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Parsons Makes the Grade - First Local Superintendent Since '90s

By Leanna Lehman

At long last, and after what has proven to be a very intense and time-consuming process, the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees has selected Fallon's own Derlid Parsons as the new superintendent. And this is no small feat. The last CCSD employee hired as superintendent was Ron Flores, who inherited the job in 1995 from one of the district's all-time most revered superintendents, Elmo Doricco.

Parsons, who has 23 years with ChurchillCSD, currently holds an administrative position as the Director of Learning and Innovation, which he has had since 2020. Formerly he was the Director of Special Services, coordinating special education district-wide. Parsons holds a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University, and a Bachelor of Science in Special Education, and Elementary Education from the University of Nevada, Reno.

With the help of consultant Greg McKenzie, the board held multiple

rounds of public interviews and conducted extensive background and reference checks, including hosting a Day at the District where the final four candidates visited schools to meet with teachers, staff, students, and parents, along with other district program administrators. By process of elimination and decided the highest priority needs for the board, Parsons rose to the top of the list by having extensive district experience, a financial understanding of the district's fiscal responsibilities, and an established level of trust with students, staff, and the community.

The public, including teachers and ChurchillCSD staff, were welcome to comment publicly or send letters supporting their favorite candidate. While a few had questions about Parsons' ability to implement new ideas and stand up to pressure, the comments were favorable overall.

Feedback for Parsons: I feel he is more than ready and will make a great superintendent for our district. His ability to communicate and create respectful relationships with everyone



Left to right: Mandy Lister Hammer (Teacher on Special Assignment - TOSA), Kaitlin Ritchie (CCSD Public Information Officer), Derlid Parsons (select for superintendent), and Linnell Cramer (TOSA). Photo by Leanna Lehman.

is commendable. His knowledge of Nevada law and his body of work in different areas of education will help him understand the needs of all students, families, and staff. – Staff Comment.

I am aware of Parsons' finance and grant knowledge and participation. He does a great job for the district and

has a depth of knowledge in both education and finance and is wonderful to work with.

Parsons is confident. He wants the district to be unified and work toward team partnerships with administra-

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log - Growing Pains...

It's Monday night and we're getting ready for our newly dedicated Tuesday deadline. We're having a great time, but this has been a little humbling.

We made a couple mistakes last week in stories and it's embarrassing. We work really hard to make sure we're always accurate, but we got caught up in moving pieces and new communication methods.

There are a lot of moving pieces with some stories – lots of calls out for quotes and details and double checking. All running up sometimes to the last-minute deadlines. We had stories finished, we thought, and then got last-minute information on two of them that through a comedy of errors did not make it into the print edition.

Only it isn't funny. More like tragic. For me anyway because I take everything about the paper so serious and personal. And for our team because they do too. We are slowly working through the process of figuring out how to communicate when we're all remote and the deadline isn't flexible.

But we're still mortified that we inadvertently made the second weir that's being constructed as part of the flood effort to be capable of holding 2,800 cubic feet per second of water. It is only designed to hold 750 cfs. As part of the flooding plan of attack, it is one part of the facilities that will allow system-wide water to release 2,800 cubic feet per second to prevent community flooding.

We had good information to that effect, but we crossed our wires, and the wrong version of that story went in print.

We also didn't get the final version of the story about the noon whistle in print. The fireman siren. Mayor Tedford cleared up for us, and we did get it in the online version, that in fact SB 391 will impact the ability for the City to continue the noontime tradition of sounding the siren. If the bill passes as written it would mean no noon whistle, the siren could only be used to call the volunteer firefighters and if the city does sound the noon whistle it's a \$50,000 fine per incident.

Always before if we ran into something that was going to take a little more time, we would just push out our "deadline" and make sure we got things in... even if it meant Rachel was at the shop all night printing with Becky. But we don't have that luxury anymore. Instead, we have to have ourselves put together and functioning. Everyone on their "A" game.

But that does mean Rachel now has the luxury of sleep.

So while I head off to dreamland at the unheard of hour of 9 p.m. on deadline night, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach



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High Water Update: Why isn't Lahontan Reservoir Full?

By Leanna Lehman

In layman's terms, keeping the lake level low and diverting as much water as possible allows for greater control.

According to Truckee Carson Irrigation District, there is enough snow in the mountains to fill Lahontan at least three times. Additionally, a single warm rain event could rapidly increase snowmelt flow to potentially unmanageable levels.

Flows are being controlled to release as much water as is coming into the reservoir, but when the Carson River rises, the water levels will fill Lahontan Reservoir. If the lake is already full, such an event would force water over the spillway. If this occurs, there is little or no way to control the release, and flooding will follow.

Water is currently being diverted into the desert and Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area as quickly as possible, keeping the reservoir level relatively low. With lower levels, the lake can accommodate surges and fluctuations in flow. Severe weather events are always possible this time of year and could bring warm rains and

storms. Additionally, temperatures are rising, which will invariably increase the flow of snowmelt as it makes its way into the Carson River.

TCID, the City of Fallon, and Churchill County have been working tirelessly to manage the water in the valley and prevent area flooding. After the record-level snowpack of 2017, the county installed protocols to prepare for and manage future high-water events. With even more snow in the mountains presently, aggressive measures are underway to divert and accommodate more water via the new V-Line weir and the Big Berm.

The current focus is to protect homes, farms, and critical infrastructure. Interactive Flood Maps are available at the county to check the projections for your neighborhood: <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/934/County-Hot-Topics> with printed maps on display at the county offices.

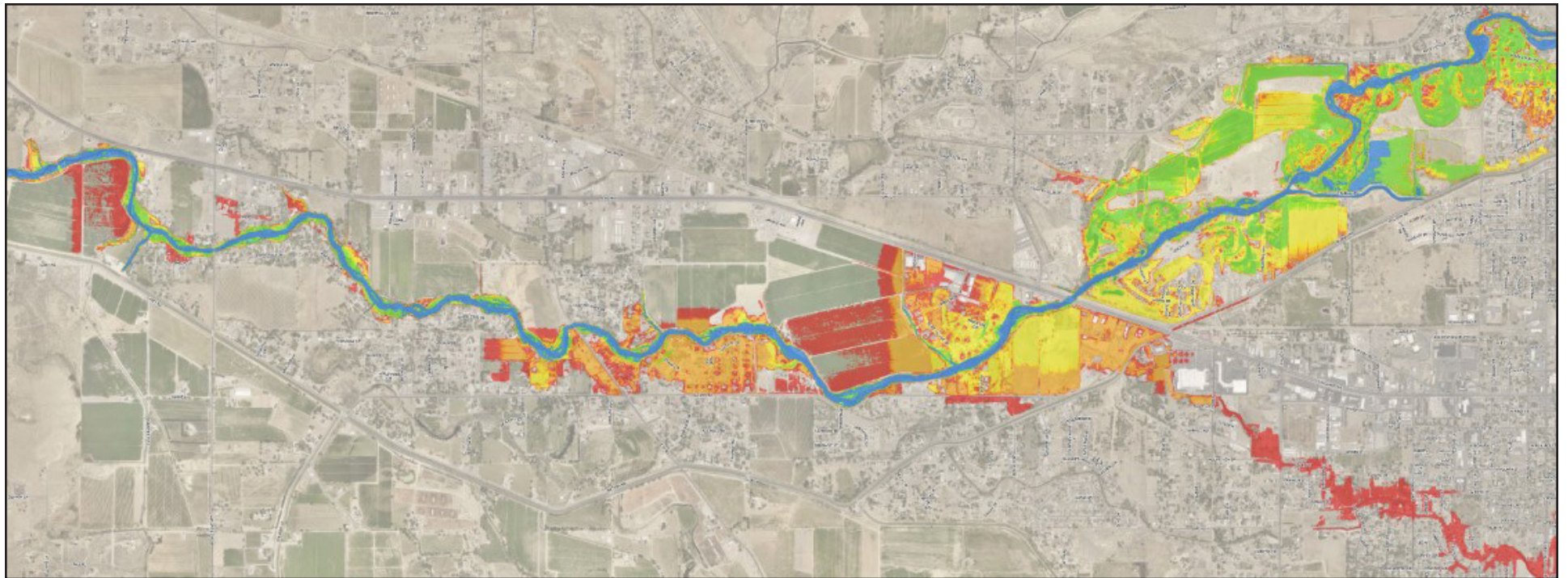
The High Water Call Center continues to provide non-emergency resources for citizens seeking information about potential flooding. (Open M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Call Center Phone: 775-867-5923.



Satellite view of the water in and around Sheckler Reservoir. Photo courtesy of Mapbox.



Water on both sides of the Schurz Highway (95 South). Photo by Leanna Lehman.



Map indicates potential flooding from rising water levels from Roberson Lane to Taylor Street. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

Features

Spring Wings Festival

Staff Report

It's time for the Spring Wings Bird Festival on May 20 and May 21 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily with events in downtown Fallon and at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge. Stop by Festival Central on the stage at Oats Park, 199-101 W. Park Street, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday to meet local experts and collect information on the many festival activities.

The festival is a celebration of the yearly migration of thousands of shorebirds through the Lahontan Valley Wetlands. Stillwater NWR is an avian haven for over 280 species, attracting hundreds of thousands of birds to its sanctuary each year.

The Lahontan Valley Wetlands are remnants of ancient Lake Lahontan. The area is comprised of three distinct management areas - Stillwater NWR, the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Wetlands, and the newly designated Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area. The wetlands were designated a Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network in 1988. These are all special places to visit, especially during migration. As many as 250,000 shorebirds have been recorded annually, with peak numbers during spring and fall migration. The area also serves as critical breeding habitat for a diverse group of species and wintering habitat for a variety of raptors.

The festival also celebrates World Migratory Bird Day, an event that takes place during spring migration



White Pelican Frenzy at Carson Lake and Pasture. Photo courtesy of Elaine Arora.

for birds through this part of the country. In 1993, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center created its educational campaign International Migratory Bird Day. This educational campaign focused on the Western Hemisphere and has coordinated with many environmental and avian conservation agencies since its inception. Thus, furthering migratory bird conservation around the globe by creating a worldwide campaign organized around the planet's major migratory bird corridors, the African-Eurasian flyway, the East Asian-Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyway and making a global chorus to boost the urgent need for migratory bird conservation. As many as 700 events and programs are hosted annually in the Americas to introduce the public to migratory

birds and ways to conserve them.

Fallon's Spring Wings Festival began in 1998 as a method of promoting and entertaining locals and visiting bird lovers, growing into one of Nevada's most beloved wildlife events over the years.

This year's activities include:

Big Day Birding Competition - Find as many birds as you can on May 20th from 12:01 a.m. Saturday morning until 11:59 p.m. Saturday. The individual or team who spots the greatest number of species will get their name engraved on the official Spring Wings Big Day Birding Contest trophy and bragging rights until the next festival.

Bird Scavenger Hunt - Find the list of birds in Lahontan Valley on the festival website and drop off your completed scavenger hunt at Festival

Central by 11:00 a.m. Sunday and get entered in a drawing to win a prize.

Spring Wings Bird Festival Passports - Pick up a passport at Festival Central or download one on the festival website. Take your kid(s) who are 12 and under on a self-guided tour to each location and get their passport stamped if manned or take a photo. Plan on going to Stillwater NWR for your last stamp and present your completed passport to the refuge staff there for a free ride on an airboat. Boat rides are for kids and one parent/guardian.

Great Basin Bird Observatory Bird-a-Thon - GBBO is hosting the 2023 Nevada Bird-a-thon, a state-wide birding community event and fundraiser for bird conservation. Teams and individuals can participate by choosing one 24-hour period between May 5-15 and record as many bird species within Nevada as possible. GBBO's proceeds from the Nevada Bird-a-thon 2023 will go towards community science projects and research benefiting some of Nevada's species in greatest need.

The Spring Wings Bird Festival is a collaborative effort between the Lahontan Audubon Society, National Audubon Society, AmeriCorps, City of Fallon, Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority, Great Basin Bird Observatory, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada State Parks, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For more information, visit www.springwingsbirdfest.org.

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Planning for High Water - Steps to Prep Part II

By Sheri Samson

As Lahontan Valley residents continue to prepare for the possibility of flood waters, some advanced safety planning for residents and businesses located in high-flowing water events may be needed. Here are some things to consider, depending on your situation.

Sales Specialist Matt Zmerzlikar, from Fallon's Big R Store located at 3325 Reno Hwy., was eager to assist with suggestions that one might consider before flood waters hit any area. With over 33 years of experience, working as a first responder in isolated forests and rugged terrain, Zmerzlikar shared specific items to have available as a first line of defense.

"I always recommend addressing the 'what if' before it happens and secondly, individuals should mentally walk through their personal daily requirements, so preparations are in place within a moment's notice." Zmerzlikar's mindset mirrored the fa-

mous saying, "Plan ahead or you plan to fail," due to the past experiences he has witnessed.

Zmerzlikar suggested thinking practical, as some items are considered vital in an emergency. A proper ice cooler and dry, closed containers are needed for medications, food, first aid items, bug repellents, blankets, fresh batteries, proper flashlights, a crank radio, and even a solar kit to charge things, should the electricity go out. Fresh water storage containers would need to be filled in advance for drinking and cleaning sources. Once organized, items should always be kept in a safe, convenient spot for quick access.

Another aspect would be protective apparel. Avoid dark, or brightly-colored clothing as flying insects are attracted to these tones, but tend to ignore white, blue, green, and purple clothing. Sturdy gloves, a netted head covering to avoid exposure to excessive bugs and quality rubber boots allow you to walk through standing

water, if necessary. Having a basic tool kit available and a fold-up shovel would allow moving aside debris if evacuating a structure in messy, flood waters. Safely transporting pets is a consideration, so having proper crates, pet-food containers, leashes, and pet calming meds available in a dry container would be helpful. Also properly secure any firearms, keys, and valuables in advance.

Lastly, this Big R expert discussed the unfortunate possibility of an alternate shelter being required in some severe, isolated locations. Zmerzlikar explained that within any catastrophe event, a delay in receiving rescue or immediate assistance can be interrupted when extreme key points are affected. Additional items needed to survive this extreme situation could include tarps, ropes, fixed blade knives, cook stoves, proper fuel for transportation or generators, lighters, flares, axes, and dry camping items, also requiring dry containers. It is also best to have a safe container for any copies of ID, important papers, insurance information, and contact numbers, should a severe displacement occur.

Zmerzlikar stressed that being under-prepared for a possible disaster can be more of a disaster than the disaster itself. "Remain calm, use logic, and be safe. Look around at your personal risks and your surroundings. If you can safely secure loose items that could float away, do so before the risk ever arrives. Minimizing added risks in advance can help you, your family and your neighbors should any outside help be required."

Throughout this season of possible flood concerns, Zmerzlikar and Safety Program Manager, Rich Martin, stressed that the associates at Big R will be happy to answer any questions or make useful suggestions that are most helpful to your individual needs.

With so many residents in the valley raising livestock and large animals, Cheri Giovanetti at Cheri's Feed and Seed, located at 5353 Reno Hwy., discussed the vulnerability that flooded fields can bring, with increased pest infections, hoof-rot, and fungal issues,



*Big R Sales Specialist, Matt Zmerzlikar.
Photo by Sheri Samson.*

especially with grazing animals left in standing water. Her Feed and Seed store carries various products to counter these problems and has a variety of small animal feed products that could be dry stored in advance. When moving animals to higher ground or dry livestock yards, there are several calming health aids also available, such as Pro-Earth Zesterra, which neutralizes acid in times of stress, while encouraging proper eating and drinking in horses.

"With a possible uptake in flies and ticks this year, I carry easy-to-use, dust-control products and other repellents specific to the animals someone may be raising or caring for. Since many landowners have already accommodated taking spread water, some are finding that the water table is high and the aquifers are full, so standing water is not just a concern for bugs, it's also a concern for hay getting wet and moldy, or our local alfalfa becoming too wet to cut this year. It's clear that public discussions should continue to alert everyone, so our valley animals are not suffering amid the excess water concerns."

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Announcements

James Cody Ray Brannen III was born to James and Kayla Brannon on March 27 weighing 6 lbs, 14 oz, measuring 17 inches - Name corrected with our apologies.

Wyatt Henry Hampton was born to Paul and Karin Hampton on April 3 weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz, measuring 19 inches

Michael Hayes Garcia was born to Aaron and Cheyenne Garcia on April 4 weighing 7 lbs, 9 oz, measuring 19 inches

Bentley Tate Lewis was born to Savannah LeAnn Hunt-Morales on April 9 weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz, measuring 20 inches.

Charlene Jo Bowen was born to Samuel and Eva Bowen on April 10 weighing 6 lbs, 9 oz, measuring 19 inches.

John Waylon Getto was born to John Wyatt and Aleisa Rachelle Getto on April 11 weighing 8 lbs, 8 oz, measuring 21 inches.

APRIL
Births

Tru Legend Scott Mariolo was born to Kameron Keith Mariolo and Ciera Kathleen Scott on April 14 weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz, measuring 20¼inches.

April 2023 Marriages

4/25/2023	Tara Abbie Price	38	Fallon	William Mark Gritzmacher	37	Fallon
4/24/2023	Christopher Jay Typhair Jr.	24	Fallon	Destiney Laura Marie McKenzie	22	Fallon
4/24/2023	Timothy Allen Ray Adams	20	Fallon	Madison Lyn Dobbins	19	Fallon
4/24/2023	Larae Passey	46	Fallon	Matthew Arthur Fields	42	Fallon
4/23/2023	Jessica Lisa Waln	34	Fallon	Vanessa Penelope Soukhanoff	36	Fallon
4/22/2023	Katelyn Hunter Stanard	26	Fernley	Derek Phillip Gottschalk	29	Fernley
4/20/2023	Allison Lee Ruck	24	Fallon	Nicholas Glenn Church	26	Fallon
4/19/2023	Juana Josefina Rodriguez	26	Fallon	Omar Alejandro Alvarado-Villalobos	26	Fallon
4/16/2023	Caitlyn Louann Strickland	23	Fallon	Blake William Earl Mayhall	27	Fallon
4/16/2023	Crystal Marina Contreras	24	Fernley	Adrian Alejandro Villagrana-Castaneda	22	Fernley
4/12/2023	Standley Alec Jacobs	75	Silver Springs	Kamela Alise French	57	Silver Springs
4/12/2023	Robert Charles Schostag	23	Fallon	Jessica Jean Johnson	24	Fallon
4/10/2023	Rueben Douglas Julson	73	Fallon	Teresa Lynne Laca	62	Fallon
4/10/2023	Juan Perez-Santillan	47	Fallon	Monica Gonzalez-Silva	39	Fallon
4/10/2023	Vernon Wachsmuth	66	Fallon	Rebecca Arlene Landis	64	Fallon
4/10/2023	Quinton Rioland Hill	41	Fallon	Misuzu Endo	39	Fallon
4/10/2023	Dustin Allen Luth	30	Fallon	Alyssa Danielle Daly	27	Fallon
4/10/2023	Ryan Bryce George	30	Fallon	Diana None Martinez-Gonzalez	25	Fallon

April Divorce Report

Date	Involved Parties	Disposition
4/11/2023	Begum, Mohammedi v Aziz, Mohammed	Divorce
4/4/2023	Bullard, Veronica v Garcia, Misael Arturo	Annulment
4/13/2023	DeRose, Matthew Robert v DeRose, Rea Ann	Divorce
4/7/2023	Ensign, Bela Morrow v Ensign, Joseph Ashley	Divorce
4/5/2023	Estrada, Chasya Noemi v Ruano, Lori Marie	Divorce
4/17/2023	Helm, Michael T. v Helm, Carolyn F.	Divorce
4/10/2023	Herrera, John Andrew v Agha-Herrera, Amanda Fozia	Divorce
4/3/2023	Hierman, Lawrence David v Hierman, Elise Ann	Divorce
4/17/2023	Ikuomola, OluwaSeun Patience v Gotoy, Eloy Anthony	Divorce
4/24/2023	Klaas, Linda Estelle v Klaas, Gerald Quinn	Divorce
4/17/2023	Lawes, Misty v Lawes, Gordon	Annulment
4/12/2023	Lingenfelter, Jay Cornelius v Lingenfelter, Patti A.	Divorce
4/24/2023	Link, Marvin Daryl v Link, Lesa	Divorce
4/12/2023	Luft, Dennis William v Luft, Jennifer	Divorce
4/11/2023	Marshall, Peyton Shea v Oded (Aoda), Shay	Divorce
4/17/2023	Martyn, Bret v Martyn, Christy Ann	Divorce
4/17/2023	Muller, Kayla Rae v Muller, Thomas George Jr.	Divorce
4/11/2023	Muratova, Anastasiia v Gubenko, Andrii	Divorce
4/4/2023	Ogaard, Michelle v Ogaard, Neil	Divorce
4/4/2023	Orlov, Andrei v Gaintseva, Elvira	Annulment
4/26/2023	Ranson, Edward Miles v Ranson, Mary Katrin	Divorce
4/17/2023	Reilly, Ruth v Reilly, Julien	Divorce
4/10/2023	Rodriguez, Alberto v Rodriguez, Stephanie	Divorce
4/11/2023	Se-Kuy-Fin, Nataliya v Hovsepyan, Leon	Divorce
4/7/2023	Snelling, Ajani Moswen Kwabina v Kenner-Sneling, Yvonne Diane	Annulment
4/19/2023	Vinuya, Gordon v Nunes, Tabitha	Divorce
4/7/2023	Williams, Keshia Monique v Udom, Ifeanyi Stephen	Divorce
4/7/2023	Worrying, Brent Michael v Worrying, Cierra Marie	Divorce

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UPCOMING CHURCHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS

- May 13th - CCHS Community Swap Meet Event 9-3pm (Organized by Student Volunteer Club)
- May 15th - May 16th - River Wranglers Event - Details Coming
- May 17th - CCHS Choir Spring Concert 6pm - CCHS Auditorium
- May 17th - ChurchillCSD Adult Ed Graduation at the District Office in "the pit"
- May 26th - CCHS Graduation Ceremony - Details Coming

RIVER WRANGLERS:

Will be at Frey Ranch again this year (off the Reno Hwy)
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May

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Onion Sage
Stuffing
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Spiced Applesauce
W W Bread
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16

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes
&
Gravy
Peach Slices
Green Peas
W W Roll

17

B B Q Pork Riblet

Au Gratin
Potatoes
Comstock Corn
W W Bread
Spiced Peaches

18

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Almonds

Mini Chicken Egg
Roll, Cran-Apple
Dessert
Orange Spinach
Salad
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19

Pepperoni
French
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Mixed Green Salad
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BBQ Green Beans
W arm Peaches

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Obituaries

Cheryl E. Earl

Our beautiful mother made her journey to the other side of the veil after a prolonged illness.

Cheryl E. Earl, 75 passed peacefully on April 24th, 2023. She was born in Illinois to Otis and Dorothy Hasty in 1947. Preceding her in death are her husband George Earl, who was the love of her life, they married in 1985 and he left this world in 1993. The an old friend came back into her life, Mort Schmue, they were married in 2000, he left this world in 2007. Also preceding her in death are her parents and a granddaughter, Pamela McPeeters.

She is survived by her sons Earl (Lisa) Noel of Fallon, Daniel (Rusty) Diaz of Fallon, and daughters Brittany Schmue of Fallon, Nv., and Lynn (Donnie) Hansen, Elko, NV, along with 11 grandkids, 22 great-grandkids, and 1 great-great grandkid.

There is no love like the love of a mother. Mom loved us all even when we did stupid things like the oldest getting stuck in a silo and the fire department had to come pull him out, or ditching school and she didn't even spank us, or when we got a ticket for speeding before we had a drivers' license, or even having to pick us up from the police station for reasons I'll



leave to your imagination. We knew when we were in trouble because of that old cliché, yep, she used our full names with that inflection of shock in her voice and that didn't change with time, she used it on me not all that long ago. Mom was kind and loving to everyone she met, and the situation didn't matter. Her love and kindness will leave a huge void in everyone's life who was lucky enough to know her. I will miss my best friend.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV.

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

Kelly Denise Nickell

Kelly Denise Nickell was born December 17, 1958 to Kent and Tonia Nickell in Long Beach, California. She lost her short battle with cancer on April 2, 2023, at the age of 64.

The family had moved from Long Beach to Independence, Ca, where Kelly attended school, graduating from the Owens Valley High School.

Kelly moved to Fallon in 2003. She was beloved as a manager of the Overland Hotel. Kelly had a big heart, she loved helping people, she was an amazing person.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her brother Mont Nickell.

A Celebration of her life will be



held at the Overland on May 20, 2023, at 12 noon.

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

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Churchill County Museum Goes Mad as a Hatter

By Leanna Lehman

“Have I gone mad?” asks the Hatter. “I’m afraid so. You’re entirely bonkers,” replied Alice. “But I’ll tell you a secret – all the best people are.”

The exact turn of phrase might be slightly askew from Lewis Carroll’s dialog as originally written in “Alice and Wonderland.” Still, it completely fits the bill for the Churchill County Museum’s 2023 fundraising Mad Hatter’s Luncheon held on April 29. With several attendees sporting fanciful hats in various wild and whimsical fashions, many came in costume to pay tribute to the beloved classic and bring fun and frivolity to the Saturday afternoon event. Even the Red Queen held court during the well-attended tea party, thankfully without threatening to behead a single guest.

Museum Executive Director Mel Glover emceed the event, which was held in the museum’s sanctum sanctorum. Museum Registrar Donna Cossette raided the museum’s archives for appropriately themed artifacts to share with the luncheon guests. The pieces were paraded around tables bedecked in colorful books and vintage teacups creatively designed by Nancy Balash, Karen Goings, and Lyn Strasdin. Some of the objects, which became curiouser and curiouser, included a black velvet hat circa the 1920s, a heavy brass cell block key, an antique pocket watch, an elegantly ornate teapot, and a beaded rabbit’s foot, much to the dismay of the notoriously nervous March Hare, who would have possibly fit the undersized man’s tuxedo from the early 1900s.

All of the attendees enjoyed a

luncheon fit for the Red Queen’s Court catered by Susan Boadella and her talented staff from Maine Street Café.

The event was a perfect way to spend a spring Saturday afternoon in Fallon. Organized by the Churchill County Museum Association, Museum Board members, and the Churchill County Museum staff set the stage for many more successful fundraising events. Several local merchants and businesses, along with individual contributors, donated for the event, which included gift baskets, handmade quilts, gift certificates, artwork, and more.

In an effort to preserve Nevada and Fallon’s history, several community members donated their time and resources, sharing their love of history. The Museum Board of Trustees is comprised of several community members, along with one appointed county commissioner. It includes Doris Dwyer, Ron Fritcher, Sue Chambers, Carly Tanner, Leigh Simmons, Sandy Hillery, Kelly Frost, and County Commissioner Dr. Justin Heath. The Churchill County Museum Association, which also supports the many facets of the museum, includes officers Bob Getto Jr as president, Daniel Hilliker as VP, Lynn Hartung as secretary, and Carol Braniff as treasurer. Of course, the museum staff and volunteers lie at the heart of Fallon’s most treasured historical and cultural center, including Director Mel Glover, curators Marilyn Moore, Ray Sottile,



Photo by Rachel Dahl.

Donna Cossette, Jennifer Jones, and many more.

Visit www.ccmuseum.org for upcoming events, exhibits, and information.



Costumed attendees show off their hats and whimsical attire. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

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Carol Lloyd's Legacy

Staff Report

When retiring Library Director Carol Lloyd came to Fallon in 2012, she was drawn to the opportunity to put all her experience in libraries and bookselling to use for the good of the community.

"I could say yes to suggestions and ideas without having to ask permission and was pretty much responsible for what did or didn't happen," Lloyd said. "It was exciting to have the latitude to try what I thought would be best for the community. I think we have been successful because my staff and I are passionate about what we do for the community."

She is quick to credit her staff with bringing new projects and ideas to interest library patrons. "The staff is enthusiastic and get things done and I have every confidence the projects will be done well," Carol said.

When she first stepped into the library, Lloyd saw a world of opportunity to make things more accessible for the community. After learning the county had been putting aside resources for a new building and then getting the approval of the Library Board of Directors, she offered to repurpose the library with that funding rather than build a new facility because the county had taken very good care of the building over the years. She cites the library's new roof and parking lot as examples of improvements made before her arrival.

The repurposing project was a refresh of the existing collection and facility. Unused and damaged items were removed, and new materials were brought in. "We added downloadable materials, built a new website, and rebranded the library," she said.

"We upgraded the windows and the electrical system, added new lighting, new shelving, and new furniture," she said. Wheels were added to the furniture to allow for more flexibility in the existing space. CC Communications came in and cleaned up the technology and internet issues previously experienced.

A new RFID system, funded by the

Churchill Library Association, was brought in to allow patrons to self-checkout and streamline that process to free up staff to help the public in other ways.

"The repurposing happened because the county had set aside funding and we worked well with Facilities and the Comptroller's Office to get it completed," Lloyd said.

All this was done while the library remained open in the annex building. The repurposed library was rededicated in the spring of 2015 with a new focus on programming for the public.

Once repurposed, the library became a hub for activities for children and adults. Outreach to schools, the Fallon Youth Club, and the CARE program brought new faces into the library. Events sprouted up in partnership with other community organizations. The Churchill County School District, various artists groups, the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Banner Churchill Community Hospital, Enel North America, and the Churchill County Museum are all examples of community organizations that hold events in conjunction with the library or have had displays on view at the library.

"Our circulation skyrocketed after the repurposing because people can see what we have," Lloyd said.

The library offered 179 programs in Fiscal Year 2013-14 that were attended by 3,991 patrons in five years that number swelled to 566 programs attended by 10,187 patrons. Library programming has grown tremendously in almost every measurable category under Lloyd's leadership.

Some of those programs include: Books for Babies at Banner Churchill Community Hospital, the Summer Reading program, partnering with Enel North America to bring drones into the library, increasing children's story time from two- to three times a week, children's crafts, e-books, streaming video services, a carnival, employment workshops, Young Shakes, Taiko drum performances, artists receptions, knitting club, a writing group, Empty Bowls, virtual reality and 3-D printing are just some of the

programs and events brought into the library over the past decade, all of which serve to bring people together and form a sense of community.

In a move to maintain the library's growth and make it an important part of our expanding community in 2021, Lloyd launched a strategic planning process to cover the years 2022-2026. The purpose of the strategic planning process was to identify and understand the needs of the community so that the library can plan to meet those needs.

She pulled together a task force to give a voice to a vision for the community focusing on opportunity, engagement, respect, and interconnectedness. The goal was to plan a course of action and be responsive to the growing needs of the community by extending the benefits of the library throughout the community.

The strategic plan focused on maximizing the opportunity for the community through expansion, outreach, and access and identified specific tactics for accomplishing each of those goals in the coming years.

Library Board of Trustees member Kelli Kelly sees Lloyd as being very inspirational for the library staff.

"Carol lets staff take the reins of the projects they care about without micromanaging them. She recognizes her team and gives them opportunities to pursue the projects they are passionate about while giving them what they need for success." She credits Lloyd as the embodiment of a library that is connected to the community and the threads that help hold that community together. "The library has been connected and involved with other organizations and is a relevant community partner by hosting events, contributing assets, and co-sponsoring programs. Libraries are important to the community and Carol is a strong advocate for the library in this community. She makes sure it is accessible to all."

County Commission Chair Bus Scharmann praised Lloyd's ability to effectively deal with pressures that have unexpectedly risen and said she has done a great job in her role.



Carol Lloyd, retired
Churchill County Library Director.
Photo by Howieloo Photography.

tor at the Churchill County Library has been the pinnacle of her career because it coalesced all she had previously learned.

Anyone wanting to acknowledge her work and contribution to the community can do so by donating to the Churchill County Library Association.

This organization is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax-deductible. They can be mailed or dropped off at the library.

And now she is off, as Voltaire said, to tend her garden.



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Gemini Donates \$5K to Agape School

Staff Report

Gemini's Fallon, NV location donated \$5,000 to the Agape Church School, a local small Christian-based private school with only 71 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The school currently does not have a computer lab and will be using Gemini's donation to purchase computers for students. Gemini looks forward to building a relationship with the school to offer students tours, explore career opportunities, and more.



Gemini donates to Agape. Photo courtesy of Agape.

Green Goddess Market a Huge Success

By Jo Petteruti

It was a perfect day for an outdoor market, the weather cooperated for hundreds of attendees who enjoyed offerings from 36 vendors at this year's first Green Goddess Market and Seedling Sale on Saturday, May 6. It opened at 10 a.m. at the Oats Park Art Center and was non-stop for more than four hours.

Local growers offered garden-ready seedlings, bushes, and trees of all sizes. Rare peppers, heirloom tomatoes, medicinal and specialty herbs, berry bushes, cut and potted flowers, and native Nevada plants. There were so many colors and varieties to choose from. The growers responsible for the beauties included Two Ravens Farm, Fisk Farm Herbs, Garden Roots, The Village Garden Center, Workman Farms, Nearly Native Plant Nursery, Bijou's Blooms, Yellow Petal Flower Farm, Pickin' and Grinnin' Farm, and Mewaldt Farm. This was the first year Workman Farms took part in the market, offering garden plants that included strawberries, herbs, horseradish, squash, corn, raspberries, blackberries, rhubarb, perennials, and shrubs.

They also brought boutique items such as house plants and succulents, hand-made totes, table runners, pillows, and live edge charcuterie boards.

Shoppers found a number of hand-crafted items from vendors such as Purposeful Living, Randy Summer's Ceramics, Ellen Ann Studios, Autumn Lunary, Soho Gypsy Treasure, Paradise Creations, Mimi Shimmer, Pinion Arts, NV US Silverworks and so many others. It was a unique collection of offerings from these many talented vendors.

There were plenty of goodies for attendees with an appetite or thirst. Food and beverage choices were available from vendors Retro Brew Coffee, Great Basin Apothecary and Herbal Cooperative, Deep Roots Bake Company, One Bite at a Time, Cuppiecakes, BeWitchen Kitchen Herbarry and Tea Garden, Pizza Hut, Antojitos Amor a La Mexicana, Kim's Kool Treats, and Mendoza's MM Food Truck.

For adults that also had the desire to imbibe, the Lariat Bar was open with a full selection of alcoholic beverages, with the day's special cocktails of Bloody Marys and Blackberry Lemonade Mimosa. The Black Rabbit Mead



Attendees shop along one of the rows of vendors and growers. Photo by Jo Petteruti.

Company was back at the market this year offering their dry honey cider-style mead, beef jerky, Sierra Nevada honey, and Black Rabbit apparel. While sipping and grinning in the Lariat courtyard area, sitting at tables in the sun, attendees enjoyed music by Dineen and the Great Basin Band who opened with songs by Elvis, Fleetwood Mac, and Bryan Adams. The band played numerous cover songs over the course of the market day, encouraging dancers from little tots to much older adults.

The Green Goddess Market also hosted their first-ever Student Art Sale. Young talent from Churchill

County High School and Oasis Academy were able to showcase their paintings, drawings, and ceramics. There was even a Kids Zone this year. High Desert Grange provided an amazingly talented face painter, flower crown craft, and petting zoo. Magical Party Rentals provided two bounce houses, their castle, and their pirate ship. The kiddie-favorite vendors such as Kim's and Cuppiecakes were Strategically positioned in this zone.

Yes, it was a perfect day in a perfect place for this perfect market and seedling sale that offered something for everyone of every age.

Local Government

New Pickleball Courts for Fallon

By Jo Petteruti

On Tuesday, May 2 the Fallon City Council approved construction of new pickleball courts in the city that will replace the two tennis courts currently adjacent to the city pool.

City Public Works Director Brian Byrd presented the Oats Park Pickleball Courts construction project to the council. He said in addition to six new pickleball courts with “state of the art court surfacing,” new civil improvements will also include shaded seating areas, ADA walkway improvements around the exterior of the courts, new fencing, new gates, water bottle filling stations, netting, and LED lighting. “We’re very excited about this project. Pickleball is exploding with interest, and our limited facilities up to this point have made it pretty difficult to schedule all those folks in conjunction with everything else. So, getting them a nice, improved, state-of-the-art outdoor facility is going to help alleviate

a lot of the scheduling problems that we are having right now. They play the majority of the time in the City/County Gym, and we’ve temporarily striped the tennis courts for them to play.”

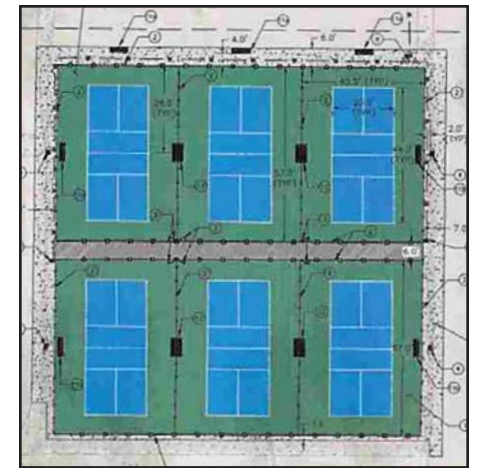
The bidding for the project opened on March 31 with a pre-bid meeting held on April 6. On April 20, with one bid received, Hammond Homes and Construction of Fallon was awarded the contract for the construction project for \$607,500.

Councilman Paul Harmon asked about the original estimate to which Byrd replied, “Unfortunately, the engineer’s estimate fell a bit short of what the actual construction costs were. The engineer’s estimate was for \$493,000, about a \$114,000 difference. So again, our engineers and consultants are having a hard time keeping up with the lack of contractor capacity, and increased material costs.” He said the estimate was compiled in December 2022 and while material costs haven’t risen much since

then, the lack of contractor capacity has and that is driving prices up. “I think we were fortunate to get one bid from a Northern Nevada contractor.”

Councilwoman Kelly Frost asked if they had an estimated completion date, and Byrd thought it would be the end of August. He said that Hammond Homes will be done with their civil improvements such as fencing, area lighting, and fountains sooner than the pickleball court installers will be available, which will be mid-August. He emphasized the importance of having the civil improvements made by then as there will only be a two-week window for the court installers. “All over the country, this is what they are doing. The tennis court to pickleball conversions are happening everywhere.”

When discussing the sport’s increasing popularity with the council, Byrd said, “Pickleball is lot easier on the body to play than tennis is, so people are really starting to enjoy it.



Part of the pickleball courts diagram.
Photo courtesy of the City of Fallon.

They are able to play more games.” He also pointed out there are six tennis courts at the high school and two in the county on Miners Road. “So, there are still quite a few tennis opportunities in town.”

Derild Parson from page 1...

tors. We believe he will work toward raising graduation rates, securing the high school, and review-revise the Strategic Plan. – Staff Comment.

During his final interview, Parsons fielded some tough questions. Trustee Julie Guerrero-Goetsch asked him to describe how he saw the role of superintendent. “As the superintendent, I will partner with the board, as well as handle the day-to-day operations,” said Parsons. “If they aren’t working, I would be accountable for that.” – Staff Comment.

Trustees discussed at length their concerns about the top four candidates and what they saw as strengths. Here are what a few comments from the trustees:

“Parsons has been here 23 years. He knows the community. There could be some challenges for him when transitioning from special education to superintendent.” – Trustee Gregg Malkovich.

“I am comfortable with Derild, he knows the district and where we are going. It was good to see his day in

the district, how he stepped out of his box to see the needs of the district.” Trustee Joe McFadden.

“Last time we were in this position [during the last superintendent hiring when Summer Stephens was selected], we were looking to move into 21st-century learning. We told Derlid that he needed more experience, and, in that time, he was mentored by the superintendent.” – Trustee Kathryn Whitaker.

“He has district level experience; I don’t doubt he could step into the role and do the job. There are great concerns for behavior and student achievement. I was not really convinced that he is 100% the person to meet our goals.” Trustee Julie Guerrero-Goetsch.

“I agree with Kathryn, I also felt like we were already talking to a superintendent.” Trustee Amber Getto.

“I think what Derlid brings to the table is his ability to hit the ground running; he has a ton of institutional knowledge and has many relationships already built. This will save a lot of time, as a certain level of trust is already in place. My concern for any

of these individuals is the amount of work in the District Office ahead to gain the support we need. We don’t have a ton of support in the District Office.” – Trustee Matt Hyde.

Board President Tricia Strasdin did not participate in early discussions about the candidates due to a professional conflict of interest regarding candidate Blake Cooper. Once Cooper was eliminated as one of the top two choices by vote, Strasdin was then able to rejoin the discussion. When it came to a final vote, she acknowledged Parson’s references and feedback from staff. “A lot of comments came about his institutional knowledge and the level of trust,” said Strasdin, who also felt the board’s vote needed to be unanimous, “I agree with Matt, but I understand that community is the most important factor, so I will vote for Parsons.”

There is crucial need for the superintendent to be able to make the needed changes while managing to stay within the district’s staffing and financial constraints. While this concern applied to all four finalists, the

board’s consensus was that not only is Parsons a good fit for the district and community, but that he has a high enough level of administrative and program knowledge that these are things he could manage on the job.

Parsons has a tough road ahead but seems up for the challenge. “I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff as the next superintendent of Churchill County School District,” said Parsons. “I appreciate the support of the school board, staff, and community members through this process. Moving forward, we will start a process to help us build upon current successes, identify areas of need, and make improvements as we look forward to a bright future for the district.”

The next phase in the process will be contract negotiations. Once all parties are satisfied, the trustees will officially vote to hire Parsons during a special board meeting on May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Health District Reaching Critical Timeline to Meet State Requirements

By Rachel Dahl

The Central Nevada Health District Board met last week in a regular meeting to discuss unfilled positions and to receive an update on the activities needed to be completed on the way to finalizing the district and meeting the State of Nevada requirements by the July 1 deadline.

Jeff Weed, Civil Deputy District Attorney reported that Administrator Antonina Capurro has recently resigned, and Human Resources Director Geof Stark reported that the position is currently being filled on an interim basis by Caleb Cage.

According to Joe Sanford, Civil Deputy District Attorney, the contract with Cage runs through June 30, giving him the transitional management of completing the needed steps and documents to finalize the creation of the health district.

Stark provided an update on current activities to fill other open positions, and the board approved, making an offer for the Clinical Services Manager to Deseree Reeves, at salary scale step 8. Additionally, Stark requested and the board approved filling positions up to step 13 based on budget availability.

He said his office is currently finalizing an offer for the Nurse Practitioner position, will be doing interviews on May 9 for the position of Public Health Preparedness, on May 15 will be interviewing for the Environment Health Manager position, the Grants and Fiscal Specialist on May 8, and the Office Specialist in Hawthorne on May 11. There is still an open position in Eureka for an Office Specialist, but there have been challenges in getting any applicants.

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, who has been instrumental in the creation of the Health District provided an overview of the process that must be met by the July 1 deadline. She provided a draft operations plan for board members with critical items

highlighted for board members.

“There’s a lot to get done,” she said. “It is all hands on deck right now with each person working on a piece of the plan.” She told the board she may be asking for special meetings between now and the July 1 deadline.

According to Ernst, there are matters of facilities, equipment, supplies, and vehicles to supply for the four counties participating in the district. There are still clinical supplies to purchase and signs that need to be put up, so people know where they are going. She also said the Standard Operating Procedures with complete organizational policies and procedures will be brought back to the board before June 30 for their approval before it is sent to the state.

“We are still working on grants, we need to get Medicaid approval and then Medicare, and Dr. McDonald is working on other insurance that is crucial to the community,” she said.

In addition, Senior Civil Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed asked the board to ratify the official notice that was posted on April 28, 2023, the 30-day notice to the public of the requirement to approve the district regulations before they are sent to the state Board of Health for approval at their meeting on June 2. “On May 30 this board will meet to review and approve the regulations that range from invasive bodily regulations, mobile home and RV parks, food and restaurants, public accommodations and facilities, infectious disease, and public pools, etc.,” said Weed. He said there are several regulations, and the process has used and modified the regulations from the Washoe County Health District. The draft regulations will be available at the District Attorney’s office if anyone from the public would like to review them before the May 30 meeting.

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Museum Murals Making Progress

Staff Report

The Churchill County Museum initiated a program to see the blank wall on the south side of its building at 1050 S. Maine Street transformed with murals representing different aspects of rural life in this community. The six, new “Our Community, Our Stories” murals depict the area’s agriculture history, rodeo lifestyle, Navy presence, special events, nature trails and its indigenous peoples.

Kat Hull recently completed work on the fourth mural, NAS Fallon which is added to the first three: indigenous people, special events (the City of Fal-



Photo courtesy of Churchill County Museum.

lon Christmas Tree lighting), and the rodeo.

The nature trails mural has been graphed out on the wall and the final agriculture mural design is complete, with hopes of being completed by the end of summer.

Legislature

Koenig Brings Assembly to Tour the Lahontan Valley

By Rachel Dahl

From a first-hand look at the country's premier fighter pilot school to seeing irrigation ditches being lined in concrete, to sipping what is quickly becoming a top-rated bourbon grown and aged in the Lahontan Valley, Nevada Assembly members toured through Churchill County last weekend as the guest of Assemblyman Greg Koenig, (R-38).

Shondra Summers-Armstrong (D-6) is from North Las Vegas and represents a portion of Clark County in her second term in the Assembly. She and Koenig work closely together and she speaks highly of him and the opportunity to see more of the state. "Greg doesn't take any of this personally, for him this is for the people. He is not afraid to push the red button or the green. We come up here and do the best we can for our communities, sometimes we agree and sometimes we don't, but he's a good one."

The seed for a tour into the rurals on a precious day off during the session came from a conversation between Koenig and Rueben D'Silva, (D-28), also from Clark County. D'Silva is a purple heart recipient who was interested in NAS Fallon and the TOP-GUN School and possibly coming out to visit.

Koenig mentioned the idea of bringing D'Silva and other Assembly members to the community when he ran into Kelli Kelly and Zip Upham at the Empty Bowls event at the Churchill County Library. Kelly works



Assembly members Koenig and Shondra Summers-Armstrong at the Frey Ranch Saturday. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

for the Small Business Development Center and is a registered lobbyist this session, while Upham is the Public Affairs Officer at the base. The three agreed that bringing legislators would be a great idea and other locations were floated as potential stops for the tour.

"We like showing off this community, especially to people from other areas, it's important for legislators to meet people on the ground in Churchill County and hear their stories," said Kelly.

Because time is so limited during the session, the tour touched down briefly at the Top Gun School and the Frey Distillery where legislators and their staff were able to hear from TOP-GUN Commanding Officer John Stigi (callsign Vespa) about the importance of NAS Fallon, why the range expansion is important, the significance of the training that happens in Fallon, and had the chance to ask several questions. At the Distillery, Colby Frey talked about sixth-generation farming in Northern Nevada and the 170 years of farming knowledge that leads to better ingredients from the field to the glass in what has become a famous bourbon.

Assembly members were able to tour the distilling rooms and the barrel house and had lunch from the food truck that was onsite to kick off the summer food truck Saturdays that Frey's will be hosting throughout the summer.

Assemblyman Toby Yurek (R-19) from Henderson who represents much of rural Clark County, also enjoyed the trip and talked with Koenig about their experiences as a freshman legislator.

"If you're in the majority it's different," said Koenig.

"But when you're in the super minority you have to be strategic," said Yurek. "As a freshman, it takes a bit to come in and develop a rhythm – who do you talk to, who do you trust?"

"We've gotten burned a couple times," said Koenig.

"There are two sides to every issue, three really," said Yurek, "first is it good policy, second can you navigate

the politics, and third is finance, even if it is good policy and you do make it through the politics you still have to get through finance and is there enough money?"

Yurek said some of the issues go back to the politics and relationships four or five sessions ago, "when that person did that to this person. And sometimes the people in power don't necessarily want to share that power."

Koenig said it all comes down to building relationships. He recently came under fire for voting for what party Republicans called a "Union Bill" generating calls to the Churchill County Republican leadership to threaten his seat.

"It comes down to fairness with that bill, teachers teach for nine months and get a full year of credit in PERS. Teacher's aids who serve in the same classroom get only .8 of a year of credit in PERS for the exact same number of days. That's not fair and I don't care if it's union or not, it's treating people fairly," said Koenig.



Frey talking with legislators in the Barrel House. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

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District Court Report

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 2, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Michael Eugene Haynes failed to appear for a status hearing. A bench warrant was issued.

Alisha Gonzalez Ezly failed to appear for arraignment. A bench warrant was issued.

Karen Edris Fenton pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony Trafficking a Controlled Substance, a low level that carries a mandatory prison sentence of a possible 2 to 20 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$100,000. Fenton possessed more than 100 grams of methamphetamine. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for August 1.

Rudolfo Ortiz appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony Attempt to Commit Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Ortiz received 19 to 60 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and 24 months probation, along with standard conditions of probation. Ortiz was ordered to complete the Western Regional Drug Court program, maintain full-time employment, have no contact with the victim,

and to not possess any deadly weapon throughout his probation. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Michelle Nicole Davis, in custody, appeared for a status hearing. Public Defender Wright Noel informed the court Davis has been accepted at the Vitality program in Carson City with a bed date of May 25 and asked that she be allowed to attend. ADA Chelsea Sanford asked that safeguards be taken. The judge granted the request to enter the program, ordering Davis to sign a HIPPA release upon her arrival at Vitality allowing Court Services to receive reports from Vitality and when she leaves the program, either by her choice or by graduation, Davis will be returned to custody. Sentencing remains scheduled for July 18.

Jacob William Kolwyck, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl), which carries a potential penalty of 1 to 4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered, sentencing was set for August 1.

Kaleel Anthony Rickerson, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony Fraudulent Use of a Credit or Debit Card, which carries

a potential sentence of 1 to 4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000 and a second charge of a Category E Felony for Possession of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl), which carries a potential penalty of 1 to 4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered with sentencing set for July 25. ADA Aaron Thomas told the Court that restitution will be addressed at sentencing. PD Noel asked that Rickerson be able to provisionally start drug court tomorrow. The judge inquired Court Services' Branda Ingram how Rickerson has been doing and was informed the defendant had failed to appear for two tests, testing positive for fentanyl on April 28. Stockard modified the conditions of Rickerson's bail, releasing him to drug court with continued Court Services supervision.

Joy VanZant-Thunder, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales, which carries a possible sentence of 1 to 4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000 and to Attempt to Commit Uttering a Forged Instrument, a charge which may be sentenced as either a Gross

Misdemeanor which carries a possible penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000 or as a Category E Felony which carries a possible penalty of 1 to 4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for August 1. Public Defender Jacob Sommer stated the defendant's release on her own recognizance is part of the plea agreement and asked that she be provisionally placed in drug court. Sommer requested his client be released on her own recognizance today as she has a substance abuse evaluation appointment in the afternoon. Court Services' Brenda Ingram informed the court the defendant has been on Court Services supervision multiple times and has "never complied with that ever." The judge approved the release on the condition that she get her evaluation today, she is to provisionally enter drug court tomorrow, and she is under Court Services supervision. Referring to her history of not complying with Court Services, the judge cautioned the defendant, "If that's the case going forward, that won't bode well."

First Weekend Canceled at Top Gun Dragstrip

By John Stauverman

The first car of 2023 went down the track last Friday night and everything went downhill after that.

All kidding aside it was good to see everyone, and everyone's spirits were up and positive all day. We started well but after a while, the cars would leave the start line and according to the timing system they magically disappeared. This was not the way a Test and Tune event is supposed to go.

The rest of the day revolved around multiple phone calls to the manufacturer and running diagnostics. It was finally determined the timing computer was at fault. It's always good to know what exactly is broken when things do not work properly.

As Track President, I am pleased to say we made it right with all of those who sat through the struggle, but our final resolve was to cancel the weekend. We set up a refund/rain-check table at the bottom of the tower and began the process of making it right with everyone. Everyone was understanding and everyone thanked us for all we had done to give it our best try. It's times like this that make us appreciate what we do and appreciate who we do it for. We stuck together as a track. See everyone in two weeks and we will give this another go.



Photo courtesy of Top Gun.

Education

Bighorns Bulletin

Senior Spotlight: Nadya Sanchez Rodriguez

By Angela Viera

Senior Nadya Sanchez Rodriguez immediately noticed how different the atmosphere was when she transferred to Oasis Academy for her freshman year. “I was very nervous when I transferred. All the students got along; the teachers had one on one time with the students. I felt important, cared for, and most importantly supported. I never had to worry about struggling because I always knew that there was a staff member who would guide me to success. I learned so many things here at Oasis that would have never been achieved anywhere else. I am very thankful for this experience, and would not change it for anything else,” said Rodriguez.

“Ancient World History was my favorite class because it was so interesting. Mr. Eric Grimes was such a great teacher; he always made sure class was exciting,” she said. Rodriguez has been part of several activities during her time at Oasis. She has participated in Student Council and played volleyball and softball. “One of my favorite memories from Oasis was winning the state championship for softball in 2021,” she said.

After graduating in May, she will continue her education at Truckee Meadows Community College and then eventually transfer to a university to study psychology.

“If I could thank the whole staff I would. Specifically, Mrs. Julie Stockard and Mrs. Lisa Swan really made an impact. Mrs. Stockard was always the first person I would run to for exciting news. The two things I admire the most about her is how she influenced me to push myself to my full potential and she always took the time to really get to know her students. Mrs. Swan, where do I start, she was always so kind and supported me in ways I couldn’t even put into words. Mrs. Swan gave me the best high school experience and was always making sure I was on the right path for success. My advice for future students is to remem-



Nadya Sanchez Rodriguez.
Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.

ber that you receive what you give,” finished Rodriguez. FFA Banquet Honors Students and Community

By Eneyde Rios

On Saturday, May 6, The Oasis FFA Chapter Officer team hosted their end-of-the-year banquet. Chapter members, their families, advisors, and community friends came together to celebrate the accomplishments of the local Oasis FFA Chapter. The banquet was held at the Dry Gulch, which was transformed into a beautifully decorated event space by the chapter's decorating committee.

After dinner a potluck style dinner with meat catered by Suzie's barbecue, the awards ceremony began with guest speaker, Gabriella Minolleti, Nevada FFA State Vice President.

“The Oasis chapter has grown from having only five members, with a total of thirteen people at our first banquet, to sixty-plus members and a room full of parents in front of me,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, Chapter Advisor.

The chapter recognized all of this year's CDE and LDE competitive teams, including Horse Evaluation, Agricultural Sales, Poultry, Conduct of Chapter Meeting, Floriculture, Creed Speakers, Dairy and Milk Quality, and



Ruby Hiskett, Hunter McNabb, Matthew Bird, Eneyde Rios, Talon Johnson, Grace Laca, Ryder McNabb, Joshua Gusewelle. Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.

Agriscience Fair.

As the ceremony continued, the chapter officer team acknowledged supporters of the Oasis FFA Chapter, from advisors to coaches to parents and volunteers all of which received an appreciation for truly making the chapter a community.

There were several degrees awarded that night, beginning with the Honorary FFA Degrees. The Honorary FFA Membership recognizes those who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service. This year's recipients were Karen Bogdanowicz, Leonard Bogdanowicz, Amber Morrow, Charlie Morrow, John Henry, and Angela Viera.

The Greenhand Degree was awarded to Isabella Grimes, Alyssa Ayers, Talon Johnson, Trevor Barrenchea, Jay Fredrick, Matthew Bird, Hunter Adams, Dahlila Creer, Caden White, Lainey Diaz, Ryder McNabb, Rusten McKnight, Grace Laca, and Benton Snow.

The Discovery Degree was awarded to Saul Hernandez.

The basic beliefs of FFA members are outlined in the FFA Creed, which was presented that night by Isabella Grimes.

The final degrees awarded were the Chapter Degrees, recipients were Joshua Gusewelle, Hailey Arrends, and

Hunter McNabb.

As the banquet ended, there was a sense of satisfaction in the air. The event brought people together to showcase the hard work and dedication of FFA members, as well as remind everyone of the importance of agriculture in our society.



Eddie Morrow and Stacie Bogdanowicz.
Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.

ChurchillCSD Highlights

By Kaitlin Ritchie

CCHS & Lahontan

During Greenwave Specials at CCHS on Friday, the boy's basketball team participated in Reading Buddies and went to Lahontan to read with the first-grade students. "This was such a neat experience for our young student. We love having older students come to read or work with our students. Their little faces just light up when they walk in the room - it is really cool," said Lahontan Principal Kimi Melendy. CCHS Boys Basketball coach and Physical Education teacher, Chelle Dalager and first-grade teacher Debbie Swisher came up with the idea to do Reading Buddies back in 2019 and have been doing the program ever since. "I thought it would be a great way to connect with the community and kids. At first, it was an opportunity for kids to get some additional hours for the National Honor Society, but when Greenwave Specials came around I decided it would be an incredible opportunity to continue the program," said Dalager.



CCHS Reading Buddies read to first grade students at Lahontan Elementary School. Photo courtesy of ChurchillCSD.

CCMS

CCMS students hosted a Multicultural Night that involved student and club participation in cultural dance and theatre. Students and families viewed various displays that featured the countries of Ireland, Mexico, Egypt, and Native American displays as well. The entertainment featured Hispanic and Native American dancers and theatre performances put on by Amanda Peterson's advisory class. "The purpose of the event was to familiarize students with the many cultures that exist within our community and our surrounding communities," said teacher Dinah Briggs.



Dancers perform at CCMS Multicultural Night. Photo courtesy of ChurchillCSD.

Numa

Numa celebrated staff appreciation week last week. Students gave teachers a little something every day and Principal Shawn Purrell treated his staff to lunch on Friday. "These are just small tokens of appreciation for all that our staff does and for all that they are," said school counselor Noreen Swenson. Numa is fortunate to have teachers and support staff who demonstrate care, understanding, and patience to students. They have inspired not only their students, but each other to think outside the box, outside the classroom, and into the future. "I just want to thank our amazing staff for everything they do to make Numa the incredible school it is. I am so grateful to have such incredible people to work with and to make an impact on our student's lives," said Principal Shawn Purrell.



Ms. Bailey poses with her 4th-grade students and some of the gifts she received from them for teacher appreciation week. Photo courtesy of ChurchillCSD.

E.C. Best

Second graders in Melissa Humphrey's and Kailey Hughes' classes have been learning about the growth of a baby chick as a part of their life cycles science unit. The students hatched baby chicks from eggs by putting them in an incubator. Students learned about the process and observed the eggs for 21 days when they finally hatched baby chicks. "This was such a fun process to watch these



Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Hughes class were thrilled when their baby chicks hatched last week. Photo courtesy of ChurchillCSD.

students experience and get to teach them about. They were shocked that it only took 21 days for the baby Chicks to grow and were so excited that they actually got to watch them hatch," said Humphreys.

Northside Early Learning Center

Students in Lara Lee Christensen's three-year-old class spontaneously created this cutting and gluing activity. They gathered and requested items needed, assigned jobs (cutters/glue), invited peers to participate, and all worked together creating art masterpieces. "This is everything we strive to see as teachers. It was such a proud moment to witness. These students have made monumental growth this year," said Christensen.



Students in Lara Lee Christensen's three-year-old class spontaneously created this cutting and gluing activity. Photo courtesy of CCSD.

Sports

Scores and the Weekend Games Schedule - Greenwave and the Bighorns

By Bill Post

Greenwave Sports

Varsity Baseball finished the regular season 18-5 overall and 16-5 in conference play after last weekend's games. They defeated Spring Creek at home Friday 11-1 then split a doubleheader with Spring Creek on Saturday losing 7-3 in the opener and winning 10-1 in the second game. They ended the season tied for first place in the conference and will move on to the state playoffs this week.

The Varsity Softball team finished the regular season 21-5 overall and 14-1 in conference play and finished the season in first place in the conference. Last Friday they defeated Spring Creek at home 19-5 then won both sides of a doubleheader on Saturday 10-0 and 13-3. They also go on to the state playoffs this week.

Swimming at North Tahoe:

Churchill vs Incline

Boys: Churchill 111 Incline 29

Girls: Churchill 73 Incline 142

Highlights:

Girls 200 medley relay:

1st 2:39.23: Katelen Helton, Evelyn Lott, Evelyn O'Neill, Jocylyn Miller
Miles Henning 1st 100 Backstroke 1:20.69

The teams are headed to regionals this Friday, May 12. The top 8 and relays will make it through to finals the next day then the top 4 go to state on May 20.

Regional Qualifiers were:

Gracie Cosman, Katelen Helton, Miles Henning, Zach Koenig,
Michael Liston, Evelyn Lott, William McLean, Jocylyn Miller,
Evelyn O'Neill, Miranda Reeder, Brody Reynolds, Rebecca Smith,
Gerik Wassmuth



Great job today Middle School Boys and Girls Lacrosse!
They played in the wind, rain, and snow! Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.



Bighorn Sports - Baseball

The Oasis Bighorn Varsity Baseball team finished the season at 12-4 after splitting a doubleheader at home against Pershing County winning the first game 6-5 and losing the second 13-11. Varsity Softball is 12-6 overall and in conference play after crushing Sierra Sage Academy on Saturday 20-10 and 29-5 They move on to the state playoffs with the first game scheduled for this Friday.

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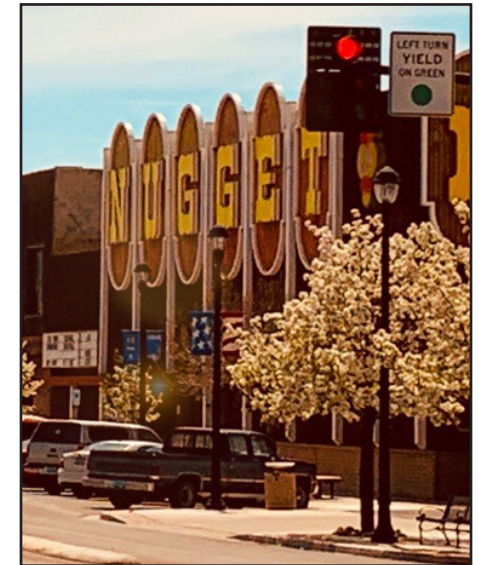
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Community Meetings

May 15-19

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Churchill County Highway
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May 17 at 1:00 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street Rm 145

Board of County
Commissioner
May 17 at 1:30 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Commission
Chambers

City of Fallon
May 16 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall

Newlands Project Water Levels

*Measurements taken
May 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.*

**Lahontan Reservoir
85,050 af**

**Truckee Canal at Hazen
0.00 cfs**

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
0.00 cfs**

**Carson River Below Lahontan
2,610 cfs**

**Carson River at Ft. Churchill
1,820 cfs**

May 8

2023 : 87,588 acre feet

2022 : 150,520 acre feet

2021 : 119,212 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second

af - Acre Feet

Source: TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes

May 12 - 18

This week's energy draws us inward giving us an opportunity to reflect, contemplate, and evaluate where we are with what we have, and what comes next.

Aries – rather than quitting this week, try transcending the negative instead. Your fiery nature to get things going is your strength, but work on being flexible. It looks like you're ready to face your fears, remember the other side also has fears and insecurities.

Taurus – focusing on what is right in front of you is your strength this week. Asking questions about how you can improve and grow will help you stay focused. Avoid the U-turn that takes you right back into your comfort zone. Sail past it and you will have won the week.

Gemini – take a beat to allow your mind to settle this week. You may feel like isolating and avoiding conversation so you can do a little soul-searching away from all the outside influences and noise. Turning inward is where you find your light, your truth, and guidance.

Cancer – this week opens the way to move on from whatever has been holding you back. Some of you may be feeling nostalgic for your childhood home, friends, or family and maybe moving or visiting. For others there is a quiet resolve within that knows it is time for better. And you have the strength to leave behind what you have been settling for.

Leo – allowing yourself to process pain or sorrow is your strength this week. In order to heal you first have to be able to feel what hurts. From there - the only way is up. Some of you Leo's may be feeling bad about hurting someone else's feelings. But there is a calling to leave behind what is weighing heavy on your soul.

Virgo – your power is rising but you have to let go of the notion that things won't change. That mindset will keep you from pursuing your goal. The way forward is through making a tough decision and facing your fears. You have to be the initiator this week if you want to see change.

Libra – things will happen on their own time this week, and you'll have the strength to go with the flow. No need to rush anything or make a choice before you are ready. Take time for yourself, rest, and let things settle. You will know when you are ready to move forward.

Scorpio – there is an energy around making a choice this week. But rather than act impulsively, you have the strength to take time to think things through. Deeper personal insight comes through when you withdraw and let yourself detach from rushing back to the safe, familiar, and secure.

Sagittarius – the steady progress that comes from throwing yourself into your work is where it's at this week. There is an energy of moving on with what you know and letting go of what you don't need to know. By letting go of a situation you don't connect to you can focus on doing your own thing and shrugging off the rest.

Capricorn – it's time to face life head-on. Any feelings of regret or remorse only help spark the desire for change. If you have been missing out on the sweets and joy of life, this week brings in the energy to ignite your zest and gusto for life. No more feeling restricted and small, it's time to expand and grow.

Aquarius – to bring an end to an undesirable situation you'll have to overcome thinking it will trap you if you engage with it. Avoiding a blowout is expecting one. You know what to do, and how to take charge. Believe you have the power to make things better and you will.

Pisces – taking the right course of action is your strength this week. Ultimately it comes down to deciding on happiness. You'll have the energy to give from your heart. Let go of what you cannot control and focus on what matters - love and happiness.

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



Track

By Maliah Harris

I have recently tried a new sport. Track is something I never saw myself doing or wanting to do. Yet here I am in the 8th grade doing track for the first time and maybe considering doing it in high school. But I haven't decided yet. I thought track was gonna be a struggle and we would have to run miles on end at practice. I mean yes, we have to run but not as much as I thought, it's not to the point where we are out of breath and about to pass out.

Practice is my favorite part about track because at practice you get to try new events that you never thought of doing. If you don't want to try new stuff you just go to your events and practice and practice until you feel you have made improvement or know you have. The coaches we have are the best and good at coaching each event. My shot put coach has been a great help. Coming into track I had no idea

how to hold and throw the shot. Now I think I am decent at the event and even doing it correctly.

The events I do are shot put, and a 4x2 or 4x200 relay, which is 4 people running half of the track. My team consists of me and some friends. Don't get me wrong, I love doing sports with my friends and they are the whole reason I joined track, so they could have a relay team and so I can have a good time doing a sport with friends. The only thing is when doing things with my friends like our relay sometimes we don't agree on things like how we do things or how we practice. We try to understand each other and what they want to do but sometimes we get on each other's nerves and have a small argument. But in the end, we laugh about how there was no reason for the argument. Yet we still argue the following week and most times about the same thing from the week before.

On the bright side of doing a sport with your friends, you have someone at track meets to cheer you on and support you at your other events. Overall track has been a great experience. Monday was our last practice, the last time my friends and I could mess around at practice but still get stuff done and Tuesday was our last track meet. Maybe I'll do track next year.



What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - *Salisbury Steak*

A few weeks ago, I was thinking about how the rise of tv dinners in the 1940s marked a transition in the way we thought about food in this country. One of the first "convenience" food products to rise in popularity, the tv dinner could be stored indefinitely in the freezer until you were ready to eat. Able to be cooked in the very tray it was stored in, all a person would need to do was unwrap or vent the top and place it in a 425-degree oven for 25 minutes. In many ways, the tv dinner is the antithesis of my purpose in writing these articles, so I thought it would be fun to recreate one of the most ubiquitous tv dinners but make it from scratch with real ingredients.

The history of Salisbury Steak is pretty interesting if you are into diving into rabbit holes about the history of food. The Salisbury Steak is generally recognized to be a mixture of ground beef, veggies, breadcrumbs, and egg, roasted in the oven, and topped with brown gravy. It was birthed in the United States and named after Dr. James Henry Salisbury, a Civil War-era dietician. Salisbury Steak rose in popularity during the war as an easy-to-prepare, nutrient and protein-rich meal fed to soldiers. Dr. Salisbury believed that ample protein was the answer to wasting, a condition related to malnutrition and chronic diarrhea. After the war, Dr. Salisbury wrote what may be the first book about diet and nutrition published in the United States. In "The Relation of Alimentation and Disease," Dr. Salisbury attempted to help people understand the link between health and a balanced

diet that includes animal proteins rich in B vitamins.

I considered a variety of Salisbury Steak recipes, but ultimately, it was Jacque Pepin's recipe that rose to the top. Salisbury Steak is a pretty easy dish to put together, reminding me a little of meatloaf though chunkier and cooked in convenient single-size portions. I pivoted a bit from the original recipe when it came to the gravy, adding a red wine reduction and mushrooms.

Salisbury Steak

By Jacque Pepin

Slightly modified by Kelli Kelly

INGREDIENTS:

3 T vegetable oil
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
4 ribs of celery, chopped
2 apples
1 ½ lb ground beef
2 large eggs
1 t minced garlic
1 t salt
½ t fresh ground black pepper
2-3 slices firm, fresh bread

For the Sauce

2 T vegetable oil
6 oz mushrooms, cut in quarters
2 carrots
1 medium yellow onion, peeled
1 c red wine
1 c water
1 T soy sauce
¼ t fresh ground black pepper
1 ½ T tomato paste
¼ t Tabasco Sauce
½ t salt



File Photo.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan. When hot, add the onion and celery and cook for 4-5 minutes over medium heat until they are softened. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
3. Core, but do not peel the apples. Cut apples into ½ inch pieces. Add the apples to the onion and celery mixture.
4. Place the ground beef in a large bowl. Add the onion-celery-apple mix to it, and stir in eggs, garlic, salt, and pepper.
5. Tear the slices of bread into large pieces and pulse in a food processor until crumbed. Add breadcrumbs to the meat mixture and mix well to incorporate.
6. Dampen your hands with some water and form the mix into 6 large patties. Arrange in a large roasting pan and bake in the oven for 20 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, make the sauce: pulse the onions and carrots in a food

processor until finely chopped. Heat oil in a saucepan, add mushrooms, and cook over medium heat until they have given up their moisture and are lightly browned. Add onion-carrot mix and sauté briefly. Deglaze with red wine, bring to a simmer, and reduce for about 5 minutes. Add water, soy sauce, pepper, tomato paste, tabasco, and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and gently simmer until reduced to a sauce-like consistency.

8. When the steaks are cooked for 20 minutes, remove them from the oven. Spoon the sauce over and around the steaks and place them back in the oven for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside until ready to serve.

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Entertainment

"Every Summer After" and "Meet Me at the Lake" — by Carley Fortune

As promised last week, I am writing this to you from a patio in sunny Monaco! We arrived yesterday and we are beyond jet-lagged, but that's nothing that about ten tiny, high octane coffees can't combat. Also as promised, I am reading an awesome line-up of summery, beachy-type reads on my trip – and, I have a two-for-one book review for you! (Side note: I paid an exorbitant amount of money to haul an extra suitcase mostly containing a big pile of said beachy books to Monaco. My husband is just thrilled... I guess that's just the cost of being married to a bookworm! Haha! Now, on to the double book review!)

Carley Fortune's debut novel, *Every Summer After*, is another popular book that's been lingering on my shelf since it was released last summer, despite the buzz it has gotten in the bookish corners of Instagram and TikTok. I finally read it last week, and followed it up promptly with her new book, *Meet Me at the Lake*. And let me tell you – they both feature everything we are looking for in a book to crack open at the pool or the lake!

Told over the course of six summers plus one weekend, *Every Summer After* had me feeling super nostalgic – so much so that a quarter of the way in, I had to pause my reading to teach my kids how to make friendship bracelets like the main character, Persephone, makes for her first love, Sam. The two meet as summer neighbors at age 13, and their bond blossoms into much more as the summers pass. Years after their relationship ends, Sam's mother passes away, and Sam and Percy are reunited and forced to re-examine the deep connection they shared all of those summers ago – and the secrets and betrayals surrounding its abrupt end. This fast paced story is romantic and sweet and just the right amount of spicy – and it will take you back in time and I guarantee you won't be able to put it down .

Fortune's second novel, *Meet Me at the Lake*, which was released last week, is another quick paced summer love story. This time it is surrounding Will and Fern – who after a chance encounter, spend the most amazing 24 hours together and make a pact to meet each other in the same spot one year later. Fern shows up – Will doesn't. Years go by, and Fern finds herself back running her mom's lakeside resort, with her life crumbling around her. She needs a change. Enter – or should I say RE-enter: Will. He's nine years late to make good on their pact and he has brought some secrets with him. Ten years ago, he rescued her – can she now do the same for him?

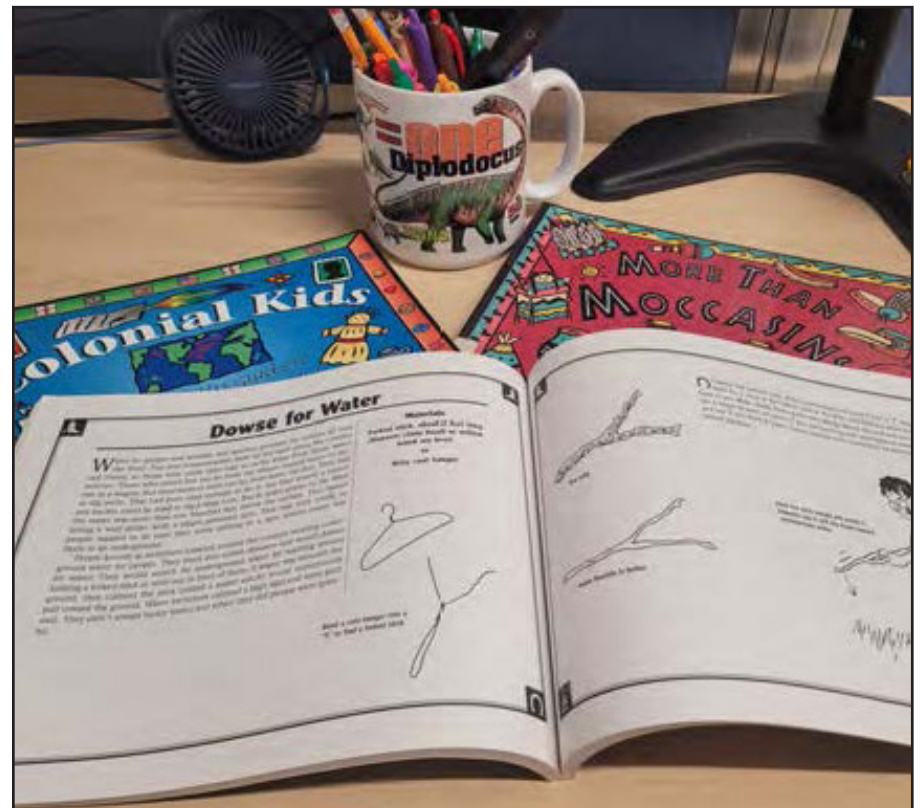
So there you go – two perfect, spicy-sweet, potato chippy books to kick off your summer reading list! Have a great week – I have to go find the swimming pool in my hotel because after schelpping all of those books clear to Monaco, I have some reading to do! Don't forget to check out @allison.the.reader on Instagram for not only my regular ramblings and readings, but for tales from my recent travels, too!



Do you remember a teacher that always had fun stuff on their desk? Or an experiment or activity that goes with that day's lesson?

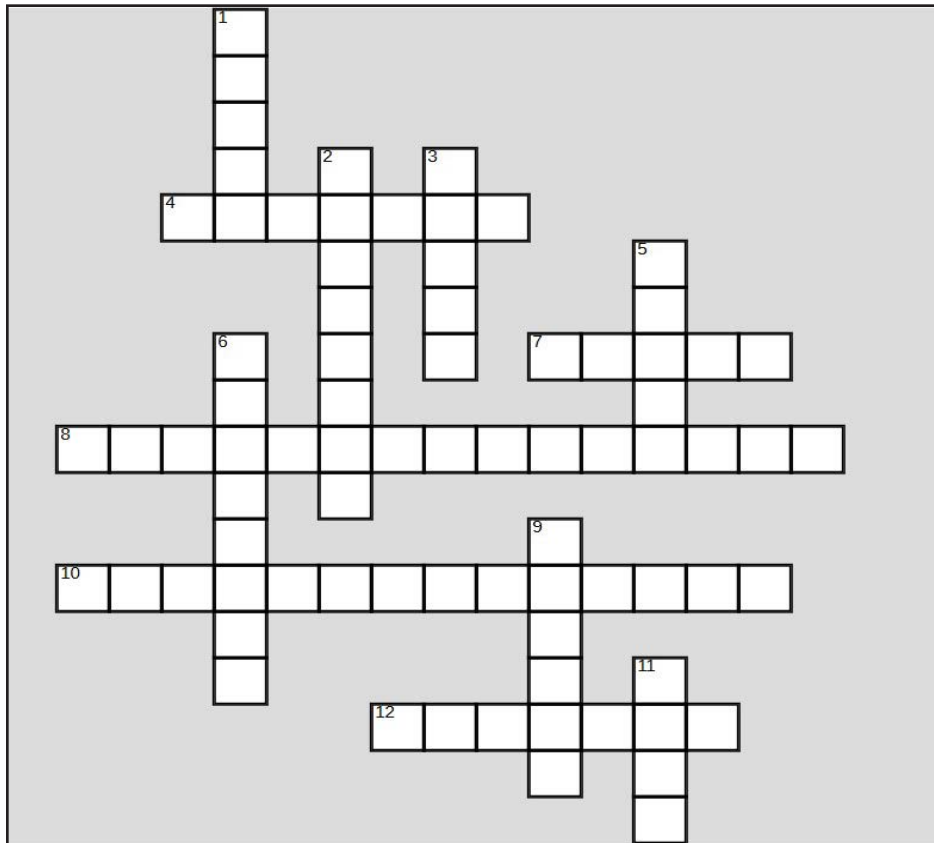
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Happy National Teachers' Day!



Happy Mother's Day to All! — by Peanut

Here's to some of the moms that serve our community. Thank you!



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May Movies

<p>Friday 5/5 Space Wars 1pm - \$10 Swim Team Fundraiser 6:30pm - \$12/\$20</p> <p>Friday 5/12 Live Music & Movie After! 6:00pm Free!</p> <p>Friday 5/19 6:00 & 7:00pm</p> <p>Friday 5/26 6:00 & 7:00pm</p>	<p>Saturday 5/6 Space Wars 1pm - \$10 Live Music! 7pm - \$7</p> <p>Saturday 5/13 Live Music! 7:00pm \$10</p> <p>Saturday 5/20 6:00 & 7:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 5/27 6:00 & 7:00pm</p>
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Movies & More

Hello everyone, we have two great movies for you this weekend, both free. Hope you can join us.

Our first movie both Friday and Saturday evenings, May 19 and 20, showing at 6 p.m. is the 2016 animated comedy “Sing.” In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theatre impresario’s attempt to save his theatre with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists find that their lives will never be the same. Voices provided by Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth McFarlane, Scarlett Johansson, and many more.

Our second feature each evening, starting at 7, is the 2019 animated adventure comedy “The Secret Life of Pets 2.” Continuing the story of Max and his pet friends, Max visits the countryside and encounters canine-intolerant cows, hostile foxes, and a scary turkey. Luckily for Max, he soon catches a break when he meets Rooster, a gruff farm dog who tries to cure the loveable pooch of his neuroses. Voices provided by Patton Oswalt, Kevin Hart, Harrison Ford, and Dana Carvey.

Don’t forget the Reno Devilles will take our stage for the first time on Saturday, June 3, bringing their rev’d-up rockabilly music to Fallon. Doors open at 6 p.m., the concert starts at 7, and tickets are \$10. For more information on this or any other event and movies please visit our website thefallontheatre.com or visit our Facebook page Save The Fallon Theatre.

See you at the movies!

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
DIANE BAIRD COUTCHER, De-
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
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DATED: This 4th day of April, 2023.
RONALD A. COUTCHER

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Case No. 23-10DC-0517

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ADDIE ALICE WILSON, Plaintiff,
-vs-
RICHARD DAVID WILSON, Defen-
dant.

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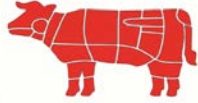
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