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Tanner Relieves Morrison During Change of Command



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By Rachel Dahl

In a dignified, patriotic ceremony last Friday in Hanger 7 at NAS Fallon among friends, service members, and the community, Captain Shane Tanner took command of what he referred to as “the aircraft carrier strategically beached in the desert.”

Relieving Captain Evan Morrison, who culminated his 36-year military career on Friday, Tanner said, “I am honored to take command of this base. With war drums beating in Europe and the rhetoric increasing in the Western Pacific, there can be no better place of relevance in naval aviation and naval warfighting readiness than where we sit right now.”

Commander of Navy Region Southwest, Rear Admiral Stephen D. Barnett was on hand to pass the torch from Morrison to Tanner. Introducing Barnett, Morrison said, “he is the type of person I would follow anywhere, in any job, in any capacity.”

Barnett talked about the importance of the support successful leaders receive from their team and their family. “At home, we have a support system, too.” He recognized each of Morrison’s and Tanner’s family members sitting on the front row at the ceremony. “You may not wear the uniform, but you deploy just like we do, so thank you for all you do.”

Recognizing Morrison’s leadership during his three years in Fallon, Barnett said Morrison oversaw more than 46,000 multiservice and multinational personnel, bringing with them, 16 air wings, 22 strike fighter programs, and 32 unit-level detachments. He also orchestrated over \$46 million in construction projects including runways, taxiways, and base infrastructure, along with leading the Longhorn SAR team, coordinating 20 searches with 10 rescues, and saving eight lives.

“We’re also going to retire Sheik, (Morrison’s call sign) and his mustache, and celebrate a life of service to his country and his mission,” said Barnett.

Barnett walked down memory lane, beginning with 1986 when Morrison joined the military, noting gas prices, parachute pants, and the famous movie at the time, “Top Gun.” He said twenty years ago Morrison served in Fallon, living in a house on the Fernley golf course – and now, coming full circle, he lives in Fernley on the golf course.

Taking the podium, Morrison said he was 17 years old when he first put on the uniform. “Honestly my first 72 hours in Air Force basic training, I truly thought I had made one of the biggest mistakes of my life, let alone thinking I would be here, wearing the uniform 36 years later. It’s been all I’ve known my entire adult life and I thank God for the privilege of serving this long.”

Reflecting on his career Morrison expressed gratitude for the men and women who came before him, those who served with him, and those who take the oath to serve in the future. “I did not get

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Captains Log -- *Squirrel. No Blue Jay. No, Scrub Jay*

I tend to get distracted super easy. Like right now, for instance. We're all excited we've got everything done for the paper, Laura is finishing up the layout and we're pretty sure we're going to print before noon today, but here I am trying to finish this little note to you and instead sit staring out my window at these amazing blue birds that have taken up residency in my yard.

These birds are the best color of Nevada sage blue – looking sort of the color if you mixed Union blue and Confederate grey in the Civil War uniforms. They're just a hair bigger than a robin and built like a mockingbird – long tail and long beak. And they're hilarious. They tease each other, flying in low to nip at their buddy's tail and then hop off to the sunflower seeds.

Not above cheating to lure in the cast of avian players, I shamelessly have set out water dishes and strategically placed bird feeders all around my place. My laptop and I have taken residence on the little kitchen table that sits under the south-facing window where I can watch all the goings on with these spectacular creatures.

Along with my Scrub Jays (which I was quickly set straight by a bird aficionado on the Nevada Birding Facebook page when I mistakenly called them Blue Jays) there are also these brilliant red-headed house finches, tiny little yellow birds I can't figure out, common sparrows, white crowned sparrows, fat robins, fatter quail, mourning dove, Asian dove, and even a mockingbird. Who knew we had those.

I also have a couple pesky starlings with their sparkling prom-dress feathers, and very early in the morning in the pre-dawn starlight when I can focus and pen my stories, I have at least three great-horned owls calling to each other, urging me just like my dad always does, to "write, Rachel, write."

My children, who have all grown and left me now, laugh at my bird addiction and have declared me old. I was puzzled about that, but they assure me that when you start in with the bird feeders you have become an old woman.

I feel like I'm going to take that as a compliment – out here at my place on the edge of the desert, looking across the cottonwoods and the Russian Olives at my birds, getting ready to go feed the fancy bunnies with my very large dog, I feel crone-like. Maybe not fully wise yet, but settled and comfortable and confident. So while I continue to age in wisdom, experience, and judgement, I'll be right here, with my menagerie...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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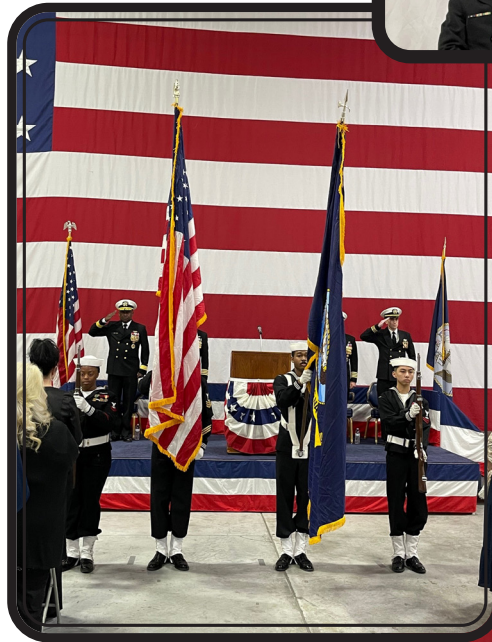
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generate leading-edge combat power. He also is looking forward to partnering with the City of Fallon and Churchill County to strengthen relationships and bonds within the community. "NAS Fallon remains a steadfast partner, for a strong, healthy civilian and military community underpins everything we do here at the base," he said.



to where I am today because of myself, far from it, but because of the support and love of the people around me my entire career."

Taking command of NAS Fallon, Tanner recognized local partners, Mayor Ken Tedford and the City of Fallon, Commissioners Greg Koenig and Pete Olsen with Churchill County, Amber Torres and Cathi Tuni Chairwomen of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, respectively. "I look forward to working with you and our community partners as we look for more opportunities to engage with each other, together. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity in some small way to contribute to and share in the wonderful sense of community we have here, in Northern Nevada."

Tanner said he looks forward to continuing the critical mission to build, strengthen, and fortify the capacity to




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Planning Commission Approves New Zoning District

By Jo Petteruti

According to local officials and anyone trying to rent or buy a house right now, the need for housing in Fallon has reached epic proportions. In response to that need the Planning Department has developed a new ordinance that adds an Intensive Multi-Family Residential District (R-3) zoning designation into Title 16 of the Churchill County Code via Bill 2022-A. The ordinance was first reviewed during the Planning Commission's March 9 regular monthly meeting and was then the subject of a special meeting held on March 22 during which the ordinance was approved in a four-to-three vote.

Per the bill's summary, the new R-3 ordinance establishes development standards and approval requirements for all types of multi-family construction in all zoning districts, sets standards for density, required setbacks, amenities, height restrictions, and open space. Changes are made to the R-2 zoning district and its standards to coordinate with the new R-3 zoning district. Additionally, the two existing Intensity and Dimensional Standards tables are combined into one Site Development Standards table, correcting errors, clarifying their contents, and simplifying cluster development standards. A new R-3 column is also added to the Use Tables to identify allowable uses in that district, with other corrections being made throughout those tables.

During the review on March 9, Planning Department Senior Planner Dean Patterson explained, "The new R-3 district is defined, and the changes to

R-2 are included. Distinctions are made between moderate intensity and high intensity zoning, emphasizing the use of sewer and water connections. The reason the R-3 zone is being proposed is for a project in the county for apartments, and it would need the R-3 zone for the project." When one of commissioners asked what project the ordinance was specifically for, Civil Deputy District Attorney Ben Shawcroft replied, "Let's be careful about referencing specific projects. That is not in front of the Planning Commission tonight, so let's just stick to the actual ordinance."

Per Patterson, the apartment complexes in town now average 17 to 20 units per acre. In the new R-3 zone, the maximum density is defined as 16 units per acre and can increase to 24 units per acre with bonus densities, which may be granted in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) in exchange for providing additional beneficial facilities within or around that development such as wider roads, and tenant amenities such as trash collection areas and walking trails.

Commission member Zach Bunyard asked, "Have other counties adopted the R-1, R-2, R-3 zoning?" to which Patterson replied, "Yes, it's a very common strategy used mostly statewide and not unusual." Bunyard then asked, "I know it applies only to areas that fall within the county wells and septic services, correct? And as things move forward, they can request changes in their zone as those services become available, correct?" Patterson again replied, "Yes, the ordinance does not set locations for an R-3 zone, it has to be requested."

Commission member Deanna Diehl asked, "Do we know if the county services can support the higher density, now and for future projects?" Public Works Director Chris Spross replied, "For this particular project, yes it does. For future ones, for the project that wants to request a variance, it will be the responsibility of that developer to bring the water and sewer to their property."

Commission member Scott Nelson asked that more time be given to the members to digest the extent of the new ordinance, and that it not be voted on at that time with Diehl concurring. The ordinance was then tabled for further review, and was the subject of the special meeting held on March 22.

Patterson introduced the new ordinance again in the meeting on March 22, then asked if the Commissioners wanted to review a summary or go through the ordinance in more detail. Bunyard and Nelson suggested that they not go through the entire ordinance again, and all other members agreed. Commission member Myles Getto asking about units per acre for the current apartments in town. Patterson said that the four-plexes on Keddie Street sit on quarter-acre lots averaging 16 units per acre, Arborwood averages 17 units per acre, Churchill Village has about 18 units per acre, and Morning Glory has about 20 units per acre. All four complexes are in town and served by City of Fallon water and sewer services. "The new R-3 zone for the County is less than most of those."

Bonus densities were described by Patterson as being used in a PUD when additional beneficial facilities are provided by the developer. "The Sky Ranch project had bonus densities for that one. They agreed to participate in some off-site road improvements, some widening of the Wade Lane thoroughfare through the property, and widening of Moody Lane frontage. These were all bonus density items. Plus they provided a large chunk to provide a community services site for a substation or branch."

Bonus densities can increase the units per acre in an R-1 zone from 5 to 8 units, in an R-2 zone from 10 to 16 units, and in an R-3 zone from 16 to 24 units. But Patterson said, "These are not automatic. The developer has to meet the community value criteria to earn them."

Bunyard asked about the requirements to have water and septic services available in an R-3 zone, and Patterson replied, "Yes, to do an R-3, you have to connect to the County's sewer and water services."

Diehl asked where the term Bonus Density was defined. She was told by Patterson that it was defined elsewhere



A neighborhood notice regarding the Planning Commission meeting held March 22.

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Obituaries

Antoinette (Toni) Hauser Sundberg



September 23, 1947 – March 6, 2022
Antoinette (Toni) Hauser Sundberg, age 74, passed away peacefully in her home on March 6th, 2022 in Silver Springs, Nevada.

She was born on September 23rd, 1947, in Sacramento, California and was the youngest of five children born to George William Hauser and Hortense Caddel Hauser.

Toni worked most recently as a custodian for the Lyon County School District. She was an avid horsewoman and animal lover, and a highly accomplished quilter, gardener, and baker.

Some of her favorite memories were

of riding and horse packing deep into the mountains with her husband, Orville.

She is survived by her daughter, Robyn Hauser, and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Wayne Sundberg. Inurnment and celebration of life gathering will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to SPCA of Northern Nevada (spcanevada.org) or ASPCA (aspca.org) in memory of Toni.

Arrangements are with Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon. (775) 423-2255.

Leo C. Porter, Jr.

Leo C. Porter, Jr. transitioned this world on Monday March 14, 2022 at the age of 67 in Fallon, Nevada. Leo was born in Evansville, Indiana to Leo and Carmenlita Porter. He was a graduate of Bosse High School in 1972. After leaving Evansville, Leo moved to Yuma, Arizona where he received his Associates in Broadcasting at Arizona Western College. In Yuma, Arizona, Leo was a DJ for the college Public Broadcasting radio station. Leo then became a cameraman for the local television station Channel 13.

Leo took his experience to Branson, MO where he was a stage manager for Mel Tillis and Charlie Pride. Leo said that living and working in Branson was the best time of his life. He returned to Yuma and worked as a Security Guard for the Arizona Cocopa Casino. Leo moved to Fallon, Nevada in 2016. He was known locally as the Cookie Man, baking and

delivering cookies for his friends. He loved people. He helped anyone who he thought might need help even giving shoes and clothes to people he thought needed them. His network of friends from the Bonanza, Depot and Nugget were people he considered family. Leo was preceded in death by his younger brother Thomas Joseph Porter, his older brother Clarence (Jerry) Edwards and his parents Leo and Carmenlita Porter. He leaves behind his two daughters Kayla and Eyahna Porter of Yuma, Arizona as well as his siblings: Dr. Gary Edwards, Marian (Sissy) Porter, Mary Stewart, Reverend James Porter, Percy Porter, Sr., Cassandra Runnels, Patricia Jenkins, John Porter, Sr., Becky Porter-Watt. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews including those he lived with since 2016: Leesha Morris, Ian Hamilton, Brandy and Kyle Archuleta, Tracy Runnels, Bruce Runnels II and Kage Libbee (bonus nephew); his Aunt Alice Bell and Aunt Lucy and Uncle Jerry Evans of Lebanon, Ken-



tucky and Charles (Smooth Operator) Porter, Sr. of Louisville, Kentucky and his Aunts Vera Gilbert and Bert Edwards of Evansville, Indiana as well as many cousins and friends from all over the world. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in his memory can be made to the Institute for the Blind, the American Diabetes Association or any homeless shelter in his memory.

NHP Reports on Fatal Pedestrian Crash

Staff Report

Nevada Highway Patrol responded quickly to a fatal vehicle vs pedestrian incident on US-50 at Churchill County mile marker 18 in Fallon on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at approximately 4:58 a.m.

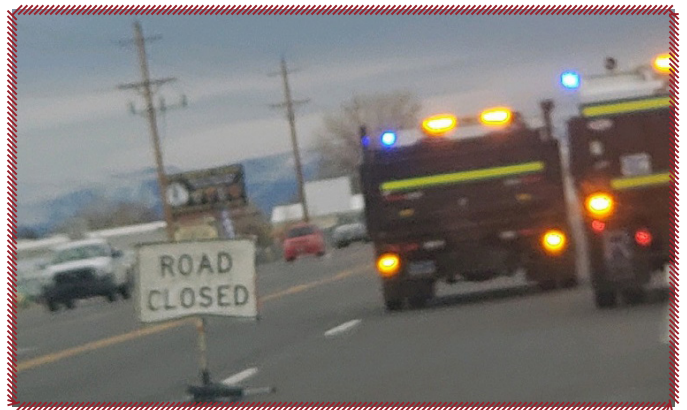
Troopers with the Nevada State Police, Highway Patrol Division, responded to reports of a pedestrian jumping out into traffic on US-50 eastbound near Churchill County mile marker 18 (in the area of Gummow Dr.) in Fallon. Preliminary investigation shows that a blue 2012 Toyota Yaris was traveling eastbound on US-50, approaching Churchill County mile marker 18. A pedestrian entered the #2 travel lane and was struck by the Yaris.

The driver was transported to an

area hospital and treated for minor injuries. Impairment of the driver is not suspected.

The pedestrian (Jesse Morin, a 41-year-old Fallon resident) succumbed to his injuries and was declared deceased on scene. Impairment of Morin is unknown.

This incident is being investigated by the Highway Patrol Division's Northern Command West Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T.) - Case #220300593. If anyone has any information about this crash, please send an email to ncwmirt@dps.state.nv.us and reference the case number.



Highway 50 was closed in both directions the morning of March 9 when a pedestrian entered the roadway and was struck and killed by oncoming traffic.

Local Government

New School Principal -- Robert Wickware

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on March 23, at 5 p.m. and approved Robert Wickware, as the middle school principal.

Wickware has been an educator for 18 years, teaching geography and US History for 10 years, before serving in Lyon County as a Dean of Students for two years, and in Churchill County as Assistant Principal for six years.

In her recommendation to the board, Stephens said "Wickware has a range of experiences as a classroom teacher, dean and vice principal. He currently works with attendance, student discipline, our Modern Teacher and LCF work, including the use of data-informed decisions as well as work in restorative practices and threat assessments. He also supervises a number of middle school staff at this time."

Also applying for the job were Mindi Hammill, from Hunters, WA; along with Churchill County School District applicants Deana Porretta, Amanda Lister, Joseph Wood, and Rachel Knight.

The memo from Stephens to the Board recommending Wickware said, "The committee recommended two candidates to move forward for final interviews with the superintendent. The superintendent selected a third candidate from the pool to interview as well based on the committee's results."

Stephens confirmed by email that Wickware was one of the committee's recommendations, and further clarified the interview process during the meeting. "The committee recommended two candidates to move forward. There were additional candidates that we had a lot of conversation about and in order, since this ultimately is my recommendation moving forward I wanted to make sure that I had thoroughly, the three people that moved forward I work with them in a number of capacities, but I wanted to make sure that I talked with them about any concerns or questions that lingered. Mr. Wickware was one of the recommendations from the committee originally, not the third candidate."

Board Chairman Tricia Strasdin asked Stephens if there was any dissent on the committee or within the district.

She also asked attorney Sharla Hales if she was made aware of any unfair hiring practices during the process. Both said no.

Trustee Gregg Malkovich said, "I've hired a lot of people over the years, and I wouldn't want anyone telling me who to hire."

Trustee Matt Hyde said that he respects the process and the committee recommendation. "If you start going against what the committee wants if you start doing things opposite, who is going to want to serve on a committee ever again?"

Sitting on the Interview Committee were Gary Jamison, Victoria Purrell, and Torri Conley, all CCMS Teachers; Kaylene Cole-Tudor CCMS Counselor; Angel Raymond, the CCMS Office Manager; Tim Spencer, the CCHS Principal; Shawn Purrell, the Numa Elementary Principal; Kevin Lords, Director of Administrative Services and Operations; and Shannon Goodrick, a parent and the director of the Fallon Youth Club.



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in the main PUD section of the County Code, and that section was not included in the new ordinance package because it wasn't changing. She then asked, "What is the criteria for a bonus density?" Patterson's response was, "It's not super specific. It provides examples rather than saying exactly what it is. It can include things like purchasing Transfer Development Rights and bringing those to the property. It really leaves it up to the Planning Commission and the County Commission to decide what may be appropriate for bonuses being requested."

Chairman Charlie Arciniega then asked, "Amenities in a complex such as a pool, or community room, health club, anything like that the residents of the village can use, but also that county residents can use. Is that defined in the ordinance?" and Patterson replied, "Probably. There are examples, but it has to provide a community benefit. The items you asked about would be more for the residents of the village, and not available to the rest of the community. An exception to that might be a community park that the Parks Department would become responsible for."

Spross clarified why the ordinance is potentially as vague as it is. "It's really dependent on the geographic location of the development. For example, if you're going to build a development like this,

and across the street there's a community park, then suggesting to build a community park within the development doesn't make sense. But if that development is miles away from the park and wants to include one, then the Planning and County commissions may recognize that new park as a benefit to the community. That's why there's a bit of flexibility for the commissions to decide what they may consider to be a community benefit."

Commission member Paul Picotte asked, "The project that is going forward, can we talk about that?" Attorney Shawcroft responded, "The purpose of this ordinance coming forward at this time is because, number one, the County has never been approached with a project that would want to build a multi-family complex. Now we are faced with such a severe housing crisis especially when it comes to multi-family housing that the County has been more receptive to addressing that, and finding locations that might be suitable, and talking with developers who may be interested in pursuing a project."

Shawcroft continued, "The County is now in a position to prepare to move forward with an actual development, and it's not the one on Birch Lane, it's a different one entirely. Step one is to build the framework so that the project could be conceptualized and developed. We don't want to get into how many units, or other

density discussions because that project is not on the agenda. But yes, the reason for the ordinance is because the County is pursuing multi-family housing. This just implements the County Code for it. When a development is looking to move forward they will have to ensure the parcel is zoned appropriately. If not, since R-3 is new, we can say for sure that there aren't any parcels currently zoned R-3. So, the parcel would have to be reviewed before it can be rezoned."

Arciniega then read a letter into the record from Lori Souba who lives on Silver Circle, and felt that the R-3 zoning would destroy the ruralness of the County. She asked that R-3 zoning not be implemented in the county, to leave multi-family housing for the City. Resident Dennis Allen also spoke against the new high density zoning, saying it would be a shame to start bringing multi-family housing into the County.

Members Charlie Arciniega, Myles Getto, Zack Bunyard, and Shane Yates voted in favor of the ordinance. Voting against it were members Paul Picotte, Deanna Diehl, and Scott Nelson. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m., and with the ordinance approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The new R-3 ordinance will now go to the County Commissioners for approval and adoption into the County Code.

Notes from the County Commission Meeting

By Rachel Dahl

In the regular County Commission meeting last week, Commissioners heard a nuisance complaint brought by Conrad Lowry against his neighbor on Benson Lane, Ken Garcia related to damage to the easement on the Lowry property. After lengthy testimony by both parties as well as several neighbors, commissioners found that there was no nuisance and advised the neighbors to stay away from each other.

Chairman Pete Olsen said because Benson Lane is not a county-maintained road, residents bear the responsibility to privately maintain the road and they do an exemplary job compared to many similar neighborhoods and roads throughout the county, in spite of not getting along.

"You folks have to stay out of each other's way," he said. "I don't ever want to see you people in here again. Continue the good work, keep the road up, but stay away from each other."

In other business, commissioners agreed to give County Manager Jim Barbee the authority to identify alternate locations for the potential new water treatment plant to better service future development within the community.

Originally, on December 2 of 2021 commissioners approved proceeding with a preliminary engineering report for the new treatment plant to be located at the county-owned property at the

corner of Moody and Rice Road. Since that time, according to Chris Spross, public works director, "We've come to some unfortunate roadblocks and we thought it might behoove us to look at some alternative areas that would best support our continued growth without more roadblocks."

Once a location is determined, the preliminary engineering report can then be completed, and that report will then be used to pursue funding to build the treatment plant.

Commissioner Greg Koenig was opposed to the wording giving county manager the authority "to determine the best location of the new water treatment plant."

Civil Deputy District Attorney assured the board that there would be several steps and agenda items before a site for the treatment plant was actually located, giving commissioners ample opportunity to provide input on the ultimate location of the plant. Language was ultimately suggested by Barbee who explained that once a location is identified the PER is used to pursue funding opportunities through grant programs through federal infrastructure funding. "We did get an earmark in the appropriations bill for \$300,000 to pay for the PER," said Barbee.

Commissioners also approved a renewal of the contract between the county and Strategies 360, the consulting company that has represented the

county for the past four years at the Nevada Legislature. Barbee said they have had much success working with the company, represented by Fallon native John Ocegüera, including working through some flexibility on enterprise accounts as well as geothermal issues. The contract will run through December 2023 at the rate of \$3,500 per month, increasing during the legislative session to \$4,000 per month.

Jorge Guerrero, director of Parks and Recreation reported to commissioners that his department is Rebranding the Fairgrounds and Regional Park to name all the facilities and make it easier for the public to book events and meetings, as well as enhance marketing efforts. He said that many of the names were taken from the Churchill County Museum "In Focus Millennial Issue" publication and honor founding members of the community.

The facility grounds have been divided with the Fairgrounds becoming the 3C Events Complex and the Regional Park becoming Oser Regional Park. Alex Oser and his wife Margaret were the original benefactors of the museum, donating the property where it now sits. Other names include Buckland Room, Fairview Arena, Buckmaster Field, along with a tip of the hat to former county manager Eleanor Lockwood, an avid tennis player, by naming the tennis courts on the west side of the Oser Regional Park the Lockwood Tennis Courts.



County Commissioners presented a certificate of recognition this afternoon to Roger Lambert (center) to thank him for his time, knowledge, skills and donations in making improvements at the Churchill County Fairgrounds. Pictured left to right Jorge Guerrero Parks & Rec, Jesse Segura Rafter 3C, Commissioner Greg Koenig, Lambert, Commissioners Justin Heath and Pete Olsen. Photo by Anne McMillin.

Election

The Slate is Final -- Filing for 2022 Election Closes

By Rachel Dahl

A fairly strong showing of candidates filing for office during the filing period, which ended last Friday, giving Churchill County voters several choices in local races.

Three candidates have filed to run for office in the City of Fallon, with the Street Preacher, Geoff Knell jumping in at the last minute creating a contest for the Ward III City Council Seat. Paul Harmon had filed to fill the seat left open at James Richardson has reached his term limit.

Kenny Harmon filed on the last day as well, for County Commission District II. Pete Olsen is termed out of his County Commission seat in District II, leaving an empty seat for which Tom Riggins, Myles Getto, and Tanya Freeman have also filed.

Kelly Frost filed March 7 for re-election to her City Council Ward I seat. Due to changes at the legislature, for the first time, the municipal election will be held in November along with an election for every other office.

Richard Grondin filed to run for a seat on the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector & Weed Abatement Board of Trustees.

At the county, several candidates filed for re-election including Denise Mondhink-Felton for Assessor, Linda Rothery for Clerk/Treasurer, Arthur Mallory for District Attorney, Tasha Hesse for Recorder, and Richard Hickox for Sheriff. Bob Getto filed for reelection as Public Administrator.

Sheriff Hickox is being challenged by Daniel Ray Sharp.

Seven candidates have filed to run for four open seats on the school board, meaning there will not be a primary race and all seven will appear on the general election ballot in November. The top four will be elected. Amber Getto has filed for re-election along with Matt Hyde. Newcomers Julie Guerrero-Goetsch, Joe McFadden, Bill Post, Walter Henderson, and Ivy Ward have also joined the race. Incumbents Carmen Schank and Fred Buckmaster did not file for re-election.

School board candidates run at large in a non-partisan race.

Churchill County Commissioner Greg Koenig and Lyon County Commissioner Vida Keller have each filed to run for the Assembly District 38 seat that Robin Titus is vacating to run for the State Senate District 17 seat. James Settelmeyer currently holds that seat but is term-limited out.

Titus is being challenged in the Senate District 17 race by Assemblyman Jim Wheeler of Douglas County.

The Primary Election will be held on June 14 with Early Voting beginning Saturday, May 28, and running through Friday, June 10. The General Election will be on November 8.



Geoff Knell has filed for City Council in Ward III.

The Fallon Post will continue providing profiles on each candidate and will host a candidate forum closer to the primary election. Please send any Election Year-related questions to admin@thefallonpost.org and we will get answers made available as soon as possible. If you are asking, likely ten other people have the same question.

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Soroptimists Recognize Susan Imelli With Ruby Award

By Jo Petteruti

On Tuesday, March 22, Susan Imelli received a \$200 Ruby Women Helping Women Award from Soroptimist International of Fallon for her dedicated efforts to improving the lives of women and girls in the community. She has chosen to donate the full award amount to the Room for Ruth program here in Fallon, a program offering women in transition a safe and stable short-term home free from drugs and alcohol.

The Ruby Women Helping Women Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls, and where their work inspires and encourages other women in their community.

Susan was nominated for the Ruby Award by her daughter Heidi Imelli, who wrote a glowing letter about how much of a positive influence her mom has been, not only to her and her brother, but to all the other women and girls she has interacted with over time. Heidi shared how, when she was growing up,

her mom's house was "affectionately known as Imelli's House for Wayward Children" for the way Susan cared for their friends, always showing them a little extra love when she sensed they needed it.

Nine years ago, Susan, her husband Gary, and Heidi all became Court Appointed Special Advocates. This was something special to Susan, being able to represent the best interests of children victims of abuse or neglect as they go through the court process. As a CASA, Susan invests the time necessary to listen to each child to ensure the child's best interests are served by the court. Her ability to easily talk with the children, and truly understand them provides a level of comfort to them in what can be a whirlwind situation.

Heidi's nomination letter included many other examples of how Susan "goes above and beyond to help someone in need, never bringing attention to herself, and always very satisfied with just doing for others without acclaim or attention." It is a well-deserved award for a lovely woman who will continue helping women and girls, serving her community as naturally as she breathes.



SI of Fallon President Stephanie Alexander presents Susan Imelli with the Ruby Award check. Photo by Jo Petteruti.



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Troopers Rescue California kidnapping victim

By Robert Perea

Nevada State Police Highway Patrol Troopers arrested a Missouri man Tuesday evening on Interstate 80 east of Fernley and rescued a person who was kidnapped in a carjacking earlier that day in Rocklin, Calif.

Davon T. Robinson-Bowls, 21, was arrested and booked into Churchill County



Davon T. Robinson-Bowls, 21, arrested and booked into Churchill County Jail on March 15.

Jail on several charges after a 38-mile chase ended when Bowls surrendered after being called on the phone by State Police Dispatch.

According to the State Police, on Tuesday, March 15, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Nevada State Police Dispatch received information from Rocklin Police Department regarding an armed carjacking that took place earlier in Rocklin.

The vehicle was reported to be in Nevada on Interstate-80 eastbound, east of Boomtown. A victim was also reported to be in the stolen vehicle. Several Troopers with Nevada State Police Highway Patrol responded to the call and attempted to locate the vehicle, which was described as a white Nissan Altima with Kentucky registration.

At approximately 6:38 p.m., Troopers located a vehicle matching that of the stolen vehicle on I-80 eastbound in the area of mile marker 44 in Fernley. After confirming the license plate matched the reported stolen vehicle, the Troopers initiated a traffic stop. The driver failed to stop, increased his speed, and attempted to evade the Troopers. Soon after, Troopers said the driver threw a black metallic object out of the vehicle and quickly accelerated to speeds between 110-120 miles per hour. Troopers continued to pursue the vehicle eastbound for another 38

miles in light traffic. In the area of mile marker 70 (Trinity Exit), Nevada State Police Dispatch was on the phone with the driver and convinced him to stop the vehicle.

At approximately 6:57 p.m., the vehicle stopped on I-80 eastbound in the area of mile marker 82. Troopers immediately took both the driver and passenger into custody. Troopers determined that the passenger was a victim. The victim was provided with local counseling and a safe place to stay. A black handgun matching the description given by the victim was retrieved in the area Troopers had reported seeing the driver throw out a black metallic object from the vehicle.

The driver, identified as Robinson-Bowls, of Kansas City, Mo., was arrested and booked at the Churchill County Jail on the following charges:

1. Attempted Kidnapping – 1st Degree
2. Possession Firearm Ex-felon
3. Evade/Elude/Fail to Stop on Signal or LE Officer
4. Destroy/Concealing of Evidence
5. Take/Poss Veh w/o Owners Consent
6. Reckless Driving w/ Disregard to Safety of Person or Prop, 1st Offense
7. Carrying Concealed Weapon
8. Driving w/o a Valid DL or Exp.
9. False Statement to or Obstruct Public Officer
10. Attempt Poss SCH I, II C/S LT 14 Grams, 1st or 2nd Offense
11. Fugitive from Justice

Task Force Trafficking Arrest Yields Over 100 Grams of Meth

By Leanna Lehman

Daniel Lee Williams was arrested by the North Central Task Force late last week on charges of transporting and trafficking in controlled substances.

Williams appeared from the Churchill County Jail, via video conferencing in the New River Township Justice Court on Monday, March 21st.

Williams was apprised of his rights and read the charges against him. According to the allegations in the criminal complaint, Williams is facing three charges related to drug sales and trafficking, which included offenses that took place on November 10 at or near I-80 and 119 W. Williams at the Value Inn.

Count 1: Trafficking in a Low-Level Controlled Substance. The allegations state Williams did knowingly and willfully possess between 100 and 400 grams of methamphetamine. The charge is punishable by 2-20 years in prison with a potential penalty of up to \$100,000.

Count 2: Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a Third or Subsequent Offense for the Purpose of Sale with two or more felony convictions under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. The complaint states that Williams was knowingly in possession of between 14-28 grams of methamphetamine (28 grams = approx. 1.0 ounce). The charge is a Category B Felony punishable by 3-15 years and a potential fine of up to \$20,000.

Count 3: Open or Maintain any Place for the Purpose of Unlawfully Selling, Giving Away, or Using any Controlled Substance, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. The allegations further state that Williams maintained a place to sell drugs at the Value Inn in Fallon.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer was assigned to represent Williams, who is scheduled to appear for a status hearing on March 24. Williams requested to be released on his Own Recognizance, which was denied.



Daniel Lee Williams Courtesy Churchill County Sheriff's Office.



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Frey Single Barrel Bourbon Arrived Then Almost Sold Out

By Jo Petteruti

For Megan and Brad Dolan, it started about a year ago. They liked the idea of buying a barrel of Frey Ranch Distillery Single Barrel Bourbon, still aging at the time, yet also realized it could be a big risk. On Friday evening, March 18 that risk paid off in the form of an exclusive Private Barrel Select release and bottle signing they held at the Twisted Branch, with Frey Ranch owners Colby and Ashley Frey on-hand for the signing.

“We had debated buying a barrel, but we just love supporting the Freys, and we sell a lot of their regular bourbon anyway. Then Ashley approached us to see if we’d like to buy a barrel. That was pretty cool, especially because they are very selective about who they sell a

barrel to, and that really keeps it unique,” Megan said.

A tasting date was scheduled with the Freys at their ranch, and the Dolans were allowed to bring eight family members and customers/friends with them. They were given a tour of the distillery, and were then brought into a conference room where 10 different bourbon samples were set up for them to taste. Megan explained the process. “We all tried each one, which was interesting because everyone had different opinions. It was also shocking as to how they were all so different even though they all aged for the same four years. They varied so much. Some had a real smokey taste, others had a more botanical taste. Each one was just so unique. The way they had it set up for us was neat too with saltine

crackers and water to cleanse the pallet, and coffee and to clear the sense of smell.”

The group was able to get their selections down to three, but still couldn’t agree on a final one, so the Freys brought them to another room for a blind taste test. “Nine out of the ten of us picked the same one, the one I chose, and that was pretty cool.” After the final selection was made, they went out to the barrel room, and everyone got to sign the final barrel chosen.

Megan said the average yield per barrel can vary from 110 to 140 bottles. “You never know until it’s bottled how many you are getting out of your barrel. My barrel ended up with 144 bottles. It was perfect, and it’s special too because there are only 144 of them - and they came out at 129 proof.” Their signed barrel was delivered to the Twisted Branch right along with the 144 bottles of the Single Barrel Bourbon, and once the barrel is sealed it will be kept in the events room.

Megan was ecstatic that they sold over 100 bottles during the release, and with others on reserve they are almost sold out. “I was asked if I wanted to do a bottle limit, but I didn’t want to. If someone wants to buy four bottles, they can.” Also, on hand that evening was the band Buffalo Moses playing country guitar, and the Wild West Burgers food truck serving up their specialty treats.

Megan recommends only serving Frey’s Single Barrel Bourbon neat, or on a big ice rock. “My sister was helping to tend bar on Friday, and she wanted to make a mixed drink with it. I told her ‘No, no, you cannot serve the Single Barrel in a mixed drink. The mix takes away from what this bourbon is.’ I even have a problem serving the regular Frey bourbon with coke or something. But everyone has their thing.”

Considering the idea of doing a

second barrel, Megan said, “If they come to us again, for sure we will. Ashley and Colby are so good to work with, and they made it an easy experience for us. It just went so well.”



Megan behind her bar with the Frey Private Barrel Select bottle on display. Photo courtesy of Megan Dolan.



Fenyx Home Décor – Handcrafted Beauty

The Fallon Chamber held a mixer and ribbon cutting for a new local business last week, veteran owned-handcrafted Home Décor by Nick Carter. Fenyx Home Décor is where art and functionality collide.

Chamber ambassadors joined Nick and his family to celebrate the opening of his business. The beautiful handmade cutting and charcuterie boards can be seen on the website at fenyxhd.com and Nick can be contacted at (775) 400-8400.



Fallon Chamber Luncheon and Youth Club Tour

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce held the March Luncheon meeting at the Fallon Youth Club where they were able to tour the new facility build through the generosity of the William H. Pennington Foundation, Enel Green Power, the City of Fallon, and Churchill County.



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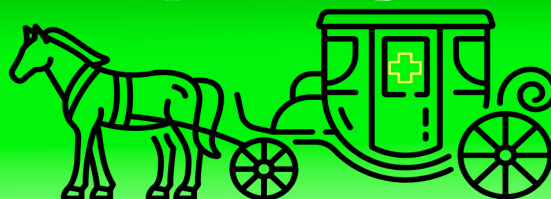
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Agriculture

Ingvoldstad Named State Director Rural Development

Staff Report

Long-time staffer for Senator Harry Reid was named last week by President Joe Biden to fill the position of State Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development agency. Sarah Adler has held that position in the state for most of the existence of the office, with Phil Cowee the most recent Director under the Trump administration.



Prior to joining USDA, Lucas Ingvoldstad was the Senior Director of Government and External Affairs for Eolus North America, a utility-scale renewable energy developer focusing on solar, wind, and battery storage projects throughout the Mountain West. Previously, he served seven years as a senior advisor to U.S. Majority Leader Harry Reid, where he focused on energy, agriculture, and natural resource issues. Ingvoldstad attended the University

of Nevada, Reno, where he earned his Master of Science degree in Land Use Planning Policy in 2011 and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2005.

Kelli Kelly runs the Fallon Food Hub and is an advocate for small farmers across the state and has worked with Ingvoldstad over the years. "I am excited to hear about the appointment of Lucas to the position of State Director for Rural Development. Lucas has a proven background of green energy development, stewardship of public lands, and government affairs," she said. "I look forward to partnering with him on projects to improve quality of life, economic development, and infrastructure for the benefit of rural communities in Nevada, especially Churchill County."

RD State Directors serve as the chief executive officer of Rural Development in the states and territories and are tasked with carrying out the mission of Rural Development to the benefit of everyone in rural America. In conjunction with the guidance and support of the National Office, State Directors are responsible for promoting the mission and strategic goals of Rural Development and provide key leadership to develop and support a productive, diverse, and inclusive state workforce.

Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance

supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas.

Under the Biden administration, USDA is focused on transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate, smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America.

"Our state offices are on the frontlines of providing critical USDA programs and services," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I am thrilled to welcome these nine talented and dedicated public servants to the team as we continue to build back better for the American people."



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Churchill FFA Fares Well at State Convention

Staff Report

Last week was the 93rd Nevada State FFA Convention where the Churchill County FFA chapter was awarded the Superior FFA Chapter, and the National Chapter: 3rd place for Nevada. Caitlyn Dock also earned the Bronze Award for Diversified Livestock SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience).

Congratulations to the Churchill FFA Ag Sales team – Gavin McLean, Liam Few, Addison Diaz, and Jeramiah Prinz who placed 2nd High Team in Nevada for Agriculture Sales competition. Liam Few was 2nd High Individual in the State of Nevada, which is a huge accomplishment, considering this was his first year competing. Congratulations to all of these FFA students on the outstanding achievements.



Agriculture FFA Chapter Awards. Photos and captions courtesy CCHS.



Agriculture FFA Awards. Photos and captions courtesy CCHS.

Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken March 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**Lahontan Reservoir
130,300 af**

**Truckee Canal at Hazen
404 cfs**

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
461 cfs**

**Carson River Below Lahontan
214 cfs**

**Carson River at Ft. Churchill
321 cfs**

Water Levels Mar 23
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2021 : 124,931 acre feet
2020 : 192,382 acre feet

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Education

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Senior Spotlight: Jacob Pike



Oasis basketball games wouldn't have been the same without Senior Jacob Pike. Pike's memorable dunks got the crowd cheering and team hyped. It makes sense that playing on the basketball team is also Jacob's favorite memory of his time at Oasis.

"My time at Oasis helped me grow as a student athlete. I would like to thank Coach Schank and Coach Gant for all their support," says Pike. "They not only helped me with basketball, they taught me what it means to be a better person and teammate."

His favorite class and teacher was Math with Mr. Evan Brandt. "He is a great teacher," Pike says of Brandt.

Earning an Advanced High School diploma and fifty units through the Jump Start Program at Western Nevada College, Pike has been just as successful in the classroom. The credits will give him a head start as he attends the University of Nevada, this fall to work toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Marketing. "My advice for future Oasis students is to join as many activities as possible," says Pike.

"A" and "B" Honor Rolls

Congratulations to all of the Oasis students that made the "A" and "B" Honor rolls for the first semester.

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Harmonie Brooks, Charis Brown, Kennedy Chandler, Reagan Farley, Samuel Acomb, Emma Carrasco, Owen Corbett, Ellie Davis, Drake Nunes-King, Hailey Shawcroft, Khloe Shawcroft, Seth Zahara, Pearl Ansotegui, Madelyn Byrd, Avarie Hyde, Ellie Peixoto, Gwendolyn Reyes, Logan Tolman

Third Grade B Honor Roll

Gabriella Austin, Macady Bogdanowicz, Luke Brown, Connor Butcher, Alexzander Calhoun, Roarie Curtis, Ella Hert, Layla Hill, Reece Manskie, Zander Merritt, Victoria Molatore, Allyson Perez, Jax Yost, Ezekiel Bell, Ryan Clopton, Sophia Derby, Colton Fait, Jael Farfan, Antonio Garcia, Lyndon Lenon, Owen Olsen, Bailey Warren, Blake Brandenburg, Braylee Cline, Jayce Compau, Helena Evans, Anson Hyde, Natalie Johnson, Tensley Johnson, Trinity Mullins, Kairi Myers, Jayden Ortega, Rostin Snow, Parker Sweeney

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll

Addison Allegre, Preston Gurr, Savannah Lewis, Zayden Maynez, Addielyn Peel, Gianna Salisbury, Mayu Steinbaugh, Jackson Frey, Janie Irving, Luke Moffitt, Jake Nichols, Alyssa Oyler, Katelyn Smith, Nickolas Sorensen, Riley Davis, Kenton Horn, Adam Mikulak, Allie Nuttall

Fourth Grade B Honor Roll

Jaxson Baker, Tristan Bracken, Charlotte Duffey, Damon Edgmon,

Wyatt Herold, Nathan Johnson, Chloe Kent, Kennedi King, Abby Lewis, Kaliyah Milbrook, Christopher Miller, Shylo Morrow, Daniella Ramirez-Vilchez, Khloee Rodriguez, Weston Starr, Colin Townsend, Gabriela de Leon, Jackson Gussie, Abel Hernandez, Payton Hyde, Newel Knight, Shandon Magee McNamer, Audrey O'Bryant, Tripp Pennington, Sawyer Schank, Makenzie Schroeder, Avery Terrazas, Maya Ugalde, Cole Wood, Ava German, Zachary Greenberg, Alison Gutierrez Telles,

McCartney Kelly, Victor Ledesma Mata, Ryan Lincoln, Owen Massey, Sadie Nuttall, Drew Palanivelu, Jacob Pilarski, Angela Pratt, Dakota Prinz, Courtney Proffen, Alana Santos, Connor Tolman, Tiernan Waller, Raegan Warren

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

Ezra Acomb, Neel Bhakta, Avery Laca, Sophia Moya, Bailey Peixoto, Natallie Snooks, Kinsley Viera, Lila Mae Montero, Annie Sorensen, Mandy Wadsworth, Kenslee Wiessmer

Fifth Grade B Honor Roll

Isabel Anaya, Brayden Bryant, Kenton Bryant, Nora Chamblee, Dylan Clark, Keagan Craig, Dylan Dodge, Duane Hughes, Greyson Johnson, Trace McKnight, Kenlie Pirkle, Peyton Prinz, Ryder Warren, Jesselle Joy Bayoneta, Emma Cline, Jack Fecht, Jeremy Heath, Alexa Hessey, Sydney Owsley, Teegan Spero

Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Braylon Byrd, Stevie Hiskett, Asher Irving, Hannah Jackson, Keaton Jaques, Mason Jardine, Kylie Moya, Wyatt Ricks, Bailey Beebe, Abby Belle Bird, Elaine Lewis, Brooke Manskie, Crew Schank, Keily Ugalde Coronado

Sixth Grade B Honor Roll

Meghan Allen, Kiley Detomasi, Hannah Hammontree, Joshua Polish, Lora Siebecker, Payslee Starr, Addison Sweeney, Landon Werle, Autumn Zupancic, Liliana de Leon, Kaden Detomasi, Nicole Pratt, Lily Smith, Jackson Snow, Jocelyn Sorensen, Sadie Whitaker, Amabese Windriver, John Zulz

Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Adam Bake, Sophie Bake, Meirra Cavanaugh, Kaylee Craig, Riley Haggard, Reese Laca, Emma Lewis, Zander Lewis, Caitlin Oyler, Karlie Simper, Gavin Wolf, Lakota Casey, Raegan Johnson, Hazel Mackedon, Heidi Nichols, Rio Segura, Kyle Shawcroft, Kortnie Simper, Dallin Sorensen, Sutton Yost



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Seventh Grade B Honor Roll

Kamron Bracken, Elijah Jones, Gabriel Keener, Aaron O'Bryant, Keira Adams, Lauren Goings,

Cristian Keener, Kiera McCoy, Allison Proffen, Kadence Wiessmer, Taylor Zupancic

Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

Matthew Bird, Beatriz Hallberg, Taylor Hyde, Olivia Kutansky, Oaklee McKnight, Christina Robinson, Kylee Simper, Leah Sorensen, Lea Williams, Alyssa Ayers, Aidan Clark, Dylan Ekins-Faught, Allie Fait, Grace Laca, Natalia Martinez de la Cruz, Jilliana Morales, Alex Zandar Sheldon-Davis, Emma Vershum

Eight Grade B Honor Roll

Trevor Barrenchea, Lincoln Chamblee, Jorge Garcia, Rusten McKnight, Rylee Schroeder, Benton Snow, Laynee Diaz, Remi Johnson, Serenity Law, Ryder McNabb, Aiden Palanivelu, Nevaeh Routt, Jenna Steffens, Kayden White

High School Freshman and Sophomore A Honor Roll

Hailey Arends, Leah Bake, Kirsten Detomasi, Joshua Gusewelle, Fenn Mackedon, An Nguyen,

Serenity Achurra, Malou Beha, Emily Bird, Shelbi Bracken, Halle Feest, Kennadee Irving, Natalie Jaques, Hunter McNabb, Thanh Nguyen, Sarah Polish, Gracie Potts, Eneyde Rios, Anna Springfield

High School Freshman and Sophomore B Honor Roll

Zachary Budner, Camille Frossard, Kaylin Guthrie, Saray Hernandez, Taylynn Maynez, Paola Moran Rodriguez, Troy Underwood, Clint Vaughn, Mackenzie Bryant, Levi Johnson, Donovan May, Bryan Mendoza, Aubrey Vaughn

High School Junior and Senior A Honor Roll

Holden Feest, Tylie Norcutt, Layla Tanner, Casamaro White, Sierra Williams, Hunter Arends, James Cosman, Tayler Felton, Lauren Halloran, Trevor Halloran, Heidi Hansen, Khang Nguyen, Kailyn Sorensen, Maiya Swan, Chloe Tanner, Sasha Tanner

High School Junior and Senior B Honor Roll

Yasmine Barnes, Karmyn Brown, Aaliyah Bullock, Matthew Christopherson, Maria Crespo Paz, Evan Frossard, JohnAnthony Hallberg, Ariana Wolf, Rachel Bake, Jelen Rose Bayoneta, Elisabeth Bird, Kaitlyn Hert, Jaylee McEwen

Churchill County High School – Home of the Greenwave

Congratulations to the HOSA students who competed at the State Leadership Conference. They did an outstanding job with Caitlyn Dock placing 1st Place Veterinary Science; Kayleigh Moss 3rd Place in Extemporaneous Writing; Daniel Lords, Maggie McPherson, and Camille Winder taking 3rd Place in Health Education; and Cheyenne Nelson and Ryan Cossette placing 5th Place in EMT. HOSA is the national organization for Future Health Professionals, and the CCHS team is advised by Elaine Adams.

CCHS Principal Tim Spencer and Staff recently acknowledged the Freshmen class members who have worked hard to maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA this year.



Top - Freshmen students 3.5 or higher GPA

Left-HOSA students who competed at the State Leadership Conference

Photos courtesy of CCHS



Huge Success at Numa Blood Drive

Special thanks: Lisa Solinski for submitting



outstanding result especially given this is our first drive ever! Although we will likely never meet those blessed by our donation, they are living, breathing members of our community who are alive thanks to donors and volunteers such as yourself. In fact, I met a boy at your school during my presentation who received blood as an infant during heart surgery."

Numa's student council and S2S teams sponsored a blood drive on March 9. The turnout was a huge success. Students were challenged to get as many donors to sign up as possible. The winning class was Mrs. Leslie Brown's, followed by Mrs. Solinski, and Mrs. Burch-Urquhart's classes.

Here is the note from the coordinator Nicole Jo: "Wow, what a great first blood drive at Numa Elementary! I couldn't be more happy with the turnout and with how the drive went. Overall, we had 49 donors sign in to give. From them we had 41 successful donations and those donors gave 48 units of blood. This blood will be used to save up to 116 lives. This is an



Leslie Brown's class won a pizza party for having the most donors.

Top Left - Pictured are the student council and S2S teams (student to student) who sponsored the blood drive.

Photos courtesy of Lisa Solinski.

Local Columnist

High Desert Dirt -- The Raven's Rant



Spring is here. If you have warm season plants (tomatoes, peppers, eggplants) started inside, this week will be a great opportunity to get them outside and start some acclimating if you haven't already. In my humble opinion, there is no grow light that can outdo actual sunshine, so take advantage of it. Be mindful of the wind and keep your seedlings well-watered. You really need to check on them frequently. If they start wilting you might consider putting them in a spot with additional wind protection and some dappled shade. The process of hardening off seedlings takes some time, it is a gradual process, be patient. I should say this isn't a true hardening off because I will still be bringing in my seedlings at night. I don't leave them out all night until temperatures are consistently 50 degrees and above.

If you haven't started your warm season veggies, don't worry there is still time. I wanted to share this alternative seed starting method, I learned years ago from tomato experts Bill and Korena Mewaldt. I used an entire package of Botanical Interests Sungold tomato seeds lightly pressed into Promix planting mix in a recycled 4-inch container. I lightly covered the seeds with some additional planting mix and watered them well.

From the picture you can tell I use a squeeze bottle for watering seedlings, it does not disturb the soil and helps prevent overwatering. In about 10 days seedlings appear. The competition between seedlings is actually a good thing, it helps make stronger plants.

After the seedlings reach about an inch and a half high and begin starting second leaves, I remove the entire clump

and gently set them in lukewarm water. After a few minutes, I gently separate the seedlings, letting the water do most of the work. Handle the seedling near the top of the plant to protect the delicate root. I replant them in a pot that is ready to go with soil and a pre-made hole, then water in the seedling. The water will help the soil fill in the hole. Add more soil to the top as necessary. This is a good time to use a light seaweed fertilizer to give your newly transplanted seedling a little boost. You can use this method to start many different types of seedlings. Just be sure to use a gentle hand. Happy planting!

Jaime Sammons carries a pair of pruners in her glove box - just in case, and believes you can be a gardener even with a single plant container on your porch.



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What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- Clay

This week marks a couple of significant celebrations in Kelli's Kitchen—one by sheer virtue of the date and one is an accomplishment after concerted effort. This Saturday (3/26/2022), marks the completion of my 43 circumnavigations of the sun... It's my birthday! And the second is that I have officially completed my first round of classes towards my bachelor's degree in a newly accredited program at Western Nevada College – in the college world, it is spring break. Since I am no longer of the demographic to do questionable things on a beach I anticipated that spring break would mean I had some extra time on my hands—time to complete my weekly article before my deadline; time to read a fiction book checked out from the Churchill County Library; maybe even time to take a nap. HA! As it turns out, my spare time got scooped up by meetings, phone calls, and clients. So here I am, officially an hour past my deadline madly scrambling to tell you all about the birthday present I gifted myself.

As you should be well aware of by this juncture, I am a bit of a bean fiend. In the bean-related social media groups I belong to, we use the terms “People of the Bean” and sometimes, “Legumina-ti.” Folks from around the country (and sometimes around the world) share about their beanie experiences, recipes & tips, and their fancy bean-cooking apparatus. After taking some time to think about the dangers of envy, I went ahead and ordered two new bean pots to quiet the raging green monster that resides deep in my gut. So today, I want to talk a little bit about cooking with clay. My new prized possession is a hand-crafted, unglazed, terracotta pot from Peru.

The first thing that I had to do with my new bean vessel was to submerge it in a sink full of cold water and let it sit for over three hours. The purpose of this good, long soak is to rehydrate the clay which was thoroughly dried and made a bit brittle as it hardened during the firing process. Seasoning a terracotta pot is essential if you want to use it on the stovetop with direct heat, preventing the



pot from cracking from exposure to intense flame. It was amazing to watch tiny bubbles rise as the terracotta released air and absorbed water. After three hours had passed, I dumped and dried my new pot before giving it a good rub down with some oil and a clove of garlic. Then, I filled it about a third of the way full with fresh water, covered it with the soaked and dried lid, and placed it in my oven. I set my oven to 220 degrees and started the preheat process. Once my oven was warm, I let the partially filled pot sit at temperature for three more hours before I turned everything off and went to bed. The next day, my Chamba-style pot was seasoned and ready to provide a lifetime of service.

Rather than inundating you with yet another bean recipe, I want to tell you about the first dish I prepared: a lamb and apricot tagine.

The word “tagine” used here means a rich stew-like dish that is cooked in clay featuring hearty meat and typically includes fruit. I seared off some lamb stew meat, then sweated some thinly sliced onions before adding in tomato paste, a variety of delicious spices, stock, and dried apricots. The whole mix is brought up to a simmer on the stovetop before slow-cooking in a warm oven for hours. We ate this delicious and complex stew over a scoop of couscous garnished with fresh herbs and pine nuts. It was unique and filling—just the dish to balance out the dreary weather we experienced in the “It sure doesn't feel like spring” first weekend of spring.

Lamb and Apricot Tagine

INGREDIENTS:

1.5# lamb stew meat or neck meat cut into 1 ½” pieces
Kosher salt as needed
1 ½ c mixed meat stock (I use the chicken, beef, and turkey bone broth from safeway)
1 c dried apricots
Extra virgin olive oil
1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
1 T tomato paste
2 t fresh ginger, grated
(or two cubes of frozen grated ginger)
1 large pinch of saffron, optional
½ t ground ginger
1 t ground turmeric
1 t ground black pepper
½ t ground cinnamon
1 ½ T butter
½ c pine nuts
1 pack couscous
Chopped mint and cilantro for garnish

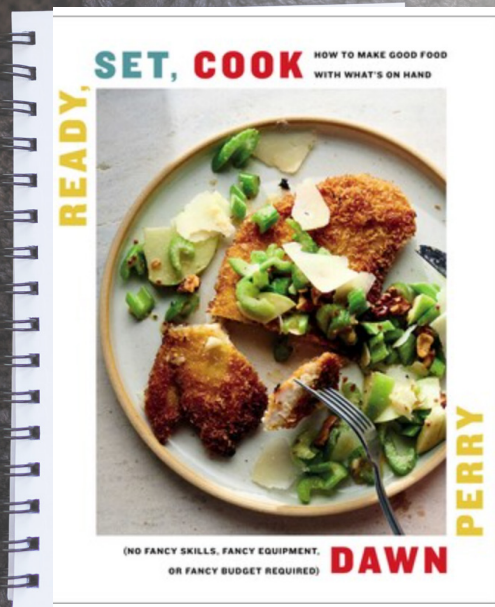
DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, combine lamb and salt and let sit at room temperature for at least an hour. You can also refrigerate for up to 24 hours.
2. In a small pot, bring the stock to a boil. Remove from heat and add in apricots to rehydrate.
3. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a dutch oven or seasoned clay pot, warm 2 T oil over medium heat until hot. Brown lamb all over in batches. Do not crowd the meat or it won't brown effectively. Transfer meat to a plate as they brown.
4. Drain off excess fat if necessary, leaving enough to coat the bottom of the pot. Add onions and season with some salt. Sweat over medium heat until soft. Add tomato paste, ginger, and all of the spices and cook for about 4 minutes stirring regularly. Add lamb and any juices from the plate, then pour in stock and apricots. Place lid on the pot and place in the oven. Cook for 2 ½ - 3 hours until the lamb pulls apart with a gently pull.
5. Meanwhile, in a small sauce pot, melt 1 T of butter. Add pine nuts and cook stirring regularly until they are golden. Add stock or water and prepare couscous according to package directions. Serve couscous generously garnished with fresh herbs and top with tagine.

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



Carol's Recommends -- "Ready, Set, Cook" - by Dawn Perry



"How to Make Good Food with What's on Hand. (No Fancy Skills, Fancy Equipment, or Fancy Budget Required) reads the cover of this cookbook. And it's true. It also has exactly what I like in a cookbook; lots of white space on the page for easy reading, appetizing color pictures, ingredients I'm likely to have in my cupboard, and absolutely no calorie information.

(Cocktail recipes would be a welcome addition to this book but then I can usually figure that one out on my own.)

I read lots of cookbooks and don't actually try the recipes very often. I guess they are more for inspiration. Not the case with this one.

At the risk of getting in Kelli's lane, I will recommend the Old-Fashioned Coffee Cake (page 141) and the Oven-Baked Meatballs (page 96). Both delicious and I've made them multiple times. This one's a winner.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She has been cooking since she was a child but not always well.

This title is available in print at the Library and downloadable eBook through Overdrive/Libby.

Museum Treasures -- Danish Designer Ring



George Jensen Danish Silversmith Designer Ring, May & Meryl Nygren Collection.

This ring was acquired by May and Meryl Nygren during their travels to Denmark. The artist of this simplistic heart shaped ring is George Jensen (1866-1935) a Danish silversmith designer. His distinctive, but recognizable works of art, are highly sought after by jewelry collectors. Jensen rings are crafted using silver with simplistic, but challenging curves and shapes.

Movies & More

Get ready – this Friday March 25th Steven Christie, Annabelle Forshee, The River Rogues and Dalton Kaady take over our historic stage for a great night of music. Admission is FREE (donations to the bands is greatly appreciated) and doors open at 6:00 p.m. Should be a terrific night of music, hope to see you there.

Saturday March 26th we have a terrific Alfred Hitchcock classic movie - 'Rope' at 6 p.m. This 1948 crime thriller stars Jimmy Stewart, John Dall, Farley Granger, and Joan Chandler. Two men attempt to prove they committed the perfect crime by hosting a dinner party after strangling their former classmate to death - two of the guests being the deceased oblivious fiancée and the college professor whose lectures may have inspired the killing.

At 6:30 that evening we will be showing the original 1979 'The Muppet Movie.' Kermit the Frog decides to pursue a movie career and starts his cross country trip. Along the way he meets and befriends Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem. Kermit is offered a job by Doc Hopper but turns him down – however Hopper refuses to relent and pursues Kermit and his companions to a final showdown.

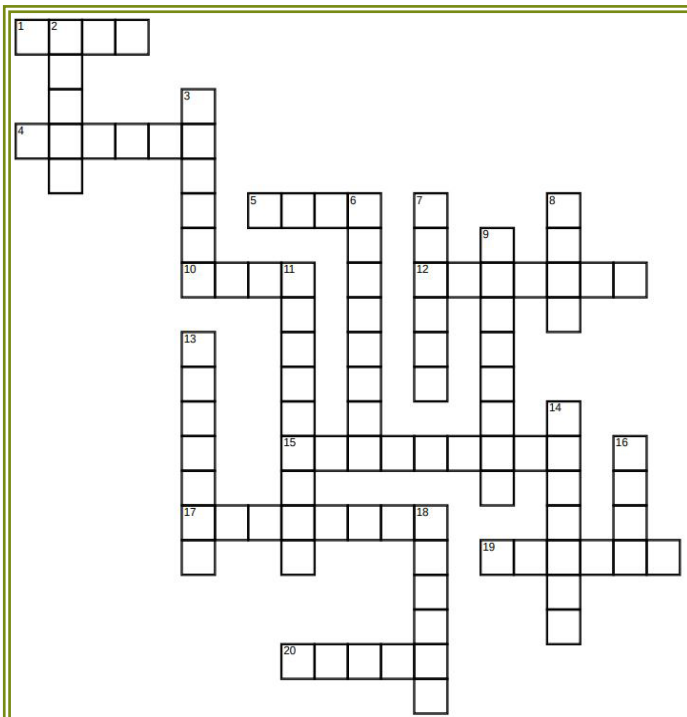
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Crossword-- Eat Your Vegetables



ACROSS

1. Sweet, popped
4. Cherry, Grape, Beefsteak
5. Curly leafed lettuce
10. Staple in gumbo
12. In a pie with strawberries
15. Green globe used for dips with spinach
17. Pickling, Seedless, English
19. Butternut, Spaghetti
20. Large green onions?

DOWN

2. Red, White, Yellow
3. Russet, Red, Yukon Gold
6. Japanese, Globe, Italian
7. Beloved by Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter
8. Green, Kidney, Navy
9. Button, Portobello, Shitake
11. Green or white spears
13. Popeye's favorite
14. Bibb, romaine, iceberg
16. English, Snow, Sugar
18. Watermelon, French Breakfast, Daikon



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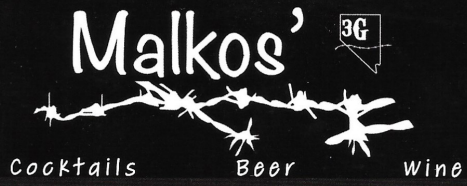
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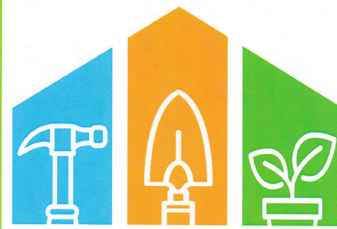

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