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# City and County Ramp Up Flood Mitigation Efforts



By Leanna Lehman

In response to the possibility of record-breaking spring snow runoff and the likelihood of area flooding, Churchill County and the City of Fallon have issued emergency declarations in preparation for high-water events.

Precautionary water draw-downs from the Lahontan Reservoir have begun to create extra space in the reservoir for incoming flows. By March 12, the county expects flows of 2,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the Carson River, placing an estimated 800 cfs in the Carson River and 1,000 cfs in the V-Line Weir, with the remainder to be released into area canals.

In 2017, a break in the V-line canal was dug, creating a weir to relieve high water flows and release surplus water into the desert. Water flows south of town from the weir and crosses Hwy 95 via culverts. It then flows north to Hwy 50 through the Big Dig ditch under Hwy 50 and finally out to the Stillwater Refuge. The county reports the weir and the Big Dig ditch are in good working order and expected to handle the increased runoff adequately.

This week, the Emergency Operations Command began high water operations, pre-filling sandbags for citizens that live along the Carson River. Efforts are ongoing to clear canals and irrigation

ditches of trees, limbs, and other debris that could hinder water flow. The county urges caution and residents to stay safe from high flows.

The City of Fallon's Emergency Declaration, released on March 6, indicates elevated concerns that TCID's efforts to direct and distribute the water will be insufficient to move the quantity of water required, posing a threat to property, residents in Fallon, and the surrounding areas, as well as the Schurz Highway (Hwy 95 South). Additionally, these conditions could last for months. As a result, the City of Fallon requested a state and federal declaration to assist with all available programs, including damage mitigation efforts and emergency repairs.

Churchill County Update:

Sandbags Now Available: Pre-filled sandbags are available for pick-up Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at 485 Miners Road just south of the Rafter 3C Arena. Three thousand bags were filled on March 7, with crews continuing to assemble more bags daily.

Rising Ground Water: Water in crawl spaces may occur due to rising ground-water and current saturation levels along the river. Churchill County Building Official Marie Henson recommends opening crawl spaces and home vents to allow air to circulate under your home to help reduce dampness and prevent mold from forming.

Road Closures: Macari Lane, where it crosses the Big Dig ditch, is closed until further notice.

Planning: Careful planning is being done on an ongoing basis to release only the water needed to keep the community safe while reserving water for the upcoming and future irrigation seasons. The Churchill County Emergency Operations Center will continue to provide updates via websites and social media. They appreciate everyone's continued cooperation and support as they work diligently to protect our communities.

"The Fallon Post" will continue to provide information as it becomes available. For more information on water conditions, visit www.churchillcountynv. gov.

Top: V-Line Canal weir. Bottom: County employees prefill sandbags for residents. Photos by Anne McMillin.



# From the Publisher

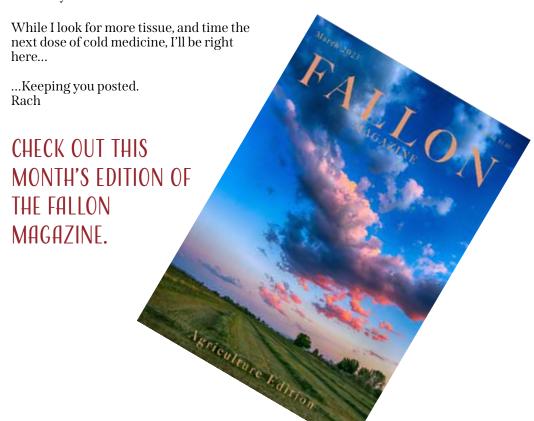
# Captain's Log -- Perks

It's a sign we're close. Time to write the Captain's Log. Time to get printing. Leanna's finishing layout and I've just sent my last attempt at writing this week to Sylvia for editing/proofing. I also just got an email from the paper guy in Reno – our magazine paper has finally arrived. Too bad we printed that thing yesterday on little batches of leftovers we had stuffed in drawers and shelves around the office. Hoarder you say. "Start a newspaper," they said. "It'll be fun!" they said.

I am not ok. Leanna just informed me – and Sylvia agreed earlier that I have lost my marbles. Once again, I am sick on a Thursday night, putting out the paper (trying) under the influence of heavy cold medicine. This whole working for yourself, while fraught with fabulous freedom, has some limitations. Namely, no sick leave. No vacation. No retirement. A girl is going to have to learn to do her own investing. But in the big picture, we are having the time of our lives. We got the magazine out and we had so much content we had to triage what to put in and have enough for another version of the ag edition to run another in a couple months. Think sale yard and butcher shops and teff and distillery. We are also working on several really in-depth stories – Leanna's favorite and what she excels at.

And we're getting ready to publish the Recreation Guide for Parks & Rec and the next magazine that will focus on local artisans.

We have so many good supporters and so much good help. We are really thankful for ad-guy Bill who makes it possible to actually pay the bills, along with the book-club girls who get the mail out and Harry and Victoria who deliver the paper to all our stores. We are also grateful to all of you who in your stores actually sell the paper. Of course when you start thanking people you're bound to forget someone, so to all of you who help and I didn't name, please know that I know that we couldn't do this without you.



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# Little Shop of Horrors Opens March 17

By Rachel Dahl

I'm at play practice for the Churchill County High School production of *Little Shop of Horrors* interviewing one of the directors, Summer Stanton, while student thespians practice their songs in the background. Sophia Basuto, who plays Ronette, sings under the direction of Dave Ernst, accompanied by Noreen Swenson, and she is really good.

Jackson Moon, Kass Porretta, Kenny Coval, and Kelly Melancon flutter around the perimeter of the band room, waiting for their turn to pitch in and practice parts and songs. As we chat about the experience that is a high school theater production, Basuto sings on, and the Doo-Wop Girls doo-wop one of their songs across the room next to the band instruments. "T would argue," said Stanton, "that their roles are the hardest vocally, and they are in almost every scene."

Play practice began in December so these kids, and the adults who are helping them produce the play, have spent the better part of three months together on an almost daily basis. "By the end, we're all in each other's lives," said Moon, just like in the movies.

Stanton, Ernst, and Swenson are members of the Performing Arts of Churchill County, a newly organized 501c3 non-profit serving Fallon and Churchill County. PACC values the skills and confidence that participating in performing arts brings to the individual, group, and

community. They strive to educate and provide quality opportunities for members of all ages to participate in a variety of performance areas including acting, singing, instrumental music, and dancing. They are working to promote and grow the arts culture in the community and invite all community members to participate as a performer, volunteer, technician, or audience member.

In addition to the theater class led by drama teacher Ashley Adams, there is also a Tech Theater class that is working behind the scenes on the set, including building a giant plant. Adams is in her second year at CCHS and produced Freaky Friday last year.

Stanton said that Ani Acosta is the choreographer for this production and is doing an amazing job. She comes to Fallon from Columbia and has a degree in musical theater and is also performing in the Western Nevada College production of "Newsies."

The performance of "Little Shop" will feature a full orchestra as well as high school students. Ernst has chosen several proficient high school students along with inviting community members who play instruments to join the orchestra for the production. "It's just real community effort," said Stanton.

PACC is hoping to produce two community performances each year, along with producing theater in the park during the summer. Stanton said the hope



is to get more people to audition for the productions and do bigger shows with the idea of the whole community participating. She said the plan is to do a fall musical, and anyone interested in getting involved with community theater can contact the group at paccnv22@gmail. com.

For those who are new to the "Little Shop" play, Seymour Krelborn finds a strange and interesting new plant that saves his run-down, skid-row florist shop from bankruptcy. But the strangest thing about his new plant is that it eats blood and likes human blood the best. As it grows, so does Seymour's success, until he can't feed it with his own blood anymore and the plant encourages strange and interesting new paths for Seymour to keep feeding it until Seymour loses himself and the plant outgrows him.

The play runs Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at 7 p.m., and the following week, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 23-25 at 4 p.m. on Thursday and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased online at onthestage.tickets/show/churchill-county-high-school.

Drama students practice their lines while one student works with director and accompanist. The Doo Wop girls practice one of their songs. Photo by Rachel Dahl.





# **Features**

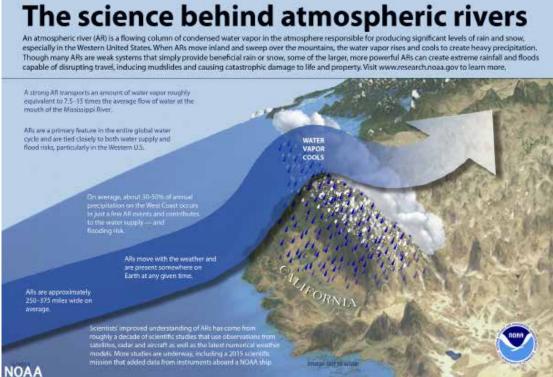
What is an Atmospheric River and Will it Cause Area

Flooding?

By Leanna Lehman

Think of a river in the sky, or more specifically, a long narrow region in the atmosphere that moves water vapor. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) explains that atmospheric rivers (ARs) are approximately 250-375 miles wide. A strong AR can carry water vapor roughly equivalent to 7.5-15 times the average water flow at the Mississippi River's mouth. At landfall, these ARs release vapor in the form of rain or snow. In many cases, they can deliver large amounts of water and strong winds, potentially causing mudslides and catastrophic land and property damage. On average, according to NOAA, about 30-50% of the West Coast's annual precipitation occurs in just a few AR events.

Meteorologists with the Reno National Weather Service are warning that an approaching AR storm will be warmer, with rain possible in the lower mountain elevations, increasing the chance of area flooding. This weather pattern is expected to continue into next



week, with snowpacks below 5,500 ft expected to melt quickly.

According to local officials, in 2017, there was enough snowpack in the eastern Sierras to fill the Lahonton Reservoir twice. This year it is estimated that there are three reservoirs worth of water snowmelt that may shortly be

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# Headwinds Slow Greenlink Nevada's Energy Plan



By Leanna Lehman

As Nevada pushes to be a leader in green, renewable, and sustainable energy, obstacles continue to arise in infrastructure and implementation.

Nevada lawmakers passed Senate Bill 358 in 2019, which mandated Nevada to a 50% increase in its renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) by 2030. While that may sound like a massive undertaking, it is moderate compared to the legislature's goal of 100% zero-carbon energy sales by 2050.

The state's electrical infrastructure must undergo dramatic modernization for this to happen. The grid must connect and accommodate diverse energy resources across Nevada's vast geographic area.

In the past two decades, Nevada has exponentially increased its solar and geothermal energy production. However, according to NV Energy, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, which Warren Buffett purchased in 1965, high-quality wind and hydroelectric resources are lacking throughout the state. In their 2020 Greenlink Nevada plan, NV Energy reported that solar and solar photovoltaic (PV) energy alone cannot effectively meet the state's energy goals, and more renewable resources are needed.

NV Energy's position is that the only way for the state to accomplish its carbon emissions goals is to develop a connected energy grid. This means creating an infrastructure that adequately transmits energy between southern and northern

Nevada. Greenlink Nevada, a priority for the Biden administration, is NV Energy's plan to build that foundation and transfer power between Nevada and the developing western United States grid.

Phase I of the prosed Greenlink
Nevada transmission line includes the
West and North lines. The Greenlink West
project, a 470-mile-long transmission
line carrying up to 4,000 megawatts of
electricity, will be the first step in creating
current and future energy load growth,
which will also build redundant connections between southern and northern
Nevada. Greenlink West also plans to

access untapped renewable energy zones to increase renewable integration in Yerington and central Nevada, creating overall system reliability. Greenlink North is a 235-mile project connecting Robinson Summit in White Pine County to Fort Churchill near Yerington, passing through

Eureka, Lander, and Churchill Counties while connecting Lyon, Storey, and Washoe Counties.

While the \$2.5+ billion plan takes aggressive steps to modernize the state's aging electrical grid and usher in an era of negligible carbon emissions, implementation is not without obstacles. For example, the Greenlink West plan passes through

Beatty, much to the dismay of its residents. According to the Pahrump Valley Times, the Beatty Town Advisory Committee opposes the 525-kilo-volt Reno to Las Vegas Power line that would run adjacent to Highway 95 through the town. The line will have to negotiate a narrow corridor between the Nevada Test Training Range, several mining claims, and private properties. Additionally, West Line will encroach on many federally protected BLM lands, including the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and Nellis Air Force Base, as well as Native American tribal lands and ancestral sites held by the Hopi Tribe and the Timbisha Shoshone Tribes, among others.

This week in a federal review of critical transmission lines, concerns arose over the line's proposed routes, potentially crossing 1.5 miles into the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument near Las Vegas, an area protecting thousands of ice age fossils. As a result, construction will be delayed by several months.

Most of the project will be built on public lands under the control of the Bureau of Land Management. Conservation groups, like Basis and Range Watch, are urging the BLM and NV Energy to consider the potential impact on desert

ecosystems, which could threaten species like the Mojave Desert Tortoise, the endangered JoshuaTree, and the Amargosa Toad which was recently recovered from extinction. Increased wildfire risk is also a worry for conservation groups, but it is yet to be addressed.

All Nevada residents, current and

future, will be impacted by the Greenlink project. The greatest concern at present is the likelihood of significant increases in energy costs. NV Energy initially told Nevada lawmakers in 2021 that rake hikes are at least five years away. However, with requests made last August for ratepayers to help offset construction costs, Nevadans are not so sure.

# **Features**

# Young Chautauqua Program

By Jo Petteruti

The new Young Chautauqua Program is running from March 1 through May 10 at the Churchill County Museum for children aged 12 to 18. Each Wednesday the group meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the museum to learn how to bring local historical Fallon families and figures to life

By definition, a Chautauqua is a combination of education and entertainment in the form of plays, concerts, and lectures. Under the tutelage of instructor Glen Perazzo, participants will each choose a local historical figure, learn aspects of that person's life, and then perform in costume as that person using the correct dialog for that time in history to portray them. Perazzo said, "They will first learn about one of these characters, and will then become of these characters. They will re-enact them at selected venues in town such as the Pennington Life Center, Highland Village, and the Homestead. We've also talked about doing a performance on stage at the Fallon Theatre, especially since it's also historical. The final performance will be done later this summer at the museum's annual meeting."

Museum Director Mel Glover gave an overview of the program to the first two participants, Finn and Rosie Holenck. "Whatever you learn, whatever research you dig up on the person you choose is what you can use. Then we'll have you dress in the period clothes and you give a little demonstration, just talk about whom you learned about. It might be for just a couple of minutes, or it might be for ten minutes. It's whatever you're comfortable with." He told them about when

he was a community actor and would get stage fright. "But that's okay, we'll help you with that too." He went on to explain primary and secondary resources. "Primary is when the information is first captured, first-hand journals, letters, and such. Secondary is what you will be doing, researching from the primary sources and turning it into your own story."

Perazzo has been the drama teacher at Churchill County High School for over 31 years, so he's got a bit of experience in performances to lend to this program. He also likes to refer to himself as an amateur genealogist/historian. Museum staff members Jennifer Jones, Marilyn Moore, Rae Sottile, and Donna Cossette are also involved and provided lists of recommended characters that included men and women, Native and non-Native to choose from, discussing many of them. They did also say any other Fallon character could be chosen if that person would



Mel Glover provides a program overview to Finn and Rosie Holenck. Photos by Jo Petteruti.

be of more interest to the performer.

By delving into the background of the character the participants choose, they become familiar enough to become that person on stage, talking about their life and possibly even answering questions as that person. The research can all be done at the museum, and the staff is ready to assist with that research.

"We are very, very excited about this. When Mrs. Jones first talked to me about this program, my eyes just lit up I was so excited. Then I told everyone else about it, and they got excited." Finn and his sister Rosie, ages 13 and 11½ respectively are pretty excited to get started too.

Visit the museum's website for program and registration information. https://www.ccmuseum.org/.

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are three reservoirs worth of water snowmelt that may shortly be headed down the river to Lahontan. With a storage capacity of 295,500-acre feet, that means 886,500-acre feet of water expected for the Lahontan Valley. Spring runoff flooding is likely. However, in 2017 Churchill County aggressively worked

to build a water management infrastructure that would withstand record-level Sierra water runoffs which remains in good working order.

In preparation, Churchill County and the City of Fallon officials have released Emergency Declarations, and flood mitigation efforts are underway. TCID began precautionary drawdowns this week releasing water into the river and area canals.

For more information on water conditions, visit www.churchillcountynv.gov.



# **Obituaries**

### **Deborah Lynn Howard**



Deborah Lynn Howard, Better known as Derby, was taken from us unexpectedly

March 1st, 2023. Derby was born on August 15, 1955, to Woodrow Saunders and Evelyn Patterson in Freemont Michigan. She split her life between Michigan and Nevada then settled in Fallon she worked at Bonanza casino until she started a career at Kennametal for 15 years.

Derby loved spending her time crafting, knitting especially. She spent many years volunteering for the Relay for Life. Derby loved anything outdoors, she had a beautiful garden that she was always working on. Her grandkids were her world and loved spending every moment she could with them.

Derby is proceeded in death by her mother and stepfather Evelyn and Roger Patterson, her father Woodrow (Bob) Saunders and her two brothers Robert and Lloyd Saunders. She's survived by her sister Sherrie Collins, her brothers Ronald Saunders, Mario Saunders, and Zeke Saunders. Her 3 children, Robert (Michelle) White, Theresa (Travis) Orzech, Jeffery (Sarah) White and her 15 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Cemetery Rd on Thursday, March 9th at 4:00 PM, with a Celebration of Life to follow directly after at The Masonic Lodge, 39 S Main Street

Arrangements are under Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Cemetery Rd Fallon, NV 89406.





### Barbara L. Boney

Barbara L. Boney (September 12, 1947, to February 28, 2023) – A wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, greatgreat grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt, and friend has passed away on February 28 after battling Parkinson's.

Šhe is preceded in death by her dad, mother, sister, brother, and great-grandson Xavean.

Barbara was baptized in the LDS Church. She was a true Fallonite. She lived in Fallon most of her life. She attended school at Stillwater and the Old High School. She enjoyed going on visits to the Stillwater Marshes, Dixie Valley, Sand Mountain, and the Grimes Point Area.

Barbara loved to grow Irises and watch hummingbirds. She also loved gardening and antiquing.

Barbara was married to James Wilson

Boney, III for 55 years. Their children include Deborah Hill, James Wilson IV (Torrie) Boney, Michael (Susama) Boney, and Tammee Anaya (Tony Aja). Grandchildren include Daren, Lauren (Scott) Nath, Maverick, Drake, Jamie, Hunter, Tanner, Blake, Cari, Jesse, Jacob, Bradley (Richard), Brandon, and Jason. She has 5 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, several nieces and nephews as well as several extended grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sisters Becky Clark, Patty Wilson and Brother Frank Clark.

All will miss her wit, smile, and charming personality.

A graveside meeting of the immediate family will be on Friday March 10. A Memorial luncheon for friends and family will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The service will be



held at the Chapman Hall behind the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 507 Churchill Street.



# Local Government

# City Council Considers New Ordinance and Bids

By Jo Petteruti

Complaints about mobile food trucks parking near local businesses that pay for city services and property taxes have prompted the City of Fallon to draft a new ordinance that will regulate those mobile activities. Bill Number 792, which will establish licensing and operation regulations for "Mobile Food Vendors" within city limits, was introduced on Tuesday, March 7. A public hearing on the bill is scheduled for March 21 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers.

Mayor Ken Tedford told the council the city did not have any current regulations governing food trucks, and they are needed, saying the bill was drafted following similar ordinances in other cities. The council discussed some of the bill's details, specifically Page 1, Section 5.6.010 (B) which states "Any person convicted of a crime involving theft, fraud, dishonesty, receiving or possessing stolen property, any controlled substance violation or sex offense" would be unable to get a license. Councilwoman Kelly Frost asked if this was too restrictive, recommending instead that it be modeled after the current liquor license requirements. She pointed out that some people do make mistakes when they are young, and maybe that shouldn't disqualify them from receiving a food truck license. She used the example of someone who was convicted of

marijuana possession when it was illegal but now is legal, and that person would be granted a liquor license. However, the mayor wasn't swayed, saying there should be a provision to deny a request based on someone's criminal past. "We can never make it stronger if it's not in place to begin with." The council also suggested that operations should not be allowed after 8 p.m. without city permission. Provisions should also be included to allow food trucks at school events with the school's approval, and for special events such as the concerts in the park.

The most recent complaints stemmed from the food truck that has been parked in the Nugget parking lot at the intersection of Williams Avenue and Maine Street. It was stated by the council that the truck was open until 11 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and played loud music. It was not discussed whether the operators have a business license. The bill's text as drafted is part of the March 7 meeting's agenda packet which can be reviewed on the City of Fallon's website, https://www.fallonnevada.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/03-07-23-Agenda-Packet.pdf

The new Oats Park Splash Pad and Pavilions project is steps closer to being a reality with bids received from Lumos and Associates for construction administration support services, and from A & K Earthmovers for construc-

tion and installation. City Public Works Director Brian Byrd told the council that those were the only two bids received and that they had increased since originally submitted last month. The bids as presented to the council were \$49,700 from Lumos, and \$1,560,000 from A&K. Councilman Paul Harmon asked about the amount that A&K originally estimated at \$1.1 million, and the increase in just a month. Byrd replied that much of the increase had to do with the increased costs of construction materials, and the mayor concurred acknowledging that increased construction costs are a real problem. Byrd explained the splash pad is being provided by Splash Pads USA, a company with 40 years of experience in this industry, and that A&K would do the installation and civil improvements. It will be a 15,000-square-foot facility located on the north side of the city pool with a 3,000-square-foot splash pad and three pavilions surrounded by wrought iron fencing with full access to the pool area. The target date for completion is Memorial Day to align with the opening of the city pool. The mayor asked if the pool would still open if the splash pad was not completed, to which Byrd replied, "Yes, we expect to get started within 10 days of approval of the bids, and would be pushing to open by Memorial Day."



# **CCSD School Calendar Approved**

Staff Report

The 2023-24 School Year Calendar approved by ChurchillCSD Board of Trustees The 23-24 modified 4-day week calendar has been approved by the board.

We took your feedback into consideration, and in order to make the modified schedule more consistent we have given students & staff the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month off. The first day of school for lst-12th graders will be on August 14th.

The first day of school for Pre-K & Kindergarten will be on August 21st. \*More information regarding Pre-K & Kindergarten registration will be available next week.



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# Foster Care Information Session set for March 11 for Rural Nevada Residents

Staff Report

The Nevada Division of Child and Family Services is partnering with Sierra Lutheran High School to host a Foster Care Information Session, March 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the school's campus at 3601 Romans Road, Carson City.

The session is free and open to the public and will include a question-and-answer session featuring foster parents, social workers, and department officials. No commitment is required though families can learn about the many ways to help foster children in rural Nevada, through fostering, volunteering, or organizing service projects.

Carson City and Douglas County are in need of more homes including homes with room for sibling groups of three or more, and homes that can care for children aged 15 and older. Currently, there are 15 licensed foster homes in Carson City and Douglas County.

"This information session is the first step in learning the many ways to support children in rural Nevada foster care," said Shelby Riley, LSW, rural foster care recruiter for the Division of Child and Family Services.

Foster parents can be single or married, work full or part time, and rent or own their own home. Foster parents also receive a stipend to help with food, housing, clothing, and educational supplies.

Today, there are about 400 children in foster care in rural Nevada. Most of the children will spend about 14 weeks with their foster families before reunifying with their birth family.

To learn more about the upcoming



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foster care information session at Sierra Lutheran High School, please call 888-423-2659. Learn more about foster care at www.RuralNVFosterCare.com.



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# **Local Government**

# Central Nevada Health District Appoints Administrator

By Rachel Dahl

The Board of the Central Nevada Health District has appointed Dr. Antonina Capurro to serve as administrator. During a special meeting held on March 2, 2023, the board voted to approve Dr. Capurro's contract to lead the new district. She will officially begin on March 20, 2023.

Capurro currently serves as a deputy administrator at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. She was raised in Nevada and calls the state home. She earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine, a Master of Public Health with a concentration in health care administration and policy, and a Master of Business Administration with a focus on mass communication and public affairs from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Additionally, Capurro completed a Master of Public Health with a dental emphasis and Dental Public Health Residency Program at A.T. Still University.

"Dr. Capurro has exactly the experience, education, and relationships necessary to lead our new health district," said Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator of the Central Nevada Health District. "County and city leaders have delivered an incredibly important opportunity to provide public health services to rural Nevadans through the establishment of the Central Nevada Health District and I am excited

to see how the opportunity grows under Dr. Capurro's leadership."

Capurro will be making \$133,494 annually, with her start date of March 20, and one week time for relocation activities, she will start work in the office on March 27. In addition, her offer included time for conferences and professional memberships, and travel as well as the other benefits offered to county employ-

During the meeting, Human Resources Director Geof Stark explained that the offer made to Capurro included an advancement in step placement from Step 5, as originally authorized by the county commission, to Step 13 which they authorized during their March 2 meeting along with class and specification and pay range increases for the seven positions created in the new health district. Commissioners granted permission to the health district to fill the additional positions at advanced steps for the three manager and one nurse practitioner positions. "In anticipation of challenges in filling these positions," according to Stark, the approval for the increases was given.

Before the motion to approve Capurro's offer was made, County Commissioner Justin Heath stated that according to the public record effective in February 2022, Capurro was reprimanded by the dental board for practicing without a



County Manager Jim Barbee stated that he wanted to clarify the role of the position was not a member of the board and is not represented as the physician of the board but reports directly to the Board of the Central Nevada Health District.

"I am pleased with the Board's confidence in my abilities to lead Nevada's newest health district," said Dr. Antonina Capurro. "I have worked hard throughout my career to build knowledge and experience about the systems and services that aim to improve public health and I am excited to apply those lessons in this new



# Legislative Update - Increase In Property Transfer Taxes Proposed to Fund Affordable Housing

By Bill Post

The Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, the Nevada Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted Senate Bill 68 which raises the property transfer tax by ten percent to fund "certain purposes relating to very low-income housing, supportive housing and supportive services" for people with mental health conditions, disabilities, and low income.

This bill increases the Real Property Transfer Tax, a tax paid to the fund when you buy a home, from \$1.95 per \$500 of value or a fraction thereof to \$2.15 per \$500. According to Zillow, the average cost of a home in Nevada has risen 3.9% over the past year to \$409,008. If this tax increase passes the legislature and is signed into law, the real property transfer tax on the cost of that average home increases from \$1,595.13 to \$1,758.73. This tax would apply to residential, commercial, and retail space sales.

#### From the legislative digest:

Existing law imposes a tax on certain transfers of real property. The tax is based on the value of the transferred property in increments of \$500 or a fraction thereof. (NRS 375.020)

Existing law requires the State Controller to deposit a portion of that transfer tax into the Account for Affordable Housing, which is administered by the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to assist certain persons in obtaining or keeping affordable housing. (NRS 6 319.500, 319.510, 375.070)

Section 14 of this bill: (1) creates the

Critical Needs Fund; (2) requires the Division to administer the Fund; and (3) requires the money in the Fund to be used to provide certain assistance for very low-income housing, supportive housing, and supportive services. Section 21 of this bill increases the tax on certain transfers of real property by 20 cents for each \$500 of value or fraction thereof, and section 22 of this bill requires the State Controller to deposit the amount attributable to the increase into the Fund.

#### According to "This is Reno:"

The funds would be certified by the Nevada Housing Division with no more than 10% of those funds used for administrative purposes, and then allocated to the five Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards (Clark, Washoe, Northern, South Rural, and Rural) in the state, with a minimum of \$500,000 per region. For example, the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Board, which serves 73% of the statewide population, would receive an estimated \$10.2 million in funding annually. The boards would determine what percentage of their allocated funds will be used for rental assistance and home repair assistance and what percentage will be used for supportive housing and services - with a minimum of 25% of the funds being used for each of them. The boards can then use the remaining funds as they see fit for their communities.

Any tax increase, per the Nevada constitution, requires the approval of 2/3 of the legislature. This proposed tax comes despite the hundreds of millions of tax dollars from Nevada's share of the American Rescue Plan dollars that were

appropriated to fund affordable housing, housing assistance, mental health, and related support services.

Additionally, home prices and rents have skyrocketed in the Silver State, so the need to create a new "Critical Needs Fund" could be seen as duplicitous as the existing Affordable Housing Fund is designed to address critical housing needs and services. Moreover, during this pandemic-related boom in real estate transactions, the Affordable Housing Fund should be flush with cash. On average, since 2019, home prices have risen over 30% and demand outpaced supply.

A report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition shows that Nevada is 17th in the nation for housing affordability. By comparison, in 2021, Nevada ranked 22nd in the nation for housing affordability and finds that Nevadans must make \$23.70 per hour or earn a little under \$50,000 a year to comfortably afford rent and utilities.

According to the Institute for Policy Innovation, the total U.S. tax burden including federal, state, and local taxes and hidden taxes is equal to 56% of annual personal consumption spending.

Governor Joe Lombardo is on the record promising not to raise taxes. This bill, should it make it to his desk, is one of many tax increases proposed this session that he will have to decide whether to sign or to veto.

Story by Bill Post with substantial help from Megan Barth of The Nevada Globe and Mark Hernandez of This is Reno.





# Law & Order

### **Law and Motion from District Court**

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, March 7, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Mitchell Wesley Dye pleaded guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. A Restitution/Sentencing Hearing was set for April 8.

Jaymie Ruthanne Mitchell pleaded guilty to a Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for May 30.

George Allen Smith, in custody at Elko Detention Center, appeared via Zoom. He admitted to a non-technical probation violation. His probation was revoked and the underlying sentence was imposed.

Jed Ira Starr appeared for sentencing on a Category D Felony of Coercion with Force. ADA Priscilla Baker told the Court that according to negotiations, the state will remain silent. PD Jacob Sommer said Starr has no criminal history, is employed, and is "an otherwise good young man who is sober since August of 2022. He said Starr will now be a felon and that is a significant burden to carry, he will have limitations of all kinds. Sommer asked for probation for the defendant. Starr told the court that at the time of the offense he was drinking a lot and "right now, I haven't drunk for 8 months." He is working on his GED and hopes to go to college once he gets it. The victim gave a victim impact statement, tearfully telling the court the incident "mentally damaged me a lot." She said she asked him to stop. She told the judge, "I just want to get this over with. I just want to be able to heal."

The judge imposed fees and assessments, and sentenced Starr to 28-72 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended. The defendant was placed on probation for 3 years with the standard conditions applied. He was ordered to get a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluation. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim at all.

Becky Lee Hadley appeared for sentencing. ADA Aaron Thomas stated that per the plea memorandum, the state will not oppose the diversion program. The judge suspended the proceedings and placed Hadley on probation for 12 months with standard conditions, and the additional condition that she complete the Western Regional Drug Court program.

Kyle Jonathon Cuthill, in custody, was found competent and was sentenced on the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales. Cuthill received 14-48 months in Nevada State Prison. He was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff's Office for imposition of sentence

Ashlie Emalyn-Rainbow Shaw, in custody, appeared for sentencing on the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Possession of a Dangerous Drug without a Prescription. Proceedings were suspended and Shaw was placed on probation for 12-24 months with standard conditions attached. She was ordered to complete the Western Regional Drug Court.

Jose Natividad Rodriguez, in custody, appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Rodriguez received a sentence of 24-60 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and was placed on probation for 36 months. Standard conditions were imposed and no contact with the victim was ordered.

Myron Dean Pahe, in custody, admit-

ted to non-technical probation violations. His probation was revoked and the underlying sentence of 14-48 months in Nevada State Prison was imposed. Pahe was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff's Office for imposition of the sentence.

Christian S. Moreno-Ramos, in custody, admitted to non-technical probation violations. His probation was reinstated with the additional condition that he get a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations of the evaluation. Moreno-Ramos was ordered to remain in Nevada until approval to go to California

Hannah Marlene Cole, in custody, pleaded guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Cole was ordered provisionally into the Western Regional Drug Court program, and to get all necessary evaluations. Tomorrow following drug court Cole will be released to her parents' home. Court Services will supervise her as long as she is provisionally in the diversion program; once she is accepted into the program her supervision will switch to Probation and Parole. She was also ordered to take her prescription medication. A Sentencing/Status hearing was set for April 11.

Michael Earl Wiseman pleaded guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor Charge of Conspiracy to Possess a Stolen Vehicle. Fees and assessments were imposed. Wiseman received 364 days in Churchill County Jail, suspended. He was placed on probation for 12 months with standard conditions, including getting a substance abuse evaluation and following the recommendations of the evaluation.











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# Schedule for the weekend games...

#### Greenwave Sports

The Greenwave Varsity Baseball team is 2-0 after last weekend's home and away series against Dayton with the team winning the home game 18-6 and the away game 10-2. The JV squad defeated Dayton 4-1 and 5-3. Meanwhile, the Softball team will be playing their first games this weekend against Sparks at home on Friday and at Wooster on Saturday. In Track the Varsity squad did very well in Fernley last weekend.

Senior Max McCoy finished 1st in 100 and 200 Meter. William Brim-Klein finished 1st in 300-meter hurdles, the Varsity boys team finished 1st in the 4x100, 4x400, and 4x800 relay while Ethan Turner took 1st in the High Jump.

#### Friday

3 p.m. Baseball: JV Crossover vs. Sparks at Sparks High School

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3 p.m. Softball: JV Crossover vs. Sparks at Sparks High School

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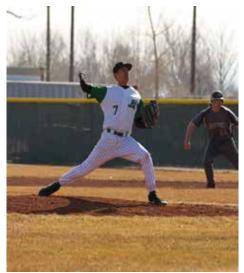
9 a.m. Track: Varsity/JV/Freshman Meet vs. Dayton at Dayton High School

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11 a.m. Softball: Varsity Crossover vs. Wooster High School at Wooster High School



Baseball Pictures, courtesy of CCHS. Above: Sophomore Eric Cornejo, Left: Sophomore Lopez Pinuelas pitching, Below: Sophomore Anthony



#### Oasis Bighorns

The Bighorn Girls Lacrosse team will be playing at Spanish Springs High School in Sparks this Friday at 6 and 8 p.m. Softball has a home doubleheader against Carlin Saturday at 11 and 2. Baseball features a doubleheader on Saturday at home against Silver Stage at 12 and 3.

#### University of Nevada Wolfpack

The 6-5 Wolfpack baseball team is at Fresno State for games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday then travel to Oregon State on Tuesday and Wednesday. The softball





# Education

# Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

#### High School Students Take ACT

By Angela Viera

Oasis Academy College Prep Juniors took the ACT on Tuesday, March 7. The test is not only used for college acceptance, placement, and scholarship qualifications but is also used as a measurement of how Oasis students compare to the rest of the state for star ratings.

"The state-administered ACT allows the students an opportunity to test free of charge and receive very detailed feedback on areas of strength and weakness. They then can use that information to improve their test scores if they opt to take it again. Our students take this very seriously and we appreciate the effort they put forth," said Rochelle Tisdale, CAO

To help students prepare, Oasis teachers taught ACT Prep sessions over winter break covering reading, science, and math.

# Lessons in Kindness and Gratitude

Counselors Shelley Kelly and Gabi Madraso's recent lessons have focused on kindness and gratitude, an important part of the Oasis curriculum that focuses on the social and emotional health and education of students.

In Kelly's lessons on kindness to fourth through seventh-grade students she asked them to think about something they've wanted to do that is kind around the school. The students put that thought into immediate action to do kind deeds. Their actions have included leaving uplifting notes around the school, writing

thank you notes to staff, cleaning restrooms, picking up trash in the halls, and much more.

"By encouraging students to perform acts of kindness and reflect on the experience, we're helping them develop their capacity for empathy and compassion. And not only does that make them and others happier, but it also strengthens their brains and fosters a more harmonious school.

This leads to students that are better equipped to connect with others and happier, more productive classrooms. As we teach our children to be kind, we empower them to positively impact themselves and the world around them," said Counselor Shelley Kelly.

The gratitude lessons from Madraso have included students thinking and writing about what they are thankful for, from the tangible to the intangible. The lessons have helped students think about what gratitude means to them.

"Gratitude is vital for students to comprehend and understand because it helps them to focus on what they do have instead of what they do not. When we look at the glass as half full, we are practicing optimism and the ability to be thankful and appreciative for what we have," said Madraso.

"Students had the opportunity to work on creating their own thankful lists for the people, memories, experiences, and things that they have that they appreciate and want to express gratitude for. The best part of listening to their unique lists has been that they organically filled each other's buckets by expressing their gratitude to each other thus helping to build our school HERD and foster inclusiveness, which also helps to strengthen students' amygdala, which helps control emotions and works to keep us safe," she said

#### Learning, Service, and Citizenship

By Hunter McNabb

Hands-on learning, civic engagement, service projects, and making the world a better place are the goals of the new Oasis Academy Community service class.

The underclassmen in this class have worked hard to become better leaders, create new opportunities, and support their community. Students have written letters for the Pennington Life Center, helped organize the OA offerings food pantry, decorated doors for teachers in the holiday season, contributed to the heartfelt Oasis atmosphere, and so much more.

The community service class is project-based and encourages students to take initiative and work with others to improve their community. Students recognize needs in the community and values they want to instill in others to create projects and plans through the guidance of their advisor, Julie Stockard.

"These kids have big hearts and are willing to work to help others. It is exciting to see their ideas and help them find ways to make a difference in their community. Working with these students is a highlight of my day," said Stockard.

In the program's first year, there has been immense success for students contributing to their community and creating new opportunities. Through hands-on learning, the course has prepared underclassmen to become better citizens and better community leaders. Future activities for the class include hosting an Earth Day art contest and students being paired with Oasis third graders as reading buddies.



#### Senior Spotlight: Tylie Norcutt

Oasis Senior Tylie Norcutt started at Oasis Academy as a second grader and will graduate this May, as Co-Valedictorian, with both her High School Diploma and Associate of Arts from Western Nevada College.

"I am grateful that Oasis helped me succeed not only in school but also when it has come to applying to colleges and for scholarships," said Norcutt.

"Throughout high school, my favorite classes were probably history and government. I enjoyed my teacher throughout the classes, and I really did well with his style of teaching," she

Norcutt will head to Texas Tech University in Lubbock in the fall.

# Logos Academy Hosts Interactive Science Night

How long has it been since you have been to a wax museum? Do you even remember wax museums? And did you know you can make your lava lamp or craft a raft out of aluminum foil that still floats while holding 47 pennies? Several families braved the snow and icy roads to attend the Logos Christian Academy on February 24 find out.

In addition to displays that showed the outcome of experiments, attendees were invited to join in some of the experiments and determine their conclusions. They were even treated to students acting out wax museum scenes in which second graders gave small presentations on the Famous Scientist Wax Museum featuring Florence Nightingale, Francis Bacon, and Galileo Galilei. Standing stock still until a "start "button was pushed, students then shared facts about their assigned scientific icon, covering medicine, astronomy, and natural biology.

Children, along with their parents and grandparents, stood in line to join in interactive experiments. First grade presented "Lava Lamps: Matter, Molecules, and More" where participants made lava lamps in a water bottle. The third and fourth graders presented a "Patriot's Tea Party STEM Challenge" where four-inch squares of aluminum foil were fashioned into rafts to see what design would hold the most pennies, adding them one by one to the raft until it sank (at least 47 if you were wondering).

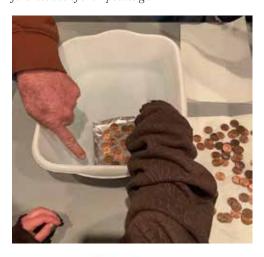
In addition to interactive experiments, students showcased displays they did on various theories using the scientific method. For example, questions with answers like what type of potato launches the farthest out a potato gun (russet, not Yukon), and what type of fruit conducts the most electricity (oranges). Each grade was assigned a different project and displayed their results.

All in all, it was a fun informative evening and worth traveling the precarious winter roads.





Top and center left and right: Students perform in Famous Scientist Wax Museum featuring Florence Nightingale, Francis Bacon, and Galileo Galilei. Bottom left: Students and grandparents try the Patriot's Tea Party STEM Challenge. Bottom right: Students test the which type of potato shoots the farthest out of their potato gun.









# Education

### **Churchill County School District Weekly Highlights**

By Kaitlin Ritchie

**CCHS** 

Students in Jaime Shafer's drawing and painting classes worked collaboratively on packing tape sculptures. Students worked in groups to create a life-sized human sculpture. "One student acted as the model and the others began constructing it. Once the basic structure was built, the model then assisted their group in completing the build," said Shafer. To create the sculpture, students had to apply tape to the model. The first round was applied sticky side up and additional layers were applied sticky side down to build up five or six layers.

Once they had enough layers, they cut their model out of the tape and reformed it. "Students learned about the different types of sculpture additive, meaning you build up layers, and subtractive, carving away layers. We also talked about shape versus form and about installation art, which is art created for and installed into a specific site. Students then applied that knowledge to this project," said Shafer. Students installed their sculptures throughout the school. "It was fun to see where the next one would pop up. These are awesome," said Principal Tim Spencer.





#### CCMS

Students in Monica Davis's classes examined ChurchillCSD's Profile of a Learner and connected the attributes to their current learning targets. Currently, the State of Nevada is creating a state Profile of a Learner. "Myself, Mr. Wickware, and two other teachers are on a team of educators from across the state who are working on that process. Because we are lucky to already have our profile created, I have started by talking to my students about the profile attributes and how they relate to classroom learning," said Davis. The end goal of this activity is for all students to be able to connect learning targets to real-life skills outside of the classroom. Abilities such as becoming critical thinkers, inspired innovators, collaborative learners, effective communicators, global citizens, and life-long learners. "In order to get to that end result, we will do activities within our units of study that create discussion and have students think about how our school work helps them become, for example, effective communicators and critical thinkers," said Davis.

#### Numa

Students in Vanessa Burch-Urquhart, Dominque Johnson, and Shannon Matheson's classes raised rainbow trout in their classrooms from eggs, and last week they released them into the wild on a field trip to Mason Valley Fish Hatchery. Students learned about each stage of life and why conservation is so important from the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This field trip was part of their science unit about plant and animal adaptations and animals' ways of processing and reacting to stimuli. The students enjoyed their experience and got to learn even more about their unit and their rainbow trout. "On our field trip, I learned when you feed trout, they go very crazy in the water because they fight for the food," said student Paris Enriquez-Manzo.





#### Lahontan

Kindergarten students in Erika Stanford's class learned about different types of animals and had the opportunity to learn about tortoises first-hand. Stanford invited her friend and CCHS teacher Chase Johnson to share his tortoises, Hannibal and Clarice, with her students. "I thought it would be awesome to bring some actual animals in that students may not have seen before and instantly thought of Chase and his pet reptiles and how much fun that would be for my students," said Stanford. The students sat attentively as Johnson taught them about tortoises and then got to hold them after the lesson. "They were so cool that I did not want to put him down," said student Aurora Maddox. Engaging lessons and hands-on activities are so important for all students, especially kindergartners. "I want my students to have a great first year of school so they have a positive outlook on learning from a young age," said Stanford.

# Education

#### E.C. Best

With the help of CCHS, ECB hosted a literacy Greenwave Pep Rally for their students last week. Principal Keith Boone and Literacy and Implementation Specialist Linda Rasmussen saw this as a great way to increase the student's desire to read while also building Greenwave pride. CCHS's student council, flag team, band, and cheerleaders all participated. The cheerleaders gave students a handout and explained to them the importance of literacy when it comes to cheerleading. "Cheer encourages enunciation, voice clarity, and rhyming patterns when speaking. Being able to write the signs, and read and memorize the cheers are important skills we achieve because of literacy," said CCHS cheer coach Darlene Robinson. On behalf of the CCHS student council and all of the



students, student body officers Lydia Bergman, Jackson Moon, RayAnn Rasmussen, and Annalee Reyna donated \$500 to ECB for the purchase of new library books. "Our student body officers were adamant about doing something nice for the students at E.C. Best and felt this was important," said student council advisor Terri Pearson. The feeling of camaraderie that filled the gym was amazing. "It really goes to show that literacy changes lives and can be fun for all ages," said Rasmussen.



#### Northside Early Learning Center

Students in Octavia Merritt's class discussed what fruits are healthy and good for them and then tried different types of fruit. "This activity is wonderful for students especially Pre-K because they get to discover and taste new foods as well as experience different textures," said Merritt. Students have also worked on being open-minded and trying new things before assuming they don't like them. "They were very open and excited to try different fruits like kiwi, dragon fruit, mango, cherimoya, star fruit, and even papaya," said Merritt. Trying different foods not only plays a part in good nutrition but also in a child's development. Offering new and different foods ensures they get nutrition from a variety of sources and learn how to make healthy choices.



# Community Meetings

Mar. 13 - Mar. 17

Fallon City Council Special Meeting
Mar. 13 at 9 a.m.
Council Chambers
55 West Williams Avenue

Library Board of Trustees -Special Meeting Mar. 13 at 10 a.m. Room 102 155 North Taylor Street

TCID Board of Trustees Mar. 14 at 9 a.m. District Office 2666 Harrigan Road

Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Mar. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Room 102 155 North Taylor Street

County Commissioners Mar. 15 at 1:15 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 North Taylor Street











# **Local Columnists**

# Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: March 10-16

This week we see and feel the breaking up of old ways, unresolved issues, and stagnant energies that need healing. Grab a broom! We are being guided to take responsibility for what needs to be cleared out from the past. And a dustpan! We also need to be accountable for our contribution to the fallout. And the mop! With a clean slate we can invite forgiveness, healing, and a fresh start back into our relationships and lives.

Aries – Lead the way. Not only is there great mental energy to leave a situation behind, but also physical energy to forge a new way forward. Tap into your ability to take charge this week and direct your energy towards better ways and better days.

Taurus – Think on it. Or don't. Whichever choice helps you move on mentally this week is good for allowing things to settle and become clear without having to force the issue. A mental break may be the very thing that finally brings clarity and peace.

Gemini – Save your energy. By putting away needs and wants from another, you can give yourself a much-needed break from disappointments and getting nowhere. No need to give up, this week is more like a reprieve to allow the dust to settle.

Cancer – Forgive anyway. You won't get trapped by doing the right thing. You won't lose your freedom or your sanity.

But you will gain power by overcoming the need for justice and allowing reconciliation to be the more important process for a peaceful future.

Leo – Break the cycle. Careful not to back yourself into a situation that you know won't improve. You've been there, done that, and this week will help you realize you "don't wanna go back". Unbalanced, unfair, repetitive relationships need not apply.

Virgo – Go for it! Alas, it looks like you will be stepping up into your mental authority, making firm decisions for yourself, and taking charge of the next chapter of your life. By believing in yourself you can allow yourself to believe in whatever lies ahead of you.

Libra – Embrace the unknown. A change of heart comes this week that will move you through your fear, help you face the darkness, and allow a new perspective of the future to surface. Good change is coming, allow yourself to break from the past.

Scorpio – Believe in yourself. A shift comes this week that brings to light many helpful insights for your benefit. Through whatever you may discover about your situation or about yourself, it will ultimately direct you towards listening to your own intuition.

Sagittarius – Reap your reward. It appears that minding your own business has indeed paid off. Continue to do so, and this week will bring you a pleasant surprise or perhaps just what you've been hoping for. The best reward is knowing you can create your own sense of fulfillment by being true to yourself.

Capricorn – Be here now. This week helps you show up and make your presence known. Matters of restoring stability through cooperation and reconciliation can be addressed and you can speak your mind with thoughtfulness and conviction.

Aquarius — Figure it out. A sequence of ideals spring to mind inspiring you to throw off the old beliefs about yourself that someone else has assigned you. Your mental wheels will turn and hum until the cogs click into place giving you the opportunity to align with these higher ideals of who you are.

Pisces – Face your fears. Let down your walls, drop your burdens or grudges, and listen to your higher self. This week brings a time for release of what is over and done. And acceptance of what is. Turn towards those who support your wellbeing.

Rebekah Dahl interprets heavenly influences to help bring wisdom, love, and empowerment into our earthly experience.

# Maliah's Minute - High School

By Maliah Harris

As of March 7, there are 79 days till summer including weekends, without weekends there are 55 days not including the Fridays we have off and spring break. In 79 days and 3 months, I will officially be a high schooler. In 79 days, middle school will finally be behind me, and I look forward to my future. We are already learning about the classes we can take next year and what we can do to get ahead in college or workforce experience. For the next four years, the only thing I will be thinking about and focusing on is school 50% of the time the other 50% percent I'll most likely be messing around like most teenagers do but I plan to be successful in life and accomplish great things that will have an impact on the world.

Furthermore, this week we are going to the high school all day to see the campus and see all the different electives and classes we can take and what they do. I think the classes I'm most excited about are culinary and welding. I don't plan on becoming a chef or anything professional like that, but I think everyone should know about nutrition and how to cook. I have some experience in culinary because I took culinary for 4H and you

don't just cook in the program but you have to make something and present the product and all the steps you took to make it. You also have to cook a lot at home and you are constantly practicing. I'm currently taking culinary classes right now at middle school. CTE was an elective added this year where you can go through different types of jobs and experience what you would do in that workforce. You can see what you like and what you don't care for, as of right now I'm taking culinary, and I enjoy cooking, but my true passion is engineering. So for my next lab, I'm gonna look for something more in the mechanical and engineering workforce area.

But back to high school, they have a lot more electives than middle school which is what I'm most excited about. We have more opportunities and a lot more classes than we used to. All of the different classes and electives for all different workforces will help students figure out what they want to do in the future and also see what they enjoy. Instead of having all the normal math, English, history, and science classes only and then going to college for something you think you want to major in and then later finding out you dislike that major. Only 79 days and 3 months left.

# **Local Columnists**

### What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- Short Rib Intervention



This week's article is a short rib intervention. A friend reached out this week to ask me how to prepare short ribs without making them greasy. He really "wants to broil them," and asked if he should "boil then broil, or broil then boil?" First, of these two options, boil first broil second is the appropriate order. Second, we need to do a deep dive on short ribs.

Let's talk about beef cattle. There are several steps that a butcher takes in the process of breaking down a whole cow into the cuts of meat that you are familiar with seeing at the store and cooking in your kitchen. The whole animal is typically first cut into "primal cuts." There are eight primal cuts: the chuck, rib, loin, and round are towards the top of the cow's back; and the brisket, shank, short plate, and flank run along the cow's belly. When the chuck is separated from the rib, five-rib bones remain on the chuck side primal cut. The rib bones on the chuck side are shorter than those further back on the cow and the muscles that are attached are exercised more frequently. When a muscle is used more often, the meat is less tender and has a more developed flavor making it ideal for slow, low-heat cooking methods. As you may

have guessed, the five rib bones that hang on the chuck side are the "short ribs."

There are arguably three ways that short ribs can be separated into portions: Flanken, English, and a Hybrid. In the flanken cut, short ribs are sliced across the bones in thin slices, such that each piece has between 3-5 small cross-sections of rib bone. This is the perfect cut to use for the Korean

barbeque short rib dish called kalbi. In the English style, short ribs are separated into portions by first slicing between the bones and then by cutting each rib into slices that are 1-2" thick. The English-style results in 2" square chunks of one-bone chuck meat. The Hybrid between the Flanken and English style is what you see most frequently in commercial grocers, the ribs are cut across the bones and the chunks are about 2" thick. When making decisions about which cut to buy, or how to have your beef processed, the thickness is the key consideration because it directly ties to the cooking method. Thin sliced flanken-cut short ribs can be prepared on the barbeque with high heat and short cooking times while ribs cut in either the thicker hybrid method or the English cut are suited for braising and oven-roasting.

When selecting and buying short ribs, look for ribs that have a solid inch or more of well-marbled meat on top of each bone topped with a thin fat cap. Avoid short ribs that have small striations of meat and a thick fat cap as these will turn out greasy and tough, regardless of the cooking method.

Here's a recipe that involves boiling

and then broiling in the preparation of English or Hybrid cut short ribs.

#### B-Byrd's Boil then Broiled Short Ribs

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

4 lb beef short ribs - cut 2" thick 1 head of garlic 3 bay leaves salt and pepper to taste 1 c brown mustard 1/2 c red wine vinegar 1/3 c brown sugar 2 T tomato paste 1 t cayenne pepper 3 T butter, melted 1 T molasses

3 T Worcestershire sauce

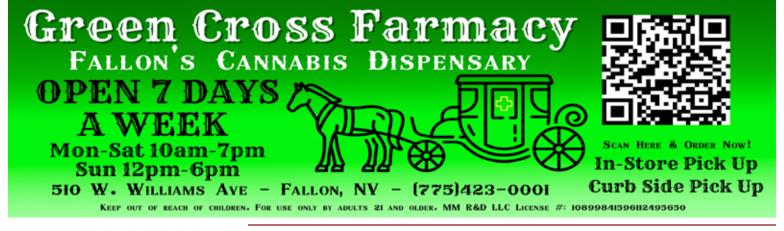
1 T granulated onion

1 T granulated garlic

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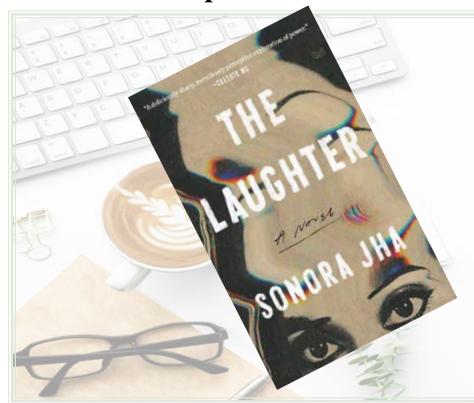
- 1. Put short ribs in a Dutch oven with the head of garlic, bay leaves, salt, and pepper, and cover with cool water. Heat to a boil then reduce the heat to a simmer. Let cook for 2 hours, adding more water as necessary to keep the ribs submerged. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients with 1 c of water in a saucepan. Heat over medium heat to a simmer and let cook, stirring occasionally until the sauce has thickened to your desired consistency.
- 2. Drain ribs and brush with sauce. Finish by cooking the ribs under the broiler or on a hot grill for 10-15 minutes. Serve with more sauce for dipping.

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



# Entertainment

# Carol's Book Report - The Laughter: A Novel by Sonora Jha



Oliver is a divorced English professor at a college in Seattle. He is settled in his ways but most of all in his place in the world. He wields considerable power in his slice of the world, enjoys it, and takes it for granted. He becomes smitten with Ruhaba, a younger Pakistani Muslim law professor. Her teenage nephew Adil comes to visit under murky circumstances and Oliver befriends him in an attempt to get closer to Ruhaba. It becomes apparent that something unsettling has taken place as Adil is in the hospital and Oliver is getting frequent visits from the FBI.

Oliver at first fails to notice the shift on campus with students demanding social justice and when he finally feels that shift he is bewildered. Jha doles out tidbits from her characters' pasts as the story twists and unfolds. Her writing is quick-witted, insightful, complicated, and nuanced. No black and white here. A terrific read.

This title is available in print at the library.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She has not yet finished this book and can't wait to get back to it.





About a year and a half ago, Eric Ritter of California generously donated his father's collection of an estimated 40,000 petroglyph photos to the museum. The collection focuses on the Southwest but goes as far afield as Sweden and Australia! After countless hours of work, we're getting close to needing volunteers to help scan fantastic images like this one of Grimes Point taken in 1957. While the Ritter collection will probably not be ready to scan until early summer, we have plenty of other collections in need of work, so call us at 775-423-3677 or email raeburn.sottile@churchillcountynv.gov for more information!

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#### **Movies & More**

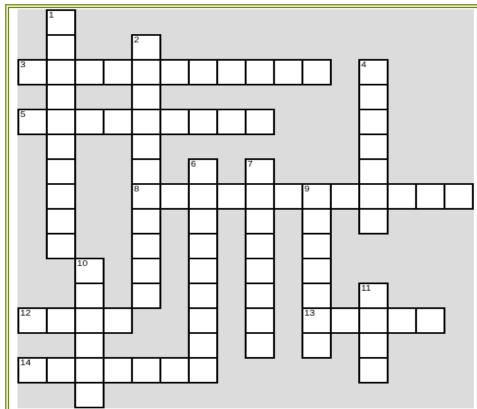
Your Community-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

Once again, we have some great movies for you this weekend including on Saturday night, we have the annual Mother and Son Movie Night. On Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m. we have the 2007 animated comedy "Shrek the Third." In this third installment, Shrek, reluctantly designated as the heir to the land of Far, Far Away, hatches a plan to install the rebellious Artie as the new king while Princess Fiona tries to fend off a coup d'état by the jilted Prince Charming. Voices are provided by Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Justin Timberlake, and many other great performers.

Our second movie Friday evening, starting at 7 p.m. is the 1992 romantic western adventure "Far and Away" directed by Ron Howard. A young Irish couple flees to America to obtain free land in Oklahoma but gets side-tracked in Boston and is left penniless. Now faced with poverty they must find ways to scrape by. As their affection for each other grows, Joseph questions whether he is truly what Shannon needs in her life. Starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

Saturday evening, March 18, is the annual Mother and Son Movie Night benefit for Grad Night. Two great movies, the first starting at 6 p.m. is the 2014 animated adventure film "How to Train Your Dragon 2" and at 6:30 is the 2007 action adventure sci-fi movie "Transformers." The cost is \$20 per couple, and all are welcome. Hope to see you there for this great fundraiser.

Don't forget Friday, March 24 we have March Mayhem Comedy Night live on our stage featuring Gabriel Alexander with headliner Chicago Steve Barkley and host Brian Lee. Advance tickets are \$20 and available at brianleecomedy.ticketleap.com/march-mayhem-comedy-night. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. with seating available 30 minutes before the show. Only 18 and older, ID required.





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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Civil Engineering and Surveying

Proposals Due: MARCH 10, 2023

Submit Proposals to: Sharon Pacheco, Acting Housing Director Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Housing Department 2055 Agency Road, Fallon, NV 89406

Intent: Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms for professional services for preliminary civil engineering and surveying services for future housing within the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony located in Fallon, Nevada.

Project Description: FPST is planning for future residential development within the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony. The goal is to accommodate up to approximately 25 additional residential units by providing a combination of single-family, triplex or fourplex units. The potential site consists of additional units along Paiute Drive and the expansion of Tule St south of Paiute Drive. FPST is seeking to develop the necessary infrastructure and site planning in order to commence with residential building construction by January 2024. To accomplish this, FPST will need to properly define the proposed areas prior to May 2023 in order to apply for funding for the residential construction. The service provider's experience and ability to meet the required schedules will be key in evaluating their proposal.

#### Scope of Work:

The intent of the RFP is to have the firms under consideration specifically address the services required and provide a well-considered proposal for these services:

#### Phase I

- I. Development of a preliminary civil engineering concept site plan for the selected tract of land to define the overall concept for the site and prepare for the 2023 LIHTC application. Concept site plan to accommodate setbacks, site amenities, emergency vehicle accessibility, easements, utilities, pedestrian routing, stormwater considerations, and other applicable codes/ordinances.
- 2. Conduct a geotechnical investigation to prepare a report to determine site suitability for housing construction.
- 3. Develop a preliminary cost estimate for probable construction costs of the

concept site plan.

Phase II

- 4. Should the project receive adequate funding and approvals (est. May/June 2023) full civil engineering plans will be necessary (inclusive of utility, water and sewer site design) for the project along with surveying to create legal descriptions and an ALTA survey (and subsequent as-built ALTA upon construction completion).
- 5. The selected offeror will be expected to collaborate with Tribe's Housing Department, as well as other consultants to prepare and coordinate all site civil planning, including all tasks necessary to fully entitle the site for residential development. This may include supporting site plan and zoning applications, if necessary, infrastructure design, phasing plans, grading plans, utility designs, stormwater plan, drainage plan, roadway designs, etc.
- 6. Cost estimations and supporting bid packages for the project, including assisting in reviewing bids, providing engineers' opinion of costs, as well as providing drawings and responding to comments as part of the bid-package process along with the Tribe's selected general contractor.

Submission Requirements: The offeror must submit, at a minimum the following:

- A letter of transmittal signed by the person authorized to commit the offeror to perform the services in the proposal.
- Statement of Qualifications.
  o This should include evidence of the firm's ability to accomplish the work within the time required.
- o Describe your firm's size and structure. o Experience in working with public entities/tribal governments.
- o Professional Certifications/Licensing, o Describe the team who will work on the project and their experience.
- Proposed Schedule
- Proposed Fee Structure: Provide information on your fee structure. Please include a breakdown of fees for each phase of the scope of work and a schedule of hourly rates by employee classification, including terms and rates of overtime or additional work if requested.

Written Inquiries: All inquiries regarding this RFP shall be submitted via email to the Housing Director at 775-423-3321 on or before (7 days before RFP is due). A response from the Tribe shall be sent via email to all known offerors (or posted on a website if the tribe puts their RFP's on one.)

**Insurance Requirements:** 

• Commercial General Liability

- o Minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 for Each Occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 General Aggregate.
- o Must show FPST as additional insured.
- Automobile Liability
- o Minimum Limits are required to be \$1,000,000.00 for each accident.
- o All vehicles used in the contract be covered.
- Workers Compensation o Must be maintained with the Statutory limits.
- Professional Liability Insurance
   o Minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per
   loss and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

#### Site Visit:

Interested firms can contact Sharon Pacheco, Acting Housing Director, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Housing Department at adminassistant@fpst. org, to schedule a pre-proposal site visit. A pre-proposal site visit is urged but not required.

Proposals: FPST requires offerors to submit a sealed bid by mail. All proposals are to be received by FPST no later than March 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the following address: 2055 Agency Rd. Fallon, NV 89406.

Sharon Pacheco, Acting Housing Director Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Housing Department 2055 Agency Road, Fallon, NV 89406 775-423-3321

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Laws and Policies Applicable to Government Contractors

Indian Preference: Selection may be restricted to qualified Indians, Indian Organizations or Indian-Owned economic enterprises if the Tribe receives the required minimum number of statements of intent. The Tribe shall solicit bids from non-Indian as well as Indian, Indian Organizations or Indian-Owned economic enterprises if the Tribe decides not to restrict the solicitation; or, an insufficient number of qualified Indians, Indian Organizations or Indian-Owned economic enterprises submit responsive proposals in response to a solicitation; or, a single proposal is not accepted.

To qualify as Indian or Indian-owned, the business must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Tribe (which shall be made at the Tribe's sole discretion) that

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the majority of owners of the company are members of Federally Recognized Indian tribes. The business may be required to complete specific Tribal forms documenting Indian ownership of the business.

#### **Tribal Taxes:**

As part of doing a project on Tribal Trust Lands, Contractors will comply with the Tribe's Tax laws. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe has a Tribal Tax Code which requires the Tribe to collect taxes on all materials used on a given project.

For further information or explanation, Bidders may contact the Tax Administrator. The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe's Tax Administrator is:

Melanie McFalls, Tax & TERO Administrator 565 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, NV. 775-423-6075, ext. 1017 taxdirector@fpst.org

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO)

- (a) Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance in contracting will apply. All entities awarding contracts or subcontracts for supplies, services, labor, and materials in an amount of \$5,000 or more where the majority of the work on the contract or subcontract will occur within the exterior boundaries of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Reservation shall give:
- (1) First preference to qualified entities that are 51% or more owned and controlled by Tribal Members.
- (2) Preference in contracting and subcontracting to qualified entities that are certified by the TERO Commission as 51% or more Indian owned and controlled, with a first preference to qualified entities that are 50% or more owned and controlled by local Indians.
- (b) These requirements shall apply to the award of contracts awarded directly by the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Council. They shall also apply to any contracts awarded by any commercial enterprises of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, even if said contracts must be submitted to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Council for approval. Tribal Programs or divisions other than commercial enterprises shall be required to comply with these requirements when submitting a contract to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Council for approval, to indicate the steps taken to award the contract

to a tribal member contractor. These requirements shall apply to all subcontracts awarded by a Tribal, federal, state, direct contractor or grantee, whether or not the prime contract was subject to those requirements. All covered entities shall comply with the rules, regulations, guidelines and orders of the Commission which sets for the specific obligations of such entities in regard to Indian Preference in contracting and subcontracting.

(c) In addition to the requirements of the section entitled "Indian Preference in Contracting" the Contractor shall comply with the Tribal Ordinance concerning Tribal employment and training for work performed under this contract within the boundaries of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Indian Reservation. Preference will be given to qualified Indian applicants in accordance with the provisions of Section 703(i) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and the TERO Ordinance. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO) FEE

- (a) In accordance with Section 12 of the TERO Ordinance every covered employer with a construction contract in the sum of \$10,000 or more shall pay a one-time fee of 2.5% of the total amount of the contract. Such fee shall be paid by the employer prior to commencing work on the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation. However, where good cause is shown, the TERO Director may authorize a construction contractor to pay said fee in installments over the course of the contract; or,
- (b) Every covered employer other than construction contractors with ten (10) or more employees working on the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Reservation.
- (c) To obtain copies of the TERO Ordinance or other information, contact:

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe TERO Department Melanie McFalls, Tax & TERO Administrator 565 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406 Tel: (775) 423-6075, ext. 1017 taxdirector@fpst.org

Published in The Fallon Post February 24, March 3, & March 10. Ad # 6055 Notice of Termination of Parental Rights

In Case No. CVFT-2021-0074

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Youth and Family Services is seeking to terminate the parental rights to a daughter born to Jillian Yesslith on 12/13/2021. If you are the Mother or suspect you may be the Father, contact the Clerk of Court at 775-423-8883 for further information or the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Youth and Family Services at 775-423-1215.

Published in The Fallon Post March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2023. Ad #6057

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Environmental Report (ER) Oasis Academy Charter School

#### MEDIA POSTING

Notice is hereby given that Oasis Academy Charter School is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from firms interesting in providing Environmental Reports (ER) for the construction of a new high school and renovation of existing elementary/middle school located on 2 separate parcels in Fallon, Nevada.

Firms must be willing to comply with USDA financing requirements set forth in CFR 1970. The full RFQ can be found by going to the Oasis Academy website under the 'Board of Directors' menu option at www.oanv.org.

Firms shall submit their SOQ to Oasis Academy, 920 W. Williams Ave. Suite 100, Fallon, NV 89406, to the attention of Melissa Mackedon, CEO by mail or via email to mmackedon@oanv.org.

The deadline to receive submittals is March 28th by 5pm PST. Submittals received after the deadline will not be considered.

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NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF COPIES AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT BILL NO. 792.

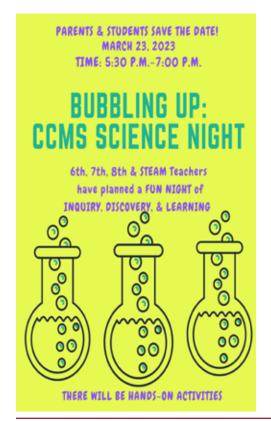
City of Fallon

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, to consider possible adoption of Bill No. 792.

Bill No. 792, if adopted as an Ordinance, will accomplish the following: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five, "Business Licenses and Regulations," to add Chapter 5.60 entitled "Mobile Food Vendors" which provides for the regulation and licensing of mobile food vendors within the City of Fallon; and other matters properly related thereto.

Notice is hereby further given that copies of Bill No. 792 have been deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk, at (775) 423-5104 or elee@fallonnevada.gov.

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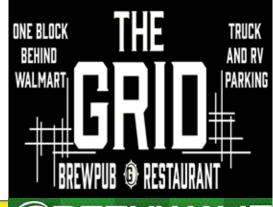




















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