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de Golyer Weekend Amazing, Again

By Rachel Dahl

It's a wrap for the 9th Annual de Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash, hosted and produced by Cody and Kristina de Golyer with their loyal volunteer crew, the event culminates what has come to be a busy month of rodeo events in Churchill County.

"What an amazing weekend, the Bull Bash and kick-off concert was," said Kristina, "There was a lot of moving parts to this weekend and there was no way we could have done this without all the amazing crew we had. Thank yous do not do justice to our team." She said they are grateful and proud of each person who has been on this journey over the past nine years. "You all have a special place in our hearts so thank you from the bottom of our hearts for showing us the teamwork and dedication you have for being a part of our legacy."

According to Kristina the concert turnout was perfect and intimate with 545 seats sold. The rodeo was a "Bucking Good Time," as she says with 4,000 spectator tickets sold.

Kristina expressed gratitude to the many contestants who continue to travel and enter

the rodeo. She said it has been incredible to watch over the years as contestants showcase their abilities and master the events. "Thank you to all of our contestants for wanting to enter our rodeo. Without your bravery, talent, and dedication to the sport, we wouldn't have these shows. We look forward to having you again for our September event." And she promises details are coming soon.

In addition to a first-class rodeo, de Golyers also created a full weekend of events with two nights of music, food, and family fun. Kristina also thanked the bands who played, White Water, Steven Christie and The Washouts, Jennifer Grant, "And a big thank you to Doug Stone and his crew for making it out to our Hometown." She also thanked Nick Phillips Productions for the hard work of his crew on the nights leading up to the concert. "Our weather was not accommodating but he made it happen, the concert was perfect."

Most impressive over the years of this event is the number of sponsors Kristina and her crew can include in the production. "Without you all having faith in us to create these nights of entertainment for you, your friends

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Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls. Photo by Eva Rivers, 12 years-old.

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log – June is Dairy Month...

In honor of Dairy Month and the economic boost that dairies bring to our community we are featuring Hillside Dairy this week with a lovely history written by Pete Olsen. And thanks to the Farm Bureau, next week we launch July with a super fun Homemade Ice Cream contest.

I'm a fan of dairy. Like a strapping Scandinavian girl should be.

In 1906 my Great-Gramma Ethel's father, Charles Wallace Brooks started Model Dairy in Reno. My grandma Gi-Gi, as we called her, married William Gadda who was fresh off the boat from Italy and worked for her father at the dairy.

My childhood revolved around good, good food, if you can imagine.

And so, we feature dairy and dairy. I hope those of you who are ice cream cranking fools will send in a recipe or four. Maybe we should have a party, and everyone bring their concoctions! I digress. It's way past lunch and we've got to get this paper out.

So, while I dream of cheese and my homemade raspberry ice cream that my momma taught me to make, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach



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The Reservoir is Nearly Full

By Rachel Dahl

On June 27 there were 291,600 acre-feet of water in Lahontan Reservoir as the community heads into what is expected to be the final month of managing snowmelt from one of the wettest winters on record. The reservoir is an integral part of the facilities that make up the Newlands Project, one of the first reclamation projects built in the West after the passage of the Reclamation Act of 1902.

The Newlands Project was built to supplement water from the Carson River with water from the Truckee River, diverting water through the Derby Dam on the Truckee through the Truckee Canal for 32 miles where it is stored in Lahontan Reservoir to serve the water rights owned by the Fallon farmers. As the canal passes through Fernley it also serves water rights for Fernley farmers as well as Hazen, and Swingle Bench.

Lahontan was originally built to hold 295,000 a.f. of water, but with flashboards installed on the top of the dam, it can hold 312,000 a.f. An acre-foot of water is the volume of water that would cover an acre of land with one foot of water and is the equivalent of 326,000 gallons.

The Newlands Project is managed by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District as the contractor to the Bureau of Reclamation. The two agencies have been implementing flood operations since March 6 to manage the huge inflow of water expected into the Lahontan Valley from the Carson River. Flood operations have, and continue to be, closely coordinated with the City of Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Department of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NAS Fallon.

“Our number one goal is public safety and preventing flooding; second is to maximize storage in Lahontan Reservoir,” said Reclamation’s Lahontan Basin Area Manager Jack Worsley.

In early May, Reclamation and TCID made the operational decision to begin filling Lahontan Reservoir to maximize stored water. This approach

was successfully implemented in 2017, 2018, and 2019 when Lahontan Reservoir storage was filled to 304,198 acre-feet without experiencing any uncontrolled releases. “The goal of maximizing storage is to take advantage of an abundant water year and provide additional water supply for the next water year in the event of a drought year,” said Worsley.

During the County Commission meeting last week, County Manager Jim Barbee reported that flood operations continue, however, the forecasted amount of snowpack still left in the mountains has been reduced to 200,000 a.f. at this time of the year. “We appear to be in pretty good shape,” said Barbee, “they may have to open the weir to displace 30,000 a.f. of water to balance outflows with inflows as it gets on the boards.”

Barbee reported that the total cost to construct the new weir and the berm near Carson Lake, as well as run the flood operations for the community is right at \$4.6 million expended by the county. “The high point is with the weir we are able to flow 2,500 cubic feet per second through the V-line Canal, if necessary, with an additional 1,000 cfs in the river, creating maximum efficiency. With this in place there is no need to flood,” he said.

Barbee said the county is now, “focused heavily on getting reimbursed for what is now a BOR structure that is utilized under the operation and guidance of TCID.” He said in the best case there will be full reimbursement, but at this point, BOR has not acknowledged their request. “We will be invoicing our federal partners by the end of the week,” he said.

In other business during the commission meeting, commissioners approved an agreement with Quality Inn that would provide 60 rooms at \$99 per night to be used in the case of a flood event that displaces any residents. Shannon Ernst, director of Social Services said that this would temporarily serve 60 families and would be used rather than activating a shelter at the Rafter 3-C or the Convention Center.



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Features

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and family, our community it would not be possible to do this kind of event and we are looking forward to having you again for our future events.”

The Bull Bash has a reputation for bringing quality vendors and food trucks to the event, including Fallon favorite, Troy's Double Shot Bar who has been on board since the first year of the event.

Also performing during the weekend was the world-famous Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls, known for their trick riding and trick roping. The group is based in Three Rivers California, east of Visalia, and has traveled to 18 countries and across the US representing and promoting the Western American lifestyle. “Thank you for making the trek to us,” said Kristina, “everyone enjoyed their performances, talent, and ability. It was beautiful and amazing to watch.”

One of the most telling parts of the weekend is the Senior Raffle which allows for the Highland Village Seniors and staff to attend the event. “In about

an hour and a half our community went and bought raffle tickets to our hay raffle and chest freezer full of homegrown meat and we were able to raise \$650.00 to donate to our seniors and make sure that they get to attend another event of their choice,” said Kristina.

Of course, no event is complete without the spectators, and Kristina explained they have a loyal, and dedicated base of supporters who have continued to support them over the years. “We hope to always impress our spectators with the choices we make to better the action and entertainment at each and every show we produce. The Bull Bash and Fall show will depend on our supporters and we always look forward to providing our supporters and their families a fun, affordable evening out with each show we create.”

Kristina also thanked the stock contractors for making the trip to Fallon, as well as the City of Fallon and Churchill County for their support of

the facility and the promotions. “This event has become bigger than we could have ever imagined,” she said. “We learn something new every event, and our goal will always be to produce the best event our hometown can enjoy, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our fall event scheduled for September 22 and 23, the Fall Rough Stock Rodeo and Barn Dance.” The 10th Annual Bucking Horse and Bull Bash is scheduled for June 28, 2024.

Champions of the 9th Annual de Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash.

Thank you to all of our contestants!

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2nd-Stetson Starr

Calf Riding

1st-Stetson Starr
2nd-Talon Jensen

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Ranch Bronc Riding

1st-Austin Miller
2nd-Ray Valdez

Womens Cow Riding - No scores

Barrel Racing

1st-Rori Fenner
2nd-Macy Henke
3rd-Isabel Miller

Team Roping

1st-Blain Jensen/Jayden Jensen
2nd-Terynn Archuleta/Garrett Archuleta

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Bull Riding - No scores

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New Frontier Brings Social-Emotional Learning to Area Youth

By Leanna Lehman

Imagine being a child and learning to speak up for yourself, even in awful situations. Imagine being a child and understanding it is okay to experience bad feelings in the face of fear, pain, and loneliness – or worse. Imagine being a child and learning coping mechanisms, mindfulness, and even self-acceptance.

While most adults cannot quite imagine learning these things as a child, they may not have to when it comes to their children and grandchildren. New Frontier Behavioral Health Center in Fallon is helping to make that a reality through Project Balance, their new free Social Emotional Learning classes, SEL.

While SEL may sound like a touchy-feely catchphrase, it is technically part of growing up. Or at least it should be. SEL is the process of developing self-awareness, self-control, and various interpersonal skills. The better children understand their emotions, the better they can demonstrate empathy and respect for others, learn to cope with difficult life experiences, and better achieve their goals and build positive relationships.

Along with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health, New Frontier has launched Project Balance. Thanks to a sizeable grant awarded earlier this year, New Frontier has partnered with Churchill County School District, the CARE after-school program, Churchill County Juvenile Detention Center, Fallon Youth Club, and the Churchill County Library. Actively looking to expand its reach, New Frontier is committed to bringing SEL to students in grades K-12 to help them learn about mental wellness, self-care, and healthy relationships with themselves and others.

Youth Outreach Advocate/Services Coordinator Jocelyn Hitchcock, M. Mu., is passionate about her work with children. Joining New Frontier in April, Hitchcock has been a teacher for over three decades. Hitchcock

will tell you she is not a therapist or counselor but a teacher, and now she teaches social-emotional learning.

In one class, she works with non-verbal special education students, using various colors and textures to engage their senses and help them experience their surroundings differently. Hitchcock strives to teach gentle self-acceptance. She even introduced them to a sound bath - the therapeutic use of music to help achieve a peaceful or meditative state.

Hitchcock has also begun working with juvenile detention center students, where the focus is anger management. By teaching relaxation skills, she can open the door to teaching them concepts to help them become more emotionally aware and better deal with their anger.

The techniques Hitchcock uses vary widely from class to class. The free classes usually also include an art or creative craft project, allowing students to express themselves further.

“It’s okay not to be okay,” explained Hitchcock, which is not something children usually learn. “One of the most powerful things we do is teach them that they can talk about their feelings and say things like ‘I am mad’ or ‘I am frustrated,’” says Hitchcock. “They are beginning to understand that their current negative emotional state is temporary, and they can work through their feelings.” The program also promotes building healthy relationships and teaching them to recognize unhealthy relationships and identify manipulating or controlling behaviors.

Every process Hitchcock utilizes is part of the state-approved data-driven curriculum designed to help students grow emotionally. The idea is to normalize mental wellness. Another impactful method is STEP, which is “say it, talk about it, explore it, pick the best solution.” Once they have acknowledged what they are feeling and understand it is okay to feel it, they can decide on a good solution.

“We also work on teaching kids to speak assertively – not aggressively,” says Hitchcock. “We don’t want them

to let other kids walk all over them, but they need to learn to speak in a kind voice and with respect. In a way, it’s like teaching them manners.”

According to Hitchcock, the children are responding well. And why wouldn’t they, when she uses things like bubbles, M&Ms, pinwheels, and a virtual cornucopia of fun, interactive teaching methods? “Kids are really getting into it,” she says. Kids are beginning to talk about triggers and finding better long-term solutions than reacting with rage or aggression, even when working through difficult things. “It is important that kids learn to verbalize what’s on their minds.”

Other age-targeted activities like rain-

bow and pinwheel breathing can help students learn to stop and breathe (in with the good, out with the bad) when they encounter fear, agitation, or anxiety.

New Frontier has a lot more in store through Project Balance. According to Hitchcock, there is an excellent chance their grant will be renewed, and they can continue bringing SEL to Fallon’s young people.

All classes are free, and parents are welcome to join.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Pinana Grady

Patricia Ann Pinana Grady, passed away unexpectedly on June 18, 2023, surrounded by her husband and children. Pat was born on August 20, 1938 in Reno, Nevada to Walter and Irma Pinana.

She attended Mt. Rose, Billingshurst, and Reno High schools. She worked at various jobs, beginning with the movie theater in downtown Reno, National School Studios, Sea & Ski, and Yerington schools hot lunch program.

Pat married Tom Grady on August 14, 1965. During their almost 58 years together, they had three children, Tina Cordes; Tim Grady; Tami and Paul Harmon. Pat was proud of her children and grandchildren, Cady (Anthony); Sean; Taylen; Madeline; Addyson; Jace; and Mackenzie and prouder of all they had accomplished.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Walter Jr., sister, Dorothy Reel and son-in-law, Gary Cordes.

As a lover of sports, Pat enjoyed bowling, swimming and golfing. Pat enjoyed attending her kids' sporting events and progressed to watching her grandchildren's activities and sporting events. She loved traveling (and taking pictures), cruising, painting ceramics, scrapbooking, reading and recently



binge-watching shows.

A Rosary will be said on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. at The Gardens Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Friday June 30 at 12 o'clock. Interment to follow at Churchill County Cemetery.

The family would like you to consider making donations to Walker River Basin Communities Foundation, PO Box 442 Yerington, NV or CAPS, 5894 Pasture Road Fallon, NV. in memory of Pat.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway Fallon, NV. 89406, 775-423-8928.

Donna Irene Trigueiro

Donna Irene Trigueiro, 76, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in Boise, Idaho. She was born September 8, 1946 in Lovelock, Nevada, to Harold H. and Neva F. Holmes. She graduated from Churchill County High School in 1964. She enjoyed learning new things. She especially enjoyed courses in bookkeeping, which eventually led her to a 20 year career in banking.

While working for the Morris and Loring Drug Store in Fallon, she met Ernest Medrano. The two were married on February 14, 1970. After moving to southern California for a brief time, they returned to Fallon to raise their family. Six years after Ernie's death, Donna married Norman Trigueiro, on June 27, 1998.

Donna was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved volunteering her time to help others. She fondly remembered her time volunteering at the BCCCH Auxiliary Store. Most of all, Donna loved spending time with those she loved.

Donna is survived by her brother Richard "Dick" Holmes and sister-in-law Gwen; children David Medrano and daughter-in-law Sandy, Carol LaBounty and son-in-law Scott, Edward Medrano, Christopher Medrano, Kelly Howard, Julie Robinson and son-in-law Rich; 16 Grandchildren; 3 Great-grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Ernest Me-



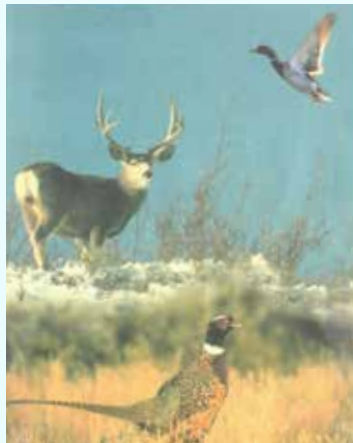
drano and also Norman Trigueiro; her siblings H. Raymond Holmes, Georgia Gore, Jacqueline Murphy, and D. Ronald Holmes; and her son-in-law Louis Howard, Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 10 a.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at 450 N. Taylor Street in Fallon, Nevada. A visitation will precede the service, at 9 a.m. A graveside ceremony will follow, at the Churchill County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Home in Boise, and Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Churchill Public Library, Churchill County Museum, or your local Humane Society.

In loving memory of Rick Capucci

Thank you to all friends & family of Rick Capucci. your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

Rick Capucci Family



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Hidden Cave Tours

By Ripley Zulz

Forty years ago, the Bureau of Land Management, in partnership with the Churchill County Museum alongside other contributors, began holding regular cave tours. Today, on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, visitors from all over still gather at the Churchill County Museum in the early morning for a tour of Hidden Cave.

Since its opening to the public, the site nestled in Grimes Point has proven to be a fruitful historical experience for tourists of all kinds. Whether local or non-local, there's something everyone can learn from and about the Tio-Ticutta, or Cattail Eaters, and the Hidden Cave is the perfect place to start. But how did we get to this point, with thousands of years of cultural context and understanding right at our fingertips?

According to testing done in the cave and on artifacts found in and around it, Hidden Cave would have formed approximately 21,000 years ago as a result of the tides from ancient Lake Lahontan. Long ago, the entirety of Churchill County was completely underwater. As time went on, the lake became smaller and smaller. The Hidden Cave began to see its peak usage approximately 2,000 to 4,000 years ago. At that time, it is estimated that the water levels of Lahontan would have made the location a prime area for both resting and storage as it was close enough to water for food and other resources, but high enough to be safe from any threats.

Archaeologists on the site documented everything they found in the cave. The location and context behind the shelter and what it was made the project a hot spot for any archaeologist, seasoned or aspiring. It quickly became apparent that the Hidden Cave was important to the people who used it, because despite the natural conditions inside making it an unlivable long-term space, plentiful storage caches and what many believed to be potential forms of currency for the time were found inside. Who would be storing valuable items in a dark



Hidden Cave Tours. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Museum.

crawlspace? The answer lies within the local tribe and the people.

Around 2,000 years ago, the population of Toi-Ticutta people living in and around the marshes was thriving, and their inhabitation in the land is made clear all over the valley. From the historic discovery of the Spirit Cave Man, thought to be deceased since 7420 B.C., it is not more than a small trek to the infamous Grimes Point petroglyphs and to the longtime documented usage of cattails that was demonstrated to the excavating field school in 1979, it is clear the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe's roots run thick into this county.

One of the most unique things about the Hidden Cave site is its accessibility. In his anthropological review of "The Archaeology of the Hidden Cave" written in 1985, David Hurst

Thomas said, "Too often it seems that scientific teams simply hit a town, conduct their research, then disappear with no attempt to communicate the findings to the townspeople who live with their archaeology every day."

Because the site is relatively open due to the regular tours put on by the museum and BLM, thousands of guests from around the world have visited the cave for a first-hand experience. Rather than being fully excavated, the cave has been preserved and is laden with date markers and identification tags. The tour allows people to see history close up and the large number of specimens remaining untouched in the cave allows guests to feel truly involved in raw history.

One of the most important things the preservation of the cave symbolizes is the preservation of Toi-Ticutta

culture. A firm reminder that indigenous people are still here. Oftentimes in small communities like Fallon, it may feel like their stories are lost, but historical sites ensure that not only will their ancestor's stories and experiences be forever honored in stone, but future generations will have greater access to what that history is built upon.

The stories must continue to be shared, not just for the native community but for the Churchill community as a whole. Sometimes it's easy to forget just how historical and cultural our small community is. Opportunities like the Hidden Cave tours are truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many. That is something to be cherished.

Community

Day Trippin' - Fort Churchill Area

Story and photos by Sheri Samson

Why build a fort in your backyard, when you can visit an authentic, 163-year-old fort? Located just 37 miles from Fallon, south of Silver Springs, off Highway 95A, lies Fort Churchill, a designated historic landmark from our nation's Civil War era. The Carson River Valley was primarily occupied by Native American tribes living a calm and peaceful existence while easily living off the land. The Comstock mines were bringing in new settlers for the promise of gold, bringing new ideas and contentious attitudes, as flocks of emigrants flooded in, and the Natives soon saw their lifestyles interrupted. These Nevada changes were unfolding as the Civil War was gearing up to begin. To guard the Union Territory of the Overland Trail, groundbreaking on Fort Churchill began in July of 1860 when orders were given to establish a military installation.

At Fort Churchill today, the McDermit Visitor Center shares a rare view of these historic times. Open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Nevada's Division of State Parks oversees the site. An indoor museum displays artifacts, while the fort stands in silhouette against the mountains below. Driving down to the lower level, a dirt pathway is provided to roam the fort's outside grounds, as displays identify the original 58 structures. These stone-based, adobe brick buildings were constructed to house a small city of 337 men and 12 women.

The fort was allocated \$75,000 for building costs, but due to excessive freight costs, mule teams, and supplies, the final total was \$179,000 upon completion in the fall of 1860.

That same year two vital means of communication aligned with the stringing of the telegraph wires and the newly organized Pony Express. Telegraphed messages could now be sent across the territories instantaneously. The Pony Express delivered the mail a bit slower, but faster than ever before, as 120 riders risked their lives, rotating 650 miles east from



Sacramento to Nevada's Friday Station. The riders would then travel on to six other states awaiting deliveries. This route would be completed in St. Joseph, MO, where the riders would return to repeat the west trip. Several outside monuments give tribute to these legacies, as well as a display of two rifled, Civil War cannons. A shaded, grassy area provides picnic tables and bathrooms for visitor use. This is a dog-friendly area and accommodates handicapped visitors with a ramp.

The park includes a Fee Station, fishing license information, and a Park Passport Stamp box.

Dry Camping is available at the Samuel Buckland Campground, with restrooms, picnic tables, small grills, and hiking along the Joseph Stewart Trail.

Just a mile south on 95A is Buckland Station and the home of Samuel and Eliza Buckland. These pioneers and entrepreneurs settled there as ranchers in 1859. He created the first known toll road, built a bridge across the Carson River, and became the Pony Express connection and the stage Stop. Buckland also sold supplies to the Union Army and served



local families. Read about Pony Bob's Longest Ride on a monument in the outdoor information area. Adult admission to visit inside the home is \$1 and the Station is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Across the street from the main house is the Orchard Day Use area, with bathrooms, picnic tables, aged



farm buildings, and vintage farming equipment on display. Enjoy the relaxing sounds of the Carson River and relax in the large meadow, where the Crossing Paths monument will greet you.

There are great areas to photograph while enjoying your day-trippin' explorations.

Mosquitos, Conflicts, and Trailer Park – County Commission with a Full Agenda

By Rachel Dahl

With the abundance of water flowing through the valley this year from Lahontan to Carson Lake to the Stillwater Refuge, the official bird of Churchill County, the mosquito, is a top priority for the staff at Churchill Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District. District Manager Nancy Upham reported to the commission last week about the activities of her staff in the current season.

Despite the amount of water throughout the valley, her team is providing routine service, however, she said people should reach out to the office if they have a mosquito problem on their property. “We rely on service requests, please tell people to call and make sure they leave their phone number and their address, you would be surprised how many people do not do that,” said Upham. The number for Mosquito Abatement is 775-423-2828.

Upham said the valley has been split into zones that are assigned to the technicians who surveil their areas, fill the service requests and treat

standing water sources. There are five new technicians this year who have joined the few staff members who returned after the winter layoffs and are responsible for applying larvicide and adulticide. “A little bit different this year,” said Upham, “is we are treating more of our source areas with a longer-term residual product that is less labor intensive, allowing us to go 35 water days instead of having to go back every four days. It will pay off in the long run.”

Additionally, Upham said they have begun trapping and collecting adult mosquitos around the valley, sending the samples to the Department of Agriculture for viral testing.

Citing several changes and challenges this year to operations, Upham explained several new staff members replaced long-time employees who retired over the past year or resigned for other opportunities. The weather has also been a challenge, with cool, windy afternoons preventing effective fogging during the optimal treatment windows, that prevent large outbreaks of mosquitos. Additionally, “the

overabundance of water creates havoc in accessibility to some of the larger areas,” she said, but new equipment and vehicles are helping with those access issues.

The district has contracted with Morris Ag-Air in Orovada to cover, from the air, a larger source area with larvicide. There is another company in Utah that Upham will work with to fly the larger areas and apply adulticide.

Another challenge because of the wet spring is noxious weeds and Upham said her team is behind on controlling the massive growth across the valley. “There has been too much water, and we are prioritizing mosquitos and public health. We will take on the weeds as soon as this thing calms down.”

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution requesting the assistance of the Attorney General in a criminal case that has been presented to the District Attorney for prosecution. The DA has determined the case creates a potential conflict of interest with his office directly and is requesting to have the AG review and pros-

ecute the case. The case will remain confidential until the investigatory portion is complete, and a charging decision is made to protect victims from retaliation/spoliation of evidence.

Additionally, commissioners ratified a purchase agreement for the Casey Road Mobile Home Park located just west of Walmart for the price of \$425,000. County Manager Jim Barbee explained that the property is in violation of several aspects of the Churchill County Code, and the State of Nevada has condemned 11 of the mobile homes in the park. With the purchase, the county will bring the property into conformance with the code by removing mobile homes, debris, old septic tanks, and then ready the property for resale for economic development purposes the recoup the costs related to the cleanup and the purchase. It may also be used for county purposes.

Barbee added that Social Services Directory Shannon Ernst will assist with finding housing alternatives for the people still living in the park.

City Council Approves Food Trucks

By Rachel Dahl

It was Food Truck Tuesday at the Fallon City Council last week when the members approved two new food trucks to operate in the community.

Lynne Ladine who runs Pony Espresso and Kim Fairbanks with Kim’s Cool Treats were both recommended by staff for approval after meeting the requirements of the privilege license.

Chief of Police Ron Wenger also presented the monthly police department report for May 2023. He said that calls were up from last year, with 742 in May of 2022 and 810 in May of this year. There were five domestic

battery calls, 14 disorderly conducts, eight of those at Churchill County High School, one sexual assault, six DUI, 11 thefts, 10 petty larceny, and one grand larceny of a firearm. There were 52 arrests.

Wenger said the Volunteers in Service contributed 136 total hours with 31 contacts.

Five people answered the satisfaction survey with four very satisfied and one satisfied.

The City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the chambers at City Hall, 55 W. Williams.



File Photo.

Law & Order

District Court

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial Court convened Tuesday, June 20 Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Cathy Ann Ramsey appeared for a Status Hearing on a charge of Attempt to Commit Uttering a Forged Instrument, which can be sentenced as a Gross Misdemeanor or a Category E Felony. She was sentenced to the charge as a Gross Misdemeanor and fined \$300 in addition to normal fees and assessments.

Matthew Raymond Martin Marizza, in custody of the Department of Corrections, pleaded guilty to three counts: 1) Category D Felony of Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property, 2) Category C Felony of Burglary of a Business, and 3) Category C Felony of Burglary of a Business. He was sentenced to 19-48 months on the Category D Felony and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,314.68. On each of the Category C Felonies, the sentence was 24-60 months, and restitution in the amount of \$2,333.02. The two sentences will run consecutively, and concurrently to sentences from three Carson City cases of 7-18 years in Nevada Department of Corrections. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Adam Joseph Mikalowsky appeared for a Status Hearing. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court that the defendant completed the Western Regional Drug Court Program and his probation. The state filed amended information dropping

the charge to a Gross Misdemeanor. Mikalowsky is to remain on probation until the paperwork is completed.

Logan Chase Anderson, in custody, received a sentence of 19-72 months in Nevada State Prison, a \$2,000 fine, fees, and assessments, and was ordered to have a breath interlock device on any vehicle he operates for 36 months after his release from prison, on a Driving Under the Influence Third or Subsequent Offense charge.

Shane Michael Peterson appeared for sentencing on a charge of Driving Under the Influence Third or Subsequent Offense. Peterson received 12-36 months in Nevada State Prison, a \$2,000 fine, fees, and assessments, and was ordered to have a breath interlock device on any car he operates for 12 months after his release from prison.

Devon B. Dion pleaded guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor of Possession of a Dangerous Drug (tramadol) Without a Prescription. Dion received a sentence of 300 days in Churchill County Jail, suspended, fees and assessments, and 12 months probation with the standard conditions. Dion was also ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluation.

Paul Anthony Perez, in custody, was sentenced on a Category C Felony of Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Crime Under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Perez received a suspended sentence of 24-60 months in Nevada State Prison and was placed

on probation for 24 months with standard conditions and the condition that he obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations.

Meggan Rodriguez appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor of Escape by a Prisoner Being Held on a Gross Misdemeanor or Misdemeanor, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. The judge suspended the proceedings for 12 months to allow Rodriguez to enter the Western Regional Drug Court Program. The defendant was placed on probation for 12-24 months with the condition that she enter and complete the program with other standard conditions applied.

Matt Charles Lane admitted to a second technical violation of probation regarding failure to make the ordered restitution payments. The judge ordered payments caught up by July 1 or a third violation filed, reminding Lane that if he receives five violations, he can impose the underlying prison sentence. Lane was ordered to bring proof of all payments he has made if he is brought back to court on a third violation.

Joshua William McEvers, in custody, pleaded guilty to a Category C Felony of Grand Larceny of a Vehicle, which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, and to a Category B Felony of Ex-Felon not to Possess a Firearm, which has a potential sentence of 1-6 years and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report

was ordered and sentencing set for September 12.

Nicole Noel Brown, in custody, appeared for a probation violation of absconding over a year ago. During that year, her original probation expiration date passed. DDA Baker told the court that Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford did extensive research regarding the question raised last week regarding probation expiring while the defendant is absconding. She found that the period of probation is tolled during the period of absconding, and the court can either revoke or reinstate probation. The judge reinstated Brown's probation with standard conditions and the additional condition of securing full-time employment within 30 days. Probation and Parole were ordered to recalculate Brown's probation's expiration date.

Rene Lucio Williams, in custody, pleaded guilty to a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Williams incurred fees and assessments. He was sentenced to 12-32 months, suspended, and placed on probation for 18 months with standard conditions, ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations of that evaluation.

Michael Eugene Haynes, in custody, appeared for sentencing on a Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt,

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Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas began his argument by reading a statement from Haynes' Pre-Sentence Investigative Report. "I sold drugs to a snitch who wore a wire on me; it is what it is," Thomas said this statement shows he's not remorseful for what he did, but for getting caught.

Thomas asked for 24-60 months in Nevada State Prison. Court Appointed Attorney Charles Woodman told the court this was a classic setup, and the reason the defendant was so upset was it was someone he knew who set him up. Woodman asked for the privilege of probation for his client. Haynes stated, "All I'm asking for is a second

chance." Stockard imposed fees and assessments and sentenced Haynes to 19-48 months, suspended, and probation for 24 months with the condition that he obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations of it, in addition to standard conditions of probation.

The following cases were continued

to June 27: Jordan Annmarie Clairmont, Tyler James Rickards, and Chad Dean Nuttall.

Mark Antonio Graham's case was continued until July 7.

Going Sentence Suspended in Battery Case

Staff Report

Robert Webster Going appeared in the 10th Judicial District Court on June 20, with Judge Tom Stockard presiding, for sentencing on a Category C Felony of Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker cited Going's prior criminal history with violence and alcohol. She told the Court that the defendant "claimed that he slipped, that he drank, and he shouldn't have, and he knows he shouldn't have. This was not just a slip, Your Honor."

Baker entered photographs showing injuries the victim received, and a video of the incident at the Slippery which the court watched. Baker stated the defendant "lost control," got up off his bar stool, grabbed a bar stool, swung it at full force and hit the victim, punched the victim seven times, then when he was down on the floor, hit him twice with a metal bar stool, and kicked him. She said the victim sustained long-lasting effects of fractured ribs; not being able to move or sleep.

Baker stated, "This defendant needs to learn to walk away. This defendant needs to learn that violence is not the answer." She told the court the defendant tried to push off the responsibility for his actions, saying the victim kept antagonizing him. Baker asked that the court not give Going the privilege of probation, stating, "These actions do not deserve probation. These actions are not just a fist

fight at a bar. This is a brutal beating." She asked for 18-60 months in prison.

Defense Attorney Jesse B. Kalter agreed that his client lost control. He told the court that Going has accepted responsibility for his actions, wrote a heartfelt apology to the victim, and paid the restitution in full. Kalter said Going had been sober for over a year.

He then gave an account of what happened, saying that earlier that day the defendant was out on a job, had issues with equipment, got entangled with a beehive, got stung several times, got in an argument with his fiancé, and decided to stop and have a drink at a bar. He sat at the end of the bar to relax before going home to his family. The victim tried to communicate with the defendant, who told him he didn't want to talk to anybody right now and asked to be left alone. The victim kept antagonizing him. He got up, walked away from the situation, and went into the restroom. When he returned, he put his arms up to say leave me alone. He kept shooing-off the victim.

Finally, it built up and Going lost control. "He takes full responsibility for the physical battery that he committed," said Kalter.

The defense had submitted character witness letters from several friends and family members to the court and Kalter had friends and family of Going in the gallery stand in a show of their support.

He said Going has been on supervision for 295 days, having his first test positive for marijuana, followed by 42

negative tests. He has demonstrated that he can be supervised, he shows up, and he tests. Kalter asked that any prison sentence be suspended, and the defendant be placed on probation.

Going told the court he is "incredibly remorseful," stating, "Thinking about that day, it haunts me." He said, "I am a gentle, loving husband and father and I lost it. I showed no control. And that's the truth." Going turned and apologized to the victim who was sitting in the gallery, saying, "I am extremely sorry, sir. I ask you to forgive me."

The victim made an impact statement, telling the court, "The long and short of it, as far as recovery, my daughter spent six weeks taking care of me, I've had trouble sleeping, ... due to some broken bones ... I basically spent about two months in bed." Some of the injuries the victim incurred were rib injuries and hematomas. He is still dealing with some of the rib injuries a year later. "It's a daily thing now," he said.

Speaking to Going, the victim said, "Believe it or not, I'm just as troubled as you are this whole past year." The victim expressed gratitude that Going is now attending church and stated, "I'm also grateful that we are both here," suggesting that a well-placed or a misplaced blow could have resulted in him not being around at all.

The judge told Going he had reviewed his criminal history and suspects it is tied to alcohol use and abuse, including, "You seem sincere in your desire to move forward and to

learn from this. I hope that's true. But when I see history like that, and then its repetition, it always concerns me." He then sentenced the defendant to 24-60 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, placing Going on probation for 24 months with the condition that he obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations of the evaluation, along with standard conditions of probation. The judge concluded by letting Going know he could very easily have gone to prison and still might do so if he comes back before the Court. "It is highly probable that you won't get this type of break again, and that's what I want to have crystal clear."



Dairy Month - The Olsen Dairy

By Pete Olsen

The Olsen family has been producing milk in Northern Nevada every day for five generations, milk for Nevadans and now the world.

Otto Olsen immigrated to America for the second time in 1914. By 1915 he had a ranch in Sparks, Nevada, and Hillside Dairy got its start. For nine years he milked the cows outside by tying them to a fence and selling the milk to customers in Reno and Sparks. By 1924 he had built a barn where for the next 48 years Harold Olsen and then Pete Olsen milked the family's cows.

They continued to sell milk door-to-door until 1948 when the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) was passed, which required all milk sold to be pasteurized. The family sold to a creamery for a while until Harold and others started the Associated Nevada Dairyman in 1957, a cooperative that marketed from many dairymen's milk.

By the 1950s there were eight creameries and 50 dairies in the Reno-Sparks area. Fallon boasted over 40 dairies, with more in Yerington, Minden, and Gardnerville. Today there is one cooperative to which all Northern Nevada cow dairymen belong, Dairy Farmers of America, and the members include 15 cow dairies and three commercial goat dairies. Only one cow dairy is located outside of Fallon, in Yerington.

Much has changed in the dairy business over the years. Harold would tell the story of changing to milking machines from hand milking in the mid-1930s. He was on his last nerve dealing with milkers and bailing one of them out of jail on a Sunday morning. He had two men hired to milk the 30 cows by hand, 15 each, twice a day. Harold told his father, Otto, he was getting milking machines, or he was selling the cows. Otto complained, "It would ruin the cows." Harold installed the milking machines, milking the cows himself and then with family labor. The cows survived the change and Harold was much happier.

Pete Sr. came back to the dairy



Otto with a prize bull at the barn in Sparks.

after a stint in the army in 1957 and slowly began to increase the herd. By the early 1970s urban growth was coming to Reno-Sparks. Pete Sr. owned the cows by then, Harold having retired, and the decision was made to move the family's operation to Fallon.

In 1972 the cows were milked one last time in Sparks then loaded onto a truck 30 at a time, to be milked for the first time in Fallon that night.

The first load of cows was on its way with Bill Canepa driving the truck and Pete Jr. riding along. There was some road construction, so Bill shifted down and applied the brakes on the big rig. Nothing happened. The flagman assessed the situation and jumped out of the way. Bill piloted the big rig, crashing into a barrier and aiming toward a dump truck, whose driver got himself out of the way in the

nick of time. As the big truck barreled by the dump truck, the only casualty was the dump truck's mirror. Bill rolled to a stop, got out, and checked the truck over. Finding nothing wrong, he gingerly moved the truck and tried the brakes, they worked perfectly. With no idea what caused the problem, the trip resumed to Fallon uneventfully.

Harold and his family worked the new Fallon farm through the 70s, growing slowly to 90 cows by the end of the decade. Pete Jr. joined in 1979 working for his dad, then buying his own cows in 1981. By 1984, Eric and Pete partnered with their dad. By 1990, they were milking 500 cows. Brother Neil joined in 1991. In 1996 they built a new milking facility.

Today Pete Sr is no longer with us. The partnership between the three brothers has grown to 2700 cows.

Sons of Pete Jr, Pete, and Mike milk 700 jerseys. One nephew and his wife, Jarad and Katrina Laca, milk 400 crossbreds. Another nephew and his wife, Scott and Anna Laca, milk 3000 goats.

The cow milk is processed either at Model Dairy in Reno or the DFA plant in Fallon while the goat milk is processed into cheese and other products in California.

The Olsen family has a rich heritage in the dairy business going back to Denmark before Otto immigrated to the U.S. They have come a long way from hand milking the cows, bottling, and selling the milk themselves. The business is much different now. But still, each generation builds from the previous to supply our state and the world with the most perfect food known to man.



*Top left: Otto, Valborg, Douglas, Carrie, Harold Olsen (on the Sparks property).
Bottom: Harold Olsen in the Sparks dairy using one of the first milking machines.
Right: Otto Olsen in his Spanish American War uniform.*

Photos courtesy of Pete Olsen.

Education

Bighorn Bulletin

Board Members Make Impact

By Angela Viera

Two long-serving Oasis Academy Board members have stepped down after a combined twenty years of service. Lisa Bird and Dr. Sage Hiibel have both spent extensive time serving on the board. Bird started on the board two months after the school opened in 2011 and Hiibel in 2016. Both know the importance of education and brought with them experience in higher education. Bird works for Western Governors University and Hiibel is a tenured professor at the University of Nevada, Reno.

“I came to Oasis with PreK-12 and higher education teaching and leadership experience. Joining the Oasis Board of Directors gave me the opportunity to connect my passion for education with my belief in a strong school and home partnership. I appreciated how Oasis created opportunities for parents to serve and be an integral part of the school community,” said Bird.

“Education has always been important in my family, and as our kids got closer to starting school, I knew that their education was going to be important as well. I have never been very good at sitting on the sidelines, especially when it comes to my kids and their activities. It was the right time to get involved,” added Hiibel.

They’ve both seen a lot of changes at the school during their time. Including adding a third class in the young grades, adding Oasis Academy College Prep High School, and now planning for the new high school building.

“We accomplished a lot as a team. I think I am the proudest of the school being designated as a STEM school by the governor’s office and having a 5-star rating,” Hiibel said.

“I’m grateful for the experience working with the board and administration to rethink the school mission ‘Improving Lives Through Opportunity.’ Also, student test scores, teacher retention, and student retention prove the Oasis model of education works.

Oasis Board of Directors and Administration focus on students first. When we created the school values, ‘Students First’ was chosen as the most important. Every decision made is compared to what is best for students. Students really are the center of each discussion and decision,” said Bird.

“By far, what I will remember from my time at Oasis, is the board’s decision to add our Core Belief: We believe in the inherent worth and potential of each human and in the life-changing power of learning. For 12 years, I have participated in countless calls, meetings, conversations with the administration, faculty, and other board members where this core belief is what grounds us in decision-making and is truly a shared belief. Oasis believes in the worth and potential of every individual student and we believe learning has the power to change lives for the better. It’s been an honor to help plan those opportunities to improve students’ lives,” she said.

One of the other aspects of serving students has been making sure they have the support needed through teachers and staff.

“In monthly Academic Excellence Meetings, we focused on hearing directly from teachers and the challenges they face in best serving students. This created a way to identify problems that helped us work towards better solutions,” said Bird.

I have witnessed a commitment to focus not just on education but on the well-being of students and the faculty and staff that serve our students over the years. This area is another example of how Oasis is leading K-12 education in Northern Nevada. As a board and administration team, we prioritized school counselors and well-being programs for our students.”

“Through all the growth I think we have done a pretty good job of always remembering that the students and the people are what make Oasis special. I am proud of what the students of Oasis have accomplished over the years. With the support of the amazing teachers, aides, and staff, they have done some phenomenal



things, and I am excited to see how the Bighorns change the world moving forward.” added Hiibel.

“Thanks to everyone at Oasis for making my time on the board such a positive experience. I learned a lot about how a school works, and I have a whole new level of respect and appreciation for the administrators, teachers, staff, and everyone else that helps make the Oasis experience such a good one for the students. Go Bighorns.” he closed.

Melissa Mackedon, CEO, would like to personally thank these individuals. “The importance of having a quality board who believes in your mission cannot be overstated. Both Lisa and Sage were board members I relied on throughout the years, members whose opinions and questions were always valid and led us to making the best decisions we could for our students. I am incredibly grateful for their service.”

Class Hatches Chicks

For the third year in a row, Mrs. Heather Weissmer’s second-grade class hatched chicks in their classroom. The fertilized eggs were brought in early May and hatched right before the school was released at the end of the month.

The project instructs students about hands-on lifecycles and strong lessons in agriculture.

“Not only are the kids learning academics, they are learning how to care for an animal. For the first time, we actually had our first batch of eggs not hatch and I turned it into a learn-



Lisa Bird (top left), Dr. Sage Hiibel (top right), Bradley Smith, Hoyte Salisbury, Donald Hicks, Ryatt Jackson (above). Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

ing moment. We researched reasons why they may not have hatched. We concluded that we just did not have the best eggs to start,” said Weissmer. “They were either too old or not fertilized to begin with. So, thanks to the amazing Mrs. Kimmy Samaguey, I received a fresh set of eggs from a chicken breeder. Eight of the nine eggs we put in the incubator ended up hatching.”

“A lot of students have never seen chicks let alone watch them hatch. The class spent time learning about the development going on each day, had a countdown, and moved the incubator between all of the 2nd-grade classrooms so everyone could enjoy it.”

“Right now, the chicks are living between Ms. Alexandra Conder’s house and mine. We think there are three roosters and five hens, but it is still a little early to be sure,” finished Weissmer.

Education Legislative Achievements

Staff Report

The Nevada Department of Education is celebrating five major legislative successes for education in Nevada. The 82nd Legislative Session (2023) had significant achievements in education funding and policy including the passage of the largest education budget in state history.

The K-12 education budget allocates almost \$12 billion in education spending, marking a \$2.6 billion increase in education funding over the next two years. The per-pupil funding was increased by more than \$2,500 for fiscal year 2025, a more than 25% increase. The Pupil-Centered Funding Plan is fully funded, bolstering per-pupil funding by \$4,035 for English language learners, \$3,137 for at-risk students, and \$1,075 for gifted and talented students. The budget also allocates an additional \$23M in special education funding for the next biennium.

The Nevada Department of Education sponsored three bills passed by the legislature and supported two more that were signed into law by Governor Lombardo. As with many pieces of legislation, whether they be federal, state, or local, each bill contains many parts. Here are a few of the highlights of the new education legislation signed into law this year. The bills in their entirety are available at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023>.

Assembly Bill 54 ensures clarity in language and processes throughout Nevada's educational system. It removes sections and subsections of the Nevada Revised Statutes on students who receive free or reduced-priced lunch and breakfast. It creates consistent use of the terms "attendance" and "enrollment," updating the language to reflect current practice and the understanding of chronic absenteeism. It also includes each local school district as a reviewer of educational transition plans for hospitals providing educational services.

Assembly Bill 65 reduces duplicate bullying reports, clarifies the

definition of bullying to not include mutual disagreements, and increases the timeline for site-level bullying investigations. It changes the process for adult-to-child complaints for authority to stay with the schools/district. AB65 also makes several important changes for kindergarten students, including requiring students to be five years old by August 1 to be eligible for kindergarten and requiring students to be enrolled in school by age six.

Assembly Bill 330, the Safe and Supportive Schools Act, makes changes to the state and district restorative justice and progressive discipline plans. These changes allow local education agencies to develop policies and practices to meet the unique needs of their schools, staff, students, and families.

Assembly Bill 400 is an omnibus bill that directs the Nevada Department of Education to implement several large projects. 1) To focus on early intervention and grant funds to schools and agencies to increase and support early childhood literacy and readiness programs at the Pre-K level while strengthening accountability to ensure all children are reading by the third grade. 2) Allows cities or counties to sponsor charter schools. 3) Adds additional accountability provisions to the Commission on School Funding. 4) Assists charter schools to apply for transportation funding. 5) Continues a teacher incentive program.

Senate Bill 9 creates a more streamlined and efficient approach to reports and assessments. It eliminates End of Course finals, removes the department from prescribing the Educational Involvement Accord, and eliminates the use of the Parent Report Card. It also increases the amount of Career and Technical Education funding that can be used for leadership and training activities.

"This successful legislative session marks a tremendous milestone for education in Nevada, as we have secured the largest increase in K-12 funding in state history. It is a testament to our shared belief that investing in education is investing

in the future of our state," said Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. "I am immensely proud of all that was accomplished, including the passage of bills that will support childhood literacy, improve school safety, and streamline reports and assessments. I am beyond grateful to Governor Lombardo and the Nevada Legislature for their recognition of the

vital role education plays in shaping the lives of our students. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to staff at the Nevada Department of Education for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts during this legislative session."

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Sports

Sports Happenings

By Bill Post

Celebrate the 4th of July with Racing in Fallon

There will be Independence Day racing at Rattlesnake Raceway on July 3 and 4. The gates open at 7 p.m. on Monday and there will be a kid's bike giveaway that night with action-packed racing. On Tuesday, the gates open at 5 p.m. with fireworks after the races and a candy toss. Tickets are \$10 for ages 11 and up, \$5 for ages 6-10, \$5 for Seniors (55+), \$8 for military with ID, and free for 5 and under.

Top Gun Drag Strip 2023 Season Update

The racing season began on a down note with the unexpected computer failure on the first racing weekend in May, causing the event to be canceled. Unfortunately, track prep and staffing had already been taken care of for the event, adding to a loss of expected revenue for that weekend. Rain checks were issued, and refunds were offered and accepted. The computer was sent out the next day air utilizing a sponsor's account and the computer was returned a week later fixed and ready to go.

The next event, May 19-21, was a success, and gate sales were sufficient to cover the expenses for that weekend.

Shortly before the National Open in June, there was a problem with the water well at the track, and intermediate steps were taken to make

it through the weekend. The events were in full swing when the skies opened up with so much rain the pits flooded and filled many areas with water, mud, and silt which all settled on the track. Well over eight inches of rain, mud, and silt settled on the track that afternoon from the start line to the finish line. After 12 hours of track cleaning, it became necessary to cancel events again, issuing rainchecks and refunds.

On June 13, another 50-year storm passed over the facility bringing more water, mud, and silt onto the track and washing out major areas of the pit, entrance road, pay booth area, and grandstands. Over an inch of silt and mud remained on the track and areas of the return road with over a foot and a half of mud and silt resting against the guard rails of the track negating all of the previous cleanup work.

The board of directors held a conference call on June 18, and it was determined that due to the extensive additional water damage done by the second storm, the events of June 23-25 would be canceled. A replacement date has yet to be decided. The drag strip reports currently operating at a 40% loss of events and revenue. A situation that will soon have to be resolved for Top Gun to survive.

On June 22, agreements were signed to begin the repairs to both the track and the well. The estimates, while expensive, have been determined to be reasonable considering the work planned and both contrac-

tors have issued large discounts due to the strip's non-profit status. The work is due to begin as early as the end of this week.

Many racers, families, and friends of Top Gun have offered their assistance on these two massive projects. While the board is grateful for the outpouring of support, the tasks require the equipment and expertise of professionals. Removing a well pump from 550' down is not only best done by a professional, but also by a professional who offers a warranty, something that may be valuable in the future. The amount of dirt and silt that not only needs to be removed but also replaced involves coordinated manpower, equipment, and materials. Again, something best suited for professionals with the equipment, access to stockpiles, and any other supplies needed as work progresses through the project. To keep the costs down, final clean up, racetrack clean up and the final dirt work will be left to the organization to complete. At that time, the board members will

reach out to the racers, families, and friends of Top Gun Drag Strip and ask for physical help. Lots of tractor work, power brooming, shoveling, and light clean-up will be needed.

The July race is on schedule, for now, depending on the progress of both projects; however, we are optimistic. Jeff Foster will be coming to ensure that the twice-water submersed timing system will be ready to go. The costs, along with our 40% loss of revenues have been calculated at roughly \$30,000, a large amount when each bracket race only generates approximately a fifth of that amount. Money-saving steps have been taken and any ability to recoup the revenue lost by the loss of the events will be considered.

The board members request your patience and understanding as they make their way through this most difficult of racing seasons. If you are interested in supporting the track at this difficult time there is a GoFundMe account at gofund.me/4c478bb7.



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Heaven on Earth Horoscopes

June 30 – July 6

This week there is much opportunity for inward and outward growth. We can easily take a little mental dive into our subconscious world and ask ourselves: am I living right? Depending on what you see down there, it can give you a new resolution to put forth true effort into correct living according to what you value in your life.

Aries

Follow your own guidance system this week to avoid staying stuck. Your idea of what is good and right for you could change where you're heading. But you won't get anywhere without taking action. Face the unknown, take the challenge, and go boldly towards your destination.

Taurus

Change the situation from the inside out. Accept it for what it is and work towards permanent resolution by bringing about the change you so desire. Having faith in your own power is the key to learning this lesson, but you'll need to let down your walls of protection.

Gemini

Make the best of where you are, physically, mentally, or spiritually, by letting go of any longing for something "other." Reignite your passion and belief by making a decision to devote

yourself. Accept that you may need to ask for support.

Cancer

Communication will go smoothly for you this week if you accept that not everyone may be as willing to be as cooperative and positive as you're feeling. Accept others' feelings for what they are, but don't let it stop you from speaking your mind from a place of understanding and compassion.

Leo

Mend any conflict that needs resolution by accepting your own behavior and being accountable for it. Let go of replaying scenarios in your head. Use your bravado to put forth the effort and offer an apology if needs be. Controlling the situation is an illusion, controlling yourself is a superpower.

Virgo

Trust in the choice you have already made by acting upon it. This calls for more than hope, you'll need to stay motivated and active towards your goal or promise if you intend to keep it alive and going. Things may not have changed as fast as you hoped for. Never mind that, movement over thinking is the key this week.

Libra

Don't wait for clarity or perfection this week. Trust your instincts and your

inner strength to go along with the natural unfolding of things. Acceptance of not knowing the outcome will help you shrug off whatever has been holding you back.

Scorpio

If you're practicing detachment, watch that it doesn't become indifference. You can keep the peace and also take a step forward by sharing your warm, charming energy. You won't lose your equilibrium that you worked so hard to find. You might also find a new way of looking at your situation that brings you closer in your relationship.

Sagittarius

It's perfectly natural to be in the dark about how to improve your situation, as long as you accept that you eventually need to make a decision to move forward. Overanalyzing won't get you there. Accept that worrying has to come to an end, and it is time to transition from the dark to putting effort into what you want.

Capricorn

Accept the situation for what it is and lead from that point forward by believing in yourself and what you're working towards. You may have to let go of thinking everything was just fine. Use your power of improvisation to expand in a new direction.



Aquarius

Avoidance can hold you back from your own ideals of being responsible for what you deem important. Have faith in the ideals you set for yourself surrounding your future security in family matters, relationships, or personal goals. Accept that you need to take a risk and put yourself out there in an emotionally expressive manner.

Pisces

Sitting on the fence may feel like a safe place, free from codependency, free from having your energy tangled up with someone else's. But it may hold you in check and dull your natural inclination to give from your big heart. Leave it all behind, follow your heart, you don't belong on the bench.

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

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Braised Brisket Sandwiches

Neil and I are enjoying a brief trip down to Southern Nevada for a pair of celebrations with a family visit mixed in. Since we are on the road and nothing is being cooked, I want to tell you about our Tonoparty. Neil and I have reached a point where we do not like making the trip to Vegas in a single day, especially when there is a perfectly good stop along the way. When the first leg of a trip through Nevada lands you in Tonopah, many venues are worth exploring. The Mizpah is considered to be the most haunted hotel in the country and touts a colorful history.

Many of the tasty food options in Tonopah are tied to investments by Nancy and Fred Cline, owners of Cline Cellars in Sonoma, California. They bought and refurbished the Mizpah before its reopening in 2011—now you can drink a delicious Cline Cellars red blend while enjoying a tasty burger. Other economic development efforts in Tonopah in the Cline portfolio are the refurbishment of the Belvada Hotel and the Tonopah Brewing Company.

Every time we drive through Tonopah, we notice new bars, restaurants, and shops opening. This growth seems likely to continue considering the mad rush to stake a claim for mineral rights and the lithium exploration exploding in the surrounding desert.

Cline Cellars wine can be purchased directly from the company online or at Safeway. Buy a bottle of Petit Syrah and try the following recipe for Cline's "Stand by Meat" Braised Beef Brisket Sandwiches.

Stand By Meat - Braised Brisket Sandwiches

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (4 to 5-pound) beef brisket
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 3 large red onions, thinly sliced
- 8 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 1/2 cups beef or chicken broth or stock
- 1/3 cup The Olive Press Bourbon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 12 slices of sourdough bread
- 16 oz jalapeño jack cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Season both sides of the brisket with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a Dutch oven or large sauté pan set over medium-high heat. Add the brisket and cook, turning once, until browned on both sides, 8 to 10 minutes total. If the brisket does not fit all at once, cut it in half and sear it in batches.
2. Remove the seared brisket from the pot and set aside. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, followed by the onions, garlic, and bay leaves to the pot and cook, stirring often, until the onions soften, and the mixture is fragrant, 5 to 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, whisk together the stock, balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar, brown sugar, onion powder, garlic powder, and 1 teaspoon kosher salt in a medium bowl until fully combined.
4. Transfer the onion mixture to the bottom of a large roasting pan and place the seared brisket on top. Pour the balsamic mixture over the top, cover tightly with aluminum foil, and transfer to the oven.
5. Cook the meat for 2 hours. Remove from the oven, uncover, and carefully flip the meat to the other side. Re-cover and continue cooking until the meat is fork-tender, 2 to 2 1/2 hours more.
6. Remove from the oven and transfer the meat to a cutting board; drape loosely with aluminum foil

- and let rest for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing across the grain. Remove and discard the bay leaves, onions, and garlic.
7. Heat a large skillet or griddle over medium-low heat. Spread one side of each bread slice with mayonnaise. Place half of the slices of bread, mayo side down, on the pan or griddle. Divide the cheese evenly on top of the bread slices. Next, place a couple of slices of bourbon balsamic brisket down and cover with a little more cheese. Top the sandwiches with the second slice of bread, mayo side up.
8. Cook until golden brown on each side. Cut and serve immediately with an extra side of the bourbon balsamic to dip your sandwich into. Enjoy.



The Belvada Hotel in Tonopah. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

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Allison's Book Report - "The Celebrants" by Steven Rowley

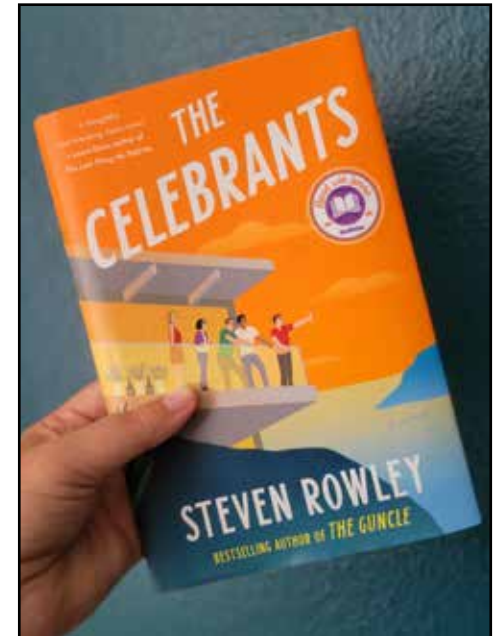
I am so excited about this week's book that I am just going to cut to the chase. Stop what you are doing and go buy or check out or borrow or obtain in whatever way you prefer "The Celebrants" by Steven Rowley. You may remember it from my Top Five Books of Summer list a couple of weeks ago, and it did not disappoint.

I have a handful of authors whose books I buy automatically, no questions asked, without even knowing what the book is about – Jodi Picoult, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Christina Lauren, amongst others – and at the top of that list is Steven Rowley. "The Celebrants" is his fourth book, and dare I say it? His best so far.

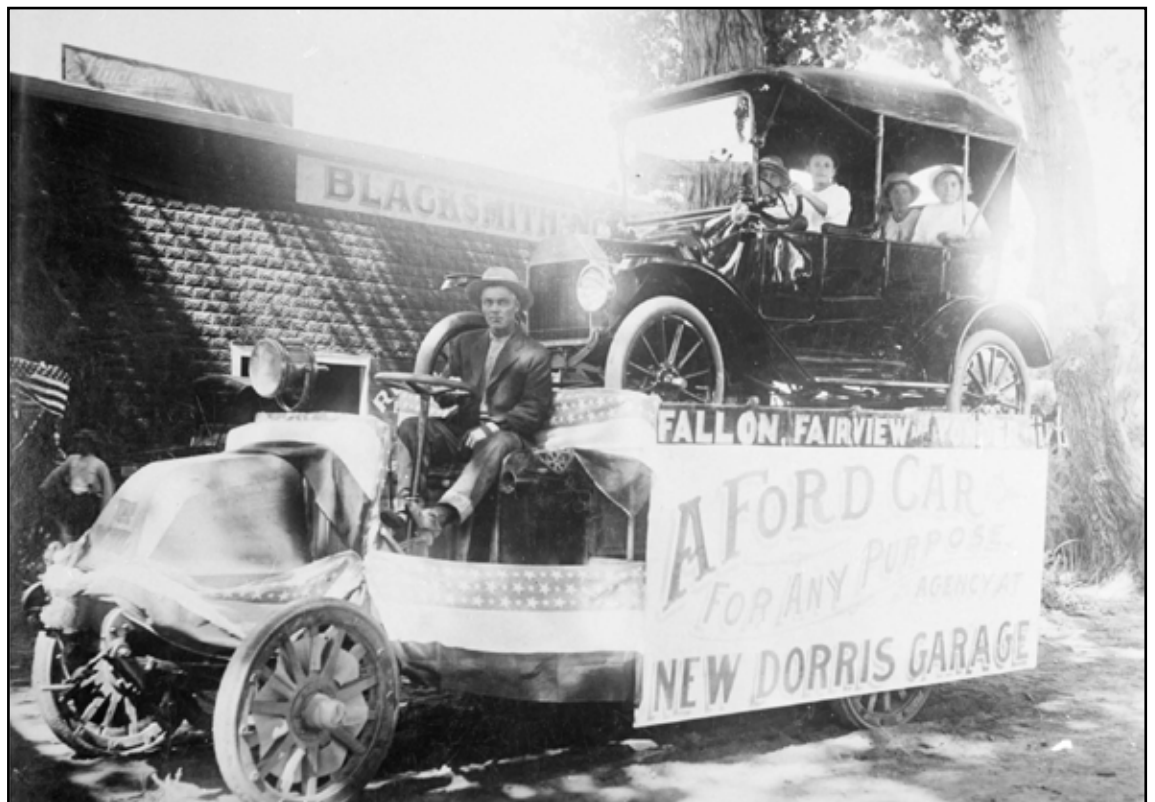
"The Celebrants" is a story of six best friends at college in 1995. Two weeks before graduation, one of the friends dies suddenly, under uncertain circumstances. The remaining five make a pact at his funeral – they agree that they will throw a "living funeral" for each of the remaining members of the group, but not until they call for their funerals themselves, and only in the darkest moments of their lives. They vow to help each other remember why they are each so loved and to "leave nothing unsaid."

Two weeks later, they graduate and begin their adult lives. As tends to happen as we grow up, the friends drift apart. That is until 2013 when Marielle calls for her funeral in the aftermath of her divorce. After that first living funeral, we go on the journey of each of their unique funerals. "The Celebrants" is bittersweet – you will laugh out loud (a particularly funny scene involving a very insane skydiving trip had me rolling) and you will definitely ugly cry because the friendship is so tender and real. Rowley is also the author of "Lily and the Octopus," "The Editor," and "The Guncle" – and I love every single one, but "The Celebrants" might just take the cake. All of his books showcase Rowley's knack for writing witty banter and snappy dialog that's very "potato chippy" – you just can't get to the next page fast enough. "The Celebrants" is a heartwarming tribute to the power of connections and having people in our lives that have known us since we were young, as well as a sweet reminder to call those friends and check in - no matter how long it's been.

That's it for this week – I hope you pick up this book or any other one by this author and, as always, that you check in on me over on Instagram @allison.the.reader, where I'm reading and rambling every day.



Next week is Independence Day and parades have always been a staple of the holiday. Over the years, Fallon has had countless parades with amazing and creative floats. Take this one, for example, which the New Dorris Garage put together sometime around the 1910s. We at the museum wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July!



Movies & More

Your Community-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

We have some great movies for you this July including a few classic horror films. Hope you can join us and remember our movies are free.

Here is our movie lineup this weekend - playing both Friday, July 7 & Saturday, July 8, we have at 6 p.m. the 1992 family comedy "Beethoven" written by John Hughes. The Newton family decides to adopt a cute St. Bernard puppy and before long the adorable canine, dubbed Beethoven, has grown considerably, leading to many household mishaps. While the family dotes on Beethoven, it takes time for them to see the pooch's finer qualities. However, Beethoven's life with the Newton family is jeopardized when a scheming veterinarian tries to nab the dog for a deadly experiment. Starring Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, and Dean Jones.

Our second feature each evening, starting at 7 p.m. is the original 1931 classic horror film "Frankenstein." This iconic horror film follows the obsessed scientist Dr. Henry Frankenstein as he attempts to create life by assembling a creature from the body parts of the deceased. Aided by his loyal misshapen assistant, Frankenstein succeeds in animating his monster, but it escapes into the countryside and begins to wreak havoc. Frankenstein searches for the elusive being and eventually must confront his tormented creation. Starring Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, Mae Clarke, and Edward van Sloan. The enormous success of this film gave birth to a film genre, its style set the tone for future horror films, and it features the most iconic monster in cinema history.

Mark your calendars for July 28 as the Reno band Blunderbusst and local favorite The Will Shamberger Band take our stage. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12.

See you at the movies!

Fourth of July Festivities — by Peanut

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1. Businesses decorations locations
5. Two-wheelers parading
6. 3rd part of parade theme
8. Food locations
10. Apple, berry, or chocolate
12. 1st part of parade theme
14. Sellers
15. Procession
16. 2nd part of parade theme

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2. Music provider
3. Place to cool off
4. Parade entry
7. Fireworks location
9. Place to cool off
11. Block party location
13. Races

June Movies

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Thursday 6/1
Pageant @ 5:30pm
Doc Hollywood (after)

Friday 6/2
Minions @ 6:00
An American Tail @ 7:00

Friday 6/9
Curious George @ 6:00
Tales of Despereaux @ 7:00

Friday 6/16
Spirit Untamed @ 6:00
Great Muppet Caper @ 7:00

Wednesday 6/21
8 Seconds @ 6:30
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Friday 6/23
Trots World Tour @ 6:00
Croods: A New Age @ 7:00

Friday 6/30
Abominable @ 6:00
Puss in Boots @ 7:00

Saturday 6/3
Minions @ 6:00
Live Music @ 7:00
Devil's Band
Tickets \$10

Saturday 6/10
Curious George @ 6:00
Tales of Despereaux @ 7:00

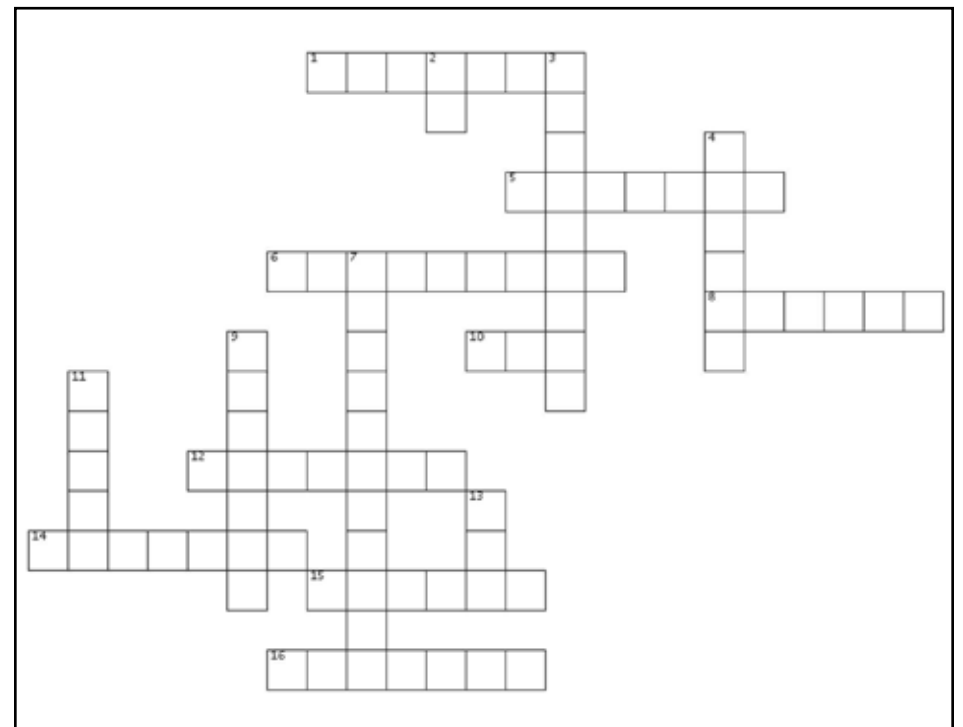
Saturday 6/17
Spirit Untamed @ 6:00
Great Muppet Caper @ 7:00

Thursday 6/22
Live Music @ 7:00
Luke & Kaylee
Tickets \$20
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Saturday 6/24
Trots World Tour @ 6:00
Croods: A New Age @ 7:00

Saturday 7/1
Abominable @ 6:00
Puss in Boots @ 7:00

All movies are free!



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CASE NO. 23 10DC 0606

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHERRI D. NICKERSON,
DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled court on the 6th day of June, 2023, as Administrator of the Estate of SHERRI D. NICKERSON, deceased.

ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to file the same with the proper vouchers attached, with the clerk of the court within SIXTY (60) days after the first publication of this Notice.

DATED: This 6th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Mark Merklein

MARK MERKLEIN

Administrator for the Estate

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REQUEST FOR BID

Public Works Project # PWP-CH-2023-423

MEDIA POSTING – INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that Oasis Academy Public Charter School (“the Owner”) is requesting bids for the construction of a new high school located in Fallon, Nevada. Bids must be sealed and received by 2pm on July 20, 2023, at the school office located at 920 W. Williams Ave, Ste. 100, Fallon, NV 89406. Please send bids attention Melissa Mackedon, CEO. Only original paper copies of bids will be accepted; no oral, digital/electronic, facsimile, or other format will be considered. General Contractors must submit a Statement of Qualifications along with the sealed bid. School leadership will open the sealed bids at 3:00pm on July 20, and will award or reject bids within approximately one week following the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The project scope will consist of the construction of one instructional building to house approximately 200 students and staff, including all necessary sitework, located on a vacant lot currently owned by the school within the city limits. All contractors must be licensed, bonded and insured in accordance with NRS338, and those requirements listed in the bid documents. Furthermore, contractors will need to comply with all State of Nevada Public Works regulations, including prevailing wage rates and reporting requirements, along with any other requirements by the State of Nevada, Churchill County and City of Fallon. Bid documents can be found online at the school’s website www.oanv.org. A single hard copy will also be available for viewing only at the office of Frame Architecture in Reno, and the office of Frank Woodliff, architect, in Fallon, NV. An optional pre-bid walkthrough will be conducted on June 29th at 10am on site. Any further RFIs and inquiries are to be directed to Frame Architecture NO LATER than July 7th by 5pm. Feedback from the architect will be provided by July 14th at 5pm.

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July 2023 Menu

Lunch Served M-F 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Age 60 and over: \$3.00 suggested donation • Under age 60: \$6.00

3	Monday	4	Tuesday	5	Wednesday	6	Thursday	7	Friday
	Celebration Salad Spinach Strawberries Blueberries Bacon Feta Cheese FF Balsamic Dressing WW Roll Rice Krispie Treat	4th of July Closed		Biscuits and Gravy LS Turkey Sausage Links Apple Bake Blueberry Yogurt Orange Juice		Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole Beet Salad Apricot Bran Muffin Honeydew Cantaloupe Salad ADSD#38		Tuna Melt on Sourdough Buttered Peas Spiced Apple Slices Mandarin Orange Baked BBQ Potato Chips	



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CITY OF FALLON Consumer Confidence Report – 2023 Covering Calendar Year – 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are continually being made to improve their water systems. To learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact Deputy Public Works Director Adrian Noriega at 775-423-6774.

Our drinking water source is an underground basalt aquifer accessed through deep wells. To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
Well 1	Ground Water
Well 2	Ground Water
Well 3	Ground Water
Well 4	Ground Water

We treat your water to remove several contaminants and we add disinfectant to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the source water assessment, please contact us.

Message from EPA

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system tested a minimum of 10 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television, or radio.

Water Quality Data

The tables below list all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 01, 2022 - December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

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Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken
June 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
290,600 af
Truckee Canal at Hazen
0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
0.00 cfs
Carson River Below Lahontan
803 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill
2,630 cfs

June 26 Historical Storage
2023: 289,395 af
2022: 140,201 af
2021: 80,254 af

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet
Source: TCID.org &
WaterData.USGS.gov

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Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Testing Results for CITY OF FALLON

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Disinfection By-Products	Monitoring Period	RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2022	2	2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	2022	6	6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	90 TH Percentile	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	9/9,14,17/2021	0.24	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD	9/9,14,17/2021	5	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	03/11/22 05/03/22 08/16/22 10/27/22	7 5.6 6.7 6.3	5.6 -7	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
CHROMIUM	03/18/21	4	4	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.

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4th of July Block Party and Parade

Staff Report

The City of Fallon is hosting its annual 4th of July Block Party and Parade to celebrate American Independence next week. The festivities will happen from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the parade will start at 10 a.m.

The theme of America’s birthday bash this year is “Freedom, Farmers and Fireworks”, featuring Rick and B. Ann Lattin as the Grand Marshal.

Locals will also learn who won the Live Local Fallon Campaign’s grand prize of a 2021 Honda Talon 1000X4 and a trailer to pull it.



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Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
FLUORIDE	03/18/21	0.60	0.60	ppm	2	4	Natural deposits: Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
NITRATE	03/03/22	0.18	0.45	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
SELENIUM	03/18/21	20	20	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	2/25/16	0.241	0.241	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & URANIUM	2/25/16	1.04	1.04	pCi/l	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits <i>File Photo.</i>
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	2/25/16	5.9	5.9	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

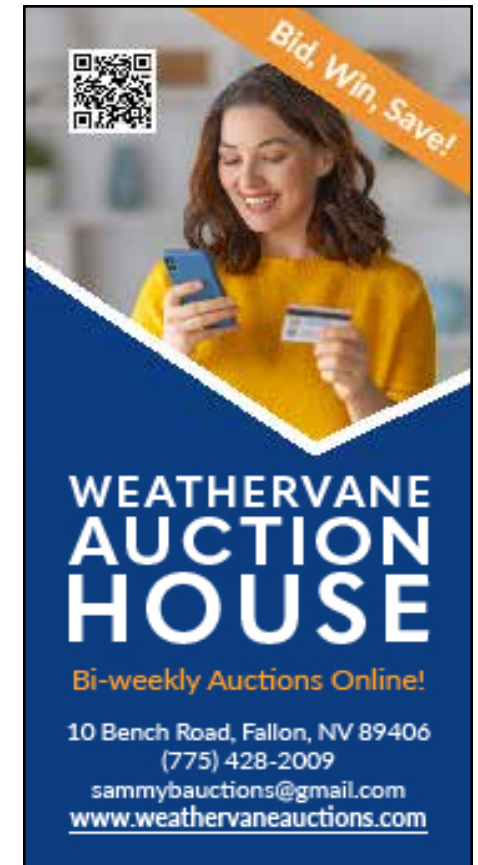
Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL	MCLG
CHLORIDE	03/18/21	100	100	ppm	400	
MAGNESIUM	03/18/21	0.004	0.004	ppm	150	
MANGANESE	03/18/21	0.015	0.015	ppm	0.1	
pH	03/18/21	8.05	8.23	pH	8.5	
SODIUM	03/18/21	230	230	ppm		
SULFATE	03/18/21	190	190	ppm	500	
TDS	03/18/21	680	680	ppm	1000	

Health Information About Water Quality

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of naturally occurring arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic and of consumption in excess of EPA's standard over long periods of time as arsenic is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

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July 5 at 9 a.m.
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July 6 at 8:15 a.m.
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Highway Commission
July 6 at 1:15 p.m.
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CC Communications
July 6 at 1:45 p.m.
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TRANSPORTATION NOTICE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR STATE ROUTE 361 REALIGNMENT PROJECT

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Highway Administration, and the United States (U.S.) Navy, invites you to participate in a public information meeting to learn about plans to realign State Route (SR) 361 between Middlegate and Gabbs in north-central Nevada. This public meeting will take place online and in-person. The meeting will inform the traveling public, business owners, and residents about the proposed roadway alignment alternatives, potential impacts, next steps and solicit public feedback regarding the development and evaluation of alternatives. This project is a Planning and Environmental Linkages study being used to identify and screen alternatives within a study area to advance the most feasible alternative(s) into a future National Environmental Policy Act study.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: In response to the US Department of the Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization expansion, SR 361 needs to be relocated to east of the newly expanded training range. NDOT, in cooperation with its federal partners, will be responsible for the realignment of the SR 361 roadway.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION: The public meeting will be available 24-hours-a-day via the internet at [dot.NV.com/SR361](https://dot.nv.com/SR361) from **July 3, 2023, through August 4, 2023.**

IN-PERSON EVENT: The in-person event will be held **July 18, 2023** at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way Fallon, NV 89406 from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m.**

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION: The formal project presentation will be livestreamed July 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. via the NDOT Facebook page ([@NevadaDOT](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaDOT)). Livestream participants will be given the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions via Facebook.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Participate and submit comments via the online meeting at [dot.NV.com/SR361](https://dot.nv.com/SR361), at the in-person meeting, or to the project manager by mail or email at the addresses below. All comments must be received by Friday, August 4, 2023 at 5 p.m. Please email your comments to: RHornback@dot.nv.gov with a reference to this project in the subject line. You may also mail your comments using the contact information below.

CONTACT:

Ryan Hornback, PE, Project Manager, 1263 S. Stewart St, Carson City, NV 89712
Email at: RHornback@dot.nv.gov
Office telephone number: (775) 888-3025

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS: Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with disabilities desiring to attend the virtual or in-person meeting. Requests for auxiliary aids or services to assist individuals with disabilities or limited English proficiency should be made with as much advanced notice as possible to NDOT Public Involvement Specialist, Cassie Mlynarek, at 702-232-5288 or email at cmlynarek@dot.nv.gov

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General Fund

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Fiscal Year Beginning Fund Balance	8,437,772	11,310,788	7,351,925
Total Available Revenues	26,614,404	26,269,924	25,840,424
Other Financing Sources	9,966,736	662,000	-
Total Expenditures	33,315,297	27,201,562	30,774,937
Other Uses	392,827	3,689,225	34,000
Fiscal Year Ending Fund Balance	11,310,788	7,351,925	2,383,411

Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Telephone

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	11,838,149	12,374,295	12,314,500
Total Operating Expenses	9,692,548	11,336,786	11,379,785
Total Non Operating Revenues	1,010,400	1,134,147	1,169,300
Total Non Operating Expenses	43,783	740,107	848,923
Total Transfers Out	1,345,000	3,845,000	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	11,045,800	11,145,863	8,071,710
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	11,145,863	8,071,710	10,333,502

Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Long Distance

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	229,824	199,077	189,200
Total Operating Expenses	113,256	127,292	126,235
Total Non Operating Revenues	325	-	-
Total Transfers Out	1,000,000	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,898,300	996,282	1,068,388
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	996,282	1,068,388	1,131,955

Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Broadband

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	6,495,739	6,635,156	5,573,650
Total Operating Expenses	6,170,810	5,824,294	5,707,383
Total Non Operating Revenues	56,148	49,651	49,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	5,461	804	-
Total Transfers In	1,500,000	-	-
Total Transfers Out	-	3,000,000	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	6,149,213	4,244,362	673,543
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,244,362	673,543	28,764

Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: CAP

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	-	1,194,892	3,570,428
Total Operating Expenses	-	553,308	1,218,746
Total Non Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	98,547	112,254
Total Transfers In	-	6,000,000	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	-	-	5,552,262
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	-	5,552,262	5,668,249

Proprietary Fund: Water Utility Fund

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	437,332	455,000	463,000
Total Operating Expenses	568,011	803,730	843,505
Total Non Operating Revenues	403,949	202,500	8,000
Total Transfers In	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	9,000	8,205
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,790,571	1,432,432	1,314,114
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,432,432	1,314,114	1,313,985

Proprietary Fund: Waste Water Utility Fund

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	342,935	277,000	343,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,066,557	1,238,576	1,351,875
Total Non Operating Revenues	(231)	10,000	2,000
Total Transfers In	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,854,276	1,859,296	1,610,574
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,859,296	1,610,574	1,338,699

Proprietary Fund: Golf Course

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024
Total Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	71,820	57,000	120,000
Total Non Operating Revenues	25,058	25,100	25,100
Total Transfers In	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,113	7,151	7,251
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	7,151	7,251	7,351

Amounts are from the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation. For more information, please contact Sherry Wideman, CPA, County Comptroller, at 428-1414 or Jamie Hyde, CPA, Chief Financial Officer of CC Communications at 423-7654.

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Commentary

Letter to the Editor

When the world seems to be on fire, it does no good to fear the future.

By Will West.

In a recent discussion, I was lamenting the fact that the direction of much of society seems to have taken a turn for the worse, especially in the bigger cities, and that often leaves me a little on edge about the future; but should it?

If you are over the age of forty, you probably remember the nineteen-eighties almost as well as you remember the twenty-teens. It was a time before everyone you knew had their faces glued to a screen while they walked out into traffic, or tried to drive their car without watching where they were going. A time when pretending you were homeless once in a while by going camping was normal and the foods we ate and drank were rather bland, with mostly ingredients you could pronounce. You likely thought that the United States was the best nation in the world to live in and that there was no end to the good things that the future would bring.

If you are in your thirties, you might have clear memories of the early 2000's when our nation was attacked and everyone seemed to be looking for the boogeyman behind every dark skinned military aged male, with an accent. You might also remember a nation that had flags flying everywhere and yellow ribbons tied on houses or plastered on cars. Your childhood may have involved a lot of patriotism and a sense that no matter

what, the good guys would eventually win out, but we had to take the fight to the bad guys, over there, so it wouldn't happen here, again.

If you are in your twenties, you have probably never known a day of your life without a computer or electronic device of some sort spewing out things other people thought you should believe, and you may have never known a time when a job was nowhere to be found. You may have little or no understanding of cooking dinner without a microwave or only having three channels to watch, but you are likely to be acutely aware of all the bad deeds of Capitalism, our Founding Fathers and the generations who settled the world; having been told most of your life that they were horrible.

If you are in your teens, you are probably not reading this, because only old people read editorials...

The point of my rambling is that we all have different outlooks and thoughts about things based upon the experiences we have in our formative years, and concerns for how we hope the future might turn out. It is how we use these in our interactions with others, in an open-minded manner of compromise, where the magic of a cohesive society comes in.

How we balance the knowledge from the mature generations with the enthusiasm and ideals of the young and move forward toward a better future is what we should be focusing on. Not our fears, judgements of others or the temporary falling off the rails

of certain portions of society, that are run by incompetent ideologues.

Losing focus of the big picture obscures the truth and prevents communication and consensus that allows self-correction in society. This often leads us to conflict where none need exist. Conflict that often feeds those who benefit most from the situation, giving them control they have neither earned, nor deserve.

By embracing the challenges and the change that will come with the unknown, we rid ourselves of the fear we had and the bad influences that drive us to self-destruction. When we understand that, like the ocean, societies ebb and flow in their direction and execution between good and bad, this allows us to see past the bumps in the road right in front of us, and focus on the horizon. This focus allows us to keep the overall course and be aware when those who are peddling fear to usurp rightful authority and corrupt our societies and institutions for their own purposes, are trying to sell us their poison pills.

Now, relax a little and enjoy the beauties of this life and the good fortunes of living in a Nation free to make mistakes. Who knows, it might just turn out better than you hoped and if it doesn't you'll have the energy to deal with that when it comes because you didn't waste it worrying about things you couldn't change.

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Saturday, 8/19: Breakfast (sponsored by the City of Fallon) from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Oats Park Arts Center, 151 E Park St - Lariat area, followed by tours and activities throughout the day.

Class picture at the "Old" High School" front steps at 4 p.m. Gather with classmates at Oats Park at 6 p.m. to enjoy the Concert in the Park and visiting. If you are able, please bring a dish to share, your own beverages, and chairs. Look for the Class of 83's tent.

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If you have any questions, contact Kelly Smith Frost at 775-423-0120, Guy Gibson at 775-426-8761, Lori Tiede, Bill Sheffield at 307-251-0576, or Andra McCormick at 408-390-0911.

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