodeo's Stranger Danger, \$3,196; 2. T Parker, 81, \$2,637; 3. Kyle Eaton, 78, \$2,157; no other qualified rides. \*(all totals include ground money).

### Patriotic Pies Take Center Stage At All-American Pie Contest



Judges for the All-American Pie Contest held June 20 at the Wolf Center were, from left, Brooke Stokem, Gary Stokem, Kaytlyn Stokem, Jeff White, Sarah Dowling, and Scott Johnston. Judges evaluated entries on appearance, flavor, texture, and presentation. Photo courtesy of the Wolf Center.

Staff Report

From tangy Atlantic Beach Pie to traditional sour cream raisin, local bakers brought their best recipes and patriotic spirit to the All-American Pie Contest on June 20 at the Wolf Center as part of the community's America 250 celebration.

Stephanie Zella claimed first place with her Atlantic Beach Pie, earning top honors in the contest that showcased homemade desserts inspired by America's long-standing pie-baking tradition. Michele Berney placed second with her Lemon Sour Cream Pie, while Lori Crook took third with her Peanut Butter Almond Pie. Honorable mentions went to Mike Berney for his Sour Cream Raisin Pie and Carol Johnson for her Berry Crumble Pie.

The contest was held at the Wolf Center and invited community members to submit homemade pies for judging while celebrating the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary in 2026.

Judges evaluated entries based on overall appearance, flavor, texture, and presentation. Contest organizers displayed the pies beneath patriotic decorations featuring America 250 branding and American flags.

The winning Atlantic Beach Pie combined a citrus filling with whipped topping and a crumb crust. Other top entries ranged from fruit pies to cream pies, giving judges a variety of flavors and baking styles to evaluate.

The event highlighted the role food traditions continue to play in community celebrations. Organizers designed the contest to bring residents together while recognizing one of America's most recognizable desserts.

The pie contest was one of several local activities tied to America's 250th anniversary celebration. Community events throughout the year are helping mark the nation's semiquincentennial and encouraging residents to participate in local commemorations.

### Two Night Mutton Busting Winner at Fallon PRCA Rodeo



Shawn Crystal, left, stands with his son, Colt, who won the mutton busting competition two nights in a row at the Fallon PRCA Rodeo and is shown receiving his award from a rodeo entertainer. Photo by 52 Photography.

### FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**12th Annual De Golyer  
Bucking Horse & Bull Bash**  
dgbullbash@gmail.com  
Rafter 3C Arena  
June 26-28

**Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social**  
Churchill County Museum  
1050 S. Maine St.  
June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

**Black Light Paint n Sip**  
Fallon Elks Lodge  
93 W. Center St.  
June 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

**Boots & Britches Play Day**  
Boots n' Britches Horse Club  
Rafter 3C Event Complex  
June 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Dessert Auction**  
Wolf Center  
457 Esmeralda St.  
July 2 at 5 p.m.

**Party in the Park**  
America 250 Jubilee  
Oats Park  
July 4 from noon to 9 p.m.

**Boots & Britches Play Day**  
Boots n' Britches Horse Club  
Rafter 3C Event Complex  
July 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Shine Support Group**  
Guest Speaker Tammy Mason  
1676 W. Williams Ave.  
July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

**The Singing Mormons Concert**  
American Footworks  
High School Auditorium off Sheckler Road  
July 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Sips & Succulents Party**  
Stargazer Blossoms  
Rush & Rhythm  
July 12 at 2 p.m.

**Women's Circle**  
Heart 2 Heart  
1676 W. Williams Ave.  
July 15 at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

**Fastest Gun Alive World Championship**  
Cowboy Fast Draw Association  
Churchill County Fairgrounds  
July 15-19

**Ventura Highway,  
A Tribute to the Band America**  
Skyrocket Productions  
The Fallon Theatre  
July 18 at 8 p.m.

**Battle of the Badges**  
The Ladies Behind The Badge  
Fallon Convention Center  
July 21-22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Divine Feminine & Divine  
Masculine Energies**  
Sound Vibing Soul Sisters  
1676 W. Williams Ave.  
July 25 from 10 a.m. to noon



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BUSINESS

# CC Communications Honors Employees for Service Milestones



By Nancy Chapman

CC Communications General Manager and CEO Mark Feest hosted the Employee Appreciation dinner on June 18, 2026, at the Pennington Life Center, honoring employees celebrating five-year service milestones.

Six employees were recognized for their service milestones, starting with Jesse Lattin, 25 years; Larry Burchard, 20 years; Nathan Yount, 10 years; and Raelynn Neumann, Nate Pustovrh, and Josh Spaulding, five years each. Together with their colleagues, these dedicated employees serve Fallon and the surrounding areas with their telecommunications needs.

Feest also thanked CC Communications retirees, who were invited to the dinner, recognizing their past contributions to the company's longevity.

Raelynn Neumann, Nate Pustovrh, Nathan Yount, Josh Spaulding, Jesse Lattin, CC Communications General Manager and CEO Mark Feest, and Larry Burchard. Photo by Laura Sherlock-Yount.

# Farm Bureau Leader Outlines Ag Priorities at Chamber Luncheon

By Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce held its monthly luncheon Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the Fallon Convention Center, where Nevada Farm Bureau Executive Vice President Doug Busselman served as the guest speaker.

Busselman explained that the Nevada Farm Bureau is a general farm organization representing members involved in crops, beef cattle, and other agricultural commodities. He noted the organization began in 1919 after a Lyon County legislator attended an American Farm Bureau convention in Chicago and introduced legislation to establish a Nevada chapter.

The Farm Bureau was initially associated with the Cooperative Extension Program, which provided educational support to the agriculture community, before branching off to advocate for farmers and ranchers. Becoming a 501(c)(5) organization allows the Farm Bureau to participate in legislative and political activities.

There are 11 Farm Bureau chapters statewide in Nevada, while the American Farm Bureau includes all 50 states plus Puerto Rico.

Busselman said their primary goal is the protection of agricultural production.

Churchill County has the largest number of farms and ranches in Nevada. The most recent USDA agricultural census counted 540 farms in Churchill County and 3,122 statewide, a number Busselman said is expected to decline in the next census.

Nevada's top agricultural commodity is beef cattle, which are considered a commodity because they are sold and leave the state. Alfalfa is another major commodity for Fallon and Churchill County.

Busselman also discussed efforts by Farm Bureaus nationwide to work with the Department of Agriculture to combat the New World screwworm. Once eradicated in the United States, the pest has reemerged in Texas after infected cattle entered from Mexico. He said a major concern is that screwworm flies could use feral pigs as hosts, allowing larvae to spread quickly. He emphasized that the best defense for animal owners is cleanliness, from livestock housing to even the smallest wounds.

Busselman concluded by taking questions



Doug Busselman, executive vice president of the Nevada Farm Bureau, speaks during the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Fallon Convention Center. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

from attendees about Farm Bureau membership, member benefits, and agricultural concerns related to the current dry year.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## County Clerk Requests Special Election

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Board of Commissioners addressed election issues, staffing adjustments, and budget actions during the June 17 meeting, taking up matters ranging from indigent defense to conservation district funding.

Commissioners canvassed the June 9 primary election and reviewed a ballot assignment error affecting 881 Fallon voters. Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery said some Ward 1 voters were incorrectly assigned to another precinct. She has sent a request to the City of Fallon to hold a special election, and Rothery said additional auditing procedures will be implemented.

Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the board to move previously approved staffing changes from October to July, noting his office will assume Fallon Municipal Court indigent defense cases July 1 while temporarily operating with one legal secretary. Commissioners approved the request 2-1, with Chair Getto opposed, and implementation set for July 6.

Commissioners also debated whether Joe Sanford should receive a stipend while serving as interim county manager. Getto and Commissioner

Hyde supported additional compensation, while Commissioner Blakey noted Sanford previously agreed to serve without one. A \$2,000 temporary stipend was approved 2-1, with Blakey opposed.

A request to grant newly promoted Churchill County Detention Center Captain Brad Kufalk an advanced step placement drew concerns about precedent and policy limits. With no motion made, the request was left unapproved.

The board approved \$7,500 for the Lahontan Valley Conservation District and \$5,000 for the Stillwater Conservation District for FY2026. Commissioners also ratified the Meals on Wheels Loves Pets grant increase from \$12,500 to \$15,000 and renewed a salon lease with Sandra Burrell at the Pennington Life Center for \$400 per month.

An appeal hearing for George Pomeroy, GP Global LLC, regarding two variance denials, was rescheduled to July 2 to meet state notification requirements.

Commissioners approved several year-end budget adjustments, including transferring \$827,858 from the Public Transit Fund to the Road Department for new snowplows and \$15,000 from the Building Reserve Fund to establish a new Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act

fund. Routine budget and grant adjustments were approved, and Resolution 10-2026 was adopted to account for higher than expected revenues.

The board discussed a request from the Truc-kee-Carson Irrigation District to transfer about 160 acres of tax-delinquent property into public ownership. Commissioners supported the concept but raised concerns about waiving roughly \$4,200 in delinquent taxes. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved a maintenance agreement with the City of Fallon for the future softball complex, an agreement with Silver Sage Development LLC to sell county-owned property at 2255 Casey Road for its appraised value of \$425,000 for a proposed hotel project, and software upgrades for the Sheriff's Office, including RapidSOS and Live911.

Commissioners and staff also provided updates on recent activities. Getto announced he will travel to Washington, D.C., to advocate for continued Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools funding. Rothery reported that candidate filing for the sheriff's race has opened and planning is underway for the Fallon City Council Ward 1 special election.

The next County Commission meeting will be on July 2, 2026.

## Council Approves Maine Street Property Purchase

By Riggin Stonebarger

The Fallon City Council approved the purchase of property at 415 N. Maine St. during the regular June 16 meeting, authorizing the acquisition of a parcel adjacent to Pioneer Park for \$350,000 as part of the city's ongoing efforts to secure the site.

Council members unanimously approved the purchase and sale agreement on a 3-0 vote with Ralph T. Bradley Jr. and Linda J. Bradley, trustees of the Bradley Family Trust. The agreement includes a \$350,000 purchase price, \$8,750 in realtor fees, and related escrow costs.

The council also approved a parcel map request submitted by Black Rhino Holdings LLC, creating four parcels from property located within the city.

Council members later received the Fallon Police Department's monthly report for May.

The department reported 44 arrests during the month, including

12 felony or gross misdemeanor arrests, 18 misdemeanor arrests, three DUI arrests, eight juvenile arrests, and two domestic violence arrests.

Police volunteers contributed 104 hours of service during the month.

According to the report, officers responded to 755 calls for service in May. The department also issued 15 traffic citations and 110 warnings.

Police personnel participated in a variety of community activities throughout the month, including traffic escorts for school athletic teams, a tour of the police department for Sage Academy students, traffic control for Oasis Academy students attending a park event, and support at the Top Gun Dragstrip.

Animal shelter personnel also participated in community events, including the Chalk Festival. The shelter handled 88 animals during May, including county, city, and tribal cases.

Additional business before the council included routine approvals, reports, and administrative matters.

## CCSD Trustees Honor Parsons, Review Priorities

By Amber Hardin

Churchill County School District trustees honored retiring Superintendent Derild Parsons for decades of service during their June meeting, while also hearing concerns about traffic safety at Churchill County High School, reviewing student achievement data, and discussing new state literacy training requirements for teachers.

Parsons, who has spent his entire educational career in Churchill County, was recognized by trustees, staff, and community members for his leadership, integrity, and commitment to students. Board members reflected on his service in a variety of roles throughout the district, including teacher, dean of students, administrator, and superintendent.

In remarks to the board, Parsons expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the district and emphasized the importance of helping students reach their potential.

"I think that the key to being a good educator is that you need to be able to see students for what they can become, not just for what they are," Parsons said.

Parsons said he plans to remain active in the community and volunteer within local schools following his retirement.

Earlier in the meeting, school bus driver Marsha Metz addressed trustees during public comment

regarding what she described as ongoing traffic safety concerns at Churchill County High School.

Metz said heavy congestion during student drop-off and pickup times frequently causes traffic backups on Merton Drive and nearby streets. She expressed concern that some students are being dropped off in traffic lanes and must navigate between vehicles and school buses.

To improve safety, Metz suggested relocating student drop-off and pickup operations to the student parking lot near Sheckler Road, which she said could better accommodate traffic flow while separating parent vehicles from school buses.

Trustees also received an update on professional development efforts across the district from Jennifer Gehant of the Northwest Regional Professional Development Program.

Gehant highlighted several initiatives, including classroom management training, leadership development programs, the district's New Teacher Academy, and ongoing literacy instruction efforts tied to Nevada's Science of Reading requirements. She noted that recent state legislation now requires science-of-reading training for K-3 educators, with additional literacy training planned for upper elementary teachers.

Board members discussed the challenge of balancing new state-mandated training requirements with local professional development priorities.

The board also reviewed quarterly district performance measures, including Career and Technical Education (CTE) completion rates, reading achievement data, and progress toward goals outlined in the district's performance plan.

During the discussion, trustees sought clarification regarding differences between the number of students completing CTE pathways and those receiving certifications, while expressing hope that recent literacy initiatives will help improve reading outcomes in the coming years.

Incoming Superintendent Blake Cooper provided an update on his transition into the district, discussing recent leadership training attended alongside district administrators and praising staff for their work supporting students and graduates.

Parsons also highlighted several ongoing district improvement projects, including the installation of trash compactors at district schools. The equipment is expected to improve employee safety by reducing lifting-related injuries while also lowering long-term waste disposal costs.

Additional updates included approval of personnel actions, vouchers, payroll, and budget transfers, along with discussion of insurance renewals, staffing needs, and future governance planning.

The board concluded the meeting with reports from trustees and updates on upcoming district events.

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and I've always given 200% to making the election process as accurate and smooth as possible," Rothery said. "Because of this situation, the only remedy was to have a special election for the Fallon City Council Ward 1 race."

According to county officials, staff updated ward and precinct boundary maps within the system but failed to complete a required step that would have transferred those changes into voter registration records. As a result, 881 Ward 1 voters were incorrectly assigned to Precinct 2 rather than Precinct 1 and did not receive ballots containing the Ward 1 race.

The issue surfaced June 8 when a voter reported that the council race was missing from their ballot. An investigation determined the problem affected hundreds of voters and could not be corrected after ballots had already been distributed and voting was underway.

Rothery accepted responsibility for the mistake.

"My street files were updated, and my voter registration file was not," she said. "Therefore, nothing changed for all 881 voters."

County officials had encountered a related discrepancy during the March candidate filing period, when Ward 1 candidate Lori Norcutt was incorrectly identified as residing in Ward 3. City staff alerted election officials, and the street file was corrected. However, the voter registration

records were not updated.

An emergency meeting involving the Secretary of State's Office, county staff, and city officials was held June 8 after the problem was discovered. By that time, early voting had concluded and mail ballots had been in circulation for weeks.

Mayor Ken Tedford said responsibility should not rest solely with the county clerk's office, noting that Nevada's election administration system now involves multiple levels of oversight.

"Though you're falling on your sword here, I don't think that's fair," Tedford told Rothery. "There's a process where the Secretary of State should enter here."

Under Nevada Revised Statute 293C.710, a city election must be repeated when voters are prevented from participating because of an election error. Rothery submitted the required affidavit June 12, and candidate Ryan Swirczek formally requested a new election the following day.

City Attorney Trent deBraga advised the council that state law required the city to order a new election once both documents were received.

"NRS 293C.710 mandates that the governing body shall order a new election upon receipt of both documents," deBraga said.

The special election will be held July 21 and will feature the same three candidates: Lori Norcutt, Ryan Swirczek, and Daniel Doty.

Before the election was voided, Norcutt led the

race with 161 votes, or 53%, followed by Swirczek with 110 votes, or 36%, and Doty with 32 votes, or 10%.

Officials later determined those results represented only a portion of the electorate. While 315 of 1,308 registered Ward 1 voters cast ballots, the true Ward 1 electorate totaled approximately 2,189 voters when the 881 omitted residents were included.

All eligible Ward 1 voters, including the previously omitted residents, will be allowed to participate in the July 21 election.

**KEY ELECTION DATES INCLUDE:**

- Sample ballots distributed in late June
- Mail ballots sent by July 6
- Early voting July 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Early voting July 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Election Day voting July 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 155 N. Taylor St.

Rothery said all affected voter records have been manually corrected and verified. She also told county commissioners that planning is underway for the special election and that additional auditing procedures will be implemented to identify discrepancies between street files and voter registration records.

"This was a hit to me personally," Rothery said. "We follow the law, we process everything carefully, and to have a missed step like this, it was a hard hit."

COURT

# Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, June 16, with Judge William Maddox presiding.

By Teresa Moon

*Sébastien Nathaniel Landers* pleaded not guilty to 13 counts. Counts I through V are Sexual Assault on a Child Under Fourteen Years of Age; Count VI – Lewdness With a Child Under the Age of Fourteen; Counts VII and VIII – Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child; Count IX – Indecent or Obscene Exposure in the Presence of a Child Under the Age of Eighteen; Counts X through XII – Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of Fourteen; and Count XIII – Incest.

Counts I through V and Counts X through XII are Category A felonies and are not eligible for probation. Each count carries a potential penalty of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 35 years, lifetime supervision, and sex-offender registration. Count VI is also a Category A felony and carries a potential penalty of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years, lifetime supervision, and sex-offender registration.

Counts VII and VIII are Category B felonies, each carrying a potential penalty of one to six years in prison and registration as a sex offender. These counts are not eligible for probation unless a risk assessment shows the defendant is not at high risk of reoffending.

Count XIII is a Category A felony and carries a potential penalty of life with the possibility of parole after two years, a fine of not more than \$10,000, lifetime supervision, registration as a sex offender, and probation eligibility only if a risk assessment shows the defendant is not at high risk to reoffend.

Landers waived his right to a speedy trial. A settlement conference is scheduled for Aug. 19, 2026, and a trial date has been set for March 8, 2027.

*Crystal Angela Strosnider* was not present for her scheduled arraignment, and a \$10,000 cash-only bench warrant was issued.

*Louis Samuel Afraidofhawk* pleaded guilty to Assault With a Deadly Weapon, a Category B felony that carries a potential penalty of one to six years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of not

more than \$5,000. A pre-sentence investigative report was ordered, and sentencing was set for Aug. 18.

*Saul Diosdado-Gonzalez*, in custody, pleaded guilty to two Category D felony counts of Making, Passing, Uttering, or Attempting to Make, Pass, or Publish a Fictitious Bill or Check With Intent to Utter a Fictitious Bill, Note, or Check. Each count carries a potential penalty of 12 to 48 months and a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Under the plea agreement, if restitution of \$2,285.28 is paid in full, the defendant may withdraw his plea to one of the charges. A pre-sentence investigative report was ordered, and sentencing was set for Aug. 18. Diosdado-Gonzalez was released on his own recognizance with a condition of no contact with the restaurant where the checks were passed.

*Santos Daniel Lopez-Velez*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the gross misdemeanor of Unlawful Acts Related to Human Excrement or Bodily Fluid Without Disease, which carries a possible punishment of 364 days in the Churchill County jail and a fine of not more than \$2,000. Lopez-Velez, while a prisoner in lawful custody, spat on an officer.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford noted the charge is not eligible for probation. She explained that during a domestic battery arraignment in Justice Court, the defendant became combative, attempted to leave, and spat on an officer during the scuffle. Lopez-Velez has since received a sentence on the domestic battery charge of 180 days, with 160 suspended, 100 hours of community service, a \$500 fine, and 12 months of counseling.

Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford III told the court his client was born in Puerto Rico and is an American citizen but does not understand, speak, or read English. Tedford said Lopez-Velez was in a wheelchair due to a broken foot at the time of the incident. He explained the defendant became upset when he

was no longer allowed to speak during his domestic battery hearing and began hopping away. Tedford said his client regrets his actions and has asked him to apologize to the officers. Lopez-Velez plans to reside in Churchill County upon release and comply with all conditions.

The defense requested the mandatory minimum of 30 to 60 days, to run consecutive to the domestic battery sentence. Lopez-Velez declined to comment. Fees and assessments were imposed, and he was sentenced to 90 days in the Churchill County jail.

*Christopher Anakin Marcellino*, in custody, admitted to a technical sentencing violation involving several conditions, including financial obligations and huffing.

Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court, “Mr. Marcellino here has a huffing problem ... It’s like playing Russian Roulette.” He explained the defendant attacked his father, breaking his nose, and was given the opportunity to participate in Drug Court to address the underlying issues. Marcellino was later returned to District Court after being unsuccessfully discharged from New Frontier’s inpatient program because of his behavior there. Mills said the defendant was then given another opportunity at probation, but shortly afterward was back before the court on a technical violation. Mills stated, “In two days, two days, after he gets out of custody on that violation, here we are again for another violation.” Mills noted that Marcellino “is a threat to others and to himself.”

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel agreed Marcellino “has a serious problem with his huffing issue” but argued that two weeks in custody was sufficient and asked that he be released and placed back on probation.

Marcellino told Judge Maddox he agreed with his attorney and said he violated deliberately to return to court due to a disagreement with his probation officer. Judge Maddox sentenced him to 60 days in jail, telling him, “It’s sort of like taking a hammer and hitting yourself in the head.”

[ Ace Camp continued from page 1 ]



Oasis Academy student Stevie Hiskett meets flight surgeon Joshua Wood during the Operation Aviation Foundation ACE Camp in Fallon.

Ryan Brown, and flight surgeon Joshua Wood. All spent time talking with students about their roles and how military aviation supports both state and national missions.

Brown, who grew up in Reno, said the visit was about showing young people what aviation service looks like up close.

“This is a great opportunity for us to be out here for the kids to see what we have to offer,” he said. “We’re lucky enough to serve our community, but also the United States.”

Burkhart explained how the crew performs medevac missions and hoist rescues, while Wood described his work handling pilot physicals and air-crew medical readiness. Zarate said the crew was proud to support a program that introduces young people to aviation.

“I’m glad to be out here and show them what we do,” he said.

The camp marks the launch of Nevada’s first chapter of the Operation Aviation Foundation, a nonprofit focused on introducing young people to aviation careers. Tisdale, an Air National Guard fighter pilot, FedEx pilot, and designated pilot examiner, previously ran ACE camps in Alabama. Bringing the program to Fallon, he said, was especially meaningful.

Founder and President Jessica Sanders Walker told families the camp was designed to “engage, explore, and elevate” young people through aviation.

“This was never just about the airplanes; it was about discovering their potential,” she said.

The camp relied on a large network of volunteers, including retired Navy pilots, flight instructors, drone operators, aviation mechanics, and Western Nevada College, which provided simulators and equipment. Local businesses supplied meals, and NAS Fallon opened its facilities for tours and simulator sessions.

Mayor Ken Tedford praised the program for giving students a rare, high-level aviation experience.

“You’ve had a daily experience engaging with world-class professionals like nowhere else in the United States,” he told campers during the ceremony.

As students received their wings and prepared to watch the Black Hawk lift off, many said the camp opened their eyes to new possibilities. Junior helper Cody Frey, who assisted throughout the week, said watching the younger students experience flight reminded him why he volunteers.

“We went out to NAS Fallon and got to fly the F-16 simulators,” he said. “Just a great experience overall.”

For Brown, Hiskett, Frey, and their classmates, the week offered something more than a summer activity — it offered a glimpse of a future in aviation.



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## EDUCATION

## Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

## OASIS ACADEMY SPRING 2026 HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Oasis Academy proudly recognized the students who earned placement on the Spring 2026 Honor Roll. Students in grades 3 through 6 achieved this distinction by earning all A's and B's during the semester, while middle and high school students qualified by maintaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average. These students demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence through their hard work, perseverance, and dedication to learning.

## THIRD GRADE

Ronin Ansotegui, Gurteq Arora, Conner Arritt, Paisley Barbato, Eli Beadle, Oliver Bell, Laleina Braden, Abigayle Brooks, Brynlee Bryant, Michaela Bryant, Lochlan Byrne, Payten Cain, Leslie Camacho Munoz, Oliver Caseday, Nadia Castillo, Ezreal Church, Patrick Cline, Charlotte Coombs, Landon Couch, Darlene Delatorre, Alexandria Drake, Journey Enriquez, Josephine Foster, Grace Francisco, Rafe German, Daleyza Gutierrez Tellez, Landon Haffner, Tobyn Hammond, Spencer Hampton, Delanee Hanrahan, Wesley Herold, Stella Heyer, Thurman Hiskett, Shirley Hyde, Daniel Kindness, Benjamin Knight, Natale Laca, Whitney Lewis, Teagan Lienhardt, Melinda Lipnicki, Emilaya McKneely, Jeremiah Morgan, Evangeline Mullins, Everett Nastro, Alis Page, Genoveve Palacios, Bobby Parmenter, Zoe Preston, Tripp Prinz, Ryan Renfroe, Sebastian Rizo Hernandez, Antonio Rodriguez-Ugalde, Jamison Smith, Aryana Tapia, Eveana Tapia Santos, Caden Thomas, Zachary Warren, Joshua Warren, Kennedy Wilbanks, Matthew Zimmerman, Anastacia Zumwalt

## FOURTH GRADE

Odysseus Arcoraci, Emma Barajas-Rojas, Noah Beier, David Benham, Tobias Berry, Evelyn Brooks, Saneya Burns, Kaleb Burton, Markus Cain, Gunner Chiaratti, Presley Coutinho, Brielle Davis, Johnathan Delatorre, Penelope Derby, Hurkualdez Dummer-Arreguin, Lincoln Dynek, Emma Ferguson, Meika Flick, Jaye Freeman, William Frey, Rodrigo Galeno Mendez, Kevin Gomez Tellez, Mauricio Gonzalez Lopez, Wyatt Griffin, Noah Herrera Velasquez, Bennett Hert, Silas Kirkland, Sinai Lamas Gonzalez, Mia Lewis, Remi Maldonado, Olivia Manskie, Ember Manskie, Aubrey Manzo, Harlow McClanahan, Paislee Means, Brooklyn Mello, Deimmy Mendoza Garcia, Brysen Moody, Nathaniel Navarro, Carlee Owen, Claire Oyler, Ace Pierson, Caylee Presgraves, Lucy Renfroe, Elias Robb, Derrick Rule, Victoria Sanchez, Richard Sanford, Augustus Smith, Cassidy Sorensen, Jaleesa Soriano, Indie Sullivan, Adelynn Wood, Thomas Acomb, Turner Ansotegui, Tyce Arritt

## FIFTH GRADE

Aaron Ayers, Eve Beadle, Zoey Brooks, Gabrielle Brown, Sophie Bryan, Sofia De Leon, Tomas De Leon, Rayden Dubois, Deegan Edgmon, Ranger Farley, Hannah Fenton, Damian Gonzales, Kenzi Herold, Sarah Herring, Alexander Ibarra, Kate Linares, Jayden Macias, Jazmine Mayer, Cambria McQueen, Nathan Moffitt, Ryan Moran Rodriguez, Piper Morrow, Oliver Ortega, Justin Persek, Aubrey Reeves, Baylor Reynolds, Demitri Riske, Chloe Rodriguez-Ugalde, Ella Segura, Cody Sherer, Michael Skoda, Bradley Smith, Brayden Sowersby, Stetson Starr, Jameson Stevenson, Tinlee Tanberg, Ryder Trappen, Emma Whitaker, Jackson Whitaker, Hunter Winder, Tucker Workman, Daleyza Alaniz Cornejo

## SIXTH GRADE

Hayes Allegre, Delilah Aust, Avery Baker, Emalyn Burns, Ayden Butcher, Logan Butcher, Tiernan Byrne, Sierra Cavanaugh, Janice Cervantes Garcia, Kayden Coday, Elijah Davis, Benjamin Dunlap, Casen Edgmon, Parker Espinosa, Benjamin Fecht, Theodore Foster, Benjamin Frey, Declan Garber, Wesley Griffin, Austin Gurr, Max Hankins, Brazen Hawkins, Hailey Herwick, Hailey Hiibel, Wyatt Houyoux-Craig, Anson Hyde, Wesley Johnson, Deacon Johnson, Kooper King, Beau Kniestedt, Audrey Kovnat, Gemma Lambson, Zachary Lemieux, Cash Lewis, Kyra Lewis, Kira Lewis, Bailey Lewis, Alexandra Manzo, Zavier Martin, Kypston Maynez, Maylee

McKnight, Madison Mello, Grace Miller, Briseis Mora, Carson Olsen, Karter Owens, Tason Oyler, Makayla Pilarski, Kathryn Preston, Lauren Rule, Hudson Santos, Rachel Scott, Ryder Shingleton, Aadalee Smith, Juniper Sorensen, Sophia Sorensen, Mason Stanek, Tanner Tippett, Luz Ugalde Coronado, Cohen Whitaker, Cora Worth

## SEVENTH GRADE

Samuel Acomb, Olivia Allen, Pearl Ansotegui, Adley Arritt, Brooke Bennett, Macady Bogdanowicz, Harmonie Brooks, Connor Butcher, Madelyn Byrd, Caoilainn Byrne, Camdyn Cecil, Kennedy Chandler, Braylee Cline, Owen Corbett, Roarie Curtis, Ellie Davis, Sophia Derby, Makayla Dynek, Chelsea Enriquez Manzo, Reagan Farley, Rori Fellows, Lilianna Freeman, Antonio Garcia, Ella Hert, Tensley Johnson, Sophia Kirkland, Lyndon Lenon, Zander Merritt, Victoria Molatore, Elijah Morgan, Trinity Mullins, Kairi Myers, Beau Ovitt, Alaina Oyler, Ellie Peixoto, Allyson Perez, Khloe Shawcroft, Hailey Shawcroft, Parker Sweeney, Ava Sweetser, Hadley Tippett, Logan Tolman, Bailey Warren

## EIGHTH GRADE

Addison Allegre, Baylee Aust, Marley Baglin, Audrey Blakemore, Riley Davis, Gabriela de Leon, Greysen Dubois, Damon Edgmon, Vivian Foster, Jackson Frey, Cadence Garber, Zachary Greenberg, Preston Gurr, Abel Hernandez, Kenton Horn, Payton Hyde, Janie Irving, Kennedy King, Savannah Lewis, Zayden Maynez, Shandon Magee McNamer, Christopher Miller, Tyler Mitchell, Luke Moffitt, Dayana Moran Rodriguez, Shylo Morrow, Kelsey Nall, Jake Nichols, Sadie Nuttall, Allie Nuttall, Audrey O'Bryant, Alyssa Oyler, Drew Palanivelu, Addielyn Peel, Jacob Pilarski, Angela Pratt, Daniella Ramirez-Vilchez, Odin Roose, Alana Santos, Sawyer Shank, Mackenzie Schoenmeier, Jared Sherer, Katelyn Smith, Nickolas Sorensen, Payton Sowersby, Weston Starr, Mayu Steinbaugh, Connor Tolman, Vincenzo Torres May, Maya Ugalde, Cole Wood

## NINTH GRADE

Ezra Acomb, Jesselle Joy Bayoneta, Neel Bhakta, Aliyah Burces, Emma Cline, Keagan Craig, John Dunkin, Brooklyn Dunlap, Reese Evans, Jack Fecht, Jeremy Heath, Orianna Hubbard, Elizabeth Johnson, Madalynn Kruckenberger, Avery Laca, Honey Mattson, Sonora McInturff, Donald McPhee, Angelita Montalvo, Sophia Moya, Abigail Owings, Bailey Peixoto, Anthony Reynolds, Kamah Roose, Calder Rowe, Aliyah Schleyer-Ashmead, Natallie Snooks, Ianna Clairize Sorono, Faith Marie Torres May, Jonathan Velasquez, Kinsley Viera, Mandy Wadsworth, Jason Zutah

## TENTH GRADE

Meghan Allen, Valerie Antus, Bailey Beebe, Christian Benham, Abby Belle Bird, Ingrid Canto Leon, Amberlyn Casey, Tyler Clark, Keagan Coday, Jesse Delgado, Kiley Detomasi, Kaden Detomasi, Stevie Hiskett, Gabriel Houyoux, Asher Irving, Keaton Jaques, Mason Jardine, Brooke Manskie, Vincent May, Jemma McCourtney, Benjamin McKnight, Shayana Marie McNamer, Preslee Merritt, Elijah Mitchell, Kylie Moya, Kellan Openshaw, Joshua Polish, Nicole Pratt, Wyatt Ricks, Nery Rizo Hernandez, Crew Schank, Lora Siebecker, Lily Smith, Jackson Snow, Austin Steffens, Addison Sweeney, Collin Werle, Sadie Whitaker, John Zulz, Autumn Zupancic

## HONOR ROLL AT A GLANCE

**Third Grade:** 63 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Fourth Grade:** 62 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Fifth Grade:** 45 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Sixth Grade:** 66 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Seventh Grade:** 47 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Eighth Grade:** 58 students recognized for earning all A's and B's.

**Ninth Grade:** 34 students recognized for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.

**Tenth Grade:** 45 students recognized for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Veritas Preparatory School – *Classical and Christian*

By David Ernst

## VERITAS STUDENTS CONTINUE TO TEST ABOVE GRADE LEVEL

Each year, students at Veritas Preparatory School participate in the Iowa Assessments, a nationally normed standardized test. Last year, Veritas students tested consistently above grade level across the board, and they continued that strong trend during the 2025-2026 school year.

Two key metrics tracked through the assessment are National Percentile Rank and Grade Equivalent. National Percentile Rank indicates the percentage of students in the same grade nationwide who scored at or below a selected student or group. For example, a class average in the 75th percentile means that the class scored higher than 75% of their peers nationally.

Grade Equivalent indicates the grade level at which the average student would be expected to achieve a particular score. For example, a grade equivalent of 4.6 means that a typical fourth-grade student in the sixth month of school would be expected to earn that score. Grade equivalent does not mean that students have mastered all material from future grades. Rather, it shows that their scores are most commonly associated with students at that later grade level.

At Veritas, students in K4 through first grade do not participate in standardized testing. The earliest testing data begins in second grade, and the results are promising.

Out of 14 categories, the Veritas second-grade class scored at a fourth-grade equivalent level in 12 categories and at a third-grade equivalent level in the remaining two. The class also averaged in the 75th percentile or higher nationally in 13 out of 14 categories, with the final category just missing that mark at the 74th percentile.

In general, Grade Equivalent scores and National Percentile Ranks followed similar trends across all grade levels. Third-grade students tested two grade levels ahead in seven categories and one grade level ahead in the other seven. Students in fourth through sixth grade tested at least two grade levels ahead in 29 out of 36 categories, with the remaining categories at or above grade level. These classes averaged between the 65th and 90th percentiles nationally in 94% of all categories.

The middle school results are particularly encouraging. At an age when many schools experience challenges with student academic engagement, Veritas students continue to excel.

Both the seventh- and eighth-grade classes averaged between the 80th and 93rd percentiles nationally in 10 out of 12 categories.

Seventh-grade students scored at a 10th-grade equivalent level or higher in every category. They also reached the maximum possible grade equivalent score of 13+ in Written Expression, Conventions of Writing, and English Language Arts Total.

Eighth-grade students scored at the maximum 13+ grade equivalent level in every category except two: Vocabulary and Social Studies. Even in those areas, their scores were equivalent to those typically earned by high school juniors and seniors.

Across the board, English Language Arts and Mathematics were particular strengths for Veritas students.

While frequent standardized testing has become commonplace in many schools, Veritas takes a different approach by administering just one standardized test annually. This allows teachers and students to spend more time focusing on the foundational skills, knowledge, and habits of learning that ultimately lead to strong academic performance.

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SPORTS

# Greenwave Youth Wrestlers Earn State Medals in Las Vegas



Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club athletes gather with their coach after competing at the 16U and Junior Olympic Style Nevada Championships on June 13 in Las Vegas. Several wrestlers earned state medals in freestyle and Greco divisions.

Staff Report

The Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club delivered a strong performance at the 16U and Junior Olympic Style Nevada Championships on June 13 in Las Vegas, earning multiple medals across freestyle and Greco divisions.

Colt Johnson led the team with first-place finishes in both freestyle and Greco. Alexia Macias earned second place in freestyle, while Brody Middleton claimed first in

freestyle and second in Greco. Georgio O'Donnell finished second in freestyle, and Giavanna O'Donnell captured first place in both styles. Madelyn Johnson earned first in freestyle, and Scarlett Pellandini placed second in both freestyle and Greco. Anakin Ross finished third in both divisions, and Syress Ross earned second in both.

The club continues to build momentum as its wrestlers gain experience on the state stage.

## Results

16U & Junior Olympic Style Nevada Championships

### FREESTYLE

- Colt Johnson — 1st
- Alexia Macias — 2nd
- Brody Middleton — 1st
- Georgio O'Donnell — 2nd
- Giavanna O'Donnell — 1st
- Madelyn Johnson — 1st
- Scarlett Pellandini — 2nd
- Anakin Ross — 3rd
- Syress Ross — 2nd

### GRECO

- Colt Johnson — 1st
- Brody Middleton — 2nd
- Giavanna O'Donnell — 1st
- Scarlett Pellandini — 2nd
- Anakin Ross — 3rd
- Syress Ross — 2nd

# Reining and Ranch Horse Association Opens Show Season



Two of the youngest competitors in the lead-line 6-and-under class, Myles Moxley aboard Sweet Pea and Colt Ferris aboard Dixie, tied for first place. At left is Myles' mother, Stephanie Moxley, and at right is judge Laurel Wachtel.



Amanda Wolfe and Dulce N Charm.

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Riders from across the region gathered June 12-14 at 50 Horse Ranch in Fallon as the Reining and Ranch Horse Association (RRHA) and Nevada Quarter Horse Association (NQHA) opened their 2026 show season with a weekend of clinics and competition.

Robin Moxley, president of RRHA, and Laurel Wachtel, NQHA vice president, youth adviser, and AQHA judge, oversaw the weekend's show held at the 50 Horse Ranch in Fallon.

The weekend began Friday with a reining and cow horse clinic presented by Dave Thacker of Thacker Training. Thacker spent the day coaching, critiquing, and offering advice to help riders improve and gain confidence in the show pen. He broke down each maneuver in reining and worked with a single cow in the arena to help riders better understand the fundamentals of cow horse competition.

Competition began Saturday with Wachtel judging Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Rail, youth, and youth lead-line classes. More than 50 entries competed throughout the day.

The show concluded Sunday with AQHA and RRHA reining classes for competitors of all skill levels.

# Four Teams Claim Pool Titles at Greenwave Pickleball Tournament

Staff Report

Four teams emerged as pool champions at the Greenwave Pickleball Tournament, held June 13 as a fundraiser for the Lady Wave basketball program.

Sweet and Spicy Pickle Pals won Pool A, while M & T Dink Co. captured the Pool B title. Purry Kittens finished first in Pool C, and Double Trouble topped Pool D.

The tournament drew 21 teams competing in beginner, intermediate, and advanced divisions.

Matches were played at the Churchill County High School auxiliary gym, the Venturacci City/County Gym, and the Oats Park pickleball courts.

Proceeds from the event will support Lady Wave basketball activities and expenses throughout the year.



Participants gather for a group photo following the Greenwave Pickleball Tournament on June 13. The event drew 21 teams and raised funds for the Lady Wave basketball program. Photo courtesy of Greenwave Pickleball.

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## COLUMNS

## What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

I recently learned that my friend Sabina hates beans.

Not black beans. Not pinto beans. Not kidney beans. Beans as a category. All beans.

This came as a surprise because I had previously given her a bag of beans as a gift. The more surprising part is that she never told me. She accepted the gift graciously, thanked me, and carried on with her life. It wasn't until this week, when her husband Jordan casually revealed this information during a conversation, that I learned the truth.

I immediately had questions. How can someone hate all beans? More importantly, how long has this information been concealed?

Fortunately, lentils remain acceptable. Apparently there is a distinction between beans and lentils that is deeply meaningful to some people. As someone who routinely gives away agricultural products as gifts, I am willing to respect that distinction even if I don't fully understand it.

The conversation took place at the American Legion in Fallon. I had invited a group of colleagues from around Nevada to gather there after a work event. Most of them work on projects through University of Nevada, Reno Extension. While I am technically an external collaborator, I have worked alongside many of these folks long enough that they have become friends.



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

Whenever people visit Fallon, I find myself slipping into the role of unofficial ambassador. I want visitors to see the Fallon I know. Not just the town they drive through or the community represented by a few statistics and headlines, but the places where people gather and relationships are built. Every town has those places. They are often easy to overlook if you don't know the community well, but they are where much of the real work of community happens.

The American Legion is one of those places for me. It is a place where veterans gather, where organizations hold meetings, where community dinners take place, where stories are shared, and where people show up for one another. Over the years, I have spent enough time there that it feels less like a building and more like part of the fabric of the community itself.

As the evening went on, conversations wandered the way good conversations often do. People met one another, exchanged stories, and found unexpected connections. At one point Jordan observed that my husband Neil reminded him of Ron Swanson from "Parks and Recreation."

This sparked a discussion about the show, its characters, and which of us might be most accurately represented by the citizens of Pawnee. One conclusion was immediately obvious to everyone involved. I am Leslie Knope.

Not because I work in the local government. Not because I maintain binders for every conceivable situation, although there is probably enough evidence to support that claim. Rather, I identify with Leslie because of her deep affection for her community and her motivation to have a positive impact, to make a difference.

One of the things I always appreciated about that character was that she never pretended Pawnee was perfect. She knew every flaw, every frustration, every eccentric tradition, and every reason an outsider might question the town's collective judgment. Yet she loved it anyway. In many ways, her affection was stronger because it was informed by familiarity rather than idealism.

That resonates with me. Anyone who has lived in a place long enough understands its shortcomings. Loving a community does not require pretending it is flawless. In fact, I think the opposite is true. Real affection comes from knowing a



place well enough to see both its strengths and its weaknesses and choosing to invest your time, energy, and attention there anyway.

Near the end of the evening, Sabina said something that has stayed with me all week. After watching me introduce people, share stories about Fallon, talk about local organizations, and proudly show off one of my favorite places in town, she told me that a lot of things about me suddenly made more sense. She had seen me in one of my places.

I knew exactly what she meant. The places we choose to spend our time reveal something about us. They tell people what we value. They demonstrate what we are willing to support, protect, and invest in. Sometimes they explain parts of our story more effectively than a biography ever could.

For me, the Legion is one of those places. It is not the only one, but it is an important one. It represents service, community, relationships, and a belief that people are stronger when they gather together. Standing there that evening, introducing friends from different parts of my life to one another, I suppose I was revealing more about myself than I realized.

Sabina may never like beans. That is a reality I am still processing. But after an evening at the Legion, surrounded by friends, stories, and community, she at least understands why I keep giving them away.

## Allison's Book Report: "Summer's Never Over" by Darby Bozeman

By Allison Diegel

Hello, readers. As always, I'm out here looking for the best summer reads and I think that I struck gold this week. If you are looking for a suspenseful mystery that perfectly blends nostalgic summer camp vibes with deep, dark secrets, Darby Bozeman's debut novel, "Summer's Never Over," is exactly what you need to add to your reading list.

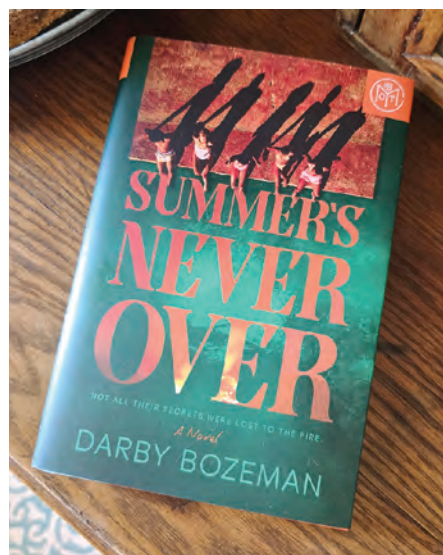
The story follows Greer Olsen, a young woman who reluctantly returns to her family's remote summer camp, Dreads Cove, tucked away in the scenic mountains of Georgia. Five years prior, Greer's idyllic camp life completely fell apart during a nightmare season. A mysterious figure known as the Phantom began terrorizing the campground with eerie acts of vandalism, culminating in a horrific, devastating event that tore her close-knit group of friends apart. Shattered by grief and intense guilt, Greer fled the property and vowed she would absolutely never look back.

However, everything changes when Greer's mother unexpectedly passes away right before the camp's highly anticipated grand reopening. Honoring her mother's final wishes, Greer finds herself dragged back to Dreads Cove for a bittersweet "Welcome Back Weekend." She isn't the only one returning to the scene of the tragedy, though. The campground quickly fills up with a cast of familiar faces from that fateful season, including Chelsea, her former childhood best friend, two of Greer's past romantic flames named Wes and Trevor, and a fiercely loyal peer, Margo.

The tension spikes immediately because Margo has never believed that the past tragedy was a simple, random accident. Instead, she is convinced someone walks among them who knows exactly what happened, and she is determined to unearth an explosive secret before the weekend ends. Soon enough, the terrifying Phantom resurfaces, unleashing a fresh wave of threats that prove the danger never actually left the woods. Told through a highly engaging dual-timeline format, the narrative constantly jumps between the chaotic events of five years ago and the high-stakes pressure of the present weekend. Bozeman masterfully cranks up the heat, exploring complex themes of intense female friendship, heavy grief, and questionable loyalties. Greer is ultimately forced to make a harrowing choice between protecting her family's legacy or finally braving the terrifying truth of what happened that summer. It is an addictive, slow-burn thriller that will keep you guessing until the very last page.

"Summer's Never Over" would be great to crack open and read by the pool or the beach — or, if you're feeling brave, take it camping in the woods. Wherever you read it, I just know that you won't be able to put it down. Regardless of where you choose to read, don't forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and book-related fun.

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.



## Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

Hey Fallon! Grab your sunhats and shades, because summer is officially blazing and the Fallon Theatre is ready to be your ultimate weekend hideout. Thank you so much to everyone who brings that unbelievable neighborhood energy into our historic theatre. As the June sun cranks up the heat outside, our auditorium is fully blasted with AC and ready to keep you cool. Looking for a way to beat the glare, keep the kids entertained, or just eat your weight in fresh popcorn? We've got you covered with an absolutely charming weekend.

First, coming right up on Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m., we are thrilled to help kick off a fantastic local tradition as the De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash hitches up at the Fallon Theatre for a special free screening of the hilarious comedy classic "City Slickers" (1991), the story of three city friends facing their own wild western adventure. While the movie itself is completely free of charge, it is also the perfect opportunity to secure your spot for a weekend of family excitement, as any remaining tickets for the main rodeo event will be available for purchase in the lobby, cash only, while supplies last.

Then, at 6 p.m. this Friday and Saturday, we are unpacking our suitcases and diving into the delightfully sweet family adventure "Paddington" (2014). This heartwarming live-action/CGI comedy follows a young, polite Peruvian bear who travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and lonely at Paddington Station, he is kindly taken in by the Brown family, but trouble isn't far behind when a sinister museum taxidermist sets her sights on him. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 35 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m. both nights, the romance and high-society drama take center stage with the sweeping period masterpiece "Sense & Sensibility" (1995), proudly sponsored by the Churchill Arts Council. Starring Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, and Kate Winslet, this critically acclaimed adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel follows the Dashwood sisters as they navigate sudden financial ruin and the strict social rules of 18th-century England. Facing the clash between passion and reason, they must learn to balance their hearts to find true happiness. Rated PG, it runs 2 hours and 16 minutes.

And with summer having fully arrived, we're gearing up to celebrate in style next month with Ventura Highway – The Music of America taking to our stage on Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. for what promises to be a spectacular evening. This concert experience brings together the rich harmonies and beloved classics of the legendary band America, delivering a timeless sound that audiences love. It's the perfect way to indulge in the sunny season, and with tickets at just \$10, we can't wait to share these golden memories with all of you.

As always, we are incredibly proud to serve as your community hub for film and live performances. Be sure to visit our concession stand for fresh popcorn and your favorite treats to complete your free moviegoing experience. If you are interested in renting the theatre for a private event or seeing your name in lights on our marquee, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can call us at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com for more details. We can't wait to see you this weekend.

LEGAL NOTICES

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**JOB NOTICE  
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
PERSHING COUNTY**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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

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

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**NOTICE OF OPEN  
APPOINTEE POSITION**

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking one public-spirited citizen of Churchill County who is willing to serve as a member on the Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, for a term that expires July 31, 2029. This committee serves as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners and Nevada Wildlife Commission for the management of wildlife. Preference will be given for a person who has a commitment to community service to represent the general public and/or a person who represents the agricultural industry or hunters or trappers in Churchill County. This is a five member committee, with terms that are three years.

Applications may be obtained at the Churchill County Human Resources Department, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 155, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading at: [www.churchillcountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3083/Churchill-County-Board-Application?bidId=](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3083/Churchill-County-Board-Application?bidId=). Applications are to be submitted to the Churchill County Human Resources at 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite #155 no later than 3:00 PM on July 8, 2026.

Linda Rothery,  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Prepared by:  
Tara Adams  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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DISTRICT COURT  
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA  
CASE NO.: 26-10PC-0676  
In the Matter of Application of:  
LORETTA ANNE RODLUN  
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 LORETTA ANNE RODLUN to LORETTA ANNE SCHMELZ.

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 16 day of June, 2026  
Submitted by:  
/s/ LORETTA ANNE RODLUN

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTEE POSITION VACANCY**

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

Linda Rothery,  
Clerk/Treasurer

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

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*Postcards: Frontier Doc, Part 2*

By Michon Mackedon

In 1957, local anthropologist Margaret "Peggy" Wheat interviewed a man she referred to as a Fallon "legend," Doctor George Gardner (1885-1970). ("In Focus," Volume 5, 1991-1992). Last week, I wrote about his relationship with Tex Rickard, who owned a saloon in Rawhide and later financed the third incarnation of Madison Square Garden.

Gardner was a great storyteller, and his memories of frontier doctoring and frontier justice are witty and full of local details. One of them had to do with a murder trial held in Stillwater sometime in the 1890s.

Before being moved to Fallon in 1904, the Churchill County seat was located first in Bucklands Station (1861), then in the mining camp of La Plata (1864), then in Stillwater (1867). A courthouse was built in Stillwater in 1867 and rebuilt in 1868. In 1880, the old courthouse was replaced with a large, white elegant two-story building, constructed on Stillwater's Main Street. It was the pride of Stillwater. The second story served as a ballroom. A "Reno Evening Gazette" article highlighted scenes from a successful ball held there on January 9, 1882: "At 7:30 the courthouse was lit up and the dance was commenced.... At 12 o'clock all partook of an elegant supper at J.M. Sanford's hotel and then danced till daylight."

In its heyday, Stillwater could boast of not only the big white courthouse, but also of hotels, a grammar school, a post office, and a population of at least 150 people.

Which brings me back to Gardner's story, set in Stillwater when it served as the county seat.

Gardner: "Down in Stillwater—that was the county seat at that time, and whenever they held court, everybody came down there and got drunk—that was why they went down. A fellow shot another man and he killed him. They got into a sort of fight. And this fellow killed the other fellow first. Anyway, that's the way the story went. ...Lem Allen was the judge... The court came to order; they pleaded their cases, and 'bout every half-hour the judge'd pound on this gavel and say, 'The court is adjourned for one half hour. We'll retire over to the Cirac place [hotel], go over there and have a drink.'

All of a sudden somebody said, 'What are we gonna do with the prisoner tonight?'

The Grand Jury couldn't answer it except one fellow had a bright idea. He said, 'There's another well, a dry well, out there. We'll put him down in the well.'

So that's what they did. They threw a bed down first and told the guy he could go down there and make his bed, and they let him down on a rope.

Gardner: "They figured he wouldn't try to get out...because he was having such a good time. He had a drink every time the other boys had a drink. ... They kept that up for three or four days until the jury came back with 'Not Guilty.'

That was all: court was over, the fellow was out, and that's all there was to that....

They'd put a courthouse up and they didn't have a jail. Just a court room.... That's the Old West!"

Please send your stories and ideas for stories to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto: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.*

**CITY OF FALLON  
NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO ACT ON A RESOLUTION  
TO AUGMENT BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada to act on a resolution to augment the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$3,400,000 in order to appropriate previously unbudgeted resources.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard. Prior to the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada and any comments so submitted will be considered by the City Council.

Date: June 26, 2026

/s/Michael O'Neill  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
CANCELLATION OF THE  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
CHURCHILL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS AND  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION MEETINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners have cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting for July 15, 2026 at 8:15 AM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Regional Transportation Commission have cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting for July 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer  
Prepared by: Tara Adams,  
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LEGAL NOTICES

**CITY OF FALLON**  
**Publication of Annual Fiscal Report**

In accordance with NAC 354.561, the City of Fallon hereby publishes notice of the Annual Fiscal Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

**General Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Available Revenues	\$ 13,852,726	\$ 13,111,220	\$ 13,153,500
Total Expenditures/Other Uses	\$ (13,926,552)	\$ (15,411,588)	\$ (16,780,854)

**Electric Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 14,470,154	\$ 14,690,000	\$ 14,690,000
Total Operating Expenses	(13,226,075)	(13,570,756)	(14,548,156)
Total Non Operating Revenues	316,784	127,000	20,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	(1,130,680)	(1,277,600)	(1,315,131)

**Water Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 1,960,851	\$ 2,010,000	\$ 2,015,000
Total Operating Expenses	(2,284,903)	(2,616,578)	(2,779,894)
Total Non Operating Revenues	220,351	991,900	85,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	(28,115)	(38,000)	(39,000)

**Sewer Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 3,152,935	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,200,000
Total Operating Expenses	(2,697,976)	(2,866,282)	(3,005,323)
Total Non Operating Revenues	94,644	49,000	51,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	275,451	(280,000)	(240,000)

**Sanitation Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 3,120,994	\$ 3,115,500	\$ 3,245,500
Total Operating Expenses	(2,851,358)	(3,170,433)	(3,756,160)
Total Non Operating Revenues	40,077	50	50
Total Non Operating Expenses	(65,325)	(68,000)	(55,000)

**Landfill Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,334,117	\$ 2,342,400	\$ 2,380,000
Total Operating Expenses	(1,788,216)	(2,141,729)	(2,273,316)
Total Non Operating Revenues	165,726	15,000	5,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	(208,557)	(200,000)	(200,000)

**Water Treatment Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 1,764,112	\$ 1,880,000	\$ 1,880,000
Total Operating Expenses	(2,317,579)	(2,543,184)	(2,694,189)
Total Non Operating Revenues	41,489	25,200	20,050
Total Non Operating Expenses	(493)	(600)	(500)

**Water Treatment Replacement Enterprise Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Total Non Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-

**Data Processing Internal Service Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 365,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 400,000
Total Operating Expenses	(343,602)	(402,000)	(420,000)
Total Non Operating Revenues	49	-	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-

**Public Works Internal Service Fund**

	Actual Prior Year Ending 6/30/2025	Estimated Current Year Ending 6/30/2026	Final Approved Budget Year Ending 6/30/2027
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,025,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,350,000
Total Operating Expenses	(1,953,070)	(2,238,533)	(2,584,314)
Total Non Operating Revenues	259	-	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-

Date: June 26, 2026

Michael O'Neill  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA ANNUAL REPORT**  
**JUNE 30, 2026**

General Fund	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027
Fiscal Year Beginning Fund Balance	8,509,590	6,291,768	5,881,875
Total Available Revenues	25,751,607	30,157,860	28,768,000
Other Financing Sources	110,180	650,000	1,975,000
Total Expenditures	28,045,609	31,183,753	35,421,631
Other Uses	34,000	34,000	34,000
Fiscal Year Ending Fund Balance	6,291,768	5,881,875	1,169,244
<b>Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Telephone</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	13,273,325	13,267,068	13,329,200
Total Operating Expenses	10,629,129	11,419,381	12,038,200
Total Non Operating Revenues	1,415,155	1,226,126	1,344,265
Total Non Operating Expenses	750,423	637,723	643,686
Total Transfers Out	-	850,000	4,000,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	9,066,755	14,200,690	17,470,359
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	14,200,690	17,470,359	15,886,310
<b>Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Long Distance</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	134,201	150,688	133,200
Total Operating Expenses	78,654	70,200	76,600
Total Non Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Transfers Out	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	644,785	499,906	577,380
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	499,906	577,380	631,316
<b>Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Broadband</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	5,588,913	5,009,964	5,117,300
Total Operating Expenses	4,208,044	3,790,889	4,171,000
Total Non Operating Revenues	108,080	75,811	73,500
Total Non Operating Expenses	1,037	581	-
Total Transfers In	-	-	-
Total Transfers Out	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,986,220	3,434,298	4,996,304
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,434,298	4,996,304	5,862,581
<b>Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: CAP</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	3,784,084	3,991,393	5,800,000
Total Operating Expenses	3,211,674	3,406,260	3,911,000
Total Non Operating Revenues	1,339,780	543,649	1,515,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	143,246	94,072	101,000
Total Transfers In	-	-	2,500,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	703,783	764,458	2,025,066
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	764,458	2,025,066	758,586
<b>Proprietary Fund: Water Utility Fund</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	490,587	481,000	501,500
Total Operating Expenses	853,516	947,776	967,776
Total Non Operating Revenues	2,111,926	2,226,186	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	8,025	7,865	7,702
Total Transfers In	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,958,069	1,633,417	1,580,766
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,633,417	1,580,766	1,570,866
<b>Proprietary Fund: Waste Water Utility Fund</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	367,876	385,000	391,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,138,522	1,402,225	1,397,475
Total Non Operating Revenues	78,367	85,000	10,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	118,654	-	-
Total Transfers In	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,567,726	1,595,569	1,382,349
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,595,569	1,382,349	1,145,874
<b>Proprietary Fund: Golf Course</b>	<b>ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025</b>	<b>EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026</b>	<b>FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2027</b>
Total Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	82,638	64,418	125,000
Total Non Operating Revenues	25,494	25,100	25,050
Total Transfers In	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,650	4,737	5,995
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,737	5,995	1,045

Amounts are from the final budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation  
For more information, please contact Sherry Wideman, CPA, County Comptroller, at 775-428-1414 or Jamie Hyde, CPA, Chief  
Financial Officer of CC Communications at 775-423-7654.

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