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Chamber Awards Banquet - Celebrating 75 Years

By Rachel Dahl

The Fallon Chamber held their annual Awards Banquet last Friday night and celebrated 75 years of supporting Fallon businesses. Chamber Director Lucy Carnahan, along with a troop of volunteers packed the Fallon Convention Center with over 200 attendees, with many of the category winners unable to attend because they tried to make reservations after all the tickets had been sold.

Catered by 3Cs Catering, Cori and Hill Egger provided a buffet-style feast while Cuppiecakes make decadent desserts and Telegraph provided the coffee.

The following are the nominees in each category with the first business listed, the winner, along with the name of the Chamber member who announced each winner.

Ava Case - Director
Outstanding Customer Service – Food and/or Beverage Business
*Courtyard Café & Bakery
La Fiesta
Maine St. Cafe

Outstanding Customer Service – Retail Business
*Boot Barn
Louie's Ace Home Center
The Village

Kristan Matter - Director
Outstanding Customer Service – Retail Business (5 employees or less)
*Memorie Boutique
Life's Little Treats
Great Basin Apothecary

Outstanding Business Innovations
*Frey Ranch Distillery
Huck Salt
Fallon Theatre



The team from Banner Churchill Community Hospital was honored last Friday night at the Fallon Chamber Awards Banquet. L to R: Cynthia Frank, Rob Carnahan, Samantha Stasik, Kim Beeghly, Dan Stasik, Toni West-Guillen, Teresa Walden, Cierra Worring, Dr. James Zubernis. Chamber banquet photos by Rachel Dahl and Jo Peterutti.

Valerie Johnston - Treasurer
Recognized Ag Leader of the Year:
*Lattin Farms
Western States Hemp
Two Ravens Farm

Outstanding Customer Service –Health and/or Beauty Services Business
*Nevada Dental Arts
Banner Hospital
Matt West Coaching

Kimberly Beeghly - Director
Best Business Start-Up
*Bottle & Brie
Arby's
Boot Barn

Outstanding Helping Heart Award
*Fallon Ford, Pay it Forward Program
Churchill Community Coalition
Pennington Life Center

Michelle Gabiola-Rogers - Secretary
Outstanding Homebased Business
*Cavanaugh Confections
Fenyx Home Décor
Squish's Pressure Wash

Outstanding Customer Service – Services and/or Repair Business
*Tedford Tire & Auto Service
Cheek Construction
Nevada computer works

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From the Publisher

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

Lately I've noticed, and laughed about often, this new phenomenon my friends and I have developed of talking about and comparing and giving advice to each other about our bodies. No, not tanning or workouts or the size of our clothes, but the newly discovered aching joints, the stiffness, the getting used to a body-well-worn.

We have turned into our grand-mothers, we realized the other morning as Beth's finger flamed up from creasing the double-thick paper last week and my knee still hasn't decided it ever wants pressure or a full range of motion. It was horrifying and hilarious at the same time.

At least we can laugh about it. All the way to Pilates class and physical therapy.

Maybe this is the time of life you begin to really value certain things. A body that works without talking back, friends who are there no matter what they or you are going through who don't need constant maintenance, warm weather, good sunsets, your adult children. A lot of things in life that have taken our time and attention over the years begin to fall away. We get picky about what we want to keep and have around us.

We value peace. And not having pain.

My sister and I had a long conversation about pain the other day. Physical, emotional. How it forces us to change and to grow – may I mention again Pilates class. And then my youngest adult child, we used to call her the Drama Queen, was pontificating in a lengthy, philosophical discussion as 20-year-old navel gazers will do, about the benefits of pain and pressure and going through the gauntlet. Coming out the other side stronger, less drama, in theory wiser, set for whatever new chapter we feel like writing.

It's really enjoyable to watch that emergence – when the pieces come together and realization sets in and they, or you, have the A-Ha! Moment that makes life easier and brings you one step closer to the better person you want to be. Less pain, more joy.

So, while I sit here chortling over the aches and pains of life, doing a little navel gazing myself, we'll be right here...

... Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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Library Celebrates Its Volunteers

By Jo Petteruti

Thursday, February 2 was an evening to celebrate those who have volunteered at the Churchill County Library within the past year, an event that included personal acknowledgments and a catered buffet.

Library Director Carol Lloyd opened the 6 p.m. reception, welcoming everyone by saying, "Those who can do, do, and those who can do more volunteer. That's you people, and we thank you so much for what you bring. Last year, 1,089 volunteer hours contributed meant that the staff was able to perform other duties that directly impacted patrons such as library services, one-on-one technology training which Joe...does, additional programming, and outreach to the community. So, we greatly appreciate the help that you bring. Your contribution to the library and the community by extension makes us stronger, so thank you for that."

The Library Board of Trustees was introduced. Lloyd said the board is tasked with setting library policy and fiscal accountability. The Churchill Library Association members were also introduced with Lloyd describing them as the fund-raising arm of the library providing additional financial support for extra programming, materials, and events, and



the sponsor of the evening's event.

The volunteers who were deservedly recognized are Rebecca Dugan, Laura-lynn Sluyter and her dog Scout, Michelle Herzbrun, Karen Wilhelm, Becky Taylor, Bill Short, Magdalena Biar, Alex and Sari Koehler, Kage Oyler, Gene and Linda Bowman and their dogs Lacy and Abby, Thora Thibaut and her dog Zra, Allison Diegel, Melinda Clifton, Riley Davis, Hayden and Carly Diegel, Mayu Stein-

baugh, Sharon Bischoff and her dog Kylo, Caitlyn Oyler, Terri Pearson, and Linda Werner.

Each volunteer received a specially baked, oversized cookie. The volunteer dogs, who participate in the Reading with Rover program received a treat too, a small bag of dog cookies just for them. Maine Street Cafe catered the light buffet.

Local Support for the Go Red For Women

By Jo Petteruti

City of Fallon officials, Banner Churchill Community Hospital and Banner Auxiliary all showed their support for the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women program on Friday, February 3.

Mayor Ken Tedford, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, Police Chief Kris Alexander, and many other city officials joined the Banner Auxiliary ladies to dye the fountain on Maine Street red, recognizing the importance of the program. Red decor and Go Red For Women posters adorned Banner Hospital's interior with many of the hospital's staff wearing some form of red. A few ladies were even able to step outside in the warm sunshine to show off their red attire.

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's signature women's initiative, and a comprehensive platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness to prevent heart



attacks and strokes. The program has grown from just wearing red and sharing heart health facts to helping women to make the commitment to take charge of their own heart health as well as that of their loved ones. Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women today, causing one in three women's deaths per

year. Statistics from the AHA also show that cardiovascular disease can still be prevented in 80 percent of cases through education and healthy lifestyle changes. More information about their program can be found on the website, <https://www.GoRedForWomen.org/>

Obituaries

Matthew Biddinger

On Friday, January 27, 2023, Matthew Biddinger passed away quietly at the age of 51.

He was born on February 20, 1971, in Fallon, Nevada to Steven and Wanda Biddinger. He graduated from Churchill County High School and went on to attend the University of Nevada, where he earned a B.A. in History. After college, Matthew moved to New Jersey to explore the big city life. He eventually moved back to Fallon with his budding family accompanying him.

Matthew enjoyed participating in and watching sports. Before high school, he was the National Junior Olympics champion in the discus. In his senior year in high school playing football, Matt was an All-American on the "Bigger, Stronger, Faster" team. He also won several regional and state titles in the shot put and discus. At Nevada, he was one of the best freshman javelin throwers in the country

and assisted his team to a Big West Track and Field Conference Championship.

Matt enjoyed being outdoors and could often be found grooming the grounds on his beloved family ranch, as well as helping others with their outdoor needs. He was also known for his sense of humor and quick smile.

Matthew was preceded in death by his mother Wanda, and brothers Robert Biddinger and Arnold Pritchard. He is survived by his daughter Isabel and son Luke, Father Steven Biddinger, sisters, Lara Biddinger, Debra Pritchard, Juanita Orozco, brother James Pritchard, and several nieces and nephews.

A service will be held on February 14, 2023, at the Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon at 2 p.m. A graveside service will follow, and a reception will be held at the funeral home. If so inclined, Matthew asked attendees to wear Greenwave gear.



Frances Hicks Christy

Frances Hicks Christy age 84, passed away peacefully at her home on February 2nd, 2023 in Fallon, Nevada. She was born September 12, 1938, to Archie Hicks and Gladys Johnson in Ely, Nevada, and was a member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.

She enjoyed going to powwows, watching her grandkids compete in various sporting events, and having big family gatherings. Her greatest love was her grandchildren.

Frances is survived by her longtime companion Joe Moose Jr, her children Debra Hooper (Bryan), Mary Christy, Grace Christy Sampson, George Christy

(Cheryl), Stanford Christy (Lisa), Frank Hicks, Jeff Hicks, Holly, sister Erma Garvey of New York, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, many nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog Naingis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Ronny Hicks, and sisters Donna Conway, Irene Hicks, and Marion Christianson. Services will be held at the FPST Tribal Gym on February 11 at 1:00 p.m., with a viewing at 12:00 noon. Graveside services will follow at the Fallon Tribal Cemetery. A potluck will be held following services, food donations are appreciated.



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Ruth Ann Corkill Pisciotta

Ruth Ann Corkill Pisciotta was born on June 5, 1958 in Fallon Nevada to Richard Corkill and Alma "Bobbie" Whisenhunt Corkill. She passed away February 2, 2023 after a brief illness.

Ruth graduated from Churchill County High School where she was a member of the gymnastics team and the band, then went on to attend business college in Reno. She was a kind and generous person with a heart of gold. She was always quick to offer help and support or a kind word to anyone who needed it. After high school, Ruth moved to Reno and worked for RR Donnelly for 13 years. She was a valued member of their team. She moved to Las Vegas in 1989 and lived there the rest of her life. She worked in the medical billing industry for 30 years.

Ruth was part of the 1974 Fallon gymnastics team that was just inducted into the Greenwave Hall of Fame. She won several awards over the years. She was still doing gymnastics and playing her flute and piccolo up to the last few

years of her life. She loved going on cruises and adored her 4 dogs, Misty Blue, Freckles, Ruby, and Gemma.

Ruth and her husband Mike were together for 24 years. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Ruth was preceded in death by her sister Rachelle Corkill Birch, brother Roy Corkill, father Richard Corkill, stepfathers Donald "Bud" Jensen and Dave Tuttle, and stepsister Cynthia Tuttle.

Ruth is survived by her husband Mike, mother Bobbie Tuttle, sister Renae Pahalke (Kurt), sons Sean Moore, Matt Lane, Aaron Betancourt, granddaughter Brooke Moore, nephew Jordan Pahalke, niece Karina Pahalke Davis (Jacob), their



children Elise and Kyler Davis, nephew Daniel Birch (Becca), their children Andy Jo and Eli Birch, uncle Robert George and his daughters Audra and Lydia and stepbrother Cory Tuttle (Bonnie).

There will be a private family service in Las Vegas. Cards may be sent to 1200 Jordans Way, Fallon, NV 89406 or to her home at 3600 Uranus Drive, North Las Vegas, NV 89031.

Bonnie Jeanne Eaken

Bonnie Jeanne Eaken was born in Fallon on June 1, 1944, to Edward E. Warman and Freida L. Warman. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on January 21, 2023. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael T. Eaken, her husband, Gordon G. Eaken, and both of her parents.

She is survived by her sister, E. Elaine Heath of Fallon, her brother, Edward E. Warman (Kathy) of Reno, and her daughters Cynthia Eaken, Marsha Eaken, and Mary Eaken, all of Fallon. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

As per her request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Bonnie's favorite charity, Paralyzed Veterans of America.



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Obituaries

Leila Johnson Barber

Leila was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 27, 1947. She was raised in Bountiful, Utah.

Leila married Stanley Dee Johnson in March of 1966. They raised their children in Fallon, Nevada where they worked together on their family ranch. She taught American Sign Language at Western Nevada College for many years.

After the passing of her first husband, Leila married Mick Barber in October of 2009. They split their time between Nevada and England attending as many family events as possible for both branches of the family. She loved her family and prioritized time with her grandchildren.

Leila was a world traveler and loved people, cultures, and languages. She and Mick traveled through Europe, visited Mick's sister in South Africa, and completed a tour of the continental United States.

Leila had a kind and generous heart.

She was always quick to offer help, love, and support to anyone in need.

Leila was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Dee Johnson, son Shane Dee Johnson, parents William and Jewel Buys, and siblings Dan Buys, Valerie Lynn Watson, and LeeAnn Graybill.

Leila is survived by her husband Mick Barber, her children, and their spouses: DeLea (Fernando) Rollano, Scott (Sarah) Johnson, Jewel (Joe) Fain, Spencer (Blair) Johnson, Amberlee (Steven) O'Driscoll, Stanley (Louise) Johnson, and Mick's children: Steven (Mandy) Barber, Clare (Mick) Elshaw, 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A public viewing was held Sunday, February 5th from 6 – 7 pm at the Smith Family Funeral Home, and again on Monday from 9:30 - 10:45 am at the LDS church 750 W. Richards St. in Fallon, NV. Services were held following the viewing on Monday, February 6, at 11 am.



Services Announced for Robert Matthew Achurra

Robert Matthew Achurra (Matt), age 41, passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023, at St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, Washington.

Matt grew up in Fallon, Nevada where he graduated from Churchill County High School. Having been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at a young age, Matt often volunteered his time for diabetic research projects as a way to share what he had learned and help others.

He lived a life full of love and compassion, often helping others before himself.

Matt passed peacefully, surrounded by family, friends, and an amazingly compassionate nursing team. Although he left us too soon, he made a lasting impact on his friends and family. Matt is survived by his daughter Serenity Achurra, parents Robert and Paula Achurra, brother Stephen Achurra (Susan), and grandparents Norma Achurra and Roy and Gail Van den Heuvel.

Services will be Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. at The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV 89406.



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Churchill County Board of Equalization will meet on February 22, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM, and will continue, from time to time, as needed. The meetings will be held in the Churchill County Commission Chambers, Churchill County Administration Complex, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 145, Fallon, Nevada. The County Board of Equalization shall conclude business on or before February 28, 2023.

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Richard Armond Capucci

April 2, 1947 – January 27, 2023.

Richard Armond Capucci, age 75, of Fallon, Nevada passed away peacefully on Friday January 27, 2023 at the VA Sierra Nevada Hospital in Reno Nevada due to complications from a brief illness.

Rick was born April 2, 1947 in Reno, Nevada to parents Armond and Janice Capucci. He lived his entire life in Fallon on the Capucci Ranch in the Sheckler District and enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing and spending time with his life-long friends.

Rick is a 1965 graduate of Churchill County High School where he was active in sports and agriculture activities. After graduation, Rick enlisted in the US Army where he was stationed in Germany and serviced missions in Germany and Africa during the Vietnam Conflict.

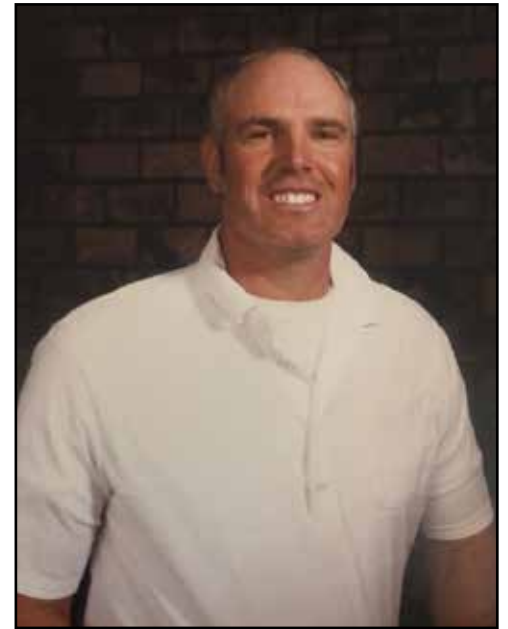
After his tour of duty, Rick returned to Fallon where he began his career with the State of Nevada Road Department retiring as the Fallon DOT Station Maintenance Supervisor after 37 years of service. Rick didn't know the meaning of retirement as his favorite leisure activities were cutting wood, tending to cows,

driving trucks for the local dairies, hauling manure for local fields, irrigating, and cutting hay on the ranch and for the neighbors that needed a little assistance.

Ricks love was his family. He enjoyed sitting in the front yard with the love of his life, Cathy and admiring the fields and their plush green grass. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren, sitting in the grandstands watching the grand-kids with their various sporting events, planting his garden and bumper crop of onions, coaching his girls in softball and basketball, and meeting his friends at the auction yard to talk about the price of hay and beef.

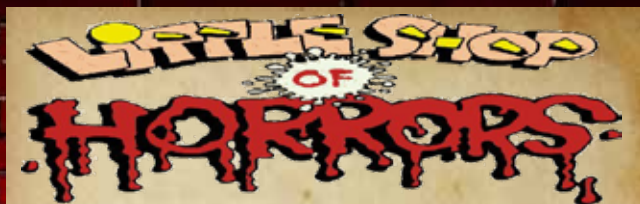
Rick is preceded in death by his parents, Armond and Janice Capucci; brother, Anthony Capucci Sr., his son, Galen Sammaripa and nephew, Cory Peck.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Cathy Capucci; daughters, Rochanne Downs (Scott), Yvonne Mori (Lawrence), and Denea Moyle-Zulz (Karl), son Allen Moyle all of Fallon; 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, brother Ben Peck, nephew Tony Capucci Jr and many cousins and friends.



A Celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 am at The Gardens Funeral Home & Crematory with burial to follow at the Churchill County Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, any monetary donations may be sent to the Churchill County 4H, 111 Sheckler Rd, Fallon NV 89406.



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Local Government

TCID Increases User Assessments

By Rachel Dahl

During the regular board meeting on Tuesday, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution 2023-01, relating to an increase in user assessments. The resolution provides for the fixing of a rate of assessment and levy on lands of the district to meet the contractual obligations to the United States and other rising expenses of the district.

During the January meeting, General Manager Ben Shawcroft presented a financial outlook of the ongoing projects facing the district in the course of its general operation, in addition to the payments for the Extraordinary Repairs to the Truckee Canal that have been required by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The \$35 million repair project on the canal has begun and is expected to run through the year. To complete the lining of the canal through the Fernley Reach, the canal has been shut down and will not run water during the 2023 water season.

Shawcroft said the anticipated interest to service the debt for that project is estimated to be 1.875% with an annual payment of roughly \$1,084,746. The district is also required to pay for the Environmental Impact Statement for the project, bringing the BOR payment to nearly \$1.4 million annually until 2029.

In addition to the Truckee Canal repair project, the district is facing work on the penstock in the Lahontan Dam for \$1.5 million, repairs to the tower gates at Lahontan for \$3 million, management services for the TCID Works program of \$130,000 a year, maintenance to the V-Line Weir for \$2 million, potential work on the Truckee Tunnel for \$3

million, and an increase in the Public Employees Retirement System of up to a 20% to meet the health insurance policy increase, as well as an increase of \$39,000 in the Federal Water Master Contribution.

Shawcroft presented two alternatives for lands equal to or greater than 6.68 acres: 1) A one-time increase to the assessment from \$47.90 per acre to \$50.90 per acre to go into effect July 1, 2023, or 2) Following the \$3 increase, an additional \$3 increase to go into effect automatically in July 2024 and in July 2025.

For lands with less than 6.68 acres, the options would be 1) a one-time increase to the assessment from \$320 to \$340 (with no change to the \$120 administrative fee) to go into effect July 1, 2023, and 2) following the \$20 increase, an additional \$20 increase would go into effect automatically in July 2024 and again in 2025.

The board approved the one-time increase to take effect July 1 of this year. Board member Davy Stix opposed the motion, saying the increase may be premature as the District Court judge has not yet certified the election regarding the repayment contract with the BOR. He said he's never seen the court take this long to certify an election.

Board member Lester deBraga clarified that the court by law doesn't have to ratify the contract, "we're just going through the procedure."

David Rigdon is the Special City Attorney for Water Resources for the City of Fernley who spoke in opposition to the resolution, saying the city is, "adamantly opposed to either option." He said it is just as presumptuous to presume the judge will ratify as it is that

he won't, but the issue is the assessment. "You don't have the authority to impose taxes, you are only authorized to impose assessments. In the law, an assessment is a completely different thing than a tax. Assessments require a showing that the property that is being assessed actually receives a benefit. You're saying, 'Of course Fernley benefits, we're fixing your flooding for you.' Fixing a flooding problem that affected 500 people by imposing literally tens of millions of dollars of cost on the city to help extend infrastructure is not a benefit to the city. There are other less intrusive ways to fix this and the city should not be charged for that."

The City of Fernley owns water rights in the Truckee Division of the Newlands Project and would be charged the assessment.

"Cutting off our water for an entire year is not a benefit to the city, and there is no analysis to support your decision."

Shawcroft responded that an in-depth analysis had been presented at the January board meeting and the assessment was to cover not just the repayment contract, but other needs of the district as well. He also questioned Rigdon's refusal to see a benefit, saying, "No benefit to Fernley' has me scratching my head and I'm not sure their citizens would agree the city has no duty to protect them."

The board also approved the Rate and Levy of the Annual Assessment on all lands in the district, known as the District General, to be used for deposit in the capital improvement fund. The rate is adjusted on July 1 of each year through a formula based on the Consumer Price Index and was increased from \$6.29 in 2022 to \$6.56 for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

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City Council Approves One License, Tables Another

By Jo Petteruti

During their first February meeting on Tuesday, the Fallon City Council considered two cabaret license requests, one from Stockman's Casino and one from Greenwave Sports bar. A cabaret license is a privileged license that allows a drinking establishment to provide live entertainment or dancing in a separate area of the establishment.

In each instance, elements of the city's cabaret ordinance which accompanies the city application had to be explained to the applicants. Importance was placed on the fact that minors are prohibited from the premises that serve alcohol and the cabaret/performance areas, and that the area must be sectioned off from other areas on the premises to ensure minors do not enter it. Councilman Paul Harmon noted the ordinance only allows for a one-person entertainer. "So, in the future, if they got to a point where they want to bring a band in with multiple entertainers, would the cabaret license have to be amended to cover that?" Mayor Ken Tedford replied, "Yes, it would."

Stockman's General Manager Terry Smith spoke on behalf of the request which stated their desire to allow an individual entertainer, the guitar player and singer Brother Dan, to perform for four hours on a Thursday evening. According to the applicant's plan, a new area would be established between the Players Club booth and the Steakhouse. "Minors would possibly stand in the restaurant's entrance while waiting to be seated and may be able to hear the music from there."

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee told the council that Stockman's did have a cabaret license before COVID, but that it had lapsed, and they were now reapplying. The mayor wanted to ensure that the new cabaret area would have some type of partition around it, as one was not in the plan. He then asked, "Are you familiar with the ordinance?" Smith said he was not, so Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga explained the purpose of the partition to him. Smith stated that minors would not be allowed to just stand and listen to the music. "That won't happen." After further discussion, and the mayor noting that Stockman's is also subject to the State Gaming Commission, the council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Johan Luis Vera Resendiz, the owner of the Greenwave Sports Bar, submitted the second cabaret licensing request for his establishment at 2155 West Williams

Avenue. In an email to the city clerk's office, he described the entertainment he planned. "I will be having live music including bands and groups, performances, DJ and karaoke, contests including dancing, mechanical bull riding, corn hole, pool table and dart competitions, dwarf and arm wrestling." When Resendiz came forward, Councilwoman Karla Kent asked, "After listening to the last application, are 21 and over all that's allowed to come into the Greenwave?" He replied, "We have activities where families can bring their minors. We have separate booths from the bar, and we have security at the door." Kent pressed, "So are they separate from where you have live entertainment?" He replied, "On Wednesdays when we have DJ Trivia, the families like to go."

The mayor then said they were going to have the same issue with being able to partition the entertainment and bar area, and in this case, it would be more difficult with a single front entrance into the bar. "This is a bar, it's not a restaurant. Bars aren't generally for family activities." He went on to say, "The map I saw is wide open from the bar, even where the pool table is and from the dance floor and stage." The mayor questioned how the cabaret area could be separated, then asked if they were going to serve food. Resendiz replied. We serve appetizers like pizza and chicken wings. We also

plan to bring a food trailer in the back." When the Mayor then asked if he had a license to serve that food, Resendiz said they were applying for one through the health department. City Engineer Derek Zimney said it would have to be a snack bar type of set-up. "When Johan applied, he initially wanted to do a restaurant, and we went through the grease interceptor process. But when Johan remodeled the building, he chose not to install that process, so this is the first I've heard of this."

After much further discussion, advice from deBraga, and recommendations from the mayor that Resendiz meets with Zimney to work out the partitioning, the mayor said, "This council cannot approve a request to have minors in a bar. This is not the Fallon Youth Club. It's a serious thing, youth or family in a bar. It might be a nice idea for you, but it's illegal." Councilwoman Kelly Frost then asked if a cabaret license was required for DJ Trivia, to which deBraga replied, "Yes, I believe it is." She then added, "Looking at some of the events that you've had, you've violated our ordinance and some of the events should not even be running in the bar." In the end, the council decided to table the request and recommended that Resendiz works with Zimney to address the issues raised by the council.

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Law & Order

Law and Motion from District Court

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

Mark Antonio Graham pled not guilty to a Category B Felony of Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim, which carries a potential penalty of 2-15 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$15,000. At defense counsel Joseph S. Gilbert's request, a Settlement Conference was set for March 31. A trial date will be set later. Troy Michael Holbrook pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Violation of a Protective Order. Fees and assessments were imposed. Holbrook was sentenced to 364 days in Churchill County Jail, suspended, and placed on probation for 12 months with standard conditions attached. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim, except court-allowed text messages for a specific reason.

Rudolfo Ortiz pled guilty to a Category C Felony of Attempt to Commit Assault with a Deadly Weapon, which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for May 2.

Scott Michael Barela appeared for sentencing on a Category D Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a Schedule 3, 4, or 5 drug. Fees and assessments were imposed. Barela received a sentence of 12-32 months in Nevada State Prison. He was remanded to the custody of the Church-

ill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Jessica Kay Collins appeared for sentencing on a Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, 1st or 2nd offense. Fees and fines were imposed. Collins was sentenced to 22-55 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and was placed on probation for 24 months with standard conditions attached.

Lizet Ruiz-Jauegui appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Commit Bribery of a Public Officer. The judge suspended proceedings and placed Ruiz-Jauegui on probation for 1 year with standard conditions attached. She was ordered to complete Western Regional Drug Court, and to follow the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation.

Ashlie Emalyn-Rainbow Shaw, in custody, pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Possession of a Dangerous Drug Without a Prescription, which carries a possible penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Sentencing was set for March 7 to allow Shaw to get a substance abuse evaluation.

Robert Willis Ortiz, in custody, pled guilty to a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine). As there are more than 2 prior felonies, this is not a mandatory probation case. Sentencing was set for March 14 to allow Ortiz to obtain a substance abuse evaluation.

PD Jacob Sommer addressed custody

status. He requested an OR release for the defendant, saying Ortiz does want to make improvements, he has lived in Fallon for 10 years. He has struggled in the past, but Sommer told the court he has seen a change in Ortiz that "frankly was surprising initially, and then refreshing as I have continued to work with him." ADA Aaron Thomas said the State would oppose an OR release as Ortiz "has a consistent history of violating the court's generosity with probation" The defendant possessed a controlled substance while on parole for a felony violation of probation, has 2 failures to comply, a failure to appear, and he has "a habit of not complying." The judge granted Ortiz OR with standard conditions attached. He also ordered Ortiz to comply with Court Services supervision of daily check-ins, random testing and to obtain the evaluation.

Richard Juhasz, in custody, admitted to a non-technical probation violation of use of a controlled substance and absconding from probation. Following arguments from the state and the defense, the judge told the defendant, "I'm going to give you one more chance. I'm going to rescind your diversion." He then sentenced Juhasz on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance to 19-48 months in Nevada Prison, suspended. The defendant was placed on probation for 18 months with standard conditions attached. He was also ordered to enter the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program. Juhasz can be released when the drug court accepts him back into the program. Fees and assessments were imposed.

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Notes from Justice Court

The New River Justice Court convened Friday, February 3, Judge Ben Trotter presiding.

Brittany LeAnn Laub failed to appear for a bench trial. A bench warrant was issued.

David Steven Haskins, in custody, appeared for a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Unlawful Housebreaking into an Uninhabited or Vacant Dwelling. Haskins was found to be public defender eligible. PD Jacob Sommer was appointed and requested Haskins be released on his own recognizance. ADA Chelsea Sanford opposed OR citing the defendant's lack of housing, his extensive criminal history, and numerous failure-to-appears within recent years. The judge found clear and convincing reasons to require bail based on lack of stable housing, unconfirmed employment, extensive criminal history, and extensive history of not showing up for court. A Status Hearing was set for February 9.

Stephen Michael Dean, in custody, appeared on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Housebreaking into an Uninhabited or Vacant Dwelling. Dean was found to be public defender eligible. PD Sommer was appointed and asked the Court to consider an OR release as he does not have any failure to appears, has some criminal history, and it appears he is employed. Sanford opposed OR citing the defendant's homelessness and the cold weather. Dean told the judge he has a friend he can stay with. Trotter granted OR, and a Status Hearing was set for February 9.

Joy VanZant-Thunder, in custody, appeared on the Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substance. VanZant-Thunder was found to be public defender eligible. PD Sommer was appointed and said the defendant has lived in Fallon for more than 10 years and requested the defendant be released on her own recognizance. ADA Sanford asked that VanZant-Thunder remain in custody, citing several failures to check in and show up for Court Services. Brenda Ingram with Court Services told the court the defendant was previously on Court Services supervision in September of 2022 and that she "never appeared, never complied, never tested." The judge found there are clear

and convincing reasons to not release the defendant without bail based on the reports of the ADA and Court Services. A Status Hearing was set for February 9, she remains in custody.

Angela Rose Lacerra, in custody, appeared on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Housebreaking into an Uninhabited or Vacant Dwelling. Lacerra was found to be Public Defender eligible, and one will be appointed to her. Lacerra will remain in custody until her Status Hearing which was set for February 9.

Heather Lynn Walter, in custody, pled no contest to a Misdemeanor charge of Illegal Dumping of Garbage. She received a sentence of 10 days suspended for 2 years on the condition she is not brought before the court again for any other illegal dumping or any offense on any public lands. Walter was released from custody.

Jarrett Tyler Beckner, in custody, pled guilty to a Misdemeanor charge of Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing a Public Officer. ADA Priscilla Baker cited Beckner's criminal history, then explained that he jumped out of a vehicle when law enforcement was pulling him over, and ran into Walmart, "He placed himself in danger, the officers in danger, and everyone in Walmart." The judge sentenced Beckner to 30 days in Churchill County Jail.

On Thursday, February 9, Judge Trotter presided over New River Justice Court

David Haskins, in custody, pled guilty to a Misdemeanor charge of Trespassing, which carries a possible penalty 6 months in the Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Sentencing was set for March 2, to allow time for victim notification. Haskins released on his own recognizance with Court Services supervision of daily check-ins and random testing.

Rueben Fotsch, in custody, appeared for arraignment on the Misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor, Failure to Maintain Travel Lane, and Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. Judge Trotter entered a not guilty plea. Fotsch was found to be Public Defender eligible, and one will be appointed. A Status Hearing was set for February 16. Fotsch was released on his own recognizance with Court Services supervision. He was released.

Joshua McEvers, in custody, appeared for arraignment on a Misdemeanor charge of Petit Larceny. Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the Court to entertain OR release as McEvers does own a home in Churchill County and has long time connections to the community.

ADA Chelsea Sanford opposed OR as the defendant has multiple felony offenses. She said that in this incident, McEvers endangered this community and the law enforcement officers involved. Judge Trotter found clear and convincing reason to require bail, primarily the seemingly violent nature of interactions the defendant has had with law enforcement, and protection of the community. Trotter did reduce bail to \$5,000. Sommer then asked for suspension of proceedings for a competency evaluation to begin. Trotter so ordered.

Paul Perez, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing. ADA Aaron Thomas stated Perez has been read the charges, has been found to be public defender eligible, has refused public defenders saying he wants to hire his own attorney. He has not done so. Thomas requested a PD be appointed. Trotter agreed and set a Status Hearing for February 23rd.

Joy VanZant-Thunder, in custody, appeared for arraignment on a Misdemeanor charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. As VanZant-Thunder has been found public defender eligible on other charges, Trotter ordered a PD be assigned and set a Status Hearing on February 16.



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Education

Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

Oasis FFA Competes at Zone

By Hunter McNabb

On February 3rd, the Future Farmers of America Western Nevada Zone Competition was hosted at Pershing County High School in Lovelock, Nevada. Teams from Northern Nevada competed in Agricultural Sales, Milk Quality, Prepared Public Speaking, and a variety of other competitive events.

The Western Zone competition



provided students an opportunity to interact with other agricultural students, while practicing for their CDE's and LDE's (career and leadership development events). FFA provides an opportunity for students to compete in CDE's or LDE's with the ultimate goal of helping students prepare for a future career.

The Oasis FFA performed well, teams and students placed in Agricultural Sales, Milk Quality, Creed Speaking, and Floriculture. The Milk Quality team won first place, the Ag Sales Team and Floriculture Teams both placed second. For individual results, Matthew Bird placed second in Milk Quality, Grace Laca finished third in Milk Quality, Hunter McNabb finished third in Ag Sales and Isabella Grimes finished third in the Creed Speaking.

"I'm incredibly proud of the students that participated in Zone. Their hard work paid off! This was just the first step



as they continue to prepare for the state convention. I'm excited to see how they do going forward," said FFA Advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz.

The students will continue to study and practice their topics as they prepare to compete at the Nevada FFA State Convention held in March.

Senior Spotlight: Aaron Housel

Switching schools can be a difficult transition for some students, but Senior Aaron Housel found a school and teachers that were ready to foster his education and showed him compassion when he transitioned to Oasis Academy in fourth grade.

"The first thing I noticed when I started at Oasis is that all the teachers treat every student with respect and give help as soon as it is needed. That has continued through to my senior year



at this school. I've felt valued and know that they cared. The teachers make the learning experience fun as well. My time at Oasis has been great to say the least," Housel said.

"Mrs. Amy O'Flaherty helped me out the most when I needed it. I'd like to thank her for all that she did," he added.

Like many other students, the diverse class opportunities through the Jump Start Program in partnership with Western Nevada College has helped Housel find a career path.

"Criminal Justice was my favorite class. It is the most interesting and fun class I've ever had and has made me want to work in law enforcement," he said.

His time at Oasis has included some great memories including the 2021 Homecoming Dance at the Fallon Youth Center and playing on the basketball team. Housel will also join the Oasis Baseball team for their inaugural season this spring.

Housel will graduate in May with both his associates degree and high school diploma. He plans to stay and work locally until he is 21 and can apply to work for the Nevada State Police.

"My advice for future students is to appreciate what Oasis has to offer. It is a place where the teachers are willing to help you and want you to succeed."

Second graders give presentations

Second grade classes worked hard doing research on landmarks the last couple weeks to prepare for the presentations they gave on January 30.

The pairs of students were assigned a landmark that they then researched, wrote about, and created a slideshow using Google Slides. Presentations highlighted the important facts they learned. Parents and families were encouraged to attend and watch the students present.

"I felt really nervous and excited about the presentations. Almost my whole family came," said Tomas de Leon who was partnered with Ryatt Jackson.

"We were nervous because there were people we didn't know that were coming to watch. We did a lot of research using the internet. Our project was on 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.



Yearbooks on sale

Oasis Academy Kindergarten through 8th grade and high school yearbooks are now on sale. Purchase them at <https://yearbookforever.com/>. Be sure to indicate which grade level (K-8 or high school) yearbook you are purchasing. We will not be able to trade them out.

CHURCHILLCSD DISTRICT COMMUNICATION THOUGHT EXCHANGE RESULTS



STAKEHOLDERS WERE ASKED:

What does your ideal communication from ChurchillCSD look like?

★ 258 ★

PARTICIPANTS

- 144 Parent/Guardian
- 47 Licensed Staff
- 22 Students
- 9 Classified Staff
- 7 Support Staff
- 7 Community members
- 4 Family Members
- 3 Answer not available
- 2 ChurchillCSD External Partners

TOP RECURRING THOUGHTS

1

The sooner information goes out, the more proactive families can be in the success of our kids and the support of the school. The weekly newsletter needs to showcase the upcoming events for the next week at my child's school.

2

The current newsletter is too long. People want something easy and fast to read. It can get overwhelming, and important information is easily missed. Needs to be better organized so we can scroll through and find what we need for our child's school.

3

Parents should not have to search for information about their child's school. There should be one place they can go to for all the current/upcoming information.

SUMMARY

Communication should be:

- Concise and informative,
- Open and transparent,
- School specific,
- Simple to understand and follow - bullets of information.

WHAT WE ARE DOING...

- Weekly highlights in the Fallon Post/LVN and regular posts on the individual school Facebook pages celebrating our students/staff and highlighting what is happening in our classrooms. Our newsletter primarily focuses on upcoming dates and need-to-know information.
- Our newsletter has been condensed. Important dates for the upcoming week are at the top, and upcoming dates can be found towards the bottom of the newsletter. **Everything is organized by school site.**
- Increased use of text messaging feature through our parent communication system. Phone calls are reserved for very important, urgent, or emergency instances.

HIGHEST RATED THOUGHTS

- #1 - **Notice of important dates given at least 1-2 weeks in advance.** This gives you more than a couple of days to prepare.
- #2 - **Faster responses from school officials and staff.** During the previous school year, many of the teachers never even responded at all. Communication is necessary.
- #3 - **Text important updates.** As a working professional, I need information quickly and accurately to plan MY DAY.
- #4 - **Prefer weekly communication.** Children do not always bring home important information to their parents.

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON...

- Designating communication liaisons at each school site.
- Creating a family communication webpage on the District website with:
 - The newsletter, important information for families, links to Peachjar, and the District calendar with school events.
 - The Fallon Post & LVN highlights for the week.
 - Messages that have been sent to families.
 - Links to other pages parents may need to access.

This webpage will be that "one place" parents can find everything.

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Sports

Schedule for the weekend games...

Greenwave Sports

The boys varsity basketball team is now 16-8 overall and 4-4 in 3A Northern-East division play after splitting their games this weekend. First, on Friday, they lost to their longtime rivals the Fernley Vaqueros by a tight margin of 79-78. The Greenwave were led by Junior Brady Alves' 26 points and Sophomore Braden Sorenson's 21 points. Then on Saturday, the Greenwave defeated the Dayton Dust Devils 51-35.

Meanwhile, the girls varsity basketball team is 11-13 overall and 4-7 in league play after losing to Fernley on Friday 47-26 and defeating Dayton on Saturday 40-19.

In wrestling, as a team, the Greenwave finished in 3rd at the 3A northern regionals. Top four in each weight advance to state next weekend in Winnemucca. The Greenwave qualified 7 wrestlers.

106- Manny Barros - 6th
113- Andre Green - 5th
120- Carson Melendy - Champion
126- Jaiden McFadden - 2nd
132- Lonnie Adams - 4th
138- Jeramiah Prinz - 4th
144- Isiah Diaz - 4th
144- Caden McKnight 6th
157- Thayne Hatch - 2nd
165- Colton Blankenship 2nd
175- Lucas Costagliola - 6th

This weekend's schedule for Churchill County High School:

Friday February 10
3pm Girls JV vs. Elko High School at home
3pm Boys Freshman vs. Elko High School at home
4:30pm Girls Freshman vs. Elko High School at home
4:30pm Boys JV vs. Elko High School at home
6:00pm Girls Varsity vs. Elko High School at home
7:30pm Boys Varsity vs. Elko High School at home

Saturday February 11
10:00am Girls JV vs. Spring Creek at home
10:00am Boys Freshman vs. Spring Creek at home



Above and right: Greenwave wrestlers at Regionals last weekend, now headed to State.
Photo courtesy CCHS Athletics

11:30am Girls Freshman vs. Spring Creek at home
11:30am Boys JV vs. Spring Creek at home
1:00pm Girls Varsity vs. Spring Creek at home
2:30pm Boys Varsity vs. Spring Creek at home

Oasis Bighorn Sports

The Bighorn boys varsity basketball team is now 8-9 overall and 1-5 in 1A Western Division after losing on Saturday to the Coleville Wolves 51-39. They play this Friday at 7:15pm at Sage Ridge in Reno and Saturday at 12:30pm at Excel Christian in Sparks.



Oasis Academy Bighorns volleyball game at Pyramid Lake.
Photo Victoria Crystal.



Greenwave wrestlers who have qualified for State this weekend.
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Local Columnists

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: February 10 - 16

Happy Valentine's Day

Aries – endings bring resolution, freedom from a situation that is full of struggle and pain. The ending is a solution for the internal struggle that keeps you in chains. But alas, you can find the power to free yourself from the mental chaos, step out of the chains and realize you don't have to end something in your external world. The solution was always within.

Taurus – your comfort zone may be shrinking. Stalled progress, delays, doubts about moving forward – these issues are invading your comfort zone to help create new growth. Try thinking about extending your comfort zone instead of getting out of it. You face the new, you make hard choices, you let some things go and before you know it the new change feels comfortable and secure. Keep this pattern in mind for your cycles of growth and healing.

Gemini – taking responsibility within relationships is of course a good thing, but taking personal responsibility for your character is also very important. So often we do things out of socially agreed-upon morals and values – what is expected of us. This week you have an opportunity to develop nobility of character, not because of outside influences, but because personal responsibility is honoring your Self.

Cancer – it can be hard to keep going when we don't see progress or receive any recognition for our efforts. Finding the love in what you do and making it the why will always be a place within you that feels successful. Remember: a purpose rooted in love will always flourish. Keep going, keep engaging, there is celebration and a breakthrough ahead.

Leo – consider The Art of Turning to be your lesson this week. When you turn away from conflict you are able to reclaim the power of your attention and focus. Turn your gaze into your own cup. There you will find your inner resources of self-sufficiency, emotional support, and the abundance of your own spirit, like a pitcher you can pour from, but also refill as often as you need to from your own infinite fountain of love.

Virgo – too often we end up basing our very important decisions on all the external factors, letting them influence the way we think and feel and end up sacrificing and stifling our true passions and desires. It is wise to show constraint and not throw caution to the wind, but you hold yourself back from your true love if you cannot let go of yesterday. You have a unique energy within you that wants to see the light of day, it is time to unbridle your passion and let it run wild.

Libra – strong influences that create opportunity for balance, harmony, and support help you to overcome the sting of facing pride and fear. We all have pride, it is often too clever to be caught. But you will be able to simply step over pride to take the next step of effort, and then communication. You are the fulcrum and that is a powerful force that creates the balance between two sides. Your power creates the resonance of harmony.

Scorpio – it is hard to take action or know what to do if you're waiting on an apology or reciprocity. Taking time away from conflict allows you to calm your emotional waters and entertain other possible ways you can feel about this situation before jumping back in again. When you can find and provide a state of inner peace for yourself first, it becomes easier to believe you can have that with another person.

Sagittarius – defeat can feel like sweet surrender, moving on from a heavy burden or from having to keep defending yourself. Now if only you could figure out how to not worry about it all. You are a survivor, not a victim – that's how you move forward, by identifying with your strength to accept defeat and the release that comes with it.

Capricorn – when we hold on too tightly we become blind to possibility. We can't see how we prevent necessary change from taking place. It is the better man that does not wait for all things to be equal. She needs to be devoted first, he needs to let down his defenses, I need an apology first. And where does it end? With you, because you have the heart of the Wise One and the willingness to take action.

Aquarius – this is indeed a unique opportunity for you this week to overcome an exit strategy you may have been using of late. Avoidance, loss of faith, not thinking about, not engaging, or a very negative mindset of pessimism are not working in your favor. You have the power to create a fair situation or conversation, but it is up to you to choose.

Pisces – what you may have been thinking of giving up on takes an unexpected turn this week. Where you were losing hope and facing the unknown, you will find renewed personal power to overcome. And where you lacked emotional devotion or suffered from injustice you now have options to consider.

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

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What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- *Sheet Pan Strategy*

Sometimes, I just take a moment to appreciate myself. That might sound egotistical, but I beg to differ. I am not reflecting upon my self-perceived greatness. I am reveling in my ridiculousness, my flights of fancy, my love of alliteration, my overabundant use of punctuation, and my vigilant defense of the oxford comma. I am a nerd, a geek, and a wonk. That might be a strange preamble to an article about cooking, but let it serve as words of preparation and warning. Because, this week, I am pleased to announce the creation of a third culinary strategy—the Sheet Pan Solution.

The Sheet Pan Solution was born of necessity. It was 5:15 p.m., I was tired, unmotivated, and yet dinner still needed to be prepared. According to my husband, pasta is delicious but pasta three nights in a row is unacceptable, so the Pasta Postulate was of no use. The Taco Tactic felt overwhelming to execute, so much chopping. So I formulated a plan: I would go to the store, buy some ingredients that seemed to go together, and roast them all on a sheet pan. Easy Peasy. This strategy is perhaps the simplest of them all and yet, it can yield amazingly delicious results.

The best part is that the Sheet Pan Solution involves “no recipe” recipes. Cooking is fun. Cooking is easy. Everyone can cook. You don't need a recipe. Just follow some simple guidelines and give it a try. First, I will share some helpful hints about sheet pan cooking. Then, for those of you that feel like you need a recipe, I will share the step-by-step for my sheet pan dinner from last night.

Basic Sheet Pan Cooking Guidelines

1. Choose a Protein - seafood, chicken, pork, beef, or tofu
2. Choose some Veggies - use more than you think you need as veggies lose quite a bit of volume when roasted in the oven.

Google is your friend to identify fun veggie and fruit pairings.

3. Build some Flavor

a. Fat is Flavor - the easiest and most ubiquitous fat in sheet pan cooking is olive oil. But you can get creative with duck fat, bacon grease, coconut oil, and more.

b. Herbs and Spices - the colonel got this one right. Whole spices and sturdy, stemmy herbs are well-suited for sheet pan cooking. Think rosemary, thyme, marjoram, and bay leaves.

c. Be Bold - smashed garlic cloves, whole slices of citrus, and chiles.

d. Finish the Job - add delicate ingredients at the end like basil, mint, green onions, or cilantro; pickled onions, vinegar, a squeeze of lemon; crumbled feta, cotija, or parmesan; salsa, chutney, or relish.

4. Cooking your Meal

a. You will want to start with the items that take longer to cook and add in ingredients as appropriate.

b. Fat is your friend - make sure to give everything a good drizzle of oil before roasting.

c. Season well with salt and pepper

d. Placement matters - the closer the sheet pan is to the heat source, the quicker your ingredients will get crisp and brown. Also, items at the edges of the sheet pan will cook more quickly than those in the center.

e. I cook my sheet pan dinners at 400°, typically starting with 20 minutes and adjusting cooking time as needed based on ingredients.

Kelli's Sheet Pan Sea Bass

INGREDIENTS

- 2 sea bass filets
- 1 head of fennel - trimmed and cut into wedges
- 2 shallots - peeled, root end intact, cut into wedges

- 1 bunch of broccolini, trimmed
- 1 cara cara orange, cut into thick slices
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Herbs de Provence

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Line sheet pan with parchment or foil.
2. Toss vegetables with olive oil, salt, and pepper, and scatter them on the sheet pan. Top with sliced oranges.
3. Roast vegetables for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, pat fish dry, drizzle with olive oil, season well with salt, pepper, and herbs de Provence.
4. When your veggies are soft and starting to caramelize (or char, yum), position the seasoned fish in the middle and continue to roast until the fish is cooked through.



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Deck Hands – How Good Is Your Word

By Jo Petteruti

I grew up learning respect for the value of giving your word. That's what my parents taught me, and that's what I taught my son. We believe that a person is only as good as their word and their word is their bond. My folks ran a successful business for over 25 years, and when they agreed to something with a customer, a handshake sealed the deal. Most times contracts were penned as well, but the agreement always started with their word and a handshake.

I believe that the majority of our community is comprised of honest, hard-working people who do stand behind their word. Agriculture just brings that out too, as an industry where farmers and ranchers trust each other's word for honest negotiations.

Small businesses here rely on honest dealings as well. I had a positive experience recently when I called A-1 Appliance whose voicemail asked that I leave a message and said they would call me back. "I give you my word," the recording said. Sure enough, the next morning Kathleen Craig called me back, giving me some advice and her next available service call appointment for the following week should I need it. I told her how much I appreciated her keeping her word about the return phone call, and she just replied, "That's what we do here, it's how we do business." I said I would get back to her and did to let her know that her advice was perfect and no longer needed the appointment. Two people in an honest conversation keep their word. So little effort is required.

However, there are some who don't value honesty. They lie right to your face and think nothing of it – just another day for them. They are so good at lying, you can't tell they're doing it, and maybe they can't either. They just don't care whom they hurt as long as they gain. Maybe they are driven by some thrill of knowing that even if they are found out, it will be too late to have anything done about the result. It's too bad lying isn't illegal, because the result of that deceit can be considered unlawful in some locales.

A business deal of mine not long ago involved people that were so far from being honest that I doubt they can even spell the word. For years, those people created a fake facade of honesty. Then things turned, just like the old O'Jays song, "They smile in your face, all the time they want to take your place. Backstabbers."

If a person doesn't stand by their word or chooses to ignore their commitment, does that make them a lesser person in our community, in our world? Based on my upbringing and this particular experience, I have to say yes.

I also believe that the Lord, karma, and/or the universe rights all wrongs committed by liars, cheats, and others who play their lies to another person's disadvantage. Sometimes karma is instant, and other times it takes time. But for those of us who do take pride in the value of our word, we can be very patient.



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Editor:

As a resident of Churchill County, I have followed the local news regarding the housing crisis and the local building approvals going forth, while understanding that there is a logical need for proper housing to accommodate the growth within our Northern Nevada Region. These proposed housing developments are listing their dwelling sites, plus offering to add another county park, yet there seems to be a hollow spot in the dialogue that is not being publicly addressed. And that concern involves our Schools.

It is no secret that there are staffing shortages for public teachers, substitutes and busing/transportation drivers. I would include the specific concern of Churchill County having one public High School and one Middle School, along with a few private schools assisting with the student population, but one in particular maintains a waiting list. The potential addition to our town's student population, brought in by these expansive housing developments, should bring an additional dialogue within our community. There will be a direct need for additional sub-structures and more staffing within our local educational system and how will that be accommodated?

The enterprise of expansion surely initiates the demand to properly review every aspect of our town's amenities and services, and yet I read nothing about the educational impacts or student increases that are involved by adding this many single-dwelling homes, apartments and townhomes. I haven't noticed any comments coming from the Superintendent of Schools regarding these housing expansions, or heard any specifics regard the potential impact of adding an estimation of two new students per added household to our already populated school system, as it currently stands. That concerns me, knowing the current employment crisis and lack of space that our schools are already facing.

This could be especially concerning within the High School and Middle School grade levels. High School students have already conveyed a lack of seating during lunch periods and teachers have

expressed that they are accommodating and covering for each other's classes, due to a severe lack of substitutes. Our buses are already running lengthy bus rides, with elementary school kids sharing a bus with High School students, all because there is a shortage of bus drivers throughout the entire Nevada region. It is evident to me, that the Churchill School District needs to begin publicly weighing-in on these decisions of home/dwelling expansions, as it is guaranteed to directly increase the student population in Churchill County.

As an x-school board member within another county in Nevada, I appreciate the opportunity to express this particular concern to the public and will look forward to hearing more about the projected student impact, in relationship to the expansions of growth in Churchill County.

Sheri Samson
Resident of Fallon. NV

To the Planning Commission:

You can print in black and white through public notices that you denied this citizen's temporary use permit knowing it is the potential residents' only other option instead of homelessness, and believe it's the best decision?

Call around and discover how much monthly rent is at some of these other RV parks with hookups for water and electricity.

Imagine only making minimum wage. Imagine having your current home sold by your landlord, with no more than a month's quick notice with absolutely NOTHING available, because you don't make 3 times the astronomical rent. Imagine living on only social security of \$850/month, being disabled, and being pushed into terrifying and dangerous living conditions due to lack of accessible AND affordable housing.

These are all real situations that many individuals and families in our community are experiencing right now.

I implore you to imagine what it must be like to have to move into an RV for any

one of those reasons or others, and then imagine a group of individuals who know nothing of your plight choosing to stand in between you and your only possibility of warmth and shelter.

By denying this appeal, you are planting yourselves firmly in the way with your red tape and hypocrisy (you approved temporary housing for agricultural workers the same day this originally came before you on 1/11, also oddly enough for the purpose to help them earn income, by assisting their dairy cows, the same "possible" reason you denied Ruth's) of someone having a shred of affordable housing.

If you have sanitation concerns, why not help the landowner find an affordable option to make it work, or some sort of guidance at the very least? There are LOTS of people doing this without going about the proper channels, it would encourage more to attempt to do so if they saw community allies eager to help instead of textbook examples of bureaucrats at work.

If I sound harsh, it's due to the disappointment of having to send these comments in the first place. Don't make the current affordable housing shortage any worse by interfering in people figuring it out for themselves, amongst themselves.

PLEASE, let someone share a sliver of their own land to keep another from having "no other place to live."

That last one is quoted from your Notice of Public Hearing, and the reason for this correspondence.

Sincerely,

One extremely concerned community member who wishes it wasn't any of your business in the first place.

Mandie Koeckes



Entertainment

Carol's Book Report – *Creative Style: Liveable, Loveable Spaces* by Lizzie McGraw



I like to look at decorating books, not because I decorate a whole lot but because I like to see how someone has put a room together, or what they used where, or what creative thing they did that never once entered my mind.

And this one deserves repeat viewing so as not to miss anything. It has beautiful pictures, great color, is not fussy, and is packed full of funky, elegant, and sophisticated rooms.

I was particularly drawn to the refurbished older pieces; wicker, trunks, and benches placed strategically in interesting places. McGraw is a top-notch interior designer.

The library has many decorating and home improvement books in the collection.

This title is available in print at the library.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library and she actually owns a wicker couch.



In honor of Valentine's Day, this week we've got this photo from 1983, showing off Alpha Theta's Valentines Baby Contest. What do you think, is it time to bring this back? There are certainly still plenty of cute kids here in Fallon! Photo by Joyce Thornton Alcorn McCarty McClelland



Movies & More

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All right, moviegoers, we have two great free movies for you this weekend, Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. We start with our first feature each night, at 6 p.m. the 2001 computer-animated comedy "Shrek." In this great movie a mean lord exiles fairytale creatures to the swamp of a grumpy ogre, who must go on a quest and rescue a princess for the lord to get his land back. Featuring the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and John Lithgow.

Our second feature each evening beginning at 7 p.m. is the 2002 action thriller "The Bourne Identity." A man, salvaged from the sea and near death, wakes up to total amnesia without identity or background except for exceptional linguistic and self-defense skills. He sets out on a desperate search to discover who he really is and why he's being lethally pursued by assassins. Stars Matt Damon, Chris Cooper, and Julia Stiles.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 24, for more local music on our historic stage - Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs with Steven Christie. A great night of music, tickets are \$10 per person, doors open at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7.

February Movies

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6:00 & 7:00pm

Saturday 2/4
6:00 & 7:00pm

Friday 2/10
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6:00 & 7:00pm

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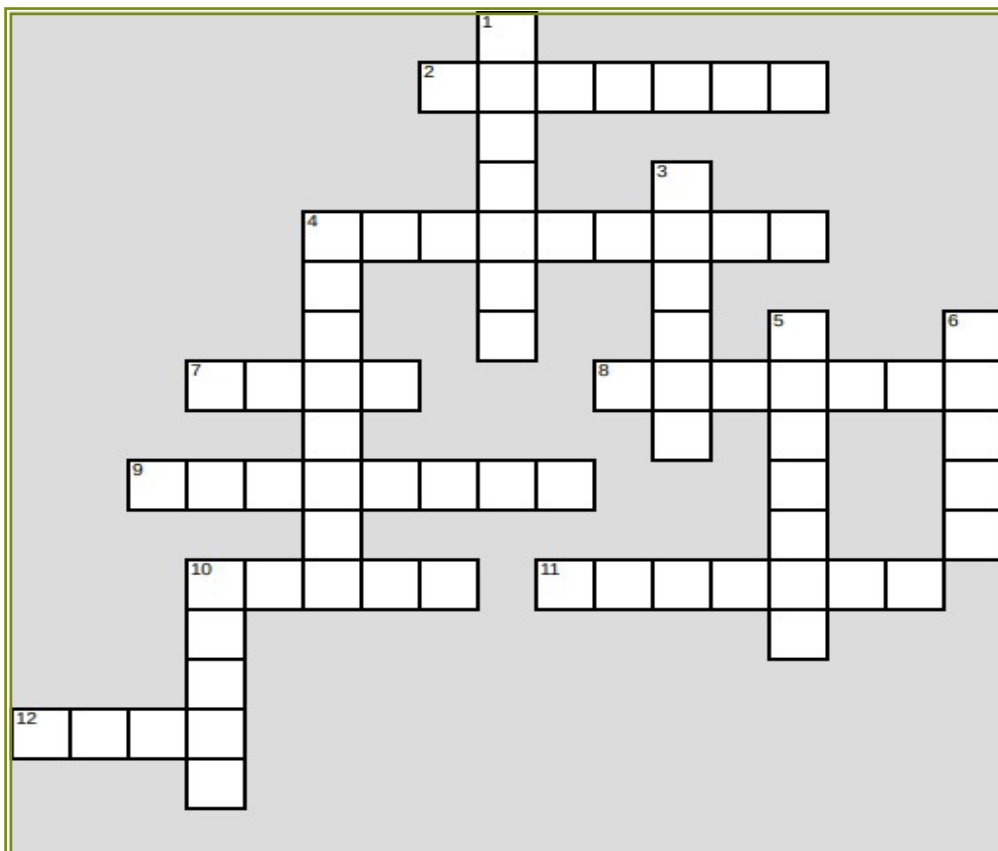
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Saturday 2/25
6:00 & 7:00pm

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February Babies - by Peanut

(Answers on page 2)



Across

- 2 I am Sam star
- 4 Final Countdown star
- 7 He Loaded Sixteen Tons
- 8 NBA forward
- 9 Bridget Jones author
- 10 Goldfinger
- 11 Studs Lonigan author
- 12 Quiet Man director

Down

- 1 One of Charlie's Angels
- 3 NY Jets linebacker
- 4 Pop and jazz singer
- 5 Fred Mertz
- 6 Pretty Boy
- 10 The Easy Rider

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PWP No. CH-2023-186
Fallon, NV

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the Oats Park Splash Pad and Pavilions Project will be received by the City of Fallon, the Owner, at their administrative office located at 55 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work consists of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.

The Work generally includes but is not limited to: Civil improvements in support of installation of a new splash pad (by others). Various demolition and removals, ADA concrete walkway improvements around the exterior of the splash pad, concrete stairs and handrails, wrought iron fencing and gates, CMU block walls, CMU block equipment room, synthetic turf, concrete foundations, furnish and install specified pavilions, storm drain improvements, electrical and lighting components, water service components, and site control.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Fallon
55 W. Williams Ave.
Fallon, Nevada 89406

Lumos & Associates, Inc.
178 South Maine Street
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The Contract Documents may be examined and obtained on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the following location:

ENGINEER: www.lumosinc.com/planroom - Plan Room (Hosted by Quest CDN)

A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 will be charged to log into the plan room to obtain each set of Plans and Contract Documents.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, February 10, 2023, at Fallon City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with Section 00200, Instructions to Bidders. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed form (separate Bid package) and accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in accordance with Section 00200. Successful Bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the contact price.

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Owner: City of Fallon
By: Brian Byrd
Title: Public Works Director
Date: February 2, 2023

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REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Commnet of Nevada, LLC proposes the replacement of an existing 38-ft AGL monopole with a 65-ft AGL monopole communication site located at 15552 Schurz Hwy, Fallon, NV. The monopole tower is located at latitude 39-15-26.15 N and longitude 118-47-20.92 W. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environment Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online, and instructions for making such filings can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request>. The proposed communications site can be identified by FCC Form 854 File Number A1237987 and interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC Form 854 File Number A1237987.

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Feb. 13 - Feb. 17

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Various County
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155 North Taylor Street

Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken
February 9, 2023 at 9:10 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
113,100 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen
0.00 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
0.00 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
11.1 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill
558 cfs

February 09

2023 : 113,028 acre feet

2022 : 90,966 acre feet

2021 : 95,372 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second

af - Acre Feet

Source: TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

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Each entry will be required to be labeled as:
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Location: Elks Lodge #2239, 93 W. Center Street.
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