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Churchill Champions - Let's Look at the Good Things



Teachers at the Churchill County High School recognized the Churchill Champions on Thursday morning. Please help us congratulate Gavin McLean, Sandra Marquez-Garcia, Kasey Christianson, Megan Johnson, Ruth Casillas Ibarra, Trista Dorman, Justin Flowers, Gerik Wassmuth, Isaac Nestlerode, Nayeli Delgado, and Annaleyah Davis. (Top right and then clockwise...) Jaime Shafer, Art Teacher and organizer sent a huge shoutout to our culinary arts students who helped prepare the food for the event. Thank you so much, Elaina Vasquez, Kambrie Thorn, Shylo Jimmy, Emely Rios, and Thalia Mortensen De La Cruz. Mrs. Heather Benjamin with Megan Johnson, Ms. Monica Fairbanks with Gerik Wassmuth, Mr. Steve Johnson with Gavin McLean, Mr. Scott Parker with Justin Flowers, Ms. Monica Fairbanks with Ruth Casillas Ibarra, Ms. Jaime Shafer with Isaac Nestlerode. Not pictured: Nayeli Delgado and Annaleyah Davis. Photos courtesy Jaime Shafer.

From the Publisher

Captain's Log -- *Sentimental Old You*

We're very sentimental around here and we love doing nice things for people. A loyal reader showed up at the shop this week and popped her head in the back door just like she belonged here.

Turns out she did. She was looking for a copy of an old edition of the paper from this summer with a picture of someone that she wanted to have framed for them. Leanna and I were elbow deep writing and we must have needed a little boost right then. I surely did. It's been a week.

She was really sweet and could tell it wasn't a good time to go digging through papers (it might have been the deranged twitch in my left eye that gave it away) but she wanted to make sure we knew how much she loves what we're doing and loves the paper.

So you know, this afternoon when I get back from the post office I'll be sorting through boxes of old copies looking for the dinosaur in the library picture.

What is that special magic that brings these little boosts right when you need them most on the really hard days? The Big Guy has the best sense of humor and the best timing, and it makes my eyes leak every time He does that.

I really hope you wonderful supporters of ours know how much it means that you see what we're doing here and it means as much to you as it does to us.

While I'm rustling around for a Kleenex, I'll be right here...

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Rach

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Manny Lopez Sentenced

By Teresa Moon

On Tuesday, January 24, Manuel Lopez appeared before Judge Tom Stockard in the Tenth Judicial District Court for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Capturing Image of Private Area of Another Person or Persons; and a Category D Felony of Possession of Visual Pornography of a Person Under 16 Years of Age.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred at Churchill County Social Services where Lopez worked when a victim found a spy device in the bathroom.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills began his argument by stating, "This case is about a number of things. One of them is a breach of trust that's so unimaginable. It's also about a predator." He explained the conduct in the workplace was initially discovered two years before the incident this case is regarding, but the defendant had built such a sense of trust with his coworkers that no one thought anything of it. "He was just warned not to bring this spy camera to work." Mills told the court the defendant purchased the device in 2015 and had it mailed to himself at work.

Mills also explained that Lopez told Dr. Martha Mahaffey, who performed the psychosexual evaluation for the case, that he has engaged in this behavior for 7 years, since 2015. Mills stated, "This is not a one-time thing ... and even after he was caught... he returned to this conduct."

One witness who asked not to be named for fear of reprisal said when it was discovered that Lopez was still engaging in this activity at work, he was put on leave and allowed to work at home for two months.

Mills said when the search warrant was conducted on the Lopez house, the defendant had disposed of the evidence - his cell phone and the USB drive. Lopez admits he disposed of evidence. However, he didn't get rid of everything according to Mills. "He didn't get rid of a VHS tape that had a pre-pubescent Hispanic female engaged in sexual activity."

Mills told the court the defendant admits that 5% of his viewing of pornography is child pornography. Lopez was diagnosed with voyeurism disorder and rated as an average or moderate risk to re-offend by Dr. Mahaffey.

Mills said the big picture is, "This defendant is an opportunist. He was a predator that day in April. He's been a predator for seven years." Mills went on

to say that the workplace "is your second family" and that the defendant has been preying on his coworkers. "Showing one side of his face to them; behind their backs, showing another. And it wasn't just them; he also used this recording device with the team he coached."

Several mothers of the players formerly coached by Lopez confirmed that he had coached girls' soccer at Churchill County High School.

Mills told the court this defendant is a predator and "we have to dissuade predators in this community." Mills said this is not a defendant who should be granted the privilege of probation.

Court appointed defense Attorney Wayne A. Peterson representing Lopez said of Lopez, "for the last 46 years (he) has given much back to Northern Nevada." He explained Lopez has lived in Fallon for the last 23 years where he was a volunteer fireman for 11 years, a volunteer EMT for six years, took part in the Northern Nevada Spanish Coalition and was a soccer coach for 22 years. Peterson said Lopez has worked at Social Services for the last 15 years as a "drug and alcohol counselor himself, bringing hundreds of people from the darkness of addiction. You can see from what I've laid out here he has given much more than he's taken," and asked the court to consider that. Peterson stated that the defendant has "lost his reputation, honor, respect." Peterson said both Dr. Mahaffey and the Pre-sentence Investigative Report said Lopez would benefit from counseling to understand what he was doing. He needed he didn't face up to why or what he was doing, and the seriousness of what he was doing. Peterson said the defendant has no criminal history.

He said, "And for that, I think, he's at least earned the right to have a chance at probation." He suggested if the court believes punishment is needed, incarceration in Churchill County Jail could be a condition of probation and he could receive the maximum prison sentence, suspended, as an incentive.

Peterson concluded his argument by asking the court to consider probation, "If the Court believes he needs to be punished, the court still has those tools available without putting him in prison."

Lopez told the Court he has "struggled a lot with what I did and what happened." He apologized to the women he worked with saying, "I don't have words to say that I'm sorry sufficiently for what I've done to them." He told the court he was going the wrong way, and he is grateful for that day in April, referring

to when the victim found the spy device, and he thanked the victim for speaking up because she saved his life. Lopez said he can never make up for what he did, but he has changed.

The victim was present and read her victim impact statement to the court. She began by telling the court this has had a deep impact emotionally and psychologically. She said, "He planned it, and he targeted me." The victim worried about the possible consequences of reporting Lopez. She worried no one would believe her, she would lose her job, she would be forced to quit her job to avoid working with Lopez, she worried about her children at daycare because his wife worked there, and most of all she worried about retaliation. She still worries about retaliation.

She said that when she did report the incident, "the immediate response from HR and my boss was that the county had never had any issues with him, and they couldn't believe he would possibly do something like this." She felt everyone "believed or hoped I was mistaken." The victim stated this has impacted every aspect of her life, "from my relationship with my husband and family, my job, my mental health, and my perception of Fallon as a safe place, to worrying about my kids' experience at their daycare." She told the court she knows she was targeted by a predator. She knows she did the right thing, and "I believe the high school soccer team is safer without him as their coach."

It bothers her to know other victims will not get justice or closure. She concluded her impact statement by saying, "Ultimately this entire experience has shown me that I can teach my kids to do the right thing in spite of the consequences."

The judge assessed the defendant fees totaling \$1,528 and sentenced him to 364 days on the gross misdemeanor. On the felony, he was sentenced to 19-65 months in Nevada State Prison to run concurrent to the gross misdemeanor sentence. Credit was given for one day time served. Lopez was also ordered to register as a sex offender within 48 hours of sentencing or release from custody.

Stockard told Lopez, "I am not going to grant you the privilege of probation" and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

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Obituaries

Mary Ann Smith

Mary Ann Smith, a long-time Nevada resident, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022, at the Kiley Ranch Senior Living Facility in Sparks, Nevada. She was 88 years old.

Mary Ann was born March 24, 1934, in Elko, Nevada. She was a graduate of Battle Mountain High School in 1953. Her travels after high school took her to Elko, Winnemucca, Lovelock, Fallon, and Battle Mountain, Nevada, as well as southwestern Georgia, and northern New Mexico. It was in Winnemucca where Mary Ann met her future husband, Clarence Wayne Smith.

Mary Ann worked as a bank teller in Battle Mountain and Winnemucca and eventually retired from the Lander County School District, where she served as an Instructional Assistant and worked in the high school office.

Mary Ann is preceded in death by her mother Mary Jane, father Renee, sisters Dottie Wilson and Kathy Malgrem,

brothers Leslie and Myron, and her husband of 60 years, Wayne Smith.

She is survived by a sister Rita Miller of Las Vegas and brother Lelin, who resides in Reno, a son Wymon of Forest Grove, OR, daughters Mary Coleen Mehack and her husband Scott of Rio Rancho, NM, and Caryn Sue Marshall and her husband Roger of Fallon, NV. Mary Ann had six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann had just recently returned to Nevada from New Mexico. She spent most of her life in northern Nevada and was happy to be “coming home”.

The family would like to recognize the efforts the Kiley Ranch Senior Living Facility provided for our mother during her short time at this facility.

Mary Ann wished not to have a funeral and in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society.



Louis John Paladini

A longtime Fallon resident, Louis John Paladini passed away in Carson City, Nevada on January 17, 2023, at the age of 98.

He was the first son of Guido and Gelsomina Caselli Paladini, born August 22, 1924, in Novato, California. During WWII, he joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Berrien in the Pacific. After his wartime service, he returned to Novato and married Laura Christensen, and they had three children.

Following his dream, Louis moved his family to Fallon, Nevada, in 1961, where they bought a ranch in Sheckler District. Together, he and Laura raised their children, crops, and livestock.

Once he retired, Louis learned to tie flies and enjoyed trying his luck fishing at valley reservoirs and mountain streams. He was a good cook and could make wine out of anything from choke

cherries to onions. He liked to grow things, and each summer he tended his vegetable garden and fruit trees.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Laura, and his sister Anna (Ken) Morrison. He is survived by his children, Debera (Wayne) Evans, Richard (Kim) Paladini, and Theresa (Jack) Norcutt; brothers Frank (Ginny) Paladini and George (Pam) Paladini; grandchildren Steven (Erin) Paladini, Chester Norcutt, Justin Evans, Theresa (Dan) Birchfield, and Nathan (Deanna) Rogne; great-grandchildren Haylee, Madison, and Kamryn Paladini, Danica and Kinsey Evans, Evan and Nora Birchfield, and Julian Rogne; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be said in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 850 W. 4th Street, on Friday, January 27, at 1 p.m. Burial will be immediately afterward at the Fallon Cemetery, and a reception will follow at the church hall.



Carmelita Ellsworth

Carmelita Ellsworth, was born August 1947 in Bato Leyte, Philippines. At age 77, she passed away on January 24, 2023 in Reno, NV.

She is survived by her husband, Jess Ellsworth and her daughters, Alma Jocson and Nenita Martin in the Philippines, daughters, Violeta Bode in Michigan and Raquel Sabado in San Diego.

She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, sisters in law Betty Ramsey, Diana Haynes of Cheyenne, WY, Pearl Kolkman

of Elko, NV and brother in law Rodney Ellsworth of Fernley, NV.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 30th from 6-8 pm at Smith Family Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 11:30 am also at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley at 1:00 pm.

A reception will follow at 3:30 pm at 1011 McLean Road in Fallon.



Lee Douglas Tisdale

Lee Douglas Tisdale, age 77 of Fallon, Nevada left us on Jan 21, 2023, after a brief illness.

Lee was born on January 19, 1946, in Grafton, North Dakota. He grew up on a farm in Pembina, North Dakota. He attended Mayville State University where he earned his teaching degree in mathematics. He also served in the North Dakota Army National Guard.

He married Patricia Tretter in 1968 and moved to Stephen, Minnesota and began his teaching career. After 10 years, they purchased a farm in Williams, Minnesota where they raised Polled Hereford cattle and small grains for 25 years and occasionally raised Arabian horses as well. They then moved to Fallon, Nevada where he resumed his teaching career. From 2002-2006 he taught at Churchill County Jr. High until

transitioning to Churchill County High School from which he retired in 2016. He impacted the lives of many young lives in the community during his educational career.

Lee is survived by his wife Patricia Tisdale, son Terry Tisdale and wife Kim Tisdale, daughter Rochelle Tisdale, grandsons Anthony Tisdale, Dalton Kaady, Bryce Tisdale and granddaughter Morgan Tisdale.

A celebration of life will be held on March 4th at 2 pm at "The Hangar" at the Fallon Municipal Airport. All are welcome to attend and enjoy music, food and memories.

Cards may be sent to: 4070 Sheckler Road, Fallon, NV 89406.

Any monetary donations may be sent to: Mayor's Youth Fund, 55 W Williams Ave., Fallon, NV 89406



Don Hesselgesser

Born in Delta, Utah on September 16, 1939, to John R. and Helen Mae (Tolbert) Hesselgesser, Don Hesselgesser passed away at home suddenly and unexpectedly on January 23, 2023, at the age of 83.

Don graduated from White Pine County High School in spring of 1958. Don joined the Operating Engineers Local #3. He worked on many of the highways in Northern Nevada.

He married Elaine Hibel on December 16, 1959, and together they raised three sons. During this time Don worked as a truck driver/salesman for Mooremans Livestock Feed and Northrup King Seeds.

In later years he began breeding, raising and training mules. He leveled fields, harvested hay, and traveled the 40 Mile Desert Wagon Trail Crossing twice.

He participated in Parades and 4H events with his mules that he deeply loved.

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years Elaine Hesselgesser, his three sons John Hesselgesser and wife Rhonda of Silver Springs, NV, and Robert Hesselgesser of Carlin, NV, and Don William Hesselgesser of Fallon, Nv., his 12 grandchildren, and seven Great-Grandchildren. Don is also survived by his two brothers John Dee Hesselgesser and wife Yolanda of Sparks, Nv, Harry Sherman Hesselgesser of Portland, OR, and sister Darlene Wyllie of Elko, Nv., as well as numerous nieces and nephews and the many that adopted him as their Grandpa Don.

The services will be held at a later date. The arrangements will be held at The Gardens Funeral Home.



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Local Government

Fallon City Council Special Session

By Jo Petteruti

The council conducted a special meeting on January 10 where they reviewed four liquor license applications. The license applications had been reviewed before the meeting by Police Chief Kris Alexander, Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee, City Engineer Derek Zimney, and Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga. All were recommended for approval.

Ellen Lee, owner of 138 Entity doing business as The Wok Chinese Restaurant with Sushi located at 255 South Maine Street was approved for a drinking establishment liquor license which allows the sale and service of alcoholic beverages on restaurant premises only. The interview supplement submitted with the application, dated December 22, 2022, stated she would be the on-site supervisor for the business, and that Kiet Van owns the property.

Store Director Andrea McHone's application for a retail establishment liquor license for Safeway, Inc. doing business as Safeway #1517 located at 890 West Williams Avenue was approved. This allows the store to continue to sell retail alcoholic beverages that will be consumed off-premises only. According to the application submitted on October 14, 2022, Safeway owns the property.

An application was submitted by Paegan Magner on December 20, 2022, for a drinking establishment liquor license and a retail establishment liquor license for Bottle and Brie, LLC. located at 65 South Maine Street was approved next, which allows her to serve alcoholic beverages on-site and to sell for consumption off-site. Her application stated she would be the only on-site supervisor for her business, which leases the property from Danny Burroughs through Rogne Realty.

The council also approved Jose Enriquez's application for a drinking establishment liquor license for The Peak located at 85 South Maine Street to permit the sale and service of alcoholic beverages on premises only. His application stated he had not owned or managed any other business, however, he had worked with a friend who had an alcoholic beverage license. The interview supplement dated December 15, 2022, stated that either he or David Mendosa would be the on-site supervisor.

The Fallon City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at 9 a.m. Agendas can be found on the website.



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Governor Joe Lombardo's State of the State Address

Staff Report

Monday night, Governor Joe Lombardo laid out plans for his term in his first State of the State address in Carson City at the State Capitol. He included plans for saving for a potential economic downturn, cutting gas taxes as well as payroll taxes, increasing K-12 school spending, and increasing funding for school choice programs which were all issues he had campaigned on.

As he addressed the members of the Nevada Assembly and Senate, he called for a rollback of sorts on the universal vote by mail. "It is important to verify the identity of voters. We require people to have a valid form of ID to get on a plane, to operate a motor vehicle, or to purchase alcohol and cigarettes, but not to cast a vote in an election, this is illogical," he stated at one point in the speech. He also added: "The right to vote is one of the most fundamental rights in American society. It is not only important that the process itself has integrity but also that the people of Nevada have confidence that the process is free and fair."

Lombardo spoke about the "Nevada Way," highlighting Nevadans' history of perseverance, and "exciting opportunities within our grasp" because of an "unprecedented budget surplus." "On one hand we have exciting opportunities within our grasp," he said. "But on the other, we must not allow ourselves to give way to the temptation to overspend." He also addressed crime in Nevada: "I will be introducing legislation that makes it harder, not easier, to commit a crime in the state of Nevada."

Governor Lombardo said he will work to strengthen habitual offender and domestic battery laws, among other proposals to give judges and parole officers more power.

On cutting taxes, including a one-year suspension of the state gas tax, he said: "We must always remain mindful that our financial surplus comes from the pockets of our constituents. We will not stop searching for additional ways to return money to the taxpayers."

An important part of his campaign last year was the topic of school choice. Lombardo also pledged a record \$50 million in funding for the state's Opportunity Scholarship program, a tax credit-funded program designed to fund scholarships for certain students at private K-12 institutions. The program is currently funded at about \$7 million a year. Concerning the \$2 billion to public K-12 he said: "I will be imposing a new

5-year rule: Schools have five years to improve literacy scores and to ensure that students who are not proficient in reading do not advance beyond third grade until they are brought up to grade level."

On the business front, Lombardo said the main push in his economic and business plan is recentering Nevada as a pro-business, pro-development state. As part of that, he said he would join Elon Musk and the team at Tesla on Tuesday for an unveiling of plans to build a \$3.5 billion manufacturing facility in Northern Nevada for the company's all-electric semi-trucks.

Finally, after the speech, Lombardo was approached by Las Vegas reporter David Charns who asked what the governor was most looking forward to. The answer: "getting s&t done!"

Newly elected Assemblyman Greg Koenig (R-D38) responded to Lombardo's speech saying it was a great honor sitting on the floor of the Nevada State Assembly listening to the State of the State speech.

"It was nice to have a conservative at the helm again. I think he gave us a blueprint on how to get back to the "Nevada Way." One of the highlights was suspending gas taxes for a year saving Nevadans \$250 million dollars this year. His plan included pumping \$2 billion dollars into education, raising per pupil funding by 22%. As expected from a former sheriff, he will be tougher on crime. Governor Lombardo wants to tackle much needed election reform. Including making the mail-in ballot deadline the time of the polls closing, getting rid of universal mail-in ballots, requiring identification



to vote, and to get rid of ballot harvesting. All these proposals were met with resounding applause from the Republicans. Our colleagues from across the aisle, clapped at the beginning of his remarks, but by the end sat on their hands. Usually with a budget deficit, the battle is where to cut, now with a budget surplus the battle is just as fierce where to spend. With the democrats not having enough votes to override vetos, and the Governor not having enough vote to accomplish his agenda, we could be in for a long session. Or we could work together to try to do what's best for Nevada. Only time will tell."



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New REMSA Helicopter will Live in Fallon

Staff Report

The William N. Pennington grant - the largest donation in the organization's history - will fund the purchase a new Care Flight helicopter for rural Nevada

With the intention of maintaining dependable air medical services, REMSA Health, announces that it is the recipient of a \$5.3 million grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation. The grant will fully fund the purchase of one of four needed Airbus H-125 B3E helicopters, which will become part of the organization's air ambulance fleet. The aircraft will be positioned at the Care Flight base in Fallon, Nev.; Care Flight is a service of REMSA Health.

This grant - the largest ever made to REMSA Health, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization - will enable the organization to invest in the most innovative safety features, clinical advancements and air ambulance technology available. REMSA Health faces the distinct possibility of discontinuing emergency air services to some of the rural communities it serves if all of the remaining aging helicopters are not replaced in the near future.

"Because the communities we serve cannot afford to lose access to emergency air transport, we turned to philanthropy for major funding," said Barry Duplantis, Interim President and CEO, REMSA Health. "It's impossible to overstate the immense gratitude we have to Pennington Foundation for their generous support of our Care Flight program. Care Flight has transported critically ill and injured patients across the region for more than four decades. We are committed to continuing our legacy of safely providing clinically excellent, compassionate care for decades to come. This grant is a significant safeguard for the future of rural healthcare access."



Care Flight helicopter in a fly-over at the 2019 Fourth of July Parade in Fallon.
Photo by Rachel Dahl.

Care Flight, which transports approximately 1,500 patients every year, across a geographic region of more than 50,000 square miles, is a critical component of access to healthcare across rural and super-rural Nevada.

Every Care Flight transport is staffed by a highly trained certified Flight Nurse and Critical Care Paramedic, as well as a skilled pilot with more than 2,500 hours of helicopter flying time before they join the program. The clinical crew have standing medical orders that include an expanded scope of practice, allowing them to perform medical interventions beyond typical ground emergency medical services. This ensures that all patients transported by Care Flight - from sick infants to injured weekend warriors to advanced cardiac patients - have access to the highest levels of care.

This helicopter will replace the

same, but older model (AS350 B3) aircraft that is already part of the Care Flight program. For nearly 20 years, Care Flight crews have worked to create a precise clinical configuration for the legacy aircraft's interior. The grant funding ensures that the layout, and location of equipment and supplies within the new aircraft will be installed identically allowing for the efficient delivery of clinically excellent care. In addition, this specific type of Airbus helicopter is particularly well-suited for the high altitude, alpine environments and extreme temperature spans typical of the northern Nevada region. In 2005, this aircraft model broke the world record for the highest-altitude landing and takeoff, performed on Mount Everest at 29,029 feet.

The Care Flight helicopter is scheduled to be in service by November 2023.

An advertisement for Tedford Tire & Auto Service. The background shows a car service shop with several cars parked. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "TEDFORD TIRE & AUTO SERVICE" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, it says "One Stop Shop - Complete Auto Service" in bold black letters. On the left side, there is a list of services: "Lube & Oil", "Alignment", and "Brake Service". In the center, it says "Fallon's Good Service Guys Since 1947" and provides the address "255 E. Williams Ave - Fallon, Nevada 89406" and phone number "775-423-5144 - www.tedfordtire.com". There is also a Facebook logo. On the right side, there is a list of services: "Batteries", "Diagnostics", and "Factory Services".

Lopez Defense Crumbles

By Rachel Dahl

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, Manuel Lopez was sentenced in District Court on two charges stemming from an incident on April 8, 2022, at his place of employment, Churchill County Social Services, when a coworker found a spy camera in the office bathroom which captured images of female workers.

The criminal complaint, filed on June 13, 2022, charged Lopez with one count of Capturing the Image of Private Area of Another Person, a Gross Misdemeanor, and one count of Destroying or Concealing Evidence, a Gross Misdemeanor, after Lopez, “did delete images from his spy camera that he used to capture images of his coworkers using the restroom,” as stated in the complaint.

On August 24, 2022, the Criminal Complaint was amended to include a third charge of Possession of Visual Pornography of Person Under 16 Years of Age, a Category B Felony, in which the complaint charges Lopez as being in possession of multiple images of children under the age of 16 engaged in sexual conduct and or as a subject of a sexual portrayal.

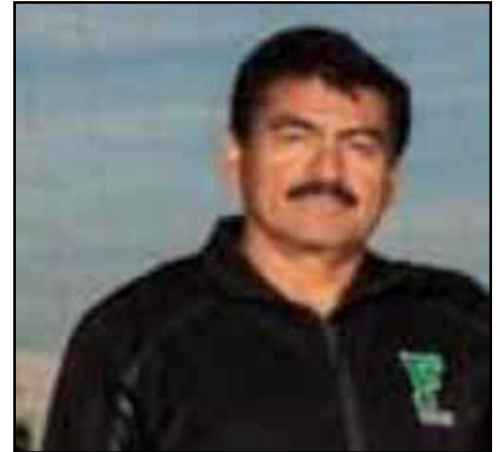
Sheriff Richard Hickox said on Wednesday, January 25, that his office was contacted by county staff when the

April event was discovered and asked if they could assist with the investigation. It was immediately discovered that a member of the sheriff’s staff had a family member who worked in the social services office, so the Sheriff called in Nevada Department of Investigation Major Crimes Division to take over the case in light of the conflict of interest. “We did not get any briefs during the investigation, it was their case,” said Hickox.

According to Bob Erickson, Chief of Staff at the City of Fallon, the Fallon Police Department was never involved in the investigation.

During the sentencing hearing, Tuesday, defense attorney for Lopez, Wayne Peterson, stated Lopez has been an upstanding member of the Nevada community for 46 years. He said he had served on the volunteer fire department for 11 years, however, Jared Dooley confirmed on Wednesday that he had never been a member of the Fallon/Churchill Fire Department. It was also mentioned that Lopez had been a youth coach for nearly 22 years.

Superintendent Summer Stephens confirmed in a statement issued Wednesday, that Lopez was the Varsity soccer coach at Churchill County High School from the fall of 2020 through the fall 2021 season.



“In the spring of 2022, he was dismissed immediately by the district upon the school district being informed that he was under investigation for a crime unrelated to students,” said Stephens. “The school district has never received allegations of wrongdoing by Mr. Lopez on school property or with students. The school district has never been informed that he was under investigation for any wrongdoing related to students,” she said in the statement and referred parents to contact law enforcement if they had concerns relating to the investigation.

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Former Fugitive in Court This Week

By Teresa Moon

The U.S. Marshals Service announced Tuesday, January 24, that on January 20, 2023, they had extradited Pascual Reyes-Muniz from Mexico City, Mexico to Fallon, Nevada.

Reyes-Muniz was wanted for Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14 and Lewdness with a Child Under 14. The victim was 6 years old.

In 2007, a warrant was issued for Reyes-Muniz by the Justice Court of New River Township, Churchill County. Reyes-Muniz was able to elude arrest and fled to his home country of Mexico.

The Churchill County District Attorney’s Office, Fallon Police Department, U.S. Marshals Service Reno Office, U.S. Marshals Service Mexico City Office, and the Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs Office worked together to bring Reyes-Muniz back to face his charges in Nevada. District of Nevada U.S. Marshal Gary Schofield stated, “I want to thank all the agencies involved with apprehending this danger-

ous fugitive. This is a good example of how agencies in Northern Nevada work together to help bring justice to victims.”

According to the Churchill County District Attorney, Art Mallory’s office, Reyes-Muniz was arraigned in Justice Court by Judge Trotter on Monday. The court appointed Public Defender Jacob Sommer to represent him.

Thursday, January 26, Pascual Reyes appeared, via Zoom from the Churchill County Detention Center, in front of Judge Stuart Richardson in the New River Justice Court with his Public Defender Jacob Sommer. Sommer requested a continuance to allow time for an interpreter.

Assistant District Attorney Chelsea Sanford, speaking for the state had no objection to a continuance based on the facts and circumstances. She asked that the court grant a toll of the 15-day Preliminary Hearing based primarily upon the delay of court due to the interpreter issue.

The judge agreed and set a court date of February 16.



Pascual Reyes-Muniz was extradited from Mexico to face charges of sexual assault of a child. Booking photo courtesy Churchill County Sheriff.

Law and Motion from District Court

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, January 24, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Joshua Veneble failed to appear on a Court Services violation. A Bench Warrant was issued.

Kyle Gary Fulmer pled guilty to Attempt to Commit Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property which can be sentenced as a Gross Misdemeanor with a penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail or as a Category E Felony with a penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison. The March trial date was vacated, a Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for April 18.

Amanda Sharon Nadeau failed to appear on a Court Services violation. PD Jacob Sommer told the court he received an email from Nadeau Monday saying that she had checked herself in to the hospital. ADA Aaron Thomas said based on the OR violation the state will be asking for a Bench Warrant. A Bench Warrant was issued.

Joseph Robert Keller pled guilty to a Category C Felony of Non-support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or Child which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison. A plea memorandum was presented to the Court. Keller will make payments of \$500 a month. A Status/Sentencing was set for January 23, 2024.

Jose Enrique Ibarra pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor of Aiming a Firearm at a Human Being which is punishable by up to 364 days in Churchill County Jail. Fees were imposed and Ibarra received the full sentence, suspended, and placed on probation for 12 months with standard conditions attached. Ibarra was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and a mental health evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluations. He was ordered to have no contact with Olivia Parkerson.

Paul Anthony Rice pled guilty to a Category B Felony of Ex-Felon Not to Possess an Electronic Stun Device which is punishable by up to 1-6 years in Nevada State Prison, a Category C Felony of Unlawful Obtaining and Using of Personal Identification Information of Another to Avoid or Delay Prosecution which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison, a Category B Felony of Failure to Stop on Signal of a Peace Officer which carries a penalty of 1-6 years in Nevada State Prison, and a Gross Misdemeanor of Destroying or Concealing Evidence which carries a potential

penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and Sentencing was set for April 18.

Sanderson William Becker, in custody, pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Category E Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison. Fees were imposed, a sentence of 12-32 months in the Nevada State Prison was suspended, and he was placed on probation for 18 months with standard conditions attached. Becker was ordered to get a substance abuse evaluation within 30 days and to follow the recommendations of the evaluations. He received 23 days credit for time served and was released from custody.

Benjamin Nighthorse Charley, in custody, pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor of Intimidating a Public Officer without threat or force. This charge carries a penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail. ADA Lane Mills said Charley threatened to kill the deputies and told them, "I know where you live. This is the time to make him think about this so he can understand the consequences of that." PD Wright Noel told the Court he thinks "this case is worthy of probation" with the condition Charley gets a substance abuse evaluation and follows the recommendations. Charley apologized and said he is ready to quit drinking alcohol. Fees were imposed and Charley was sentenced to 364 days, suspended, and placed on probation for 12 months. He was ordered to get a substance abuse evaluation and a mental health evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluations. Charley also had to spend the next 12 consecutive weekends in Churchill County Jail, write letters of apology to the deputies involved within the next 15 days, and was told he cannot go within 100 feet of either deputies' homes. Other standard conditions of probation were imposed.

Charles Christopher Franklin Wells, in custody, appeared for arraignment on a charge of Attempted Failure to Appear After Admission of Bail or Release without Bail which can be sentenced as either a Gross Misdemeanor with a penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail or as a Category E Felony with a penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and for sentencing on a Category C Felony of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence Committed by Strangulation with a penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison, a Misdemeanor charge of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence a second offense with a penalty of 20 days-

6 months in Churchill County Jail.

Wells pled guilty to the Attempted FTA. The judge sentenced the charge as a Category E Felony, imposing a sentence of 22-60 months in Nevada State Prison. Wells received 18-60 months in Nevada State Prison on the Category C Felony, to run concurrent to the Category E Felony, and 120 days on the Misdemeanor charge, to run concurrent to the Category C Felony. Fines and fees were applied. Wells was ordered to complete 1.5 hours of Domestic Violence/Anger Management Counseling a week for at least 6 months, and 100 hours of Community Service upon his release. Wells is forbidden to own or possess firearms. Wells was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

Angela Lynn Sanchez, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing. She was ordered to remain in custody, and provisionally placed in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court. She may be released from custody by the Drug Court. If so, Court Services will supervise her. The sentencing was set for February 28.

Nicole Florine McCoy, in custody, admitted to a non-technical probation violation of absconding. The judge revoked her probation and imposed the underlying sentence with credit for 154 days served.

Hayley Ann Riebel appeared for Arraignment/Status Hearing. Riebel asked to represent herself until she can hire her attorney. After a fair amount of discussion, the judge allowed a change in Public Defender. Wright Noel will now represent Riebel. Arraignment was set for February 14 at which time there will be further discussion regarding Riebel representing herself if she is so inclined.

Robert Allen Walker, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing. He pled not guilty to six charges: 1) Category A Felony of Sexual Assault which carries a penalty of life in Nevada State Prison with parole after 10 years; 2) Category D Felony of Battery with a Deadly Weapon that Constitutes Domestic Violence which carries a penalty of 2-10 years in Nevada State Prison; 3) Category B Felony of Coercion that Constitutes Domestic Violence which carries a penalty of 1-6 years in Nevada State Prison; 4) Gross Misdemeanor of False Imprisonment that Constitutes Domestic Violence which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail; 5) Category A Felony of Kidnapping in the First

District Court continued next page...

Notes from Justice Court

By Teresa Moon

The New River Justice Court convened Friday, January 20, with Judge Stuart Richardson presiding.

Aaron Randall Michaels, in custody, appeared on a charge of Attempt to Commit Unlawful Use of a Minor less than 14 years of age in Producing Pornography or as a Subject of Sexual Portrayal in Performance, a Category B Felony, punishable by a penalty of 2-20 years in Nevada State Prison.

Michaels was found to be Public Defender eligible. PD Jacob Sommer addressed custody status. He stated the defendant is employed and has ties to the community. He asked that Michaels be Released on his Own Recognizance. Assistant District Attorney Priscilla Baker did not oppose OR with conditions of Court Services Supervision and no contact with the victim. The judge released the defendant on OR with daily supervision by Court Services and ordered no contact with the victim. A Status Hearing was set for January 26.

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Degree Not Causing Substantial Bodily Harm which carries a possible penalty of life in Nevada State Prison with parole in 5 years, or 15 years in Nevada State Prison with parole after 5 years; and 6) Category A Felony of Battery with Intent to Commit Sexual Assault which carries a possible penalty of 2 years to life in Nevada State Prison. Trial is set for next week. Jury selection will begin Monday morning, January 30 at 9 a.m.

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Judge Stockard assessed the defendant fees totaling \$1,528 and sentenced him to 364 days on the gross misdemeanor. On the felony, he was sentenced to 19-65 months in Nevada State Prison to run concurrent to the gross misdemeanor sentence. Credit was given for one day time served. Lopez was also ordered to register as a sex offender within 48 hours of sentencing or release from custody.

At press time several calls to the investigator at NDI had not been returned. We will update this story as new information becomes available.

The New River Justice Court convened Friday, January 20, Judge Ben Trotter presiding.

Christy Lynn Mullins, in custody, appeared for arraignment on three counts of a Category E Felony of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (methamphetamine, psilocybin mushrooms, and acetaminophen/oxycodone), and on six Misdemeanor charges. The misdemeanors included four counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (digital scale, broken pipe, metal spoon, and tooter straw, all with residue on them), and two traffic counts (expired registration, and revoked or suspended driver's license). Each Category E Felony carries a penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Each Misdemeanor charge carries a penalty of six months in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Mullins was found to be Public Defender eligible. As Mullins has a probation hold, PD Jacob Sommer reserved argument regarding custody status for the Status Hearing, which was set for January 26.

Robert Willis Ortiz, in custody, appeared for arraignment on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), which carries a penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000, and a Misdemeanor charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (a plastic bindle), which carries a penalty of up to six months in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Ortiz was found to be Public Defender eligible. PD Jacob Sommer reserved argument regarding custody status for the Status Hearing, which was set for January 26.

Jeremiah Holland, in custody, pleaded guilty to DUI. He received the minimum sentence allowed by statute which includes 48 hours in the Churchill County Jail or Community Service, completion of Victim Impact Panel and level 1 DUI school, breath interlock device, and a fine to be paid in full within 60 days. Holland was released from custody.

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Education

Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

Senior Spotlight: Keenan Waller

Senior Keenan Waller will graduate in May with his High School Diploma as well as his Associate of Science from Western Nevada College. "My time at Oasis was overall enjoyable and I'm glad to be graduating from here," said Waller. Starting at Oasis Academy College Prep his sophomore year of high school, Waller has enjoyed most one particular subject. "My favorite subject has been my math classes because they were the classes I was able to get through the easiest and quickest," Waller explained. During his time at the school, he's had many memorable experiences with his friends and participated in golf, and played saxophone in the music ensemble. "I don't really have any one teacher to thank, all of my teachers have been great. But I would say Counselor Mr. Andy Lenon has been the most helpful throughout my time at Oasis," Waller said. "The only advice I'd give would be to keep up with classes and not to put anything off," finished Waller. Upon graduating, Waller plans to either join the military or attend the University of Nevada, Reno.



High School Academic Olympics Season Buzzing

Written By: Hunter McNabb

What 1967 war faced protests at the Pentagon and on several college campuses? What city lies on the Yamuna river and was partially developed by Herbert Baker and Edwin Lutyens in the early 20th century? These are just a sample of questions the Academic Olympic Team must be able to answer. Quiz Bowls, more formally known as National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC., is an academic competition where teams of students from different schools test their

knowledge through buzzers and intricate questions.

Mrs. Ramona Price, a Special Education and Social Studies teacher, is Oasis Academy College Prep's first Academic Team Coach. As a mentor and lead for the inaugural high school team, Price is optimistic and has been encouraging the students through the new experience. Thus far, the team has attended competitions in Silver Springs, Yerington, and



Dayton.

As a new team that is learning the ins and outs of the program, students have enjoyed the opportunity to participate, and meet other students from the region with similar interests.

"It's surprisingly fun and competitive, so I encourage anyone interested to join," said Junior Thanh Nguyen.

The team is open to any students interested in participating who can attend weekly meets and practices. As these students pursue their first season in the academic competition, they are excited to test their knowledge and meet other philomaths across Nevada. For more information on the Academic Olympic Team contact Mrs. Ramona Price at rprice@oanv.org.

Uniform Store Updates - Upcoming Sales and Pizza Coupons

The Uniform Store has two great sales coming up. To celebrate our mascot Buster Bighorn's birthday, all logo wear and gear will be 20% on January 30 and February 3.

The store will also have a sale on February 13 for National Khaki Day. All khaki bottoms will be marked off by 20%. Effective immediately the store is selling pizza coupons for Pizza Thursdays at school. The booklet of five coupons costs \$18 and is available with cash, check, or credit card. Each coupon allows students three pieces of Domino's pizza for their

lunch on Thursdays. Pizza coupons will be available for purchase during store hours Monday and Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. For more information on either the upcoming sales or pizza coupons contact Angela Viera at aviera@oanv.org.



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Highlights from the Churchill County School District

CCHS

Students on the CCHS First Tech Robotics team attended the First Tech league meets #3 and #4 this past weekend at Virginia City High School. Students went as spectators in preparation for their upcoming league meet. "My co-coach, Aaron Holt, and I wanted our team to get a good idea of what robotics league meets look like," said robotics coach Stephanie Kille-Reese. Currently, there are six students on the First Tech Robotics team but Kille-Reese and Holt are hoping to build an even bigger team for next season. "We are going to have a robotics class next year as this year's season is almost over. We encourage any students who are interested in robotics to be on the lookout for the robotics course as they sign up for their classes for next year," said Kille-Reese. The CCHS First Tech Robotics team has been working hard on their robot and will be headed to McQueen High School to compete against other teams from February 10-11.

CCMS



Before the beginning of the year, students get to pick a club based on something they are interested in when they are signing up for classes. Then the club they pick becomes their advisory class. "Students do advisory activities Monday through Thursday that are primarily academically driven. Then on Fridays, they have an extended period, 40 minutes, for advisory which is dedicated to club time," said CCMS Principal Robbie Wickware. This year teacher Angie Heck chose to have an escape room club where students get to hone in on their communication skills, fine motor skills, leadership skills, social skills, and problem-solving skills. "They must analyze clues to solve puzzles, which requires analytical skills and encourages them to think on their feet, and at the end, if they escape, they uncover a treat in their locked chest," said Heck.

Numa

Students in Vanessa Burch-Urquhart's class have been studying the different ways energy transfers through heat,

sound, light, and electrical currents.

They learned how to power a light bulb with a battery and wires and the role magnetism plays in this. Last week students had to come up with demonstrations to show how energy transfers with heat. Burch-Urquhart felt it was important for her students to come up with the demonstrations because when the teacher demonstrates all of the models, it's harder for students to apply what they've learned to the real world. "In order to reach that higher depth of knowledge, students need to be able to show how the concepts they learn work," said Burch-Urquhart. They came up with some very creative demonstrations including heating a wire with a battery to melt a balloon. "It's so amazing to see how they're applying what they learned to demonstrate other targets we're studying as well," said Burch-Urquhart. The students have enjoyed being able to own their learning and come up with demonstrations for the class. Student Piper Humphrey said, "At first, I was a little nervous to present, but then it was great." Humphrey's group had a slide presentation ready to go but they were thrown for a loop when they heard they had to do an act to physically show what they were demonstrating. "Our topic was heat transfer so we did a demonstration on hot air and ice and the reaction between the two using a girl in red to represent hot air, and the boys on the other side to represent ice. I felt like we did great and we passed, it was so fun," said Humphrey.



E.C. Best

Students at E.C. Best participated in Western Day last Friday. Students and staff all showed up in their western apparel for a fun-filled day. This is one of the many spirit days ECB hosts to help create a sense of camaraderie and community between students and staff. "We like to pick a fun theme every month because dress-up days are fun and help bring all of us together," said Principal Keith Boone.

Lahontan

Students at Lahontan raised money for Churchill Animal Protection Society last week in their annual Caps for CAPS fundraiser. Students got to wear their hats to school and were encouraged to bring in a donation for CAPS. Together, LES families and staff raised \$516.46 which was presented to CAPS. This is just one of the cause-driven fundraisers LES hosts throughout the year. "It is important for these young students to learn how to make a difference from a young age," said Principal Kimi Melendy. Each time these dress-up days come around, teachers speak with their students about the cause and why it is important. Students then get to go home and share that lesson with their parents. "When the day finally comes and the teachers begin to tally up the total amount their class raised, these young students get to actually see the results of just bringing in a dollar or even a couple of cents. Then they get to experience that feeling of fulfillment for what they have accomplished as a young class, working together to raise money for a good cause," said Melendy.

Northside

Last Wednesday, Northside invited their 4-year-old Pre-K families to join them for family activity day. Activities included counting stew (number recognition, counting, and following written directions), igloo building (position words, fine motor skills, and following a diagram), mitten roll and cover (number set correspondence and turn taking), snowman letters (students found letters to match those their snowmen were holding), and making ice cream (exploring the chemical reaction behind the process). This is one of several family engagement activities that NELC hosts throughout the year. The staff at NELC believe so strongly in these events because families are children's first, longest-lasting, and most important teachers. Strong family engagement is central to promoting children's healthy development and wellness. This includes social-emotional and behavioral development, preparing these young students to seamlessly transition from Pre-K to kindergarten, and supporting academic achievement in elementary school and beyond. Families' engagement in their children's learning and inviting them into the school can impact the lifelong developmental and academic outcomes of students, which is why it is so vital to host events like these early on.

Sports

Schedule for the weekend games...

Greenwave Sports

The Boys and Girls Varsity, JV and Freshman Basketball games this weekend are below:

Friday Night

- 3:00pm Girls JV game vs. Lowry at Home
- 3:00pm Boys Freshman vs. Lowry at Home
- 4:30pm Girls Freshman vs. Lowry at Home
- 4:30 Boys JV vs. Lowry at Home
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity vs. Lowry at Home

Saturday

- 10:00am Girls JV Crossover vs. South Tahoe at South Tahoe High School
- 10:00am Boys Freshman Crossover vs. South Tahoe at South Tahoe High School
- 11:30am Girls Freshman Crossover vs. South Tahoe at South Tahoe High School
- 11:30am Boys JV Crossover vs. South Tahoe at South Tahoe High School
- 1:00pm Girls Varsity Crossover vs. South Tahoe at South Tahoe High School

Last weekend the Churchill County Greenwave wrestlers were in Fernley for the Vaquero Classic Varsity Wrestling Tournament. Here are the results:

Team Scores

1 Fernley	276.5
2 Churchill County	233.5
3 Battle Mountain	228.0
4 Douglas Black	173.0
5 Galena	158.0
6 Wooster	122.0
7 Lowry Blue	114.5
8 Eureka	80.0
9 Pershing County	72.0
10 Coral Academy - North	66.0
11 North Valleys	62.0
12 Tonopah	58.5
13 Truckee	53.5
14 Dayton	53.0
15 Wells	52.0
16 Bishop Union	48.0
17 Sparks	41.5
18 Reno	29.0
19 Hug	28.0
20 Bishop Manogue	14.0
21 Owyee	0.0



Individual Placers by weigh classification

106 Manuel Barros	6th
113 Andre Green	2nd
120 Carson Melendy	1st
126 Nathaniel Zackery	5th
126 Jaiden McFadden	2nd
132 Lonnie Adams	4th
138 Jeramiah Prinz	2nd
144 Isiah Diaz	4th
144 Caden McKight	5th
150 Quentin Hornbeak	3rd
157 Thayne Hatch	2nd
157 Troy Shelton	4th
165 Colten Blankenship	5th
315 Sean Reeder	5th

Meanwhile, the Greenwave varsity basketball team dropped a pair of road games. First on Friday night they lost to the Elko Indians 76-56. The Greenwave were led in scoring by Junior Brady Alves with 17 points and Sophomore Braden Sorenson with 14. Saturday night the Greenwave lost to the Spring Creek Spartans 67-60. Top scorers for the Greenwave were Sophomore Braden Sorenson with 15 points and Senior Shawn Alexander with 13. This Friday CCHS takes on Lowry (Winnemucca) Buckaroos at home at 7:30 and then travel to South Tahoe to take on the Vikings at 2:30. CCHS is now 14-6 overall and 2-3 in league play.



Carson Melendy, Greenwave wrestler.
Photo courtesy CCHS.

Bighorn Sports

The Oasis Academy Bighorns travel to Pyramid Lake on Friday at 7:30.

The Bighorn Boys Varsity basketball team lost a pair of game this past weekend. First on Friday night they lost to the Sierra Lutheran Falcons 45-14 and on Saturday night to the Virginia City Muckers 60-24. Then this week on Monday they defeated the Whitell Warriors 50-27 and then on Tuesday beat the Coleville Wolves 46-40. The Bighorns are now 8-6 overall and 1-3 in league play.

How about Coaching???

Oasis Academy is looking for coaches for both girl's high school and middle school lacrosse. Stipends are included. Anyone who may be interested in the position, please email Dusty Casey (dcasey@oasisacademyfallon.us) or Amanda Gilbertson (agilbertson@oasisacademyfallon.us).





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January 27, 2022

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	Team	Abbr	Count	Points
1	Fallon Outlaws Wrestling Club	7052	20	304.0
2	Carson Bulldog Wrestling Club	7119	29	246.5
3	Nevada Elite Wrestling	0924	47	212.0
4	Spanish Springs Wrestling Club	2707	53	196.0
5	Silver State Wrestling	8941	14	186.0
6	Damonte Ranch Mustangs	7434	37	161.0
7	Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club	0547	37	148.5
8	LWA(Lassen wrestling associati	8933	19	137.5
9	Fernley	8931	25	132.5

The Fallon Outlaws coached by Wade Workman had a great day of wrestling last weekend. They'll be wrestling this weekend at home. Come support these little guys. And gals. Photo courtesy Debbie Workman.



Oasis Academy volleyball team. Photo courtesy of Angela Viera.



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Local Columnists

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: January 27 - February 2

Love is being elevated this week as Venus moves into Pisces. We have the opportunity to grow in love, to mature in love, and to learn about the highest form of love: agape.

Aries - be aware of spending too much energy gazing into the future as this will actually keep you stuck in the past. It's time to move forward and put the past behind you. Use this strength this week to travel to a new state of mind where you can honor your own moral guidance and focus your efforts into improving your current situation.

Taurus - there is a loving, creative energy present that gives you the strength to make positive choices which support your vision of a secure future. Now is a good time to commit to these choices. Basing your choices from your heart helps you to overcome any doubts you may have about whether or not you will get the support you want or need.

Gemini - overanalyzing the situation and the "need to know" can be draining to your energy this week. This creates a strong urge to want to "talk about it". Luckily your strength is a sense of silent serenity that would rather just keep things to yourself. Take advantage of this by reflecting on both sides of the story for deeper understanding.

Cancer - if you've been on the fence and afraid to commit, this week brings the opportunity to make a decision and feel closer to the part of you that wants to build trust. To do that you'll have to let go of all the negative possibilities and focus on the simplicity of happiness to allow the past to heal and your walls to come down.

Leo - strike while the iron is hot! There is energy to forge ahead this week. What

you need to say or take action on will be hard to contain. There may be some hesitancy or wondering about possibilities, but your current strength is the need to be alone, feel your independence, and invest time in healing and recovering your personal power. And perhaps you need to express this to someone.

Virgo - a little fear of the unknown is the thing that may hold you back, but this week there is emotional energy ready to pursue your heart's desire. Whether it is a person, passion, or project, you'll have the energy to take action and devote yourself to your pursuit. Clarity allows you to release what you couldn't let go of until now. You're now ready to move into a responsible, supportive role to be there for your baby.

Libra - this week is about beginnings, a fresh start, or believing you can try again. There is some issue of fairness to be worked out and you may feel uncertain if your person and you can come to an agreement, but you are willing to try and sort it out. Feeling unfulfilled or put on the back burner could be holding you back. Belief is your power to begin.

Scorpio - what do you want? This is your strength this week: answering that question for yourself. The situation is about to change for the better. Letting go of expectations is another strength you have that will allow you to move on from heavy emotions and feelings of betrayal. You don't appear to be ready to quit, so look up from the hurt, there is emotional support present.

Sagittarius - you may be blind to your own hope that could be keeping you wondering when the next shoe will drop. You'll have to let go of expecting another crisis or bad thing to happen in order

to move forward. Realizing you may be settling for less than you deserve is your strength. Focus on finding the courage to express and release pain without expecting it to create another problem.

Capricorn - you may be operating on yesterday's program, but this is your strength this week, being able to see how the past dictates your assumptions and beliefs. The situation calls for releasing old beliefs that hold a repetitive pattern of behaviors and reactions. Establishing a new view of the future and holding it to be true can help you get out of yesterday's rut.

Aquarius - it feels like Scrooge on Christmas morning; it's an exciting change of heart full of hope and ready to move forward! Many realizations will dawn on you this week and will fuel you with the energy to take big steps towards appreciating what you have, putting more effort into taking care of it, giving to it, and loving it. Now you can move forward and let your heart lead the way.

Pisces - let the drawbridge come down, it's over. The unpleasant situation that has persisted for some time now comes to a satisfying end. You may have a renewed perspective that things can and indeed will, alas, all work out in your favor. A sense of settled security and knowing what you want will have you believing in Happily Ever After again.



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 -- *Pasta Postulate*

I am a problem-solver by nature, so I have been experiencing a mild but constant level of dissatisfaction that I lacked a tactic to employ when questions about what to make for dinner and what to write about for this column pop up. Writer's block sucks and the never-ending cycle of "I don't know, what do you want for dinner," is equally frustrating. These are problems that need solutions—fortunately, I've got us covered. Dear readers and home cooks, I would like to present my simple and straightforward strategies for 2023: The Taco Tactic and The Pasta Postulate.

The Pasta Postulate states that the question of what to eat for dinner can be easily solved by invoking the noodle. A great pasta dish can be executed simply and represents the opportunity for infinite variation. Pick a protein (or not), select a sauce, name a noodle, and gather your garnish, you can even introduce veggie variations.

In a similar vein, The Taco Tactic is ready and waiting to be employed whenever your brain goes blank, and your stomach is growling. There is never a bad time for tacos. Much like the pasta postulate, tacos offer the potential for infinite variations. Partner Ned contends that simpler is better so I have reduced the core taco necessities down to just four variables: shell, filling, topping, and sauce.

This last week, I relied on both The Taco Tactic and the Pasta Postulate when identifying what to make for dinner resulting in delicious dishes on both occasions. As we move forward through 2023, I am looking forward to diving deep into the overabundance of options within these two tasty categories. Irish Tacos (yep), Curry Tacos (count me in), Braised Beef Birria (OMG), I could do this all day.

Taco Tactic Variation #1

Broiled Fish Tacos

Serves 2 - increase by one piece of fish and 2-3 taco shells for each additional person

INGREDIENTS:

2-3 high-quality corn tortillas (I used La Tortilla Factory handmade corn & wheat specialty shells)

2 ea 6+ ounce pieces of halibut, mahi-mahi, or another meaty white fish of your choice

2 limes - zested, then rind and pith removed, cut into slices, and finely diced

4 T grapeseed or canola oil, separated

½ bunch of cilantro - minced

½ c of assorted herbs - minced (my go-to's are mint and basil)

Salt

Smoked Paprika

Ground coriander

Mexican Crema

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pat fish dry with a paper towel, place in an oven-safe dish, season with salt, coriander, and smoked paprika, and drizzle with 3 T of grapeseed oil. Set aside.

2. In a small bowl, combine lime zest, minced lime, 1 T grapeseed oil, and minced herbs.

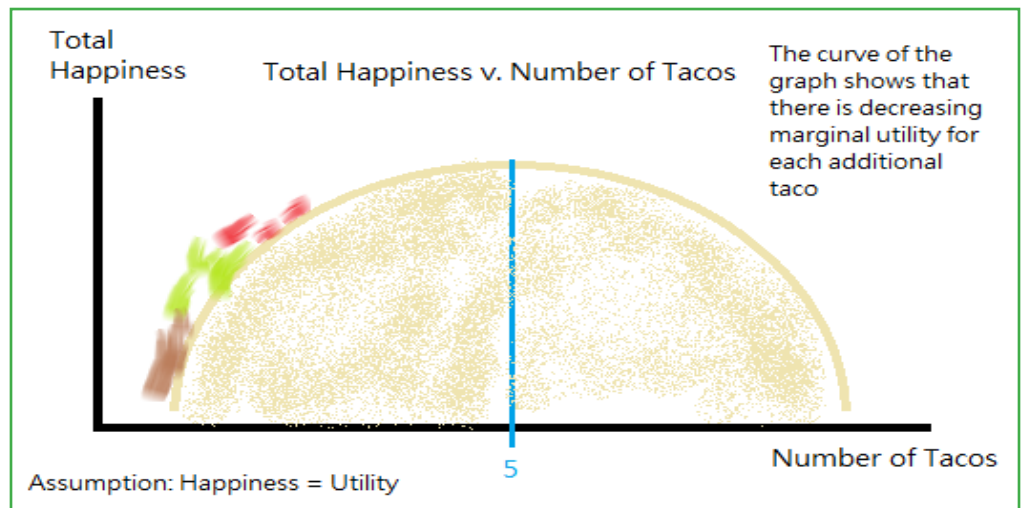
3. Adjust top oven shelf to less than 6" below the broiler and turn broiler on high (for gas ovens, leave the oven door closed, for electric ovens leave the oven door ajar).

4. Broil fish until turning golden brown on the edges (about 5-7 minutes).

5. Meanwhile, lay tortillas out on a baking sheet with their edges slightly overlapping. Swap out the fish dish for the tortilla tray and toast for about 2 minutes. Flip tortillas and toast for another minute.

6. Toss together herb and lime mix, season to taste. Break each fish fillet into chunks and place some on each tortilla. Top with herb mix and drizzle with crema.

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Carol's Book Report – *We Are the Light: A Novel by Matthew Quick*



Lucas Goodgame lives in Majestic, PA, and is considered a hero after a recent tragedy occurred at the local historical movie theater.

He insists his deceased wife Darcy visits him at night in the form of an angel and writes letters to his former Jungian analyst, Karl. He is struggling. Then Eli, an 18-year-old community outcast, sets up camp in his back yard and things take a turn. Together they hatch a plan in hopes of healing their town in the aftermath of what we eventually learn was a mass shooting at the theater.

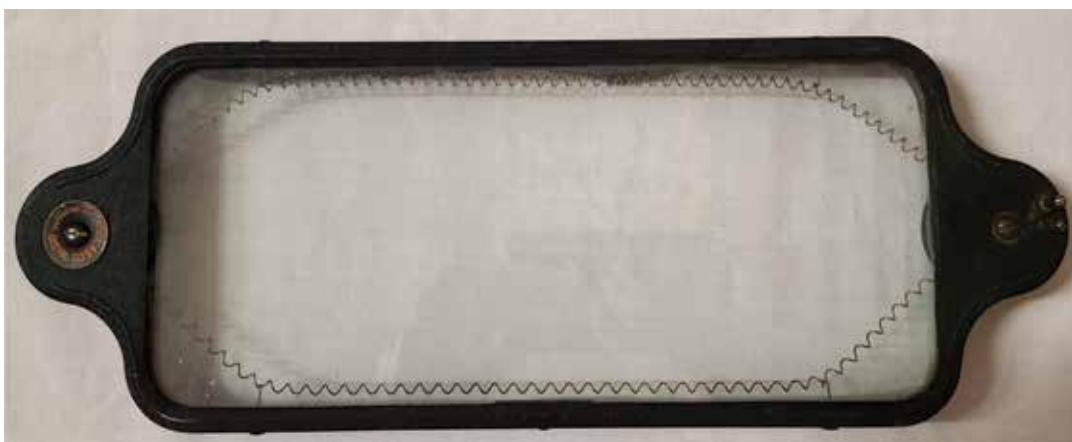
Quick takes the reader deep into Goodgame's head as details emerge, and we get a sense of just how damaged he is. The tale follows him as he tries to handle his grief to regain a meaningful life.

This book is not about the tragic act that was committed but rather about finding a way back through community, love, friendship, self-evaluation, and boundaries to heal. Powerful in the telling and the message.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She hasn't been writing her humorous, pithy blurb lately. We do love her book reports, though.



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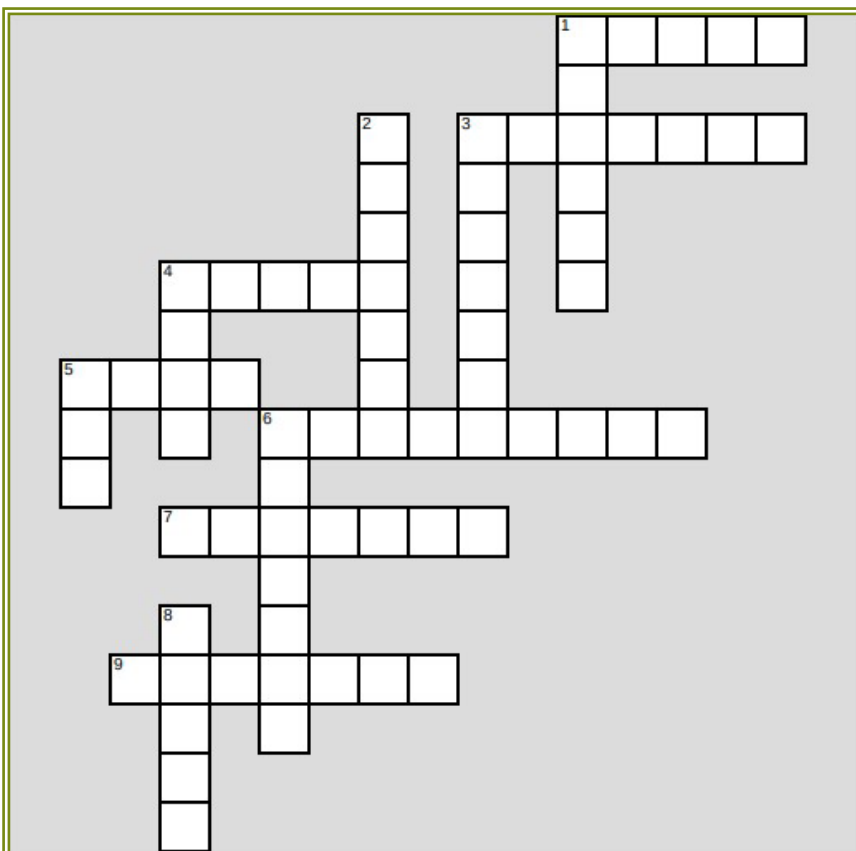
Thank you to all who joined us in January for the Harry Potter movies, concerts & specials. What a great month. February, we have a great line-up of movies for you to enjoy + a couple of special events.

Starting this weekend, Friday and Saturday, February 3 & 4, starting at 6 p.m. first free movie of the evening will be the 2019 computer-animated adventure comedy “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part.” The citizens of Bricksburg face a dangerous new threat when Lego Duplo invaders from outer space start to wreck everything in their path. The battle to defeat the enemy and restore harmony to the Lego universe takes Emmet, Lucy, Batman, and the rest of their friends to faraway, unexplored worlds that test their courage and creativity. Voices provided by Chris Pratt, Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, and Will Ferrell.

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JAN...by Peanut. Last week's puzzle had issues...second time's the charm 



ACROSS

- 1 Secretary Yellen
- 3 Before February
- 4 Two-faced Roman god
- 5 Chimpanzee expert
- 6 Turkish soldier
- 7 Custodian
- 9 Avid admirer of Miss Austen

DOWN

- 1 Fallon's Digital Ink
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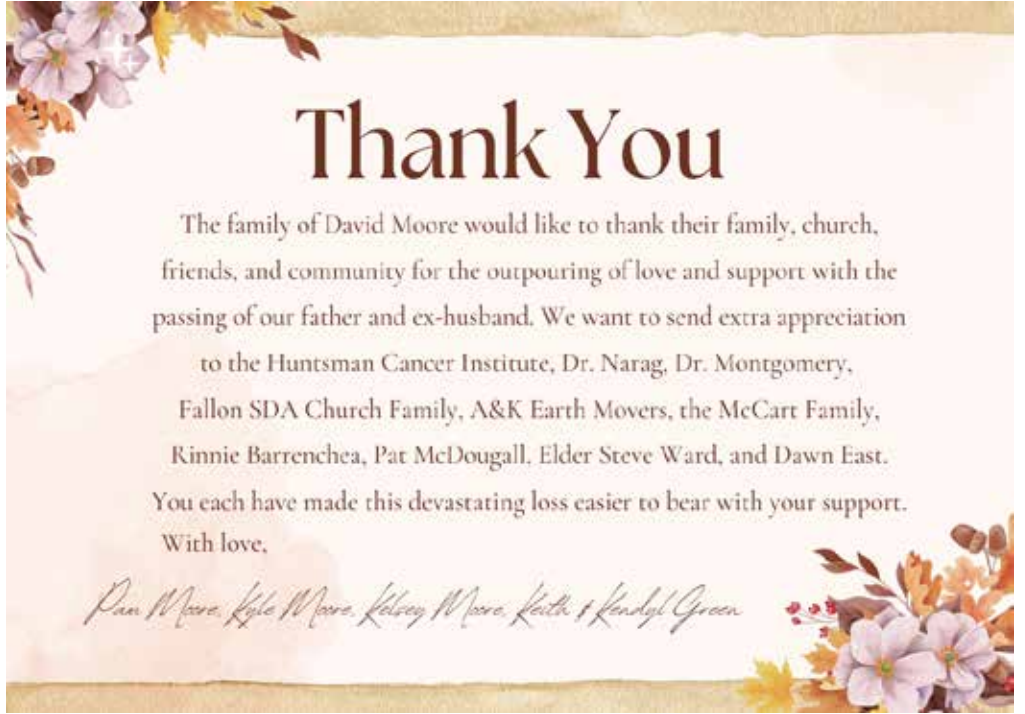
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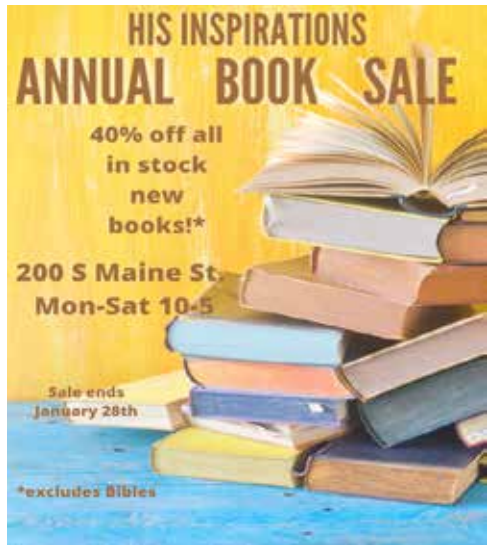
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