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## At 80, Local Horsewoman Becomes Nevada Horseman Hall of Famer

By Nancy Chapman

Barbara Hodges was honored with being inducted into the Nevada Horsemen's Hall of Fame, awarded in February 2023, as well as celebrating her 80th birthday the same evening. Other distinguished honorees from previous years of this award were Bobby Ingersoll, Wilma Hybarger, and Wanda Cagalari to mention only a few.

Barbara has been a friend and mentor to many people over the years. She could always see a good prospect in an up-and-coming rider. Some of her more distinguished mentees are Darrel Norcutt, Flint Lee, and Dave Thacker. All have gone on and built great training facilities and have won the reining cow horse's most prestigious awards. But only after Barbara had paved the way with her tireless dedication to the cow horse profession in the National Reined Cow Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, and the American Paint Horse Association.

California is where she would begin training at about the age of 20. When she decided she could make a living professionally training was about the mid-1960s riding and showing many horses in halter and it is rumored she even rode jumping horses.

Together with Como Chex, she began a showing career in the early 1980s, starting with the Reno Snaffle Bit Wom-



Barbara Hodges in 2015 at the Las Vegas Spring Fling Circuit. Photo courtesy of Nancy Chapman.

en's class, winning fifth place. All the while raising two children Ross Hodges and Robin Hodges. She and her partner Jan Smith purchased the Sliding Sisters Ranch in 1989.

This is where Barbara would work training and preparing for reining, cutting, and cow horse shows, and now

ranch riding horses, the newest event in AQHA and APHA which is becoming very popular.

In the late 1990s, she won the California Futurity and Derby Reining in Rancho Murietta. She had to run a 3-way run-off with 2 other competitors

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# From the Publisher

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## Captain's Log -- *It's come to this.*

I'm back from the frozen wasteland of the north. And it's snowed here twice since I've returned. If you're going to live in snow, you may as well be in North Dakota with your kids.

It was a fun trip. Heading west through Montana toward home was sunny and 46 degrees. My sister who also lives in Stanley, North Dakota says, "That's bar-b-que weather."

It was beautiful – all along the Lewis and Clark trail, reminiscing through sixth grade history with thoughts of adventure and exploration. The sun shines weird when there's so much snow and the wind has polished the hills to high gloss. I have never seen anything like it. In North Dakota they have "sun dogs" which is some phenomenon, I take it, when the sun sets and sends a glare into the heavens that is also a sight to behold. There are also angora goats in that part of the country. Since the angora rabbit project is faring so well, I've decided that surely the next step in the Boyer Bunny Ranch expedition is to add angora goats. But not many people in Nevada raise those. I stopped in Billings where a very nice fiber gal (she also raises English Angora rabbits) showed me her beautiful, ringlet-laden Angora Goats. I resisted the temptation to put one in the back of the truck and bring it home.

It was hard to leave my little Rhett. Grandkids really are the reward for living through raising children – who knew they would be so fun.

He's the cutest little guy and has a great sense of humor. The first night there as I got wrapped in my 50-pounds of cold weather gear and heavy boots to take the dog out for her good-night "walk," Rhett decided (at 10 p.m.) that we should walk up to the ballpark so I could see where he played T-Ball.

Clio was super happy about the prospect, but my knee/back/old lady wound hadn't fully healed and it's HARD to walk in snow boots. Nonetheless, off we went through about a foot of new-fallen snow. Beautiful, smooth snow. That in North Dakota camouflages all sorts of treachery – deep sloughs, frozen drifts that resemble concrete in their firmness, and tire tracks also frozen into the road bed and carefully hidden under the pretty blanket of white.

Those frozen tracks are your undoing – they are slippery. And when you least expect it, you will step on one with your oversized boot, which does not fit in the track and down you will go, in slow-motion, directly onto the hurt knee, flailing into the next track as you grasp to stay upright and land face first in the middle of the street. But not before you catch the little grandson out of the corner of your eye, walking on the top of the snow drift, watch you fall and in utter embarrassment or gracious pity, quickly turn away so you can regain some dignity and pretend no one witnessed the spectacle of an Amazon gone down.

When everything is ice and you are awkwardly wrapped in a ton of clothing and your knee is stabbing fire and your boots can't get a grip on anything stable and you've forgotten those things these people wear called "gloves" and the only possible help is five and has turned his back on you, the world is a dismal place. There was only rolling at this point, and abject humiliation.

The last thing in the world I wanted to do as I rose from the tundra covered in winter was continue walking uphill to the ballpark. And yet – it's the grandson. So up we went, listening to enthusiastic stories of summer and baseball, watching the dog and the kid as happy as two souls could be. And then the cold and the snow weren't so bad.

So while I sit writing and missing that kid, I'll be right here...  
...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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## County Declares Emergency to Prepare for Potential Flooding

*Declaration required to authorize Road Department to start protection efforts*

By Ann McMillin

Churchill County Commissioners approved a precautionary emergency declaration this afternoon to establish the Emergency Operations Center in preparation for flood mitigation efforts due to elevated snowpack from this winter's snowfall upstream on the Carson River. The City of Fallon will be declaring a precautionary emergency declaration in the coming days.

As part of those efforts, TCID is beginning precautionary releases from Lahontan Reservoir to make room for the high run-off. County residents can expect to see increased water levels in the Carson River starting Monday, March 6. Residents along the river are being asked to remove any fences or other personal property that is within the high-water mark to allow for the unobstructed flow of water.

The Big Dig infrastructure, including the emergency weir, completed in 2017



*Cleaning debris out of the Carson River in 2017. Similar actions begin the week of March 6 as the county prepares for potential heavy snowmelt.*

to divert excess water around the City of Fallon and developed areas of Churchill County, remains in place and will serve the county again this year. The county will prepare sandbags for future use at the Miner's Road Vaccine Site.

Keep up-to-date on future actions

and important announcements by visiting the county's website at [www.churchillcountynv.gov](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov), the City of Fallon's website at [www.fallonnevada.gov](http://www.fallonnevada.gov) and TCID's at [www.tcid.org](http://www.tcid.org), along with the County's Facebook and Twitter accounts and local media outlets.

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# Features

...Hall of Fame cont'd from Front Page.

to win the futurity, she said "I rode quiet and cool, nothing great, but I won." She was riding Como Chex Hobbit. Barbara was the AQHA World Show Finalist in Oklahoma in 1992 and 1993 in the cow horse event, again aboard Como Chex. She was the first woman to win the Elko County Fair Snaffle Bit Class in 1978 and was the only woman to compete that year, opening many doors for women to follow. She and Como Chex were very used to being in the winner's circle, winning many events. Barbara won The Woman's Bridle Class 3 years in a row. She went on to win one year on Como Chex as a six-year-old, then his sister Marcy Doc as a 5-year-old the next year, and finally Chexotic, Como Chex's daughter as a four-year-old in consecutive order. These horses had to be in the bridle to be eligible for this class. Barbara had brought Como Chex up through the different classes and he would win the hackamore class as well. Other events she participated in at Elko were the Team



Sorting winning two consecutive years with the Kenny and Flint Lee. Co-Ed Team Branding was another sport that Barbara enjoyed participating in at Elko, always placing well.

Among other shows was Fallon's own Fallon Stockhorse Spectacular, which she showed in the reining and cow horse where she won often.

In 2019 Barbara would again be in the winner's circle, this time in Idaho at the Idaho Reined Cow Horse Association riding Miss Cut N Chex placing 1st in the Limited Bridle Open Cow Horse and 5th place in the Open Bridle Horse class.

Each of these events takes a very specially trained horse which is what Barbara has done for many years. Bobby Ingersoll said it the best, there are rope horses, reining, and cutting horses but the cow horse must be proficient in all of these categories plus he has got to be able to rate a single cow down

the fence turn it once each way and circle it each way. Sounds easy until you attempt to do this yourself, then not so

much. These are the types of horses that Barbara Hodges has trained for many years. They win and stay physically and mentally sound.

Besides riding, training, and showing Barbara also operated a very successful breeding program with her broodmares and her studs that she had shown and deemed good quality and promotable. Barbara farms her ground and keeps cattle on hand for training purposes and lessons for clients plus on top of that general maintenance of all the aforementioned.

Barbara is semi-retired now. She enjoys training and showing Ranch Riding horses. She is always found in her arena helping non-pro clients and always at the RHAN shows or APHA helping and encouraging fellow competitors.



## Banner Churchill Reacts to Security Concerns



### Staff Report

We have received several reports and inquiries since Friday, February 24, 2023, regarding Banner Churchill Community Hospital being on "lockdown."

After reaching out to the hospital, we have received the following response, "Due to a security concern that was identified last week and out of an abundance of caution, certain hospital entrances have been temporarily closed. All staff entrances remain accessible, and patients and visitors may enter through the main entrance."

We will continue to monitor the situation and Provide updates when we have further information.

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## Denise Edgmon



Denise Elizabeth Edgmon, born August 1, 1967, slipped away from us unexpectedly on Saturday, February 11. Denise was born in Las Vegas and graduated from Boulder City High School. She came to Fallon in 1986 when her parents, Jerry and Georgia Edgmon, returned to the area. A few years after moving to Fallon, Denise followed her brother into the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. For nearly five years, she was one of a few female service women working in the icy waters of

the Pacific Area Search and Rescue.

Denise lived in North Carolina after Anchorage and returned to Fallon in 1996. From there, she went to cosmetology school in Carson City and became – not a nail technician, but a “Nail Therapist.” And she was that, for nearly thirty years. Not only was she an expert at her chosen profession, but she also had an ear and a heart for all her guests (and don’t call them clients). Denise also became Fallon’s Longaberger Lady, selling baskets and dreams to all who would listen, breaking sales records along the way.

Denise, crowned with her vibrant magenta curls, lived her life on her own terms, no question. Known for vocalizing her opinions and calling out anyone who dared to challenge them, she was uncompromising in her views and beliefs. But if she loved you – even liked you, beware the fool that came in between you and her.

An avid music lover and fan of live venues, she had no qualms about traveling far and wide in pursuit of this love. Denise also adored the Christmas Tree Lighting, not missing a single one from the time she returned to Fallon. A favorite spot of hers was her family’s hunting

camp at Cold Springs Station. To clarify, however, Denise was not a camper but rather a “Glamper.” Brave, passionate, and loving, Denise was Hell on Heels. Four inch, if you please.

The only things Denise loved more than music and sunshine were her family and friends. A deeply adoring mother, her greatest loves were her sons. She would move heaven and earth for them. And everyone else she loved. A true-born nurturer, Denise was the first on the scene if anyone was in distress, ill, or just needed a friend. Careful lest she adopts you, for soon you were part of her entire family.

She will be profoundly missed.

Denise was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carl and Florence Edgmon, her brother Jerry Don Edgmon, and her son Craig Sturman, who she tragically lost in December. She is survived by her parents, Gerald and Georgia Edgmon, her son Logan Strong, her brother Craig Edgmon and his wife Setsuko, and her partner, Jon Gilbaugh. She is also survived by former husbands Robert Sturman and Nathan Strong, along with several cousins, nieces, nephews and several extended family members.

A Celebration of Life for Denise is planned for June 10 at the Twisted Branch in Fallon at 5:00 p.m.



## Lela Mae Smith Vestey

Our beloved mother, Lela Mae Smith Vestey, passed away January 22, 2023 after a short bout with cancer. She was 81.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Chester D. Smith and her second husband Lano Vestey. She had a wonderful, fulfilled life with each of them.

She is survived by her two daugh-

ters, Tansy and Bryan Perchetti, and Laurie and Bob Gilmore. She was lucky enough to have two stepchildren as well, Shane Vestey and Shawna Kontney. Multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren completed her life. There will be no services as this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gardens Funeral Home.



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# Announcements

## February Divorces

Involved Parties	Disposition	Date
Brown, Tyrell v Brown, Dominique	Annulment	02/07/23
Cornelly, Shayna v Cornelly, Cleef Wilson Junior	Annulment	02/07/23
Eischen, Dalton Jacob v Bronze, Savannah	Annulment	02/28/23
Fowler, Walter Douglas Jr. v Phongprachith, Siamphone	Annulment	02/16/23
Meneti, Jasmine M. v Meneti, Charles	Annulment	02/27/23
Tijerino, Amber v Tijerino, Rolando Fransico Jr.	Annulment	02/28/23
Tigges, Duane v Castellanos, Karla	Annulment	02/10/23
Touray, Jainaba v Eiland, Matithia Talitha	Annulment	02/10/23
Arbel, Oron Refael v Frenkel, Shelby Maorr	Divorce	02/03/23
Bolzle, Denise J. v Bolzle, George Ted	Divorce	02/16/23
Brakebill, Karen P. v Brakebill, David B.	Divorce	02/22/23
Cartwright, Kelli Groves v Cartwright, Shane	Divorce	02/08/23
Delacruz, Lorenzo Ramon Jr. v Delacruz, Tanna	Divorce	02/13/23
Falzarano, August v Falzarano, Andrea Danielle	Divorce	02/07/23
Forbes, David v Forbes, Shirley	Divorce	02/08/23
Gonzalez, Ariel H. v Gonzalez, Gabriele S.	Divorce	02/16/23
Goss, Jeremy v Goss, Ashley	Divorce	02/14/23
Guo, Zhihuan v Zhang, Wenheng	Divorce	02/16/23
Hill, Jessica v Llewellyn, Barnaby	Divorce	02/16/23
Hins, Travis Edalor v Hins, Rachel Dawn	Divorce	02/07/23
Hjertstedt, Adam Stephen v Hjertstedt, Tonya	Divorce	02/21/23
Hoover, Julean v Garvin, Courtney	Divorce	02/16/23
Ireland, Ashley v Bailey, Kyle	Divorce	02/09/23

## 5K Foam Color Blast Run

Join us March 18th at 8:30am in Oats Park for our 5k Foam Color Blast Run! We will have a foam machine and 5 fun colors to get covered in as you run! Individual Entry Fee:

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 \$25 Day of Registration Team/Family of 4+ Entry Fee:  
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 \$25/each Day of Registration

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 9:30am - Race Begins! This will be an open course; all participants are required to follow normal pedestrian rules, such as running against traffic, watching for oncoming vehicles at intersections and so forth. **PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR:**  
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## Art Student Work on Display at Banner Churchill



### Staff Report

Jaime Shafer, Art Teacher at Churchill County High School announced this week that the newest exhibit of student work has been installed at the Banner Churchill Hospital. She expressed her gratitude to Rob Carnahan, CEO for his continued support of the students and this project.

On display is work created by:  
 Mikala Ledesma, Myles Coatney  
 Estrella Chavez  
 Trista Dorman  
 Fabiola Perez  
 Tutie Ames  
 Audrey Marion

The work presented represents the Drawing and Painting classes and the Art Exploration classes.



## Laney Lou and The Bird Dogs at Arts Council

Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m. join the Churchill Arts Council as they host Laney Lou and the Bird Dogs, an energetic Americana band from Bozeman, Montana that infuses four-part harmonies, engaging songwriting, and rock 'n' roll drive into a modern approach to traditional folk music.

Coming from varied musical backgrounds, the five-person ensemble creates a sound unique to them, but one that finds common ground by adding the energy of Montana's big sky country into their music. The Bird Dogs weave stories through their songs that are reflective, joyous, longing, or meant to share a journey with the listener. Through it all, the band is able to convey heartfelt honesty, getting the audience to immerse themselves in the moment by dancing, singing and laughing along.

The Bird Dogs have been taking their infectious sound on the road since 2013, supporting acts such as the Travelin' McCourys, the Steeldrivers, the Steep Canyon Rangers, Leftover Salmon, Town Mountain, and many more.



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# Local Government

## From High-End Training to Face Masks – How the School District Spent COVID Money

By Rachel Dahl

In early February this year, 87 staff members of the Churchill County School District traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado, staying at the Broadmoor Resort and Hotel, a five-star resort where they participated in the Modern Teacher Conference. Budgeted costs for the training and travel, as reflected in the Nevada Federal Relief Tracker, were roughly \$148,000.

During the February 8, 2023, school board meeting, Superintendent Summer Stephens reported that staff was returning that day from the professional development conference, including classified, licensed, and long-term subs. “I know sometimes it can be concerning because it does cost money, but ultimately it is our responsibility as a district to ensure that the people we have in front of kids every day, no matter what your role is, do have all the tools they need to make the impact we want them to make.”

She explained that since the beginning of the school year, the district has been able to provide several opportunities for professional development and when she thinks about the large amount of training given to the staff, “it has been amazing and I’m grateful we had the opportunity. It was probably once-in-a-lifetime.”

That’s just one example of how Churchill County School District is using \$7,280,880, or \$2,275 per student, in federal COVID relief aid that the district received as part of the money Nevada received since March of 2020 from three separate funding packages. The federal government allocated billions of dollars to K-12 grade education through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), with three separate allocations of money: ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER.

The Nevada Department of Education has developed the website, Nevada Federal Relief Tracker, at NevadaESSER.org, to inform the public how that relief money was allocated and being spent by school officials across the state to help students, and staff through the pandemic, and move beyond it.

Roughly 90% of the \$1.6 billion Nevada received went directly to local districts and charter schools. The rest was set aside for the Nevada Department of Education to allocate as grants. Of that funding, Clark County School District received \$1.2 billion, Washoe got \$123 million, and the State Public Charter School Authority received \$83 million which was distributed to the 73 sponsored charter schools across the state.

According to the website, which was last updated on February 3, 2023,

Churchill budgeted and spent the entire \$508.6 thousand of the ESSER I money. The ESSER II fund shows \$2.1 million budgeted, \$1.6 million spent, and \$519.1 thousand remaining. The budgeted \$4.7 million of the ARP ESSER funding is waiting to be spent. Of that \$4.7 million, \$3.2 million is budgeted for staff, \$221.8 thousand is budgeted for supplies, \$1 million for services and \$211.3 thousand is designated “other.”

One of the line items in the ARP ESSER is the Career Development Coordinator at the high school for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$52,515 which falls under the Services category. According to the narrative description in the report, that position will work with Career and Technical Education along with Work Based Learning as the district offers multiple paths toward graduation to prepare all students for college, career, and life. Plans in this area will be developed to work with Business and Industry as well as high school administrators and counselors to place students in work-based learning opportunities, support counselors in developing academic and career plans with students, and other areas related to CTE.

Under the staff category, the ARP ESSER shows \$1,180,000 for salaries, with the narrative explaining that district “employees overcame significant obstacles throughout the past two years, consistently providing the best service and opportunities for our students and families. Staff pulled together and worked collaboratively to demonstrate strength, determination, and perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The physical, mental, and emotional fortitude our employees exhibited throughout this year should be acknowledged and applauded. Therefore, an essential worker’s additional pay used to retain existing staff (employed in FY22) will be paid to address retention challenges in light of the pandemic. In addition, to retain substitutes more effectively in light of the challenges of



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## Legislative Update - Weather Delays the Legislative Session

Staff Report

With the 82nd Legislative Session now approximately one-sixth of the way through, there was a complete standstill this week as snow and wind in Carson City and Reno forced Governor Joe Lombardo to close the Capitol for at least 3 days as well as shut down all state, county, and city government offices in most of Northern Nevada. Some legislators were already in Carson for the week and chose to stay, including Assembly Speaker Steve Yeager. The Democrat from Clark County posted on Twitter that he is continuing to read bills and his passion for running even in the snow saying "This morning's run was a "snowventure" #optoutside."

Meanwhile, Assemblyman Greg Koenig also stayed in Carson since the cancellations were last minute. He had hoped that with some warning, he could come home to Fallon and see a few patients in his eye clinic. He mentioned that the word in the capitol is that there will be night and weekend sessions to make up for the lost days.

One of Koenig's bills, AB 92 which

authorizes a county board of commissioners to create the office of county counsel, was scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday of this week but due to the snow closures, he believes it will be moved to next Tuesday. The bill is in the Committee on Government Affairs and has bipartisan support though strong disapproval from the District Attorneys of Nevada.

Koenig is also a co-sponsor of AB 188 which is the "right to try" bill chief sponsored by a Republican Assemblywoman and Democrat State Senator James Ohrenschall of Clark County. Las Vegas Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama of District 2 has proposed AB 188, expanding the 2015 "Right to Try" law. In 2015, the legislature gave Nevadans access to treatments in Phase I clinical trials if a patient is terminally ill and exhausted all treatments.

AB 188, as written, would expand the options for care for breakthroughs in clinical trials including targeted treatments for individual patients based on their genetics and DNA. All these treatments are already FDA-approved, Kasama said. "It's still in federally ap-

proved and insured clinics. Of course, there's so many safeguards. In all these bills, the patient must have consent. We are relieving the doctors, the clinics, and the hospitals of any liability because everybody understands that this is experimental, but it is saving lives."

Koenig gave his approval as co-sponsor by saying: "If you are terminal, and nothing else could help, what do you have to lose?" Adding, "terminal but no other options...it's at least giving a chance." The bill has a slim chance of having a hearing with so much time lost and so many bills that are priorities for the majority party.

One other note from Koenig was that "it's good to have a Republican governor for balance." He referred to SB 124 which relates to the tax upon the net proceeds of minerals and royalties of mining operations, that passed out of a Senate committee on a party line vote but when it came to the Assembly, to avoid a promised veto by Governor Lombardo, it required three amendments before it would pass with a 37-5 bi-partisan vote in the Assembly.

### ....COVID Money

the pandemic, substitutes who worked at least 500 hours in FY22 will be paid \$1000 in August 2022. For district employees, this additional payment will be paid out in FY23 to active employees (regular employees and long-term subs in place as of August 11, 2022, and December 15, 2022). In each period, all regular employees and long-term substitutes employed at the time of the payment will be paid \$1500 at each period. This is an estimate as staffing levels are still being set. There is also \$602,500 in the ESSER II fund with the same explanation.

Again, under Services in the ARP ESSER funding, Expenditures for Professional Development is a line item for "staff travel (lodging, flights, per diem, ground transportation) calculated at the current GSA rates, for up to 95 staff members to Colorado Springs, CO February 5-8, 2023 for the Modern Teacher Conference to learn strategies to engage learners to address learning loss and learning gaps as a result of the pandemic. Cost not to exceed \$97,725.50 and are estimated at this time since exact costs are not yet known."

Also under that category is staff reg-

istrations for the Modern Teacher Conference in Colorado Springs, CO February 5-8, 2022, for up to 95 staff members to learn strategies to engage learners to address learning loss and learning gaps as a result of the pandemic. Costs are not to exceed \$51,500 and are estimated at this time since the exact costs are not yet known.

During the early days of the pandemic, the ESSER I fund was used for safety and operations expenses, with the district spending \$57,196 on Personal Protective Equipment and sanitizing supplies for students and staff. There were also several line items related to costs for additional hours and overtime for bus drivers as the district managed COVID requirements by providing transportation for in-person learning.

This story will be updated as the school district continues to allocate and spend the little over \$5 million of federal COVID relief funding at its disposal before it phases out and is gone by the end

## Churchill County Democrats Officers Elected

Staff Report

The Churchill County Democrats held their regular monthly meeting on February 9. They held their election for officers to serve for the next two years.

The newly-elected officers are Chair - Scott Tudehope; Vice-chair - Chuck Kaiser; Secretary - Jeanette Strong; Treasurer - Edith Isidoro-Mills; and Member at Large - Sharon Hedges-Hiller. They then heard a report from the Sawyer-Bryan Dinner committee. The dinner will be held on May 6. The Democrats meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., at the library annex. Submitted by Jeanette Strong, Secretary



## Law and Motion from District Court

By Teresa Moon

*The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, February 28, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.*

Jesse Calvin Gilbert, in custody, pleaded not guilty to the Category C Felony of Battery causing substantial bodily harm. A trial was set for September 27 - 29.

Landon Dakota Mason pleaded guilty to a Category C Felony Charge of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a 1st offense, which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered with sentencing set for May 23.

Troy Michaels Jock was not present for a Status Hearing on a non-technical probation violation involving absconding. His attorney, Steve Evenson, stated Jock is currently in custody in Winnemucca where he is facing over 100 felony charges. The case was continued.

Darian Michael Newman pleaded guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor Charge of Conspiracy to Commit Discharging a Firearm Within or From a Structure or a Motor Vehicle, which carries a possible penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. ADA Chelsea Sanford, speaking for the state, explained there was a fight in a bar and Newman left the premises, he later drove by the bar and discharged five shots from a firearm. "That type of behavior cannot be tolerated," stated Sanford. The state asked for a sentence of 364 days, all but 90 days suspended. Defense Attorney William Routsis stated Newman is "a relatively young man" at 26 and "in the heat of stupid alcohol and in a learning experience, he shot the gun into the air." The defense asked for probation. Newman apologized for his actions, saying it was stupid and ridiculous and he has regretted it ever since he did it. He apologized "to the people I probably frightened by committing the act." Standard fees and assessments were imposed. Stockard sentenced Newman to 364 days in Churchill County Jail with a \$1,000 fine. The jail time was suspended, Newman was placed on probation with standard conditions. He was ordered to have a substance and alcohol abuse evaluation, to follow the recommendations thereof, to make payments on the fine in the amount of \$150 a month, and to not possess any

firearm while he is on probation.

Salvatore Vera-Torres appeared with an interpreter for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st or 2nd offense, which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. ADA Aaron Thomas said under plea negotiations, the state will remain silent. Defense Attorney Roberto Puentes Jr. asked for diversion through drug court. Vera-Torres, when asked by Judge Stockard if he wants to attend the Western Regional Drug Court, replied, "Yes, if that helps make me a better person." Fees and assessments were imposed, and the proceedings were suspended until the defendant completes drug court. He will be on probation for 12-24 months with standard conditions applied.

Stacy Lynn Arias failed to appear for an arraignment. Public Defender Jacob Sommer stated he did not know why Arias was not present. He asked for a 2-week continuance to attempt to contact her. Court Services reported Arias has missed 6 testing days. ADA Thomas asked a warrant be issued. The judge ordered a Bench Warrant.

Hayley Ann Riebel appeared for arraignment. Brenda Ingram with Court Services told the court Riebel has not been showing up for testing and when she tested today, the test showed positive for methamphetamine. PD Charles Woodman said, "She's showing some positive momentum," and he asked for "significant consideration on my client's behalf today." He asked Riebel remain out of custody so she can gain employment and check in daily with Court Services while the case is continued for a week or two as Riebel cannot be arraigned while she is testing positive. ADA Thomas said the state asks the defendant to be remanded back into custody due to her positive test today and her history with Court Services until she tests clean so she can be arraigned. The judge continued the case until March 14. Riebel is to remain out of custody. She is to test daily with Court Services. The judge told the defendant that if she misses a test, he will issue a warrant.

Jillian Olivia Yesslith failed to appear for sentencing on the charge of Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property which she pled guilty to on January 31. Court Services reported that on February 13, Yesslith told them she would be appearing for testing, and she does not want to speak any further without her attorney. She has missed four random

tests. A Bench Warrant was issued.

David Flores-Saucedo appeared for sentencing on the Gross Misdemeanor Charge of Unlawful Possess, Sell, or Offer to Sell, Transfer, Purchase, Transport, or Receive a Firearm Without a Serial Number. ADA Lane Mills explained there was a video of the incident that showed the defendant did pull a gun, but he did not point it at anybody, he kept it pointed down.

PD Wright Noel asked for probation for Flores-Saucedo. There had been prior altercations, and the defendant had reached his boiling point. The defendant has since relocated to avoid future conflict. He made the gun, which has been confiscated by the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. Flores-Saucedo stated he could have handled the situation better and it was "an experience that shouldn't have happened." He received a suspended sentence of 364 in Churchill County Jail and was placed on probation for 12 months with standard conditions applied. He was ordered not to possess any firearms while on probation. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Hannah Marlene Cole, in custody, appeared for a Competency Hearing. The judge stated he has received evaluations from two doctors. Following discussion regarding the evaluations, the judge found Cole competent. He ordered her to remain in custody and set a Status Hearing for March 7.

Matthew Logan Spry, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing regarding custodial status. Spry has 5 Category A Felony charges involving Lewdness with a minor and Sexual Assault on a minor. PD Sommer asked that Spry be released on his own recognizance, with an ankle bracelet. Although the defendant doesn't have links to our community, he can stay with relatives in Winnemucca, or he can be monitored in Arizona where he is a resident. Sommer reminded the court Spry is presumed innocent until proven guilty. He said there is no criminal history or failure to appear that he is aware of and that the defendant knows a warrant would be issued if he failed to appear. Ingram said Court Services shows a warrant for Sexual Assault in Winnemucca. The judge said he shows a Domestic Violence and Failure to Appear from Union Justice Court in Winnemucca.

ADA Sanford said the state opposes OR release as the defendant is a flight

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risk as he doesn't live in Nevada. She said these are very serious charges and Spry is a safety risk. "Unfortunately, with these charges, an ankle monitor does not prevent these types of offenses." She said these are "the most scariest offenses" and "we have to protect our young individuals." Sanford said the defendant's girlfriend texted the 12-year-old victim saying just drop the charges and he'll get treatment. She concluded by saying due to the totality of the circumstances, the defendant should stay in custody. "He is a flight risk, and he is a risk to the community and all the vulnerable young people he comes in contact with." The judge stated the defendant has very minimal ties to Churchill County, he has a criminal history dating back to 2004 and Winnemucca has a hold on Spry for a Sexual Assault with a Child Under 14 years of age, which has bondable bail of \$500,000. Due to the severity of the potential sentences, the judge ruled bail is necessary and set the amount at \$600,000 bondable.

Kurt Arne-Henning Carlson, in custody, appeared for a Competency Hearing. The judge stated he has received evaluations from Dr. Amy Peterson and Dr. Melissa Piasecki. Both doctors found Carlson to be able to understand the nature of his charges, able to understand the nature and purpose of the court proceedings, and able to aid and assist his counsel. Stockard found Carlson to be competent and set trial for June 28 - 30.

Michael Jacob Casey, in custody, appeared for Judicial Review regarding Competency. Judge Stockard had evaluations from two doctors. Both doctors reported Casey was found to not be competent. Both doctors believe Casey may be treated to competency on an inpatient basis. The judge found the defendant is currently not competent. Casey was ordered to remain detained until inpatient treatment at Lake's Crossing can be secured. A Status Hearing was set for August 29.

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 Friday 28th @ 7pm  
 (GET 2 KIDS UNDER 10 IN FREE WITH PAYING ADULTS FRIDAY ONLY)  
 Saturday 29th @ 6pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)

**May**  
 Friday 26th @ 7pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)  
 Saturday 27th @ 6pm

**June**  
**OCTANE FEST**  
 Friday 9th @ 7pm  
 Saturday 10th @ 6pm  
 (points race both nights Friday Night Events Timed Tough Trucks, Trailer Race, Car Soccer Saturday Night Events Contact Tough Trucks, Demo Derby, Kids Power Wheels Demo Derby)

**July**  
 Monday 3rd @ 7pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)  
 Tuesday 4th @ 5pm  
 (CANDY TOSS AND FIREWORKS AFTER DARK)

**July**  
 Friday 25th @ 7pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)  
 Saturday 29th @ 6pm  
 (DRIVERS MEET & GREET SATURDAY ONLY)

**August**  
 Friday 25th @ 7pm  
 (T-SHIRT TOSS NIGHT)  
 Saturday 26th @ 6pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)

**September**  
 Friday 15th @ 7pm  
 (KIDS BIKE GIVEAWAY)  
 Saturday 16th @ 6pm  
 (MEMORIAL HOBBY STOCK RACE)

**October**  
**37th ANNUAL DIRT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Friday 6th @ 7pm & Saturday 7th @ 6pm  
 Awards Banquet - Saturday November 4th 5pm for Cocktails 6pm Dinner

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 All Other Classes - \$40

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# Education

## Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

### Ag Week Continues to Grow

By Angela Viera

National FFA week was February 18-25. Oasis FFA continued the long-standing tradition by planning fun activities for students in kindergarten through high school for the week.

FFA members spent time throughout the week in the elementary grades reading agriculture-based books to the students. The experience served dual purposes. It allowed high school students to connect with the younger grades through both agricultural experiences and FFA experiences.

The week also brought three fun



dress-up days. One day students dressed as their favorite animal, they wore camo and orange for Hunting Day, and finally closed out the week with Western Wear Day.

The culmination of the week though was the annual Ag Day, which has grown exponentially each year. FFA Students bring their Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects while younger students bring their agricultural projects as well to share with grades K-12.

"National FFA Week is something that all the students look forward to each year. We are so blessed to have such a supportive school and community that has helped grow our Ag Day into what it is today," said FFA Advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz.

Along with the typical farm animals of sheep, cows, pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits, ducks, a horse, alpaca, livestock guardian dogs, and a donkey, student Braylin Byrd also brought his Emu, Beep-Beep.

The day also included demonstra-

tions on floriculture, hunting, the outdoors, planting seeds, mechanics, and agriculture equipment (harrow bed, tractors, trucks, a drill, and loader).

"It is so exciting to see what the kids are working on. The projects are intensive, and I would like to thank all of the families that braved the cold day to support our students. Ms. Bogdanowicz works tirelessly with this organization, and she also deserves a huge shout-out for putting this day together," added Rochelle Tisdale, Chief Academic Officer.

To learn more about Oasis FFA contact Jackie Bogdanowicz at [jbogdanowicz@oanv.org](mailto:jbogdanowicz@oanv.org).



to overcome injuries, and sickness and oftentimes played with only six girls," said girl's coach Amanda Gilbertson. "I think it was good for the girls though because it helped them grow on and off the court, and they never let it stop them from giving everything they had. They are better basketball players and people because of what they were able to accomplish this season. You can't always judge performance by wins and losses, you must be able to take a step back and look at

the bigger picture. I'm looking forward to next season with these amazing girls." the Space Needle. We were excited to learn that there is a restaurant at the top of the Space Needle!" said Ryatt Jackson. "I'm really excited to present again sometime!" finished de Leon.

### Basketball Awards Presented

Boys' and girls' basketball teams had their post-season awards banquets on Thursday, February 23. The banquet was an opportunity to celebrate a competitive season and recognize students who earned both NIAA awards and school awards.

NIAA award recipients included: NIAA All-League 2nd Team - Fenn Mackedon, NIAA All-League Honorable Mentions - Casamaro White, Matthew Bird, Taylynn Maynez, and Dahlia Creer. The following students were named NIAA All-State Academic team for having a 4.0 - Casamaro White, Fenn Mackedon, Matthew Bird, Trevor Barrenchea, Grace Laca, Dahlia Creer, and Yasmine Barnes.

"This season was all about growth and overcoming adversity. We had a young team with minimal experience this year, and on top of that the girls had

### Senior Spotlight: Tristan Clark



Taking to the sky, Oasis Senior Tristan Clark plans to attend school for commercial piloting when he graduates in May.

Clark started at Oasis Academy College Prep as a freshman. His favorite memories are hanging out with friends after classes.

"My favorite classes were any of the art classes I took," said Clark.

Along with school, Clark has also been active in both Boys Scouts and playing soccer.

"My advice for future students is to do your work as soon as possible, even if you think you will have time to do it later," Clark said.

Clark will graduate in May with his high school diploma.





## ChurchillCSD Celebrates Read Across America Week



Numa's Student Council in front of the board in the library where Numa students shared their favorite books. Pictured left to right: Peyton Gray Bryant, Vivian Gomes, Adrienne Gerrard, Melody Plank, Ashlyn Johnson, Alieya Molina, Sarah Peterson, Ayhdyn Docherty, Darius Fruzza, Yanis Barajas.

By Kaitlin Ritchie

Read Across America Week is celebrated each year during the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd. In honor of Read Across America Week, our schools have hosted fun activities, invited in guest readers, and have had a week of dress-up days to celebrate and promote reading. Students at Northside Early Learning Center enjoyed the week of dressing up but having Dr. Seuss's books read to them was by far their favorite thing about Reading Across America Week.

Not only was Dr. Seuss an author but also a cartoonist and illustrator so his books have bright and colorful images to go with the quirky way he wrote them. His books are truly one of a kind which makes them fun for younger students. One of Dr. Seuss's books Sandy Was-smuth read to her students this week was "Fox and Socks" on Crazy Sock Day. "The kids kept telling me to read faster because it sounded sillier that way," said Wassmuth. The giggles would fill the room as she read, and their faces would light up with pure joy as she would read faster. "Seeing their enjoyment for reading and eagerness is truly what this week is all about," said Wassmuth.

Lahontan Elementary School Librarian Megan Smith worked hard to make this week special for students and decked her library out in Dr. Seuss. "I love reading and hope to pass that love onto the children that come to my library, which is why I always make it a fun environment for them," said Smith. She also invited readers to come in and read with students during their designated classroom library time. "Read Across America

Week is a good opportunity for me to bring in other readers from our community to share their love of reading with our kids as well," said Smith. Although there is so much fun to be had and many things to love about this week, Smith said her favorite part is stop, drop, and read.

"Every morning at 10:15 a.m., I announce it's time to stop, drop and read over the intercom and everyone in the school stops what they're doing and reads for 10 minutes. It has been a fun way to get the entire school involved," said Smith. There is too much to possibly fit into just one week so LES decided to celebrate Read Across America Week the entire month of March. "I will have different activities happening in the library every week and we will have our book fair and literacy night as well," said Smith. Students will also have more fun dress-up days to look forward to in March such as Crazy Hair Day, Polka Dot Day, Wacky Wednesday, and more.

E.C. Best Literacy Specialist Linda Rasmussen began planning Read Across America Week in January and said it is one of her favorite weeks during the school year. "It is a special time set aside to reflect on how reading affects each of us. Literacy opens a whole new world and that is what this week feels like it does for our students and staff," said Rasmussen. The staff at ECB made the dress-up days fun for their students by dressing up with them. "The Best staff always goes into everything with their heart and when it comes to dress-up days they are all in. They truly do a remarkable job making school special and fun for our students," said Principal Keith Boone. This year Reading Across Amer-

ica Week also correlated with literacy night and the book fair which made it even more special because parents were able to get involved as well. "My favorite part of this week was gathering with the families at our literacy night and getting to watch the kids enjoy and share literacy and reading with their parents," said Rasmussen.

At Numa Elementary School student council members met in January and brought several ideas and suggestions to the table for Read Across America Week. After lengthy discussions students were set on two dress-up days, Reading is Cool Day and Favorite Book Character Day, and then they came up with an idea that would require participation from the entire student body having grade-level traveling stories. Students drew sticks to determine whose class would get to start the adventure story, how it would flow, and whose class would write the conclusion.

Each grade level is co-writing a traveling story so in the end there will be two adventure stories that Numa hopes to print and have available for parents at their book fair and literacy night later in March. "We were so excited they came up with this idea and thought it was a great way for them to use their creativity and develop a finished product both as a class and as a grade level," said Counselor Noreen Swenson.

Other ways students celebrated Read Across America Week were sharing their favorite books by posting titles on the board in the library, decorating their classroom doors in ways that highlighted reading, and showing off their favorite books. "Our students truly took ownership of this week. They not only included a few dress-up days but also came up with some out-of-the-box activities. They were very creative and thoughtful when planning this week which is more than we could ask for in our students. It has been fun to watch them grow and flourish this last year," said Swenson.





# FFA Week at Oasis Academy



Nearly 60 Oasis Academy FFA members participated in National FFA Week, enduring not only the freezing wind but also keeping their animals comfortable for the six hours so fellow students and staff could come for a quick guided lesson. Fallon Safeway also sent a surprise to the Future Farmers of America with some hot cocoa and cookies to help with those cold temperatures. Advisor, Jackie Bogdanowicz stated that each class from every grade attended Ag Day and got a chance to learn about local agriculture.



Hailey Hiibel ropes the calf dummy, Tyler Crystal with the tractor his grampa Pete left him, Bailey Beebe trying to keep warm with her sheep, and Laynee Diaz with her miniature donkey.

Photos by Victoria Crystal





# FFA Week at Oasis Academy



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## Sierra Nevada Football Club

### Fallon's Lady Vipers Strike Gold

Staff Report

The Vipers' first trip to Utah this past July was to participate in the Park City Extreme Cup Tournament, and they came home with the gold. And it wasn't a fluke, since their affiliation with the Sierra Nevada Fútbol Club in 2017 they have also won the Great Basin Youth Soccer League Championship in Reno, Indoor, and were runner-up at Reno's Mountain View Los Altos Cup. The team took 3rd place overall at the Rogue Memorial Tournament in Medford, Oregon, 4th place in Arizona's Recreational Soccer League Tournament, 4th place at the Copa del Rey Tournament in Sacramento, 3rd overall at the Folsom Lake Surf Halloween Classic, and have many more top-five finishes.

The Vipers' affiliation with the SNFC created a competitive soccer program for the girls. Since then, the Lady Vipers have played in many tournaments. The team is not just a soccer team, they are a family, and family support is one of the main reasons they have been so successful. They have been invited to play in premier tournaments this year that the players are very excited to attend. The Vipers are not only making waves across Northern Nevada but in several other states as well. They have played with and beaten Elite Clubs National Soccer teams and Pre-National Premier teams. The players have gone up against some of the best, and the Fallon Vipers have stepped up and played beautiful soccer.

As part of the SNFC, the primary focus is the players and supporting the coaches as they teach and motivate the girls. The methodology doesn't only concentrate on physical fitness, though that is important. The focus is to train intelligence, focus on the player's cognitive approach, and nurture the player's intellect. The approach is on the player first. Soccer is simply never played the same way every time, so the team members are taught to manage their emotions, their space, and the ball. If you see the girls play, you will see how beautifully they play the game, and how they move the ball and control the game. Some of their games have been nail-biters where the intensity and emotions are high, and the team has won those games by keeping it simple. It's a beautiful feeling for the players and coaches alike when all the

training and coaching education pieces come together.

The goal for the next several years is to help the players reach their dreams of possibly playing collegiate soccer. For the next few years, there will be several college showcase tournaments for the team to attend in addition to many other opportunities. Another great chance this upcoming season is to finally have home games in Fallon. There will be U17, U15, and U9 games in Fallon. All the games will be starting at 10 a.m. The games will be at Churchill County High. The schedule will be out soon. Games will be on Saturdays and some Fridays for our U9, U15, U17 competitive teams.

The program's future is looking bright. Over the last several months, there has been an incredible amount of outreach to girls of all levels wanting and seeking to join the team. The Vipers are proud to have U9, U15, and U17 girls' teams, and hope to start a U5 toddler group.

Looking for new players is a continuing process. If you are interested in joining, the Vipers are currently looking for players born in 2006 through 2011, 2013, and 2014 who are not committed to any other U.S. Club soccer team.

The first spring soccer game will be after March 24th. The game schedule will be posted as soon as everything is finalized, and they hope to see the community rally behind the Lady Vipers' teams. If you want to see our local girls play competitive soccer, keep an eye out for their schedule.



### Community Meetings

Mar. 6 - Mar. 10

Fallon City Council  
Mar. 7 at 9 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
55 West Williams Avenue

CCSD Board of Trustees  
Mar. 8 at 5:30 p.m.  
District Office  
690 South Maine Street

Parks & Recreation Commission  
Mar. 7 at 7 p.m.  
Commission Chambers  
155 North Taylor Street

Planning Commission  
Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.  
Commission Chambers  
155 North Taylor Street

Advisory Board to Manage  
Wildlife  
Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.  
Room 102  
155 North Taylor Street

Central Nevada Health District  
Mar. 9 at 1:30 p.m.  
Commission Chambers  
155 North Taylor Street

### Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken  
March 2, 2023 at 7:40 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir  
131,500 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen  
0.00 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth  
0.00 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan  
13.4 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill  
306 cfs

March 01

2023 : 130,738 acre feet

2022 : 107,596 acre feet

2021 : 107,353 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second  
af - Acre Feet

Source: [TCID.org](http://TCID.org) & [WaterData.USGS.gov](http://WaterData.USGS.gov)



## Schedule for the weekend games...

### Greenwave Sports

Churchill County High School Greenwave athletics is in a slow period before Spring sports schedules get fully underway. Baseball will begin with non league play next weekend as well as softball.

This Friday the swim teams will compete:

2:00pm Girls Varsity/JV/Freshman Dual vs. North Valleys High at Truckee Community Swimming Pool

2:00pm Boys Varsity/JV/Freshman Dual vs. North Valleys High at Truckee Community Swimming Pool

Both Boys and Girls track will meet in Fernley (weather permitting) at about 10am this Saturday.

Baseball and Softball Varsity teams will have home games on Friday 3/10 and Saturday 3/11, JV will play away.

Track will be at Dayton on Saturday 3/11 9:00 AM.

Swim will be in Carson at the Aquatic Center on Saturday 3/11 9:00 AM.

### University of Nevada Wolfpack

The Wolfpack baseball team plays a home series this weekend against Hofstra with games on Friday at 12:05, Saturday at 3:05 and Sunday at 12:05. Meanwhile the softball team travels to Miami, Florida for a weekend of games.

### MLB in Vegas?

Fox 5 News in Las Vegas recently reported that the Oakland Athletics are exploring the Rio site as a potential Major League Baseball ballpark in Las Vegas. "The A's are exploring the Rio site as a potential ballpark location," a spokeswoman for the team told FOX5. Separately, Dreamscape Properties, the owner of the Rio, also confirmed that it had been contacted about the potential for the site to serve as a MLB facility. Dreamscape said in a statement that, "the company has been engaged in a dialogue about a portion of the excess land at the

### Oasis Bighorn Sports

Both baseball and softball that was schedule for this weekend has been cancelled. Softball will be at home vs. Carlin on Saturday the 11th and baseball will be at home vs. Silver Sage on the 11th as well. More details in next week's edition.



### Outlaw Wrestlers

Below: Over 100 teams from 12 states gathered for the annual Rocky Mountain Nationals Rumble in Reno and the Outlaws rose to the occasion finishing top 10 as a team in the morning session and top 15 in the afternoon. There are too many highlights and outstanding performances to name them all but we are super proud of our Outlaw wrestlers and the parents that have been supporting them all season!!! Next up SWA Championships @ Churchill County HS.





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# Local Columnists

## Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: *March 3-9*

*Where are we underestimating our ability to be bigger and better than our differences, our hurts, and our hardships? That noble place within us all gets buried over time by the attrition of struggle through life. This week we have the opportunity to rediscover that grandness inside we all have as a precious resource that tells us we are worth more, we are capable of more, we can give more, and that we are more than what life throws at us. We are innately greater than we think. Find your inner greatness.*

**Aries – Freedom.** Allowing yourself to move forward, to dare, to risk, to give, is where you find your courage. Your light shines into the future, illuminating your path towards a successful outcome and how to get there. Set yourself free by daring to believe it can happen. You have much to offer, overcome any obstacles through the bravery of giving.

**Taurus – Courage.** I was wrong. Three of the hardest words to say for mere mortals. But not so much when returning to a happy, stable relationship is worth taking ownership of those words. Courage is your inner light that outshines defeat, pride, or humility. Follow your inner light and it will show you your inner strength. All will be worked out.

**Gemini – Progress.** Your light shines inward showing you where and how progress has been stalled. A personal inventory can reveal what needs to be addressed in order to make progress through healthy communication. The stress, and mental fatigue of revisiting “how to work things out” can be overcome. Have courage to move forward.

**Cancer – Compassion.** Being true to your inner nature of nurturing is your inner light that shines outward into your relationships this week. Your compassion can be easily expressed, overcoming old

feelings and thoughts that kept you from acting on your true essence of being. This is a big breakthrough that brings you back home to your core values of who you are.

**Leo – Opportunity.** Here comes the proverbial leap of faith that all comes down to a choice. A new opportunity brings questions of change. Your inner light is bursting for a new adventure and your surrounding influences are encouraging you to take a chance. Listen to your inner guidance for help on making the right choice for yourself.

**Virgo – Cooperation.** A little sting to the ego is something like a check engine light. So you look inside to see how you have been running, do a little fine tuning and get back on the road. No need to beat yourself up, this works in your favor as it brings to light where you may be too combative, and the fix is to focus on cooperation and peace keeping. Easy peasy.

**Libra – Reconcile.** Name your pain, recognize it, but do not identify yourself as your pain. Forgiveness and reconciliation will help melt away any hurt you have been carrying. It is a good time to be open and honest with your feelings now. Strong mental energy to face down what has felt constricting and isolating helps to overcome any self-pity, sorrow, or guilt.

**Scorpio – Dignity.** If you have been settling for less than, afraid to move on, or struggling to make sense of what you want, this week will help you address these issues. Start from the inside and give yourself the security and stability you need. Your dignity is determined on how well you treat yourself in response to being mistreated.

**Sagittarius – Selfish.** Sometimes you

just need to love yourself first and do what you need to do to provide yourself with your own sunshine. And this week brings back the same old, same old just so you can prove to yourself that you are capable of providing yourself with inner fulfillment by focusing on your own goals and responsibilities. Do your best and forget the rest. Minding your own business never felt so good.

**Capricorn – Worth.** If you live on the assumptions of the past and cast yourself in stone based on those beliefs, you deprive yourself of hope for a different future. Forgiving yourself and others breaks that stone that you have sculpted yourself into and allows you to redefine and recreate your sense of inner self worth.

**Aquarius – Avoidance.** This week helps you face what you have been avoiding. Overcome the paralysis of emotional indulgence by engaging rather than evading. You’ll be able to express yourself clearly and work through communication struggles. If there is a tendency to sabotage your relationships, this too can finally be addressed.

**Pisces – Peace.** When you finally figure this thing out and do your best, but the other side just doesn’t align with you, is the test this week. Overcoming the tendency to associate this situation with your self-worth and the desire to be chosen is the objective. Finding your own inner peace is the way. Keeping it is a practice.

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

<p><b>March</b> Lunch Served 11:30am - 12:30pm</p>  <p>Ages 60 and over; \$3 suggested donation - Under age 60 \$6</p>	<p><b>6</b> Turkey Ala King</p> <hr/> <p>Buttermilk Biscuits Broccoli Rice Pilaf Apricots Orco Cookies</p>	<p><b>7</b> Beef Nacho Casserole</p> <hr/> <p>Refried Beans Spanish Rice Orange Spinach Salad Seasonal fruit ADSD =145</p>	<p><b>8 Birthday Lunch</b> Roast Pork Tenderloin</p> <hr/> <p>Beans w/Bacon Potato Salad Honey Dijon Vegetables Spring Salad ADSD =149</p>	<p><b>9</b> Swedish Meatballs</p> <hr/> <p>Seasoned Egg Noodles Scandinavian Vegetables Tropical Fruit</p>	<p><b>10</b> Chicken Nugget Bowl</p> <hr/> <p>Mashed Potato w/Gravy Corn Cheddar Cheese Dinner Roll Diced Peaches</p>
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Pennington Life Center | 775-423-7096 | Lunch served in dining room located at - 952 S. Maine St.



## What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- *Cooking Meat Cuts*

I enjoy many things about living in a small town—and not just any small town, but this one in particular. I love how connected people in our community are to one another.

On a trip to Safeway last week, I bumped into friends who provided feedback about past articles and ideas for new articles. Perhaps most pressing was a request for assistance with preparing a chunk of local lamb that currently resides in a freezer, as I am not sure what part of the lamb it is, we will talk about them all.

### *Cuts to Cook High and Fast (Rib, Sirloin, Tenderloin, Short Loin, Flank, Top Round)*

These premium cuts of meat benefit from dry cooking at high temperatures and are served to the preferred doneness of the diner. You might know these cuts by the names rack, filet, rump, strip, porterhouse, bavette, or plate. The short loin of an animal gives us New York strip steaks, T-bones, and Porterhouses. When preparing any of these cuts, choose a cooking method that involves high heat. Fire up your grill or use a skillet on the stovetop. Season liberally with salt and pepper or your own signature blend of herbs and spices. You can finish these cuts in the oven to reach your desired doneness. Core internal temperatures for different levels of doneness are as follows:

- Rare - 125°-130°
- Medium Rare - 130°-140°
- Medium - 140°-150°
- Medium Well - 150°-160°
- Well - 160°+

While these temperatures are listed as a range, always err on the lower side because you can always cook meat a little

longer but it's impossible to uncook the meat.

### *Cuts to Cook Low and Slow (Chuck, Plate, Brisket, Bottom Sirloin, Round, Shank)*

These cuts benefit from cooking low and slow, to a much greater level of doneness. The two factors that make these cuts ideal for pot roasts, stews, low roasts, and braises are their size and the amount of connective tissue throughout the muscle. When you heat connective tissue or collagen to 140° it starts to turn into gelatin. This process peaks around 185°. If you want to enjoy a cut of meat that has connective tissue in it, you will want to cook it well done or you will spend a lot of time chewing.

You might be familiar with these by the names rump, blade or shoulder roast, short rib roast, brisket, bottom round, shank steak, or leg.

### *Rules Have Exceptions*

The bottom sirloin or rump roast can be cooked as a roast and it can be grilled or broiled, typically known as a tri-tip. The flank steak is deliciously grilled or braised when prepared as fajitas or London broil. And the shank can be slow-cooked like osso bucco or roasted to medium rare like a leg of lamb.

### *Slow-Roasted Leg of Lamb*

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 T extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 2 T finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 T zest from 1 lemon
- 1/2 t red pepper flakes
- 2 T kosher salt
- 1/2 t freshly ground black pepper

1 whole butterflied boneless leg of lamb, carefully trimmed of internal fat and connective tissue, (10 to 12 pounds)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 275°F (135°C). Heat olive oil in a small saucepan over medium heat until shimmering. Add garlic, shallot, rosemary, lemon zest, and red pepper flakes. Cook, stirring occasionally until shallots and garlic are softened, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl. Add salt and pepper and mix with a fork to combine.

Rub half of mixture inside butterflied lamb leg. Roll leg and tie securely at 1-inch intervals with butcher's twine. Rub remaining mixture over exterior of lamb. Cook immediately or let rest uncovered in the refrigerator for up to one night for best flavor and texture.

When ready to cook, place lamb on a wire rack set in a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Transfer to oven and roast until an instant-read thermometer inserted into coolest section of lamb registers 125°F to 130°F (52° to 54°C) for medium-rare, 130°F to 135°F for medium (54° to 57°C), 3 to 3½ hours. Remove from oven and let rest for 40 minutes.

While lamb is resting, increase oven temperature to 500°F (260°C). Return lamb to oven and roast until exterior is deep brown and crisp, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let rest 5 minutes. Remove twine with kitchen shears, transfer lamb to cutting board, slice into ¼ inch slices, serve.

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

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# Entertainment

## Carol's Book Report – *Plan Your Next Vacation @ the Library*



Not many travel books have been purchased in the past couple of years, mostly due to the pandemic. And now that folks are out and about more it was time to refresh the library's travel collection. We have a broad range of titles and publishers from which to choose. Check out the display at the front of the library. If you don't want to venture, out many titles are available through downloadable eBooks via hoopla and Overdrive/Libby. And travel related titles via streaming video can be viewed on Kanopy. All you need is a library card. The library is here to inspire and inform you about your next travel adventure.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She will be traveling to Sedona soon and the east coast later this spring and summer. She is excited.

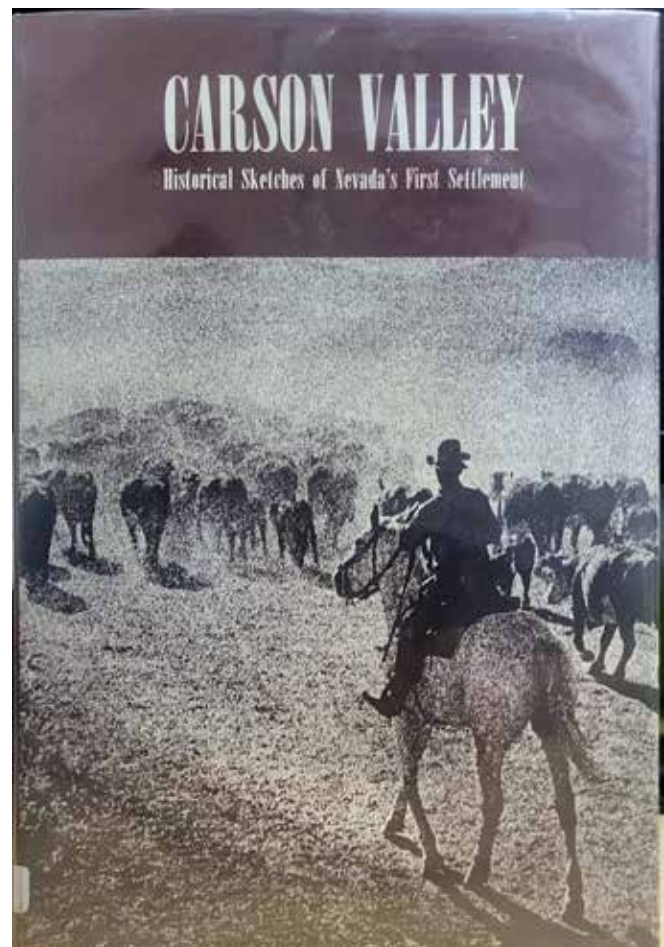
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2023

*Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library*



This week the Museum wanted to highlight a local Nevadan author: Grace Dangberg. Grace wrote the book to the right (*Carson Valley: Historical Sketches of Nevada's First Settlement*).

Norman Frey came by the Museum yesterday and he was talking to Mel about his family's history. During the conversation he talked about this book and said that if we don't have it we should get it. We took that recommendation to heart and looked in our reference library to see if we have it and we do! Feel free to come by the Museum to see what it is about!





## Movies & More

*Your Community-Owned & Operated  
Fallon Theatre*

We have two great movies and some great live music for you this weekend. On Friday, March 10 at 6:00 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 sidetracked in Boston and are 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 11, join us for a great night of live local music with The Great Basin Band on our historic stage. Doors open at 6 p.m., music starts at 7 and tickets are \$10 per person. Hope to see you there.

All movies are free, see you there.

**March Movies**

Friday 3/3  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
BOURNE SUPREMACY

Friday 3/10  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
SHREK THE THIRD  
TOM CRUISE  
NICOLE KIDMAN  
FAR AND AWAY

Friday 3/17  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
SHREK THE THIRD  
TOM CRUISE  
NICOLE KIDMAN  
FAR AND AWAY

Live Comedy!  
Friday 3/24  
7:30pm  
\$25

Friday 3/31  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
SHREK THE THIRD  
TOM CRUISE  
NICOLE KIDMAN  
FAR AND AWAY

Saturday 3/4  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
BOURNE SUPREMACY

Live Music!  
Saturday 3/11  
7:00pm  
\$10  
Great Basin Band

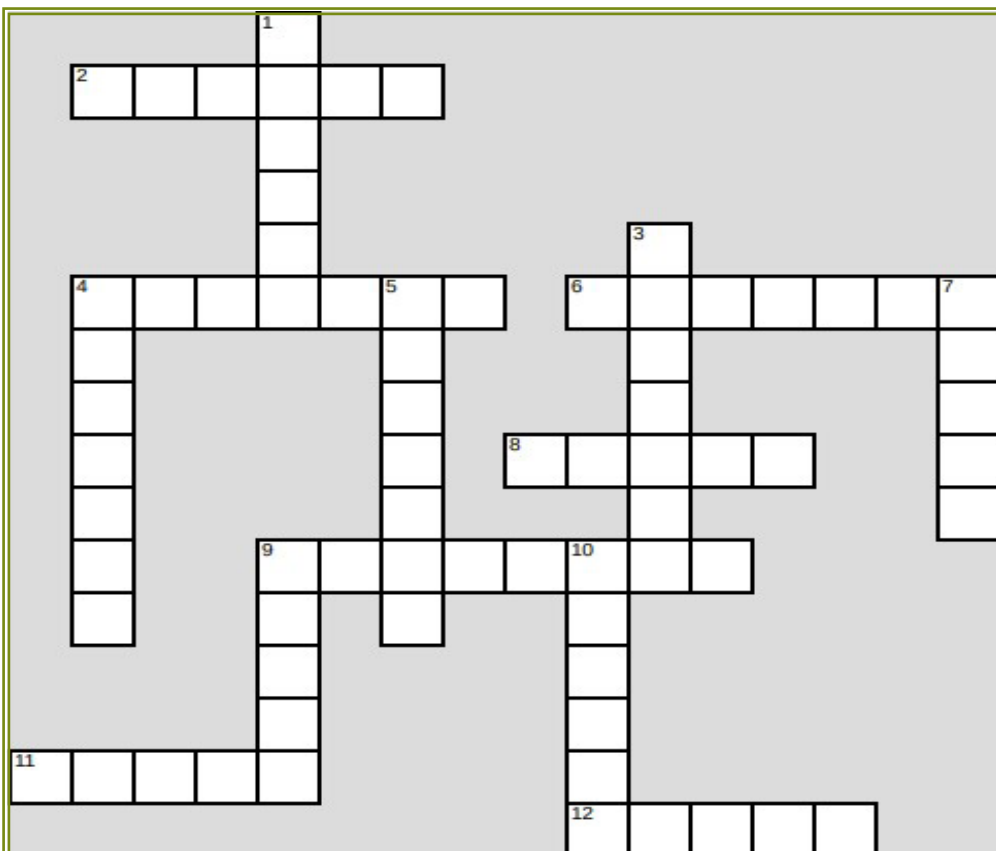
Saturday 3/18  
6:00 & 6:30pm  
\$20 per couple  
MOVIE NIGHT  
MARCH 18, 2023

Saturday 3/25  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
Care Bears

Saturday 4/1  
6:00 & 7:00pm  
SHREK THE THIRD  
TOM CRUISE  
NICOLE KIDMAN  
FAR AND AWAY

**All Regular Movies FREE!**

## Superbowl MVPs – by Peanut



### ACROSS

- 2 Broncos LB '16
- 4 Chiefs QB '20 & '23
- 6 Packers QB '11
- 8 Only four-time winner
- 9 Steelers QB, '79 & '80
- 11 Eagles QB '18
- 12 Packers QB '67 & '68

### DOWN

- 1 Ravens QB '13
- 3 49ers QB, three wins
- 4 Giants QB '08 & '12
- 5 Patriots WR '19
- 7 Seahawks LB '14
- 9 Saints QB '10
- 10 Steelers WR '09



# Legal Notices

## 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

1. 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](mailto: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

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

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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.

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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](http://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](mailto: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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# Legal Notices

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AUDIT SERVICES WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, YERINGTON, NEVADA

### I. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Walker River Irrigation District (the 'District') invites qualified, certified public accounting firms, licensed to practice in Nevada, to submit proposals for the purpose of securing audit services.

### II. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Walker River Irrigation District is an irrigation district located in Douglas and Lyon County, NV and Mono County, CA. The District operates as a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and is governed by Nevada Revised Statute 539.

The District is solely funded by constituent assessments and does not have a state approved budget. The District currently has eight budgeted funds consisting of the General Fund, Reservoir Fund, Local #1, Local #2, Local #3, Local #4, Equipment Fund, and a Water Distribution Fund. The District provides payroll and worker's compensation services for eleven independent irrigation ditch companies. The eleven ditch company funds do not carry a fund balance and are operated on a completely reimbursable basis. The District currently has two federal grant funds and is subject to a Single Audit when required. The District's accounting includes revenue/expense tracking, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and asset depreciation. The District uses an outside payroll service, Paycor, for its payroll processing.

The District does not employ an audit firm rotation policy. The selected firm will perform audits beginning with Fiscal Year 2022-23 and could be utilized annually until the selected firm or District Board Members request otherwise.

A copy of the District's most recent financial audit can be viewed at [www.wrid.us](http://www.wrid.us)

### III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following schedule of events is indicated for planning purposes but may be varied at the District's convenience as required. Every effort will be made to adhere to the schedule.

#### Event Deadline

Request for Proposal February 7, 2023  
Deadline for Proposal April 1, 2023  
Selection of Firm April 7, 2023

### IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following services will be required at minimum and should constitute a basis for a response to the Request for Proposal.

1. Perform an annual audit of the Walker River Irrigation District's financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. If a single audit is required, the audit must be conducted in accordance with the standards set forth in the US General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards, the provisions of the Single Audit Act, the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Audits of State and Local Governments.
2. Prepare the financial statements and notes to financial statements. If necessary, prepare a single audit report, and submit all documents and filings.
3. Prepare a management letter to include a statement of audit findings and recommendations. (Should include but not limited to financial statements, internal control, inefficiencies, duplications, accounting systems, and legality of actions.)
4. Submit a completed audit report and management letter to the District on or before December 1 of each year.
5. Present findings and report to the District on or before December 7 of each year.

### V. GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### 1. RFP Responses

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will remain the property of Walker River Irrigation District and any cost incurred by the bidder in preparing the proposal will be borne solely by the bidder.

#### 2. Acceptance of Offer

The signed proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder; such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the District of a notice of acceptance or other contractual document.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

The bidder certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that no elected or appointed Director of Walker River Irrigation District is financially interested, directly or indirectly in the performance of the services specified in this RFP.

#### 4. Modifications or Changes

No agreement or understanding to modify this RFP and resultant contracts shall be binding upon the District unless made in writing by the Walker River Irrigation District.

### VI. FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. In order to simplify the review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparison, proposals must be organized in a standard format. The following outline suggests a typical organization within

such format which will provide information necessary for processing of the RFP.

#### a. Title Page

i. Indicate the name of the firm, local address, telephone number with extension, email address, name of the contact person and the date.

#### b. Table of Contents

i. Include a clear identification of the material by section and by page number.

#### c. Letter of Transmittal

i. Limit to two pages.

ii. Briefly state the firm's understanding of the services to be performed and make a positive commitment to perform the services within the time period stated in Section IV.

iii. State the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the firm; their titles, credentials, addresses and telephone numbers.

iv. State that the person signing the letter is authorized to bind the firm.

#### d. Profile of the Firm

i. State whether the firm is local to the Mason Valley or Smith Valley area or is local to the Northern Nevada region.

ii. State the location of the office from which the services are to be performed and the number of professional staff employed at the office that will be assigned to perform the services.

iii. Describe the range of activities performed by the local office such as auditing, accounting, tax services, management services, etc.

iv. Describe the local office's capability of auditing governmental units, including the number of personnel skilled in governmental auditing.

#### e. Mandatory Criteria

i. State that the firm is a properly licensed CPA firm and holds a permit to practice in the State of Nevada.

ii. State that the firm meets the independent standards of the GAO Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions.

#### f. Summary of the Firm's Qualifications

i. Identify the supervisors who will work on the audit.

ii. Description of the local office's most recent auditing experience similar to the type of audit requested.

iii. Provide, in appendix, if necessary, a copy of the most recent peer review letter.

#### g. Firm's Approach to the Audit

i. State whether the financial information will be evaluated in-person or whether that information will be delivered and evaluated remotely.

ii. State what documents will be required for pre yearend testing, year-end testing, and completion.

#### h. Compensation

i. State the total estimated hours and

hourly fee resulting in the maximum fee to be paid annually. Include separately the cost of a Single Audit.

ii. In the instance of multiple years of audit services, state the expected annual increase for services provided.

## VII. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. The bidder must submit a SEALED, WRITTEN proposal package to the Walker River Irrigation District no later than 3:30pm, April 1, 2023. The mailing address is:

Walker River Irrigation District  
Attn: J Halterman  
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