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PACC Presents “Orphan Train” Children’s Musical

By David Ernst

One hundred and thirty years ago, American youth moved west for a new life, on May 4 Churchill’s youth theater brings us the story.

When the orphan train movement began, it was estimated that 10,000 to 30,000 outcast children were living on the streets of New York City alone. Between 1854 and 1929, an estimated 250,000 orphaned, abandoned, and homeless children were transported throughout the United States to find new homes. “Orphan Train the Musical” is a historical fiction telling the story of these children.

“Orphan Train” features 26 local 3rd to 6th-grade children. While most of the characters are fictional, several of the cast portray actual historical figures. Fourth-grader Adelynn Munoz portrays Jean Sexton who, in 1914, rode the Orphan Train along with her 5 brothers and sisters when she was just 3 years old. She left Brooklyn, New York, and found a new home with a childless couple in Southwest Missouri. Irma Craig – portrayed by 5th grader Annabelle Kuite – was abandoned by her parents in 1898 and rode

the Orphan Train several years later, finding a new home in Schubert, Missouri. Lee Nailling (Keaton Lacow, 3rd grade) was separated from his 2 brothers and went through several homes before finding a permanent family in Atlanta, Texas.

The Performing Arts of Churchill County, or PACC, the non-profit organization behind “Orphan Train,” was formed in 2022 to produce and promote the performing arts in the Churchill County area. “Orphan Train” is the first production presented by PACC and has a wealth of experience behind it. Director Tim Wuth has directed 12 children’s musicals during his 27-year career in education with the Pershing County School District. The production’s creative team has decades of combined experience in musical theater performance and education and includes Summer Stanton, Noreen Swenson, Suzette Benecke, David Ernst, and Ani Acosta.

According to PACC Board President David Ernst, they have already begun planning for the 2023-2024 musical season and have several other initiatives in the works as well. Community members who would like more



Photo courtesy of PACC.

information about PACC can visit their website at pacnv.org where they may view information about upcoming productions and join their email list.

PACC is always seeking volunteers with experience in any area of the performing arts to help with future programming. Community members

who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to complete the volunteer form on the PACC website. You can view “Orphan Train” on May 4, 5, and 6 at the CCHS theater at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at pacnv.org.

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log - The Messengers

I got out of my truck yesterday, parked next to the Carson River under a massive cottonwood tree and was greeted by the squawking, gravelly serenade of a huge magpie.

Instantly my old friend Tim Findley came to mind, a famous newspaper reporter who worked for the "Rolling Stone" during the Hunter S. Thompson days. He also worked for the "San Francisco Chronicle" and covered the occupation of Alcatraz, the Symbionese Liberation Army, and the Hell's Angels.

And he retired to Fallon.

He did some work for Anne Pershing at the LVN until a Senator got mad about stories he wrote and then he didn't write there anymore. He couldn't NOT write, not dig, not pick. He loved a juicy story and CJ Hadley at "Range Magazine" had him digging into government agencies and the impact policy was having on natural resource producers.

I got to know him from going to many of the same meetings. I was doing water back then and there wasn't a Lahontan Valley, Truckee River water meeting Findley wasn't at with his big ol' camera. He would always push at me, "Why are they..., why are they..."

And then one day he got this crazy idea to start a newspaper.

It was probably around 1994 and some of us had been thinking about it and talking about it for a while in a "what we really need" but no one actually knew what they were doing or believed they could sort of way.

But Findley had chops and he got us all together and wrote some stories and he put them together and had it all copied at Jeff's Office Supply and stapled it together and we launched "The Magpie" a little newsletter that lasted probably three editions.

This week I heard from several of you about how much you liked our new format and how proud Anne would have been. I felt her a lot last week, and I agree.

But I had forgotten about Findley until the magpie in the tree was chatting me up.

Forgot about his encouragement and his relentless picking and pushing in that gravelly, aged-by-smoke-and-red wine voice of his. He would have been proud too, and apparently was, judging by the black and white lecture I was getting from above.

So, while we remember all those who coached us and encouraged us and gave us the "chops" to make this paper, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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Flood Mitigation Projects Continue as Temperatures Rise

By Leanna Lehman

County Manager Jim Barbee updated Churchill County Commissioners Wednesday, April 18, on the county's ongoing flood mitigation efforts. According to Barbee, the Big Berm and new weir projects continue to move forward as rising temperatures threaten to rapidly increase water flows into the Carson River and Lahontan Reservoir.

According to Barbee, the final project plans have been completed, and continue to operate under emergency authority. The new weir will attach to the 2017 weir, measure roughly 180 feet across, and include three chambers to accommodate water flow. Steel pylons are already set in the first chamber, which is to be followed by more excavation, concrete, and rebar work which TCID and the Churchill County Road Department will complete. In terms of final depth, the new weir is designed at seven feet lower than the first, creating a combined output from the V-Line Canal of approximately 2,500 cubic feet of water per second (cfs). Barbee reported 34,000 acre-feet (af) of water in Lahontan Reservoir during the meeting, which nearly doubled to 74,827 by April 24. Lahontan's total storage capacity is reported at 300,000 af, with an estimated 1.2 million af yet to come through the system.

Initially, engineers also considered placing steel pylons on the north side of the V-Line. However, that would

have required \$2 million, a mile of pylon placement, and confidence that no breaks or leaks could flow back into the Carson River. Upon review, engineers concluded that the better and less expensive option is to haul in and compact dirt on the canal's north side.

The eight-mile-long, six-foot-high Big Berm project is estimated to be completed by the end of April. The berm allows for increased flows as water moves toward the Carson Pasture. The county continues to monitor the Lahontan Valley, keeping a close eye on Highway 95 South toward Schurz as water levels increase on both sides. The county recently purchased rail car bridges, one of which will cross the original weir to give better access to operations and installations. Additionally, commissioners approved \$44,720 for a two-flight aerial imagery project to capture views of water flowing through the valley, specifically through the weirs and over the north part of the Carson Pasture. Barbee explained these images are more precise than satellite images and will help as the project progresses.

Churchill County and the City of Fallon urge residents to be aware of the rapidly changing water situation and prepare for potential high-water events. Warmer temperatures are ahead, increasing the snowmelt, water flows, and flood risk in the area. Residents of low-lying areas should take extra care to safeguard against flooding. Vehicles are cautioned to



Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

turn around when faced with flooded roads, as most flood deaths occur in vehicles.

An interactive online map (see link below) is now available. Print maps are displayed at the Churchill County Administration building at 155 N. Taylor Street and are available for viewing M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The county asks the public to use the main entrance at the corner of A and N. Taylor Streets. The High-Water Call Center continues to provide non-emergency resources for citizens seeking information about

potential flooding. (Open M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling 775-867-5923). Sandbags are available for pick-up at 485 Miner's Road (M-F 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

To view the interactive map: Visit bit.ly/41Cpsi. Use the search field in the upper right of the map to add an address and pull up a home or business location at bit.

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Features

Task Force Keeping Large-Scale Drug Operations out of Fallon

By Leanna Lehman

Like virtually every other community in the state, drugs continue to trouble area residents, both in the form of addiction, harm to families, and drug-related crime. Fortunately for Fallon, however, the North Central Narcotic Task Force proactively works to combat drug use and sales in Churchill County and its surrounding areas. Primarily focusing on narcotics enforcement and protecting local citizens against drug-related crime, the Task Force comprises dedicated police officers from the Nevada State Police – Investigations Division, the Fallon Police Department, deputies from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. This year, they have a little good news to report.

Despite a very busy year, the Task Force reports no significant increase in arrests or drug-related crime. In fact, over the last year, fewer property crimes have been reported. Whether or not the slight downturn in break-ins, thefts, and property offenses directly results from Task Force efforts, it is good news for Fallon residents. In 2022, they made a total of 118 arrests, seized five firearms, and \$91,971 in illicit narcotics.

Another positive is that the Task Force has still not seen any measurable influx of the more dangerous drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and street-produced opioids. Unfortunately, that is not the case for some rural areas like Elko and Winnemucca, which report more fentanyl in their communities. Even though it is not highly prevalent in the area, the Task Force remains vigilant as fentanyl has an elevated risk of overdose. Everyone handles it differently. One person's dose is another person's death sentence. Additionally, unbeknownst to the user, it is often compounded with other drugs making it even more dangerous.

The Task Force reports they have responded to fewer calls involving overdoses over the last year. Further, they have not seen an increase in drug-related gun use or violence and have seized fewer guns in the previous year than in prior periods. Both factors are good news from a Task Force perspective and for the residents, the

safer the community is, the better.

The primary focus of the Task Force is illicit drugs; however, they often respond to reports of backyard marijuana growing. Initially, they will work with individuals to educate them on Nevada's marijuana laws concerning private recreational cultivation. For example, growing cannabis is prohibited if a licensed dispensary is within 25 miles, and plants may not be visible in a public place or from the road. Also, growing pot on property not owned by the grower requires the owner's permission. The Task Force will escalate the matter and take action against private growers who continue to grow marijuana in the community illegally.

In addition to their regular narcotics activities, the Task Force assists in large-scale eradication of illegal marijuana growing operations. They participated in two major busts last year in eastern Nevada near Ely, where they confiscated over 6,000 plants. In both cases, foreign nationals with suspected ties to drug cartels were responsible. According to the Task Force, these and other sizeable illegal growing operations are in highly remote areas on BLM or public parklands. They are often stumbled upon accidentally by hunters or research scientists. Once these "hot spots" are taken down, the Task Force must also watch to ensure that the growers do not reoccupy the area and restart their illegal activity.

Most Task Force arrests remain on the user and low-to-mid-level dealer scale, suggesting that the primary sources for the illegal narcotics are from outside the area. The larger dealers do appear, the Task Force has been able to shut them down relatively quickly.

Meth remains the area's drug of choice and continues to plague families and the public at large. However, thanks to the Task Force in concert with local law enforcement, meth use is not going unchecked.

With a bit of luck, sufficient resources, and the community's support, the Task Force can continue to ebb the flow of illicit narcotics heading for the streets of Fallon and Northern Nevada.



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Native American-Owned Contractors Needed for NASF Expansion

By Leanna Lehman

Fallon Naval Air Station is continually growing, and that growth is about to explode. With the recently approved Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization (FRTC), a multitude of opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses are on the horizon. As one of the federal government's largest branches, the US Military employs many private contractors to support military and civilian operations nationwide. However, this is more challenging for bases in rural areas. Due to FRTC, more contractors are needed to support the expansion and support existing NAS Fallon operations. Part of the FRTC modernization includes airspace expansion, modifications, and upgrades to the range infrastructure.

NAS Fallon is part of the Navy's southwest region's Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), which spans the central to southern parts of California and Nevada, including San Diego, with strategic locations in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. NASF, along with NAVFAC Southwest, is positioned to grant a growing number of contracts to various potential construction and service companies locally and throughout the region.

While the Navy uses civilian contractors on an ongoing basis, the NASF range modernization is one of the most robust opportunities for small area businesses. In conjunction with both the state and federal Small Business Associations, Churchill Economic Development Association, and several other partners geared toward supporting small businesses, NASF held a training event last week to help guild potential tribal-owned contractors navigate the complex process of securing government contracts.

"Employing small businesses is a function of the Department of Defense and a priority focus for the Secretary of the Navy," said NASF Commanding Officer Capt. Shane Tanner. While NAVFAC Southwest is working to contract with more small businesses in general, the event's focus was to attract ethnic minority-owned companies, which are in short

supply in Churchill County.

NAS Fallon is home to top-level training programs like Top Gun and Navy Special Warfare SEAL training, and specialized and modern infrastructure are crucial to keeping the base viable and capable of continued economic growth. The need for civilian contractors exceeds NASF's ability to provide them. The Native American-owned Small Business Training event hoped to attract contractors that could help bridge and gap.

Securing government contracts can be daunting, but trainers provided detailed instructions on the ins and outs of doing just that. With the help of NAVFAC and their small business partners like the SBA, APEX, the Minority Business Development Center with the US Department of Commerce, and others, potential contractors are provided with a wealth of resources to walk them through the process that will land them on the approved list of contractors. Specifically, NASF needs construction and support services contractors of various sizes.

According to Kim Boni, NAVFAC contract specialist, NASF hosts about 3,500 active-duty personnel, many more civilians directly employed, and several civilian contractors. The base brings about \$500 million to the local economy and is looking to add to that number by granting local contracts. Some of the upcoming projects include the F35 Hanger and outboard runway replacement/taxiway project, continuing base housing expansion to 172 additional homes, base infrastructure renovations and remodels, fencing, environmental and nature conservation work, architectural and engineering, and other facility-based support. "We are absolutely looking to contract more small businesses for NAS projects," said Ken Thomas, NAVFAC Acquisitions branch head, who explained it was a priority for the DOD to bring on more Native American contractors.

Ashe Sobhe, Business Advisor for the Minority Business Development Center with the US Department of Commerce, explained that ethnic minority-owned businesses are different from just minority-owned, which can include women and disabled veterans,



and others. There is a short supply of ethnic minority-owned business contractors in Northern Nevada. This allows entities like MBDC to focus on assisting Nevada's Native American small business owners and walking them through the process of becoming an NASF or NAVFAC contractor. The DOD requires NAVFAC to include at least 10% ethnic minority-owned contractors, which are currently less than 5%. With that percentage to increase to 15% by 2025, the government is working to do everything possible to assist in the process.

NAS Fallon has various resources available to assist potential contrac-

tors throughout the entire process of becoming an approved Navy contractor, how to bid posted jobs, and how to become sole source contractors and contract for long-term projects. Once the company is on the approved list, it can remain there for up to eight years.

For more resources, visit GOED APEX Accelerator, NAVFAC SW Small Business Programs, US and Nevada Small Business Administration, Churchill Economic Development Authority, NV Minority Business Development Agency, and the Minority Business Development Center with the US Department of Commerce.

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Announcements

CCHS Grads Tapped for UNLV Advisory Board

By Sharon Novak, Class of '87

It is always great to return “home” for any amount of time. As a graduate of UNLV, I take pride in my accomplishments and the degree I earned while there. Most of you don't know, my degree is not in engineering or construction management or architecture. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Sports Injury Management – the treatment, rehabilitation and prevention of athletic injuries. The degree program helped to change my life during a challenging period of time. After graduation, I took a construction estimating job where the only requirement was a 4-year degree. It was a way to pay the bills while I completed prerequisites for PT School. I was only going to do this construction thing for a year, two at the most. Instead, I found something I loved to do. I was good at it and I loved seeing the skyline filled with projects I had, in some way been part of.

Recently I was asked to join two advisory boards. One for Women's Studies at Cal-Poly Pomona and one at UNLV's College of Integrated Health Sciences. I chose to be of service to my Alma mater. Recently, the advisory board met at a restaurant in Summerlin. It was my first chance to meet faculty and other board members. UNLV President Keith Whitfield provided an update of where the university stands today. UNLV is a Tier 1 University, making it in the top 3% of research universities. Far from the days of blackjack 101 skits on SNL and its stature as a basketball school.

It was an intimate group of about 10. From the University President to the College Dean. The biggest honor was meeting Jeffrey L. Cummings, MD, ScD. Dr Cummings is a world leader in Alzheimer research and one of the founders of Lou Ruvo's Brain Institute. Other faculty and donors made up the rest of the group.

It's rare, but Churchill County High School graduates made up 20% of the attendees, Matt Grimes, Senior Vice President to Operations at Desert Radiology and I were able to celebrate our common history from Fallon. We

all shared how we were connected with the university, what we are doing today and something fun we have just completed or will be doing soon. I was excited to speak about construction as an integral part of health science. The biomechanics of injury parallels that of construction stability. Imposed loads beyond capacity... no different than applying Wolfe's Principles. Most importantly, sharing about building functional healthcare facilities, where the user group is valued and supported to do their best work. It was something I was immensely proud to share.

Sometimes it's nice to feel like you belong to something more important than yourself. To give in ways you didn't know would be valued. I am grateful for the student I spoke to during the holidays. She told the dean how much she enjoyed speaking with me and the director reached back out. It made me realize I have a lot more to offer as mentor outside of construction, I'm excited to see what impact I can make as an advisory board member for UNLV's College of Integrated Health Sciences.



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Patricia Cate-Parrish

Patty passed away Tuesday April 11th, 2023, at her home in Fallon, NV. Patty was born Oct. 26th, 1950, in Gardnerville, Nevada to the late Lynn and Barbara Barlow.

Patty was raised in Mina, Nevada and attended school in Hawthorne, Nevada. Later in life she moved to Fallon, Nevada where she raised three children. Patty married Robert Parrish in Fallon.

Patty loved being in the mountains, four-wheeler riding and cruising the mountain roads in her pickup. She loved camping and was interested in collecting purple glass, odd rocks, and old mining artifacts. She was always excited to bring her treasures home and create the perfect ornamental gardens for others to enjoy.

Patty is survived by her loving husband Robert Parrish, brother Les Barlow, sons Marvin Reynolds (Shelly), Mike Cate (Jennie) and daughter Laura



(Chuck) Davis, multiple grandchildren and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Mina, NV cemetery for Patty and her late mother Barbara Barlow on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Estelle Yvette Easter

Estelle Yvette Easter, originally from Fallon, NV has passed to be with the Lord on April 15, 2023. She was surrounded by her family and friends when she lost her 3-year battle with breast cancer.

Estelle started first grade in Fallon and continued through High School. She was born September 18, 1964 and she lived for 58 years. Estelle has two daughters, Delilah and Tia.

There will be a memorial and celebration of life at Crissie Caughlin Park, Reno, NV on April 30 (Sunday) 12 p.m. Come join us for a potluck, bring your favorite side dish to enjoy with some hamburgers and hotdogs. Call (775) 217-7745 for more info.



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Community

Lahontan Valley Concert Choir – Upcoming Performances

By Jo Petteruti

Started in 1983, the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir is a teaching choir open to anyone who has some ability to sing. Currently comprised of 25 members ranging in age from teens to 80-somethings, this non-denominational choir holds community concerts twice a year and sings at the Pennington Life Center, Homestead Assisted Living, and Highland Village.

June Bice is the director with Mike Irby as their piano accompanist. Mary Thomas, a choir member since 1997, said the group traditionally performs in the spring and in December as well as participating in the Christmas Tree Lighting festivities.

Two spring concerts are scheduled for next month. On May 12 at 6 p.m., the choir will perform at the Fallon Theatre before the showing of “Paint Your Wagon” at about 6:40. Thomas said, “We will be singing seven songs from our spring concert as an introduction to showing the movie. This one is really for publicity, to get our name out there.” The choir is then planning to perform on May 18 at 7 p.m., in the CCHS Auditorium where the price of admission will be one non-perishable food item to benefit a local food bank.

While last year's spring concert theme was A Salute to Disney, cowboy music will be the focus of this year's spring concert series, featuring songs such as “Tumbling Tumbleweeds,” “Cool Water,” and “El Paso.” “Some of it is older, the kind of thing that

people have heard. We have nice arrangements of these pieces, they are fun to sing, and hopefully, it will be fun to be part of the audience.”

Thomas said when they perform for the seniors, they sing songs of their era. “It's music that appeals to the slightly older crowd, and they enjoy a live performance. So, it's good for them and it's good for us.”

Thomas moved to Fallon in July 1997 from central California and joined LVCC just one month later. She had visited here in 1984 and was charmed by the town, “When my husband said he was being re-stationed from San Diego to Fallon, I was thrilled.” She said singing with the choir is fun and was a really nice way to get to know people. “If music wasn't fun, we wouldn't do it.” The choir sings in three-and four-part harmonies, and Thomas said laughingly, “I always tell people, ‘You don't always get to sing the melody, sorry.’”

She said some of the members just enjoy singing for Christmas while others prefer the spring songs, and that's all just fine. “We can invite a large variety of people to sing with us for varying amounts of time.” She said they do not have any original members left, but they do have one lady who started about a year after the choir's inception, and there are a few other senior members. “It's nice to have them to sing with.”

LVCC is a non-profit group financed through member dues and raffles. Two items are being raffled off during the spring concert on May 18. One is a large quilt made by some of the members



LVCC during one of their Christmas concerts. Photo courtesy LVCC.

who have been making them as raffle prizes for the last few years. The quilt for this year is also cowboy themed. The other raffle item being offered is a leather saddle donated by another choir member. The group practices on Tuesdays at Epworth Methodist Church, 280 East. Stillwater Avenue at 7 p.m. Practice will start in August for the Christmas shows. Contact the choir for further information by visiting their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LahontanValleyCC>

Go Down the Rabbit Hole at the Churchill County Museum's Annual Lunch

Staff Report

Churchill County Museum is unlocking the rabbit's door with the magic key and entertaining the audience with the “Mad Hatter Luncheon” on Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Don't be late” in getting a ticket to this fun event featuring lunch, a raffle, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. If you are “wondering which way to go,” tickets are available at the museum, 1050 S. Maine St, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum Registrar Donna Cossette will be “going down the rabbit hole” to bring out items from the many museum artifacts not currently featured on display in the museum. Rarely viewed items will feature local ancestry items donated to the museum over the years, items very specific to the local area, and those with stories.

The local community has donated items for the auction and raffle including gift certificates, artwork, decorator items, and gift baskets. Items

include a Churchill County Ghost Station Tour, sparking crystal items, a collectible silver plate beverage set, an Atlantis Resort Casino restaurant gift certificate, museum coins, and an accent table from Bassham Furniture.

As Alice would say, “Every adventure starts with a first step” so plan to attend the luncheon to see Alice, the witty and thought-provoking Cheshire Cat, The White Hare, and perhaps the Mad Hatter. Follow the white rabbit through the curtain to the Mad Hatter Luncheon and bring a friend. Mad Hatter attire is encouraged.

“Oh, my Ears and Whiskers. Look how late it is getting,” said the White Hare. Call the museum at (775) 423-3677 if you have more questions.



Fire Department Street Dance Coming May 12

Staff Report

The Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department will host a Street Dance on Friday, May 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in front of the firehouse at 25 N. Carson Street.

The City of Fallon will provide trip sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, water, and soda free to the public. Families are welcome. There will be a No-host bar with beer, wine, and mixed drinks

provided by the fire department.

Activities include a street dance with a live DJ, a cornhole tournament, games for the kids, and fire truck rides provided by the fire department. There will also be free ice cream cones provided by Harmon Junction for all, as well as a raffle for guns, ammo, coolers, and more.

All proceeds go to funding the fire department 501c3 membership fund.



Photo courtesy Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department.

Local Youth Help in a Global Service Day



Over 130 Churchill County youth and 20 adults participated in Global Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 22, placing 5,000 sandbags throughout the community for the elderly, helping to protect over 20 homes. Photo courtesy of Loni Faught.

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Local Government

County Eligible for Funds to Expand Area Recreation

By Leanna Lehman

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which addresses the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization for NAS Fallon, has been the topic of much debate for Northern Nevadans. While many locals are still unhappy about the bill's passage, a few good things have emerged. One of those things is particularly good for Churchill County. Under NDAA/FRTC, through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA), a federal lands bill that became law in 1998, some money has become available to Churchill County—a lot of money.

SNPLMA allows the Bureau of Lands Management to sell public land within a specific boundary around Las Vegas. According to SNPLMA, land sales revenues are split in various ways. The majority of funds go to a special account available to the Secretary of the Interior for parks, trails, natural areas, wildlife, and habitat conservation initiatives, with other funds slated for hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention, and other purposes in Nevada and the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Churchill County can now apply for project funding that could significantly enhance community parks and recreation within its boundaries. At their April 18 meeting, county commissioners approved an application for three priority projects. According to County Manager Jim Barbee, White

Pine County received over \$40 million in SNPLMA funds for some of their improvement projects, which include trail expansions, campgrounds, road improvement, historic rail track expansion, fairground renovations, and more recreation base projects. Fallon is now on track to do the same, although Barbee did not discuss specific dollar amounts.

While there are 11 total projects on the radar, three priorities topped the list. The goals for these projects vary, with most centered on connecting people with the outdoors to foster interaction and understanding of the natural environment.

The first project is the 3C Complex and Regional Park. The project would complete the renovation of the county's current fairgrounds and implement improvements that would expand the number of participants for various outdoor animal events and activities. These improvements include arena expansions, construction of a new multipurpose building/Dry Gulch Saloon, land purchase, new bathrooms, concessions, and a field house. A new outdoor aquatic facility is proposed, shade structures, playground areas, outdoor arena seating expansion, additional parking, and new biking and walking paths. Additional RV hookups will be added to fill the 350-space capacity, athletic field upgrades, sports turf installation, complex beautification, event facilities improvements, and ADA and safety upgrades.



Fallon Youth Softball Field on North Maine Street. Photo courtesy of FYSL.

The second proposed project is the North Maine Youth Softball Complex. The civil and structural engineering firm, Lumos & Associates, is reviewing the needs for this project, which would completely replace the existing ball field infrastructure, update, and expand with more efficient facilities to include fields, concessions, restrooms, field house, walking/biking paths, and paved parking. Sports turf and new pitching and batting cages are also on the drawing board.

The third proposed project is Old Stone Regional Park, which is a Public Utilities District (PUD) approved last December. The development covers 107+ acres of farmland near Birch Lane and Casey Road. The land is owned by Nev Dev LLC, which is planning a subdivision to be called Old Stone Ranch with approximately 100 new homes and 408 apartments. According to the Churchill County Planning Commission, Nev Dev proposed

constructing a 10-acre community park within the complex. The park would include a sports complex, ball fields, walking and biking paths, and multi-use fields for community sports practice, which cannot presently be accommodated. "If the project funding is approved, the land will transfer to Churchill County," said Barbee.

This process will take over 18 months, with several hurdles to cross along the way. Applications for these projects are due in August and, of course, followed by miles of red tape, review, and action on the part of the county.

With \$417 million in funds from the Department of the Interior to spread over 47 projects, Churchill County is fortunate to be one of those on the receiving end of this landmark legislation.

TCID – Truckee Canal Update and Mosquitoes

By Rachel Dahl

During the Truckee-Carson Irrigation Board of Directors meeting held early this month, Richard Grondin, a board member of the Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District reported that work in this wet year had already begun in efforts to get a jump on what likely will be a banner year for the unofficial state bird of the Lahontan Valley – the mosquito.

Grondin said the district had lost its aerial spray program but has

purchased an airboat that will allow technicians to go into places where vehicles and quads can't go. The district will also be able to use the airboat in the fall to treat weeds.

After several questions have been raised about the Extraordinary Maintenance project to line portions of the Truckee Canal through the Fernley reach, Ben Shawcroft, general manager of TCID said the project is underway. "Work is being done preparing one area for the lining of the canal. They will construct that first area as

a test phase to make sure everything meets specifications then continue with the lining," he said. Litigation over the construction project continues as well, with the City of Fernley opposing any lining that may impact the groundwater recharge that serves community and municipal customers.

The TCID board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the district office at 2666 Harrigan Road.



Carson River at McLean Road. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

Water Line Problems Arise During West A Street Construction

By Jo Petteruti

During the Fallon City Council's meeting on Tuesday, April 18, a change order request for West A Street was presented to install approximately 1,420 linear feet of 8-inch water main in portions of the street.

City Director of Public Works Brian Byrd described the original road contract, and the additional work recently identified. "On October 7, 2022, the city council voted to approve the construction contract with A&K Earthmovers that would allow for the reconstruction of portions of West A Street, Taylor Street, North Whitaker Lane, and the entirety of Rancho Drive. During the course of construction, it was identified that the subsurface condition of an 8-inch water main that serves West A Street was originally installed at a substandard depth." He said the original 1960s-era cast iron steel pipe running parallel to the street was installed only 12 inches at its shallowest point from the top of the pavement. "The existing depth does not allow for proper compaction of the subgrade during the reconstruction phase, and if not repaired appropriately, would ultimately lead to expedited pavement failure."

Councilwoman Karla Kent

asked specifically which section of West A would have its line replaced. Byrd replied, "The 1,420 feet starts at Venturacci and goes about halfway between Taylor and Russell Street. It's cast iron the entire way, but it reaches an appropriate depth and runs downhill, so once it reaches that depth it's appropriate for us to properly reconstruct the roadway."

Councilman Paul Harmon asked if the city knew whether they would run into this situation in any other part of the project to which Byrd said, "No, we identified the depth of all the other water lines once we realized we had this condition. We evaluated those and they are at an appropriate depth. It's difficult because the iron pipe water mains have a very long lifespan. We get into these road reconstructions, and we want to do as much pavement improvement as we can throughout the city to maximize the useful life of the water mains."

When Mayor Ken Tedford asked if they had a count of the number of homes affected, Byrd said he was unsure and turned to Lumos and Associates Project Manager Brian Harer. "There's quite a few. It feeds through the alleys to the north and to the south. So, it will be all of those residents directly north and south of A Street that



Fallon City Council members Paul Harmon, Karla Kent, Mayor Tedford, and Kelly Frost. Photo by Jo Petteruti.

will be impacted when we tie over the new water main," stated Harer. Byrd estimated that the new paving work would still begin June 1 in line with the original paving schedule. Kent then asked how long those residents would be without water, to which Byrd replied, "We'll install the new line in parallel to the old one so interruption to their service will be very limited. We weren't going to be able to reconstruct A Street if we didn't replace this water line. So, it's unfortunate that we're here asking the council to approve a change order. The one thing I am confident about is that A&K's number is competitive if we compare it to

other projects we have going. The unit costs are comparable." Councilwoman Kelly Frost commented, "I just want to be sure that the residents will be notified appropriately so they are aware and can plan for it." Byrd assured her that more notice than they would normally give would be provided. Frost also said she felt the change order was appropriate "in the sense that we do it correctly this time around so that we don't run into problems down the road."

The cost of the additional work the council unanimously approved is \$416,880 and will extend the construction timeline by 25 days.

School Board of Trustees Approve FFA Lease

By Rachel Dahl

At their last meeting, the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees approved a verbal bid proposal from Myles Getto for a lease of the agriculture property owned by the district on Rio Vista Road in the amount of \$9,250 per year.

The district received no written bids and at the meeting called for oral bids. Getto has worked with the district in the past, leasing the property, and has been in discussion for the past several months about the improvements that need to be made to the property to make it more efficient and productive. He is willing to apply for grants through Natural Resources

and Conservation Service to make the improvements and he is willing to work with the agriculture teacher at the high school and the students in the program to get the students in the program geared up to eventually take over management of the property. Attorney for the school district, Sharla Hales will work with the ag teacher to create a contract between the district and Getto. Hales has been concerned over the issue of liability, but in her research learned that the project and the students are covered under POOL Pact, the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool. The contract would also require the lessee to maintain a liability policy.

"Time is of the essence," said Hales,

agreeing with Getto regarding the time of year and the need to get the property ready for production. "I just want to recognize that Mr. Getto has come up with several good ideas. This is a project that calls for creative solutions and someone willing to help out high school students and he has gone above and beyond."

Trustee Amber Getto abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest, Myles Getto is her son.

In other actions, the board approved the tentative budget presented by Comptroller Christi Fielding who reported that the Pupil Centered Funding at the state level has not yet been approved by the legislature and there are no assurances that any increases

in that funding would be sustained after this biennium. She said several districts are choosing to budget conservatively, using numbers that are more in line with the prior year's per pupil amount.

Fielding also reported that the tentative budget includes step increases for all employees, there has been a 3.75% increase in PERS (the Public Employee Retirement System) and a 7.5% increase in health insurance. "With 85 to 90% of the budget going to salaries, this is a substantial number based on current payroll," she said. "With \$17,205,505 that equals \$650,000 for PERS, utilities have substantially

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Legislature

Legislative Update - Deadlines and Commitments

By Rachel Dahl

Tuesday, April 25 was the deadline for bills to be voted out of their first house, creating a mad scramble of votes on the hundreds of bills that made it through the first committee passage deadline on April 14.

Senator Robin Titus, MD (S-17) reported that three of her bills and one resolution are still alive, out of her original 12. AJR1, which passed in the 2021 session has passed out of the Assembly and is now in the Senate. It changes language in the State Constitution regarding people with certain conditions. If it passes a second time it will go to the voters for approval in the next election.

SB 241 is exempt from the Tuesday deadline and had made it out of the policy committee and is now in the finance committee. Key to the bill is Medicaid reimbursement for rural hospitals at their actual costs, which is of great importance to rural communities.

In an effort to improve rural healthcare access and expand medical training opportunities post-undergrad, SB 369 also has passed out

of committee and is in the finance committee. It allows for the deferrable modified business tax to be allotted to Graduate Medical Education, in hopes of creating residencies and fellowships for undergraduate medical students from Nevada, keeping them at home rather than pursuing graduate opportunities out of state. SB 328 increases regulation of the cannabis industry and mandates any regulations have to go through the Legislative Commission.

Titus is also working on several water bills that she has signed with Senator Goicoechea that are still alive. Goicoechea is serving his last session due to term limits and Titus said she is working to "absorb as much of his water knowledge as I can." The most exciting bills are the governor's, but we are waiting to see where they go, especially SB 405 and SB431. Assemblyman Greg Koenig continues working across the aisle and was the only legislator in the building to have all of his Bill Draft Requests make it through the first committee passage deadline. Late Monday night, his optometry bill, AB 432, passed out of the assembly unanimously, adding lan-

guage to state law that would expand telemedicine opportunities. Koenig said on Monday there were over 70 bills read into the record during the first assembly floor session of the day in an effort to meet the Tuesday deadline. There was a second session to read in bills, as well in the Tuesday morning session, before the rules were suspended and votes on the bills began. "It's hectic as hectic can be," he said.

AB 277 establishes provisions governing rural emergency hospitals that would let the 13 rural hospitals convert to a rural emergency hospital and increase reimbursement under Medicaid for services provided. Two interests requested that fiscal notes be attached to bills. Chairman Daniele Monroe-Moreno of Ways and Means suggested Koenig meet with the groups to see if they would lower the fiscal notes. After a meeting where he

was able to explain what the bill would do, both agreed to remove the fiscal note. "I went into Ways and Means with a clean bill, so it was a quick five-minute hearing that everyone voted unanimously because the financials were off of it," said Koenig.

Koenig will be hosting a Legislative Field Trip to NAS Fallon and the Frey Ranch Distillery on May 6, allowing legislators to see firsthand rural economic drivers.

One other bill that has the potential to impact Churchill County is SB 354, which would require justices of the peace to have passed an examination prescribed by the Nevada Supreme Court. Currently, JOP are elected and are not required to have a law degree.



2023 Schedule

May
Friday May 5: ¼ mile Test and Tune, Practice event, Jackpot racing 10am
Saturday May 6: ET Bracket Race points race #1 2022 Awards pot luck after race* 9am
Sunday May 7: ET Bracket Race points race #2 9am
Nostalgic Racing Weekend
Friday May 19: Five Dollar Friday ¼ mile test and Tune 6pm-11pm
Saturday May 20: ET Bracket Race points race #3 9am
Sunday May 21: ET Bracket Race points race #4 9am

June
NHRA National Open Series Race, JDRL Championship
Times: TBA
Friday June 9: Test and Tune
Saturday June 10: NHRA cars, JDRL, Summit ET series Points Race #5
Sunday June 11: NHRA cars, JDRL, Summit ET series Points Race #6
Saturday June 24: Five Dollar Saturday ¼ mile test and Tune, Grudge Racing 6pm-12am



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July
Friday July 14: Five Dollar Friday ¼ mile test and Tune, Grudge Racing 6pm-11pm
Saturday July 15: ET Bracket Race points race #7 9am
Sunday July 16: ET Bracket Race points race #8 9am

August
Saturday August 12: Five Dollar Saturday ¼ mile test and Tune, Grudge Racing 6pm-12am

September
Mopar VS World Weekend 9am
Friday September 15: Five Dollar Friday ¼ mile test and Tune, Grudge Racing 6pm-11pm 9am
Saturday September 16: ET Bracket Racing points race #9 Top Gunner Shootout 9am
Sunday September 17: ET Bracket Racing Final 2023 points race. King of the Track 9am

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5 Dollar Special Events	\$5
Kids 6-12	\$5
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Sportsman / Motorcycle	\$60
Pro	\$70
Super Pro	\$80
Buy Backs (1 st round only)	\$20
Test & Tune	\$50
5 Dollar Special Events	\$20
Jr Dragster	\$40

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2023 Payouts

Sportsman / Motorcycle	\$300 Win (over 16 add \$100)	\$100 R/U (over 16 add \$50)
Pro	\$400 Win (over 16 add \$100)	\$150 R/U (over 16 add \$50)
Super Pro	\$500 Win (over 16 add \$100)	\$200 R/U (over 16 add \$50)
Jr Dragster	\$50 win \$25 R/U plus Sponsored Trophy	

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increased, leaving a 4% ending fund balance.”

She also said she removed all the budgeted positions for the 2022/23 fiscal year that are still vacant, as well as all contingency, and by not including the 2023/24 priorities, the budget can meet the statutory requirement for the 4% ending fund balance. “The teaching and assistant superintendent positions could be added back in depending on the decisions made in the legislature,” she said. “All overtime has been removed and I will work to get that back in.”

Fielding also said that the ending fund balance continues to decline every year. The 2022/23 tentative budget began with a 12% EFB and this budget will end with 4%. “That is not sustainable.”

Additionally, the board addressed an issue raised by Trustees Joe McFadden and Julie Guerrero-Goetsch when they were onboarding their new positions. A First Reading was submitted to the board which reviewed revisions to P6149, the Internet and Public Network Acceptable Use Policy, and requested Hales to come back to the board with more information.

Hales reported that “With fresh eyes, they were concerned with signing the policy giving permission for the district to review all emails sent over district email.”

Goetsch said that she had concerns with the open-endedness of the policy that may give blanket access to board emails by the superintendent.

Trustee Matt Hyde said he was concerned that the superintendent could “just look whenever without cause? This boils down to trust and shows a lack of trust in this policy, no one should have that much power to just willy-nilly look at someone’s emails, this is a terrible way to build trust.” Both Hyde and Goetsch said that they have received texts and emails that this is happening.

“A number of staff brought this up before I ran,” said Goetsch, “the way this is written makes people uneasy.”

After much discussion about the current process for reviewing staff email and a request from trustees that Hales research with Oasis Online what the process is, Board President Tricia Straddin said, “We poked into what we thought was a scab but is clearly an open wound. Access is way different than monitoring.”

The matter will be brought back to the board for a second reading and hearing.

The school board next meets on May 5 to continue the interview process for the hiring of a new superintendent and will meet on May 24 to consider the final budget.

Trustees Begin Background Checks on Superintendent Candidates

Four finalists will meet with community staff on May 5

By Kaitlin Ritchie

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees will decide on four finalists who have been selected for further consideration to be the district’s next superintendent. Before making these selections, the school board conducted nine interviews from an applicant field of 23 candidates. The four finalists are as follows”

Blake Cooper

Cooper has been the principal at

Fernley Intermediate School since 2021. Before assuming this position, Cooper was a principal at Yerington Elementary School for three years. Copper has worked in education for 15 years, and his teaching experience includes seven years at Veterans Memorial STEM Academy in Washoe County where he taught sixth and second grades.

Cooper has a Master of Education Degree in Education Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education, both from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Brandon Moeller

Moeller is the director of the Equity

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and Diversity Education Department for Clark County School District in Las Vegas. He has served in this role since 2018.

Moeller was previously the assistant director of Instruction and Academic Unit and Safe and Respectful Learning Environment for Clark County School District. He has been working in education for 23 years starting at the K-8 level teacher in 2000.

Moeller is currently a doctoral student in Educational Policy and Leadership Education Psychology, Leadership, and Higher Education. He has a Master of Education in Educational Leadership, a Bachelor of Arts in

criminal justice, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, all from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

W. Derild Parsons

Parsons is currently serving as the director of Learning and Innovation for the Churchill County School District. He has been in this role since 2020.

Before assuming this position, Parsons was the director of Special Services for four years. He has worked for Churchill County 23 years. His teaching experience includes 11 years at the sixth-grade level and as a special edu-

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District Court Law and Motion

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, April 18, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Becky Ann Humphrey was not present for a status hearing due to serious health issues. A status hearing was set for June 27.

Rachel Lynn Johnson pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance Charged as a High Level (289.85 grams of methamphetamine), and the Category C Felony Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act. Fees and assessments were imposed, and Stockard sentenced Johnson to a total of 79-198 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, to run consecutive to the sentence on a Washoe County case. She was placed on probation for 5 years. Along with standard conditions of probation, Johnson was ordered to complete the Reno Gospel Mission program and to follow the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation throughout her probation.

Kyle Gary Fuller appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Attempt to Commit Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property. A plea memorandum was reached via a settlement conference. Fees and assessments were imposed, and Fuller

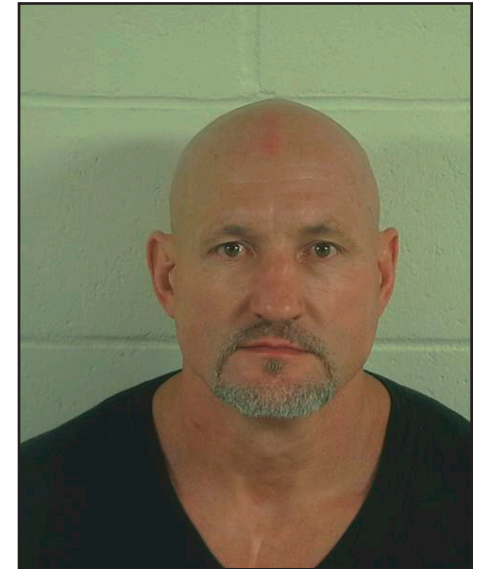
was sentenced to 12 to 32 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and placed on probation for 18 months. Standard conditions of probation were imposed. Fuller was also ordered to serve 2 consecutive days in Churchill County Jail each month for the next 12 months. Stockard told Probation and Parole, "If he misses 1 month, I want him brought back." Fuller was also ordered to maintain full-time employment and to have no contact with co-defendant Jillian Yesslith.

Hannah Marie Cole appeared for a sentencing/status hearing. Cole is currently provisionally in the Western Regional Drug Court program and is doing well. The judge asked Cole if she wanted to continue in drug court and received an affirmative reply. The judge suspended proceedings, and placed the defendant on probation for 12 months, with an additional 12 months if necessary for her to complete the diversion program. Standard conditions of probation were imposed along with the condition of completing diversion. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Paul Anthony Rice appeared for sentencing on several charges. For the Category D Ex-felon not to Possess an Electric Stun Device charge, he received 28 to 72 months in Nevada State Prison. On Category C Unlawful Obtaining and Using of Personal

Identifying Information of Another to Avoid or Delay a Prosecution, he received a fine of \$1,000 and a sentence of 24 to 60 months. To the ex-felon charge Category B Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, he received 28 to 72 months, the three sentences to run consecutively. On the Gross Misdemeanor Destroying or Concealing Evidence charge, he received 71 days in Churchill County Jail with credit for time served of 71 days. The prison sentences were suspended. Rice was placed on probation for 96 months. Along with standard conditions of probation, Rice was ordered to make payments of not less than \$85 a month on the fine, to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations of it throughout his probation, to complete a parenting class, and to possess no firearms or dangerous weapons. It was ordered that Rice be brought back before the court for any technical or non-technical probation violations.

Robert Allen Walker, in custody, received a sentence of 72 to 180 months in Nevada State Prison on the Category B Felony Attempt to Commit Sexual Battery. Lifetime supervision will begin upon his release from prison, and he must register as a sex offender within 48 hours of his release from prison. Fees and assessments were imposed. Walker was remanded



to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence. Anthony Erwin Ray Barlow, in custody, admitted to a technical probation violation regarding intoxicants. He was ordered to serve weekends in the Churchill County Jail.

Brian Langlois Calhoun, in custody, was found to have been treated to competency. One of his cases was remanded back to Justice Court, a second case was continued to May 9. Cecil Mark Riggs, in custody, was found to have been treated to competency. His 2 cases were remanded to Justice Court.

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cation teacher. Parsons has a Master of Education degree in education administration from Grand Canyon University and a Bachelor of Science in special education and elementary education from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Tim Spencer

Spencer is the principal of Churchill County High School. He has served in this role since 2021.

Before assuming this position he was the principal at Compton Learning Center in Canton, Ohio, for three years. Spencer has worked in education for 33 years. His teaching

experience includes eight years in K-6 education and four years in secondary education. Spencer has a Master of Arts in educational administration from Phoenix College, a Master of Arts in computers education from Lesley College, and a Bachelor of Arts in education from Metropolitan State College of Denver.

The Churchill County School Board has begun a thorough background and reference checks for the finalists. While the background and reference checks are underway, trustees will bring the finalists to the school district for an opportunity to meet with staff and the community on May

5. The exact times for meetings and an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates are not yet scheduled.

The board will also conduct a second interview with each finalist at the end of their visit. The board expects will soon announce the next steps in the superintendent search.

Kaitlin Ritchie is the public information officer for the Churchill County School District.



Violent Criminal Charges and No Bail – What? Why?

Understanding Due Process and Bail Laws in Nevada

By Leanna Lehman

While the phrase “Innocent Until Proven Guilty” cannot be found in the US Constitution per se, it embodies every American’s due process protection as outlined in the 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendments. The presumption of innocence is a cornerstone of the criminal justice system and exists to safeguard the accused’s rights and ensure guilt has been established

before someone is punished.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer, who has been a criminal defense attorney for over 20 years, explained, “Most of the time, law enforcement officers and prosecutors do an excellent job in complying with their duties as agents of the government, but whether we like it or not, mistakes are sometimes made. Constitutional and legal protections are in place to help ensure those mistakes cannot result in the tragedy of punishing innocent citizens. The presumption of innocence is chief among those

protections.”

This is easy to forget in the face of news of violent offenses like murder, sexual assault, and crimes against children. However, it is critical to withhold judgment until the court legally establishes guilt. “Standing firm in these protecting principles does not make someone a proponent of crime. Rather, it makes someone a proponent of protecting the innocent. That might come at an emotional cost because we cannot satisfy our desire to grab the pitchfork, but it is the price we must pay to ensure all of us are protected from governmental overreach,” said Sommer.

According to Sommer, this is precisely what the Nevada Supreme Court recognized in the Valdez-Jimenez decision. “In that case, the court recognized that the Constitution of Nevada protects the presumption of innocence by making a pre-trial release the normal and expected course of action in every case unless very limited circumstances exist,” said Sommer. “Every accused person has the right to reasonable bail, and the bail set must not be excessive. This means that the amount of bail cannot be an amount that is more than an accused person can reasonably be expected to afford. If it is, it would be an unconstitutional denial of bail.”

Before Jimenez, high cash bails were often attached when high-level crimes were alleged. John J. Piro, Clark County’s Chief Deputy Public Defender, explained that before the Jimenez ruling, Nevada courts “kept presumptively innocent people in jail – essentially equated to a denial of bail. When a person was unable to afford bail because they are too poor, their basic right to due process was violated.”

In courtrooms across Nevada, judges have no choice but to comply with the Jimenez ruling. For this reason, both those accused of minor and major crimes are often released at their bail hearing on their own recognizance (OR). For the judge to impose a high cash bail, the state must provide clear and convincing evidence

that no combination of nonmonetary conditions is sufficient. The court must then determine the accused ability to reasonably meet bail. The only exception is murder, in which judges can deny bail.

When considering bail, several factors come into play. These usually include the accused ties to the community, criminal history, prior Failure to Appear or absconding charges, and the flight risk they may present. Additionally, conditions are often attached to an OR release and might include Court Services supervision, drug testing, and no-contact orders when there is a victim to consider. If these conditions are violated, the accused will be detained and placed in custody, after which the judge may attach a reasonable bail.

Sommer, who has long been protecting the rights of the accused as they navigate the legal system after being charged with a criminal offense, hopes to encourage the community to withhold judgment when presented with news of an arrest. “For the sake of liberty, protection of the innocent, and effective justice, we cannot afford to compromise – even a little – on these important constitutional rights. May I humbly suggest that when we hear a conversation, read a story, or see a situation that makes us want to condemn, malign, and vilify someone, let us pause. As someone I respect very much has recently said, ‘Anger never persuades. Hostility builds no one. Contention never leads to inspired solutions.’”
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Editorial — By Churchill County Public Defender, Jacob Sommer, Esq.

Recently I read a social media post that detailed the fact that a local judge had released an individual from custody, although the defendant had been charged with very serious crimes. This social media post and the numerous troubling comments which followed it rebuked the judge, included accusations of corruption, and expressed mistrust in the justice system for permitting such a “criminal” to get back on the streets. The collective conclusion of the post and comments was that the defendant was “clearly” a “sicko.” My response here is intended as a call for all of us to build, lift, encourage, persuade, and inspire, no matter how difficult the situation. Furthermore, I hope this information will help you begin to consider things from a different perspective.

From an emotional standpoint, I understand why someone might post vitriolic or angry thoughts on social media about defendants accused of crimes. As a defense attorney, I have spent nearly two decades fielding questions from people who approach me in quiet moments and ask, “How can you defend people like that?” These questions are honest, and I enjoy the discussion and enlightenment which is often the result, but the questions still trouble me greatly. Both the posts and questions germinate from the same seed of misunderstanding. That misunderstanding is, in a nutshell, that a person accused of a crime is therefore guilty of that crime and should immediately be punished.

It is based on the visceral emotional reaction to the substance of the allegations but does not consider the broad and far more important public policy implications. Using emotion to make snap judgments about someone’s guilt, without facts, background information, or important details is, among other things, not a wise course of action. Raise your hand if you have ever made a judgment and said something in the heat of the moment that, after more information and reflection, you later realize was entirely incorrect. I’m raising my hand.

To be clear I’m not talking about the everyday judgments about who watches your children, or whether to walk past the hooded figure in that dark parking lot. We must make those kinds of judgments. I’m talking about

the judgments, comments, and attitudes that can permanently and negatively impact reputations, careers, families, and lives. Those kinds of judgments are like venomous poison which infects others, sows discouragement, and promotes anger. This is not consistent with the kind of society we need and want. Ultimately those kinds of attitudes undermine social stability, liberty, and constitutional protections that benefit all of us.

I think you would agree that none of us want to go back to the days when guilt is decided, and punishment is meted out by a mob with torches and pitchforks who show up at the home of the accused after a quick and angry meeting at the town square. Not one reasonable person in this country wants to go back to the days of tar & feathers or see a rope noose hanging from a tree. It is abhorrent that such a time ever existed at all. Sometimes we forget that angry statements, even if made jokingly, in person, or on social media can foster and flame that kind of mob mentality. Let’s get something out of the way. I’m just like you. I care deeply about community safety. My family and I live in this community and have done so for a long time. If someone is truly guilty of terrible offenses, of course, we do not approve of such conduct and all of us should feel the need to ensure a system is in place to affix appropriate punishment.

But our wise forefathers, though admittedly imperfect, knew well that emotional reaction cannot be the government’s basis for a determination of guilt or the assignment of punishment. We, in the great State of Nevada and the United States, must be objective, reasonable, calm, and extremely careful when we allow the government to exercise the nearly limitless power of punishment.

We have rules in place to ensure we cannot be the individual or collective casualties on the train of runaway governmental power. Most of the time law enforcement officers and prosecutors do an excellent job in complying with their duties as agents of the government, but whether we like it or not, mistakes are sometimes made. Constitutional and legal protections are in place to help ensure those mistakes cannot result in the tragedy of punishing innocent citizens. The presump-

tion of innocence is chief among those protections.

To maintain this safety net, every person accused of a crime must be presumed to be innocent unless and until his or her guilt is established beyond a reasonable doubt. This presumption is not a formality. It ensures that it is the government, not the accused, who always bears the burden of proof. Our attitudes toward this burden and principle cannot be permitted to shift, even in our social media posts. When that shift occurs, the mob forms, and the accused individual is left to fight, with no meaningful resources, and the overwhelming financial and punitive powers of the government.

These protections, and principles even, are in place because wise men and women throughout history have seen the crushing and destructive impacts of unchecked governmental power in the wrong hands. Even with all these protections in this country, numerous individuals have been convicted of crimes they did not commit. A tragedy under any circumstances to be sure.

Standing firm in these protective principles does not make someone a proponent of crime. Rather, it makes someone a proponent of protecting the innocent. That might come at an emotional cost because we cannot satisfy our desire to grab the pitchfork, but it is the price we must pay to ensure all of us are protected from governmental overreach. This is precisely what the Nevada Supreme Court recognized in its recent important holding known more commonly as the Valdez-Jimenez decision.

In that case, the court recognized that the Constitution of Nevada protects the presumption of innocence by making a pre-trial release the normal and expected course of action in every case unless very limited circumstances exist. The court also stated that where public protection and community safety are identified as significant risk issues, every accused person has the right to reasonable bail and that the bail set must not be excessive. This means that the amount of bail for the release cannot be an amount that is more than an accused person can reasonably be expected to afford. If it is, it would be an unconstitutional denial of bail.

The court wisely said that:

“The amount of bail that is reasonable before trial is a fundamental one, bail must not be in an amount greater than necessary to serve the state’s interests. This traditional right to freedom before conviction permits the unhampered preparation of a defense and serves to prevent the infliction of punishment prior to conviction. Unless this right to bail before trial is preserved, the presumption of innocence, secured only after centuries of struggle, would lose its meaning. Liberty is the norm, and detention prior to trial is the carefully limited exception.”

I am thankful that in this state and this country, we collectively declare that liberty is the norm and that detention before conviction should be only a very limited exception. This must be the case when we want to live in a society where we are all presumed to be innocent until the government has met its burden of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. An understandable emotional reaction in all of us wants to affix punishment immediately based on our ill-informed conclusions that the person must be guilty. But experience has long shown that far too many innocent people are convicted of crimes in this country than should make us comfortable. For the sake of liberty, protection of the innocent, and effective justice we cannot afford to compromise even a little on these important constitutional rights.

May I humbly suggest that when we hear a conversation, read a story, or see a situation that makes us want to condemn, malign, and vilify someone, let us pause? As someone I respect very much has recently said, “Anger never persuades. Hostility builds no one. Contention never leads to inspired solutions,” R.M. Nelson.

This does not mean we cannot have a reasonable and robust debate within the marketplace of ideas. There should always be room for respectful disagreement as to ideas and policy. But we can do so while also rising above the contention that too easily has infused public dialogue of late. Being kind to others costs us nothing. And sometimes, being kind means saying nothing at all.

Bighorn Bulletin – and update from Oasis Academy

Honor Societies Induct New Members

The Oasis Academy Chapters of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society Inducted their new members. Students needed to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 to be accepted.

The NJHS and NHS focus on four pillars: service, character, scholarship and citizenship. These four pillars have been associated with the organization since its founding.

NAS Fallon Commander Shane Tanner was the guest speaker for the High School induction ceremony.

“For the high school inductees, they are not just taking high school courses but also college classes. They have a heavy load and to maintain this kind of GPA is very impressive,” said Rochelle Tisdale, Oasis Academy Chief Academic Officer.



National Junior Honor Society

6th Grade Inductees:

Ezra Acomb, Isabel Anaya, Neel Bhakta, Emma Cline, Keagan Craig, Alexa Hessey, Avery Laca, Faith Torres May, Lila Mae Montero, Sophia Moya, Sydney Owsley, Bailey Peixoto, Kenlie Pirkle, Ryder Segura, Natallie Snooks, Annie Sorensen, Kinsley Viera, Mandy Wadsworth, Kenslee Wiessmer

7th Grade Inductees:

Brooke Clopton, Hannah Hammon-tree, Benjamin McKnight, Shayana Marie McNamer, Preslee Merritt, Joshua Polish, Lora Siebecker, Lily Smith, Jackson Snow, Payslee Rae Starr, Addison Sweeney, Keily Ugalde, Paul Matthew Zahara, John Zulz

8th Grade Inductees:

Lyannrose Goss, David Lincoln III National Honor Society Inductees Kirsten Detomasi, Joshua Guswelle, Joshua Helm, Fenn Mackedon, Taylynn Maynez, An Nguyen, Gabriella Stiehl



2023 NASC State Conference Written by: Hunter McNabb

The stadium roars, students sing, and everyone is looking forward to making their school a better place! The Nevada Association of Student Councils was held at Clark High School in Las Vegas from April 13th through 15th. Several thousand student leaders from all across Nevada convened to learn how to better serve their schools, communities, and make our home a better place!

The Oasis Academy 2023-24

Student Body President, Halle Feest, says, “I’m so proud of our council and everyone who participated in the [conference.] I’ve never seen us with so much school spirit! As the end of the semester is approaching, I’m 100% confident that OACP’s Student Council is ready to make the 2023-24 school year phenomenal.”

At the conference, students attended keynote speeches, leadership workshops, junior counseling sessions, social mixers, and a variety of other activities to learn and create relationships with students from all around the state. Additionally, the conference provided an opportunity to recognize schools, administrators, advisors, and councils for their superior work within their schools and communities.

The Oasis Academy High School Student Council is proud to have received the 2023 Wild West Award, the 2023 Silver Star Award, have Lisa Swan be nominated for the 2023 Advisor of the Year Award, and as well as have some of our students present leadership lessons of their own! The High School Student Council is also incredibly excited to work with our new sister school, Virgin Valley High School in Mesquite, NV!

Thank you to the Nevada Association of Student Councils State Board Officers, and Executive Board for organizing such a meaningful and memorable conference for students across our amazing home! To learn more about NASC visit, <https://www.nevadastuco.org/index.html>

Heroic Student Saves Mother’s Life

Seventh grader Blake Bettis was in the other room when he heard his mom cough and then started to wheeze and gasp for air.

“It was mid-morning on a typical Friday when for the first time in my 39 years of life I suddenly couldn’t



breathe,” said Blake’s mom Heather Bettis.

Heather ran to her son’s room where he asked her if she was choking. She nodded yes, as the partial blockage had moved into a full blockage, and she no longer had any air coming in or out.

Remembering his Boys Scouts training, Blake sprung into swift action. He told his mom to bend over and began quick back blows between her shoulder blades.

“I hit her three times with the heel of my hand on her back between her shoulder blades and it dislodged what was blocking her windpipe. She began to breathe normally again,” said Blake.

“Blake was calm, methodical, effective in his actions, and swift in his response. My son saved my life,” said Heather.

Blake has been nominated for the Meritorious Action Award from Boy Scouts of America Award.



Bighorn Bulletin by Agela Viera and Hunter McNabb

Education

Logos Christian Academy Happenings

Logos volunteers are the best! LCA depends on its parent and grandparent volunteers for everything from recess duties, to classroom help, to cleaning bathrooms and yard work. Thank you, volunteers, for all you do!



Mrs. Mackay is teaching the 1st and 2nd graders to play recorders!



Mrs. Felte's 5th and 6th graders got to dissect cow organs!



Churchill County School District Highlights

CCHS

Churchill County Work Based Learning advisory committee met on April 19. The purpose of the meeting was to plan and develop goals with outcomes that provide a direct path to work toward. “The first of the goals established was incorporating soft skills which is a valuable initiative as it can help students develop important interpersonal and communication skills that are essential for success in the workplace,” said School Careers Coordinator Sue Segura.

Encouraging reflection was the second goal, which is also a great way to help students develop critical thinking skills, that are important for problem-solving and decision-making. Encouraging real-life internships was the third goal, which provides students with valuable work experience and exposure to different career paths. “This can help them make more informed decisions about their future and provide them with valuable skills and connections,” said Segura, who elaborated that increasing technology and offering extra-curricular activities are also important goals as they can help students develop skills that are relevant to the current job market and help them explore different interests and passions. The meeting had representation from various stakeholders including the Governor’s office, the county, the school board, CCHS staff members, and community businesses. “This is a collaborative effort to improve the education and development of students in our school district. Overall, the outcome goals of this advisory meeting are commendable and we will provide data to our community in the Fall,” said Segura.

CCMS

Active-duty military students were celebrated last week during a special field day CCMS hosted with some great activities for them to participate in. Military students were able to bring two friends with them to the event and their parents were also invited. There was a dunk tank, inflatables, and other

field games such as corn hole, a three-legged race, an egg relay, and more. The students and their families were served lunch and the CCHS JROTC cadets came and helped run the event as well. “We really want to thank our local Coca-Cola Distributor, CCHS Navy JROTC, CCMS Purple Star Committee, our local Walmart, and our CCMS staff for making this event possible and helping us provide an amazing morning for our military students and their families,” said Vice Principal Dr. Deana Porretta.

Numa

Students in Vanessa Burch-Urquhart’s pod began working on inventions as part of unit five in Science. Students had to invent something practical to improve the lives of the people living in Peña Blanca, Guatemala. They used their skills to create anything from twin-catching rooftop gardens to bicycle-powered wood choppers. “They worked so well together while considering constraints in the small village. We have some creative problem-solvers in this fourth-grade group,” said Burch-Urquhart.



E.C. Best

Students have been learning how to do the ChaCha Slide as a part of their dance unit in Christine Mori’s Physical Education class. “This dance greatly improves a student’s sense of coordination. It is also a great way for them to show off their self-expression because like with any kind of dance, the ChaCha slide really places an emphasis on a dancer’s self-expression. In other words, the more a student feels



the music and gets comfortable with the moves, the more they feel comfortable expressing themselves through movement,” said Mori.

Lahontan

Students in Rachel Gonzalez’s Kindergarten class began their plant unit last week. They learned what plants need to survive and discussed photosynthesis. The students also had to pick out one thing they learned about plants and present it to the class. “I asked students to volunteer to go up to the board and point to a part of the plant or their environment and explain the importance of that part of the plant or their environment to the growth and development of the plant. I find this to be a really great way for the students to practice speaking in front of people and show off what they know and have learned. It is a great retention tool, especially for younger students,” said Gonzalez. After presenting to the class the fun began and students were able to plant their own flower seeds.

They got to break up the dirt, pick out their seed, and plant them in small pots that were then covered and hung in the window. Students will now be challenged with taking care of their plants over the next several weeks in the classroom in hopes of eventually taking them home. “I really could not have done this unit without the help of my student’s amazing families who purchased the materials for this unit. I could not thank them enough for making this possible for their littles,” said Gonzales. Since planting their seeds, students have been eager to go to class

every day to see if their flowers have begun sprouting. They were thrilled on Monday morning when they came in and saw sprouts. “It was so fun to see their reaction and I look forward to continuing this unit with them and seeing how excited they get the more their flowers grow,” said Gonzales.

Northside Early Learning Center

Students in Octavia Merritt’s class are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. They are also using their fine motor skills to make their own caterpillars. “We are learning that a caterpillar creates a chrysalis and it takes the caterpillar two weeks of sleep to become a butterfly,” said Merritt. Students also read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and are working on their counting skills to count all the different foods the caterpillar eats.



Sports

Scores and the Weekend Games Schedule - Greenwave and the Bighorns

By Bill Post

Greenwave Sports

Varsity Baseball is now 13-4 overall and 11-4 in conference play after last weekend's games. They played at Elko Thursday and won 10-9 then lost a doubleheader on Saturday 5-4 and 10-9. The JV team has a record of 12-1 overall and in conference play. They beat Elko at home in a Friday doubleheader 4-3 and 6-5.

The Varsity Softball team is now 15-5 overall and 8-1 in conference play. Last Thursday they lost at Elko 4-1 then won both sides of a doubleheader on Friday 14-5 and 5-3. The JV squad is now 4-2 overall and in conference play. They lost a doubleheader at home to Elko last Friday 16-5 and 23-9.

In Golf on Monday against Spring Creek at Spring Creek Golf Course here are the top finishers:

Ron Lee 90, Drake Reid 96, Kylan Sorensen 98, Colin Shishido 99 Lucas Durfee 103, Matthias Loop 112

Swimming at Fernley:

Boys	Girls
CCHS vs. Lowry 121 to 33	CCHS vs. Lowry 82 to 34
CCHS vs. Fernely 104 to 98	CCHS vs. Fernely 68 to 83

Sophomore Jocylyn Miller 50 Free 32.19, Junior Gracie Cosman 100 Butterfly 1.18.64, Senior Becca Smith 100 Backstroke 1.25.67, Freshman Brody Reynolds 100 Breaststroke 1.27.41, Junior Zachary Koenig 100 Breaststroke 1.06.64, Sophomore Miles Henning 100 Backstroke 1.19.64

Upcoming week's sports schedule:

Friday, April 28
3 p.m. Varsity Baseball/Varsity Softball vs. Lowry at Lowry High School

Saturday, April 29
9:30 a.m. Track Varsity/JV/Freshman vs. Truckee at Truckee High School

11 a.m. Baseball Varsity/JV Doubleheader vs. Lowry at Lowry High School

11 a.m. Softball Varsity/JV Doubleheader vs. Lowry at home

2 p.m. Swimming Boys Varsity/JV/Freshman vs. North Tahoe at Incline Village Recreation Center

2 p.m. Swimming Girls Varsity/JV/Freshman vs. North Tahoe at Incline Village Recreation Center

Bighorn Sports

The Oasis Bighorn Varsity Baseball team sits at 10-3 overall after defeating Silver Sage last Monday 15-1 and winning a doubleheader against a non-



Photo courtesy of Elaine Adams.

conference team 11-7 and 11-6. They don't play again until Tuesday, May 2 at Pyramid Lake. Varsity Softball is 6-4 overall and in conference play after losing a doubleheader at Wells last Friday. They next play at Colville on Tuesday, May 2.

The Lacrosse team defeated Bishop Manogue last Friday 14-5.

Major League Baseball to Nevada

The big sports news for all of Nevada last week was that the Oakland Athletics are moving to Las Vegas. The new \$1 billion stadium will be just off the strip from Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL Raiders. The tentative plan is to break ground in 2024 and open the 2027 season there. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred has given the "ok" for the A's to play temporarily at the

facility of the Triple A Las Vegas Aviator's Las Vegas Ballpark in 2024 as the lease at the Oakland Coliseum will have expired. The financing still has to be approved by the Nevada Legislature and Governor Lombardo.

Racing Is Back in Fallon This Weekend

If you have no plans this weekend or are looking for something for the family, you might want to head to the new and improved Rattlesnake Raceway. There will be racing on Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday kids 10 and under are free with each paid adult. Saturday there will be bike giveaways, voting on trophies, and action-packed dirt track racing with the best in Nevada and California going at it. Come out and see who will win the opening weekend of Rattlesnake Raceway.



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Top Gun Gymnastics

Staff Report

In June, the gym will be opening at its new location at 300 N Maine St. The new location will offer additional equipment including another set of uneven bars, another balance beam, and a competition trampoline.

The Top Gun Gym offers both gymnastics and power tumbling programs with recreational and competitive options. Competitive options are pathways to collegiate and/or Olympic levels. Gymnastics uses a 42x42 ft square spring floor, a balance beam, uneven bars, and a vault.

Power Tumbling uses a 6x84 ft long rod floor with landing mats, a double mini trampoline, and a trampoline. Ninja Zone classes and preschool classes are also offered.

The gym members participated in the state tumbling competition with nine athletes attending in levels 3-5. Their final scores included four first-place winners, three second-place winners, and one third-place on the double mini trampoline along with three first-place, four second-place, and two third-place winners on the floor competitions.

During the first week of May, there will be one gym athlete traveling to Phoenix AZ for regional competitions.

Both of the gym's competitive gymnasts scored high enough to earn a spot in the state competition this season. They both competed in level 4 JO. Next season our gymnastics program is switching to the Xcel program.

The summer schedule and registration will open soon. More information on the available programs can be found at topgungym.com or by contacting topgungymfallon@gmail.com.



Performing Arts of Churchill County 2023 Children's Musical Auditions & Production Information

The Performing Arts of Churchill County will be presenting *Orphan Train, The Musical* May 4, 5, & 6, 2023 in the CCHS auditorium.

When the orphan train movement began, it was estimated that anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 outcast children were living on the streets of New York City. From 1854 to 1929 an estimated 250,000 orphaned, abandoned, and homeless children were transported throughout the United States and even Canada on these orphan trains to find new homes. *Orphan Train, The Musical* is an historical fiction telling the story of these children. The musical contains twelve different songs—ranging from fun, upbeat dance tunes to slow,

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Columns

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes

April 28 - May 4

*This week... is what you make of it.
Have a good one!*

Aries – It's not cowardice if you make a decision to keep quiet. Let go of the notion that you are not standing up for yourself, and you will see the light. It is your strength that knows better than to get into conversations that go nowhere.

Taurus – you know better than to “rush in” this week. This is your strength that gives you pause to evaluate your motives. A little restraint will help you to get clear on what and who you are engaging with and why you get caught up in things you have a hard time getting out of.

Gemini – if the situation this week calls for moving forward with your plans, your strength is the mental ambition to go for it. Your strength will be louder than any doubts you may have about whether or not you can make a difference or be effective. You can.

Cancer – overcome the need for validation or recognition this week by focusing on your strength, which is partnership. Your desire and determination to be in a state of happiness this week outshines any needs from others. You have your own inner sun, let it shine into your connections with others.

Leo – there is a cycle that you may be trying to bring to a close this week but may be in denial that you are undermining yourself by continuing to feed the cycle. You have the strength to set yourself free this week and rely on your self-sufficiency. Remember your dreams and goals, you are closer than you think, don't hold yourself back.

Virgo – this week brings energy of fulfillment and contentment. And this gives you the strength to share your good vibes with others. You may even be celebrating the “good life” after finally arriving at that emotional state of fulfillment or achievement. Release the need to mentally fidget and enjoy the moment.

Libra – it's time for closure this week. You may have lost a little bit of your mojo recently which could leave you feeling jaded. But you have the strength to realize what

you want. You'll have to find the faith in yourself and perhaps another, that things can be worked out. Refocus your efforts, find your passion again, and pursue it.

Scorpio – You may be having a hard time bringing something to an end, and this is really draining your energy. But knowing that you need to emotionally support yourself can help you contain your energy and build it back up again. Let go of trying to force change right now, you need to recover your energy. Focus on your power in silence – avoid negative conversations.

Sagittarius – the situation remains unless you take charge. Unfortunately, the other party isn't going to budge. You'll have to decide if a certain relationship is worth settling for or freeing yourself from. Ultimately, in order to move forward either way, you'll have the strength to lead or to be responsible for going your own way.

Capricorn – if you can pull yourself away from your inner processing, you will be able to step into your own power this week. You'll be able to speak your truth and remain in your own power if others go on the verbal attack. This is confident, unshakable energy available to you – use it wisely.

Aquarius – this week presents an opportunity for you to take a look at where you might be settling for less than you deserve in your life. Your strength is your desire for a happy life, for some – family life. But you'll have to face what is holding you back. You may be committed to a certain mindset that you have reinforced into a belief. You may have to challenge your perceptions if you want to see real change.

Pisces – let go of this belief that you need to make a sacrifice for someone. If the situation is keeping you in a perpetual state of despair, it's time to move on. But on the other hand (for the other Pisces), if you want to keep what you have and avoid a catastrophe, it's time to let go of control, stop waiting around and go say you're sorry.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

It's bright and early on a Monday morning, I am already at my desk at work, and I feel buoyant. Whatever the opposite of a "case of the Mondays," is, I've got it. I am not sure if it is the adaptogenic mushrooms in my smoothie, the beautiful weather, or the solid thirteen hours of sleep I got on Saturday night, but I am here for it. Hopefully, we have arrived at the transition from winter to summer. Some years it feels like the magical time that is spring in Northern Nevada is fleeting. I wish that we would have at least a few weeks of sunny, 80-degree weather before the heat is really upon us. Spring is hopeful and always fills me with a sense of wonder and anticipation.

This last week I cooked a weird mishmash of recipes as I transition from winter cooking (hearty braises, oven-baked beans, stews, and red wine reductions) to summer cooking (smoked meat, salads, lots of fish, and whatever produce is popping up at Lattin Farms). I made a delicious shrimp tikka masala (inspired by the kitchen antics of a certain newspaper editor), Gigante beans swimming in buffalo sauce topped with crispy onions and bleu cheese, and Vietnamese-style lemongrass beef with rice noodles and "the stinky" fish sauce-based dressing.

Here are two recipes for you to try out. The first is the aforementioned tikka masala. I made it with shrimp, but you can make it with the protein of your choosing. This same recipe works with chicken, fish, beef, lamb, goat, and pretty much any protein you can think of, even tofu. The second recipe comes from an article I read this morning for Brazilian-style Lemonade. I have not made the lemonade yet, but it sounds delicious, and I can't wait to try it.

Tikka Masala

INGREDIENTS:

1 T garam masala
1 T turmeric
1 T ground cumin
1 T hot paprika

Kosher Salt
2 t black pepper
1 c plain yogurt
2 T lemon juice
6 cloves garlic - grated
2" piece of ginger - grated
1 lb. protein (I used shrimp)
2 T vegetable oil
1 onion, thinly sliced
3 T double-strength tomato paste
1 14 oz can of crushed or diced tomatoes
½ c heavy cream
Cilantro for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine garam masala, turmeric, cumin, 2 t kosher salt, and black pepper in a small bowl.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, lemon juice, 3 cloves of garlic, half of the ginger, and half of the spice mix. Add protein and toss to coat. Cover, refrigerate, and let sit for 4 hours or more.
3. Heat oil in a heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned. Add tomato paste, remaining garlic, ginger, and spice mix and cook, stirring frequently until the tomato paste has started to darken on the bottom of the pot.
4. Add tomatoes, heavy cream, and 1 c of water. Season with salt and pepper and stir, scraping up any bits from the bottom of the pot. Bring to a simmer and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sauce has thickened slightly (20 minutes or so).
5. Turn on your broiler and place the oven rack about 6 inches from the top.
6. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Scrape the excess marinade off of your protein and broil just until lightly charred in spots. Bring the sauce back to a simmer. Add broiled protein to the sauce and simmer until cooked through (10 minutes).
7. Serve with rice and topped with cilantro.

Brazilian Lemonade

INGREDIENTS:




Photo courtesy of Viva

4 fresh limes - quartered
½ c sweetened condensed milk
⅓ c sugar
4 c water
Ice

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a blender, combine limes and water and puree until smooth.

2. Strain and return the liquid to the blender.
3. Add ice start blending, drizzle sweetened condensed milk into the pitcher, and puree until smooth and foamy.
4. Serve over ice and enjoy.



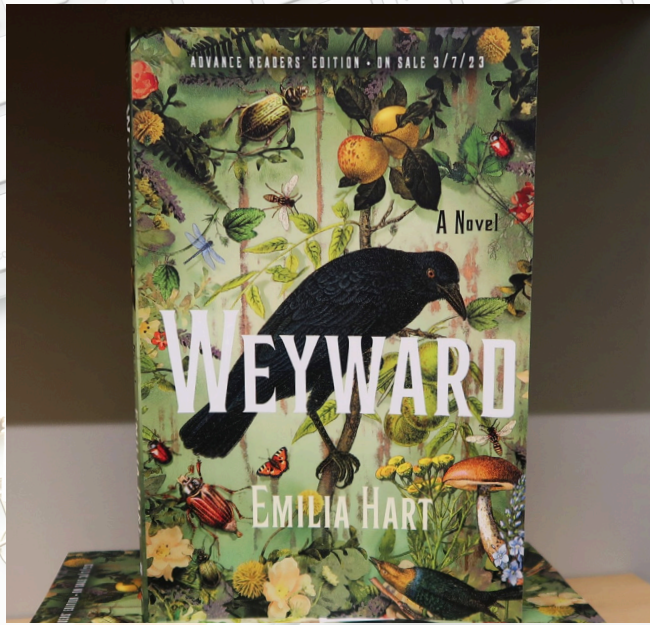
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Columns

Allison's Book Report — “Weyward” written by Emilia Hart

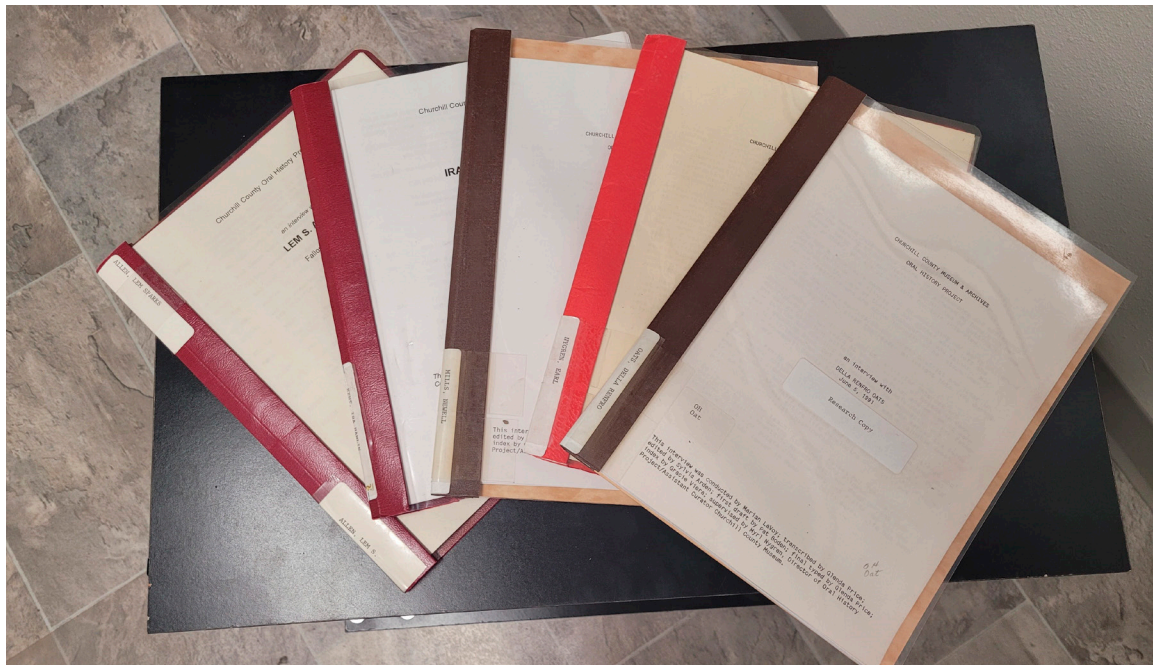


Well, it seems like spring has finally found us here in Fallon. Don't get me wrong, there's always the possibility that we will see some more random silly winter-like weather again soon, but this week sure has been a welcome change. I feel like after the seemingly never-ending winter we have had, we are all ready to soak up some sunshine.

Since I'm feeling all of the springy/nature/earthy vibes this week, I have to tell you about one of the best books I have read so far this year. I just can't stop talking about “Weyward” by Emilia Hart. Told in three separate timelines spanning six centuries, “Weyward” follows three generations of women from the Weyward family: Altha, Violet, and Kate. Each individually deals with the toxic men around them, faces their own personal witch hunts, and struggles to break free and be in control of their own lives. Throughout the book, the three women uncover their connection to each other and their Weyward family roots, which are plagued with accusations of witchcraft and dark intentions. They discover their unique relationship with nature and how to use their newly found gifts to empower themselves as well as the future women of the Weyward family.

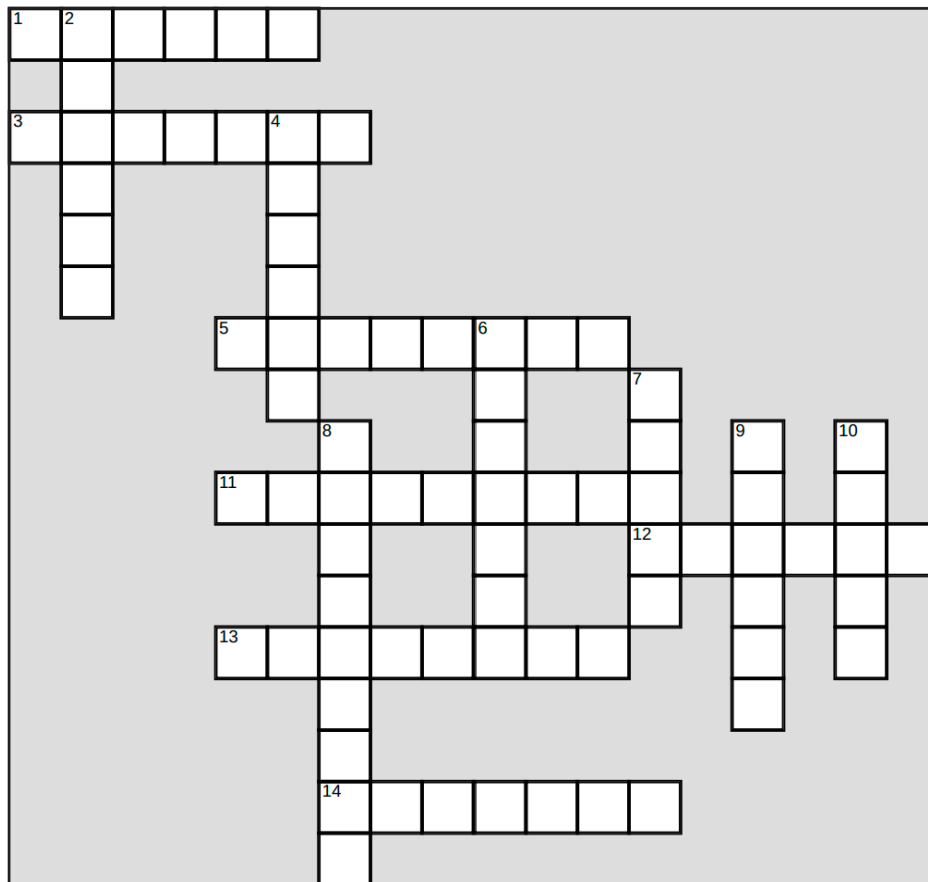
“Weyward” is such a beautiful book, both inside and out - I mean, look at that cover. But as gorgeous as the cover is, the story that unfolds inside is even better. The grit and tenacity of these women – and the descriptive, almost poetic style of the author - had me turning pages as fast as I could, and I was so sad to see it end.

Well, that's it for my Book Report this week. Happy spring, Fallon. Now, if you need me, I will probably be outside, dreaming about having my own Weyward Cottage, watching the trees and plants, wake up after a long winter, and talking to the birds and the bugs. Oh, and of course, reading and rambling over on Instagram @allison.the.reader.



In honor of this upcoming National Tell a Story Day on Thursday, April 27, the Museum wanted to highlight some of the oral histories in our collection. The oral history collection contains the life stories of over 140 Churchill County residents. You can come to the Museum to read/listen to them yourself or you can go onto our Omeka page (<https://ccmuseum.omeka.net/collections/show/1>) to see them wherever you are!

Signs of April — by Peanut



Across

- 1 Clock that tells time and weather
 3 Diary
 5 Clock that reflects global man-made catastrophes
 11 Two weeks
 12 Swiss clock
 13 Grandfather type
 14 Five score

Down

- 2 Clock using electromagnetic frequency
 4 Clock with hands and numbers
 6 Clock with only numbers
 7 Pocket or wrist
 8 Prime meridian
 9 Ten years
 10 Twenty years



April Movies

Friday 4/7
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Saturday, May 6, we welcome back to our stage, The Lincoln Highway Band, playing their great mix of music. This band has been instrumental in the development of our concert program, and we sincerely appreciate all they have done for us. Doors open at 6 p.m., the concert starts at 7, and tickets are \$7 per person.

Next week, Friday, May 12, starting at 6 p.m. the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir takes to our stage to sing a collection of old western tunes, leading to the 6:40 showing of the classic western comedy musical "Paint Your Wagon." Both the concert and the movie are free.

Saturday evening May 13, we welcome the band Acid Box for the first time to our theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m., the concert starts at 7, and tickets are \$10 per person. See you at the movies and all our special events!

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Electronic procurement and contracting documents can be obtained by contacting Ryan Swirczek at 775-426-9306 or rswirczek@fallonnevada.gov. Viewing procurement and contracting documents will be available at City of Fallon Public Works, 327 N. Maine St., Fallon NV 89406.

Bids delivered in a sealed envelope, plainly endorsed for the above-mentioned rental will be received only at the City of Fallon Administration Offices, 55 West Williams Ave., Fallon NV 89406, until 3:00 PM on May 4, 2023 and will be there after publicly opened and read aloud.

Laws of the State of Nevada shall govern submittal, opening and award of Bidders.

Successful bidder shall schedule the rental upon receipt of Notice to Award and shall start the rental within the Contract Time.

Bidders must be properly licensed in the State of Nevada under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the rental. Insurance in a form acceptable to the City of Fallon will be required of the successful bidder.

This Advertisement is issued by:

By: Brian Byrd
Title: Public Works Director
Date: Thursday April 20, 2023

Published in *The Fallon Post* on April 28, & May 5, 2023.
Ad #6075

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No.: 23-10DC-0497

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL

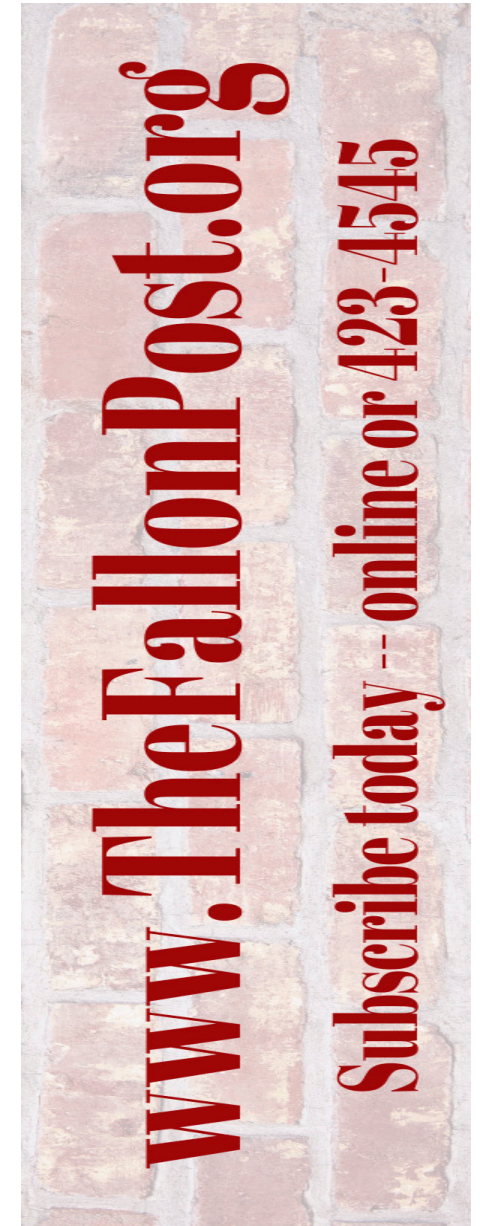
In the Matter of:
CAROL SUEANN MORRIS,
Petitioner; For Change of Name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CAROL SUEANN MORRIS, on the 18th day of April, 2023, filed a Petition addressed to the above-entitled Court praying that said Court enter an Order changing her legal maiden name from CAROL SUEANN JO KNACK to CAROL SUEANN KNOWLES so as to reflect the surname of her biological father, JOSEPH BERTIE KNOWLES. Petitioner shall retain the name of CAROL SUEANN MORRIS.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

DATED: This 4th day of April 2023.
CAROL S. MORRIS
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON RETURN ON SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION

In the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Churchill
Case No.: 22-10DC-0799

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN CROWLEY, Deceased

Please take notice that Petitioner Garry Vaughn Crowley, by and through his attorney, Bret O. Whipple, Esq., of Justice Law Center, has filed with the Court a Return on Sale of Real Property and Petition has been set for the 16th Day of May, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Courtroom 1, of the Tenth Judicial District Courthouse, located at 73 N. Maine Street, Suite B, Fallon, Nevada 89406, thereof, as the time and place for the hearing.

All persons interested in the Estate re notified to appear and show cause why said Petition should not be granted. Further details concerning this Petition can be obtained by reviewing the Court file at the Office of the County Clerk, or by contacting the Petitioner or attorney for the Petitioner whose name, address, and telephone number is listed below.

You need not appear unless you wish to file an objection.

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the foregoing document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2023.
Justice Law Center
/s/ Bret O. Whipple, Esq.
Nevada Bar No.: 6168
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Telephone: 775-333-1010
Attorney for Petitioner

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Ad #6074

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In The Tenth Judicial District Court Of The State Of Nevada
In And For The County Of Churchill
Case No. 23-10DC-0335

In the Matter of the Estate of:
DIANE BAIRD COUTCHER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada on April 4th, 2023 as the Administrator of the Estate of DIANE BAIRD COUTCHER. All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file the claims with the Clerk of the Court within 60 days after the mailing or the first publication of this NOTICE.

DATED: This 4th day of April, 2023.
RONALD A. COUTCHER

Published in *The Fallon Post* on April 21, 28, May 5, & May 12, 2023.
Ad#6071

NOTICE OF HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

10th Judicial District Court, Case No. 23-10DC-0368

In the Matter of the parental Rights as to Brendalynn Rose Heald and Dean Ewen Heald, two minor children. To Alexander Tobin Araujo, II and/or Brandi Nicole Francisco, and all other persons claiming to be the mother or father of the children,

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the above-entitled court a petition seeking the termination of parental rights over the above-named children, and that the petition has been set for hearing before this court in Churchill County, on the 9th day of May, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. in Courtroom #1 located at 73 N. Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.
You are required to be present at this hearing if you desire to oppose the petition.

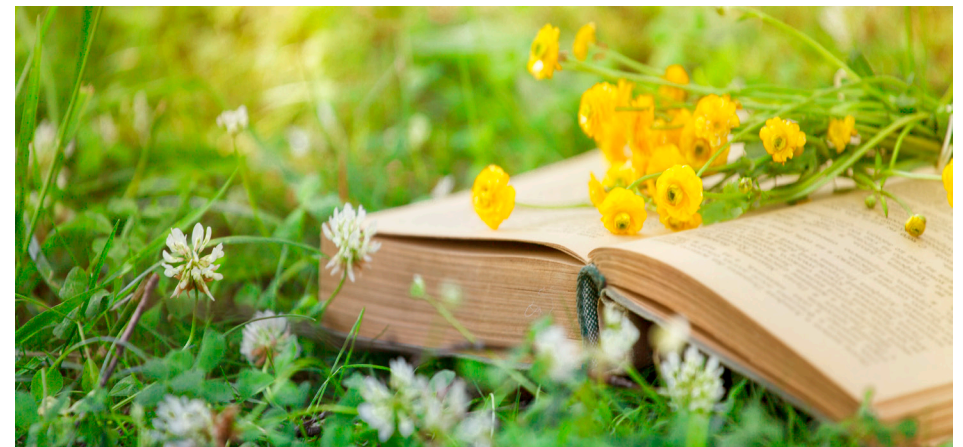
Tiffany Josephs, Clerk of the Court
10th Judicial District Court,
Churchill County, Nevada
On March 17, 2023

Issued on behalf of Petitioner, Brandi Nicole Francisco, Fallon, Nevada 89406

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Ad #6069

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**Carson River at Ft. Churchill
2,650 cfs**

April 25

2023 : 74,078 acre feet

2022 : 149,846 acre feet

2021 : 123,410 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second

af - Acre Feet

Source: TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

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May 1-May 5

**Advisory Board to Manage
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May 3 at 7 p.m.**

**County Commission
May 4 at 8:15 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street Rm 145**

**Highway Commission
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**CC Communications
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**City Council
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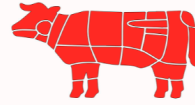
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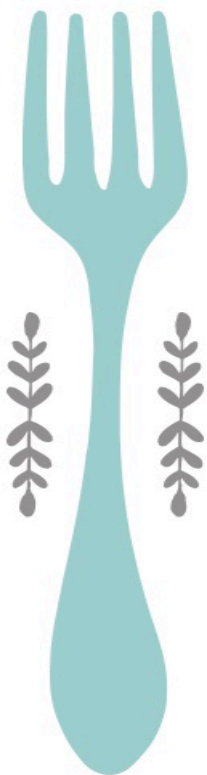
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