

### Amodei Reintroduces Strategic and Critical Minerals Bill

#### - by Rachel Dahl

Congressman Mark Amodei, (R-NV – 02) has reintroduced a bill, along with 11 cosponsors, that he has sponsored since the 115th Congress in 2018. The bill, H.R. 3240, would require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness of the United States.

According to the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, "Minerals are deemed 'critical and strategic' when they are essential to the economic and national security of the United States." At present, the U.S. is dependent on mineral imports, not only from China and Russia, but also from other nations, for most – if not all, of our domestic supply. Key to manufacturing and agricultural supply chains, 35 critical minerals are imported which the U.S. relies on to meet the supply chain needs. Of those, 14 minerals are 100% imported.

"Critical and strategic minerals are essential to the technologies that make our daily lives and economy work," said Rep. Amodei. "Unfortunately, duplicative regulations and bureaucratic inefficiencies have forced us to rely on foreign adversaries and competitors for critical minerals, a dependency that threatens the security of our nation and economy."

nation and economy." The threats to the mineral supply chain are so great that while in office, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order (13817) to ensure secure and reliable supplies of critical minerals, directing the Secretary of Commerce to submit a report to address the challenges. President Joe Biden has left the EO order in place, issuing one of his own (14017) directing the Secretary of Defense to submit a report identifying risks in the supply chain for critical minerals and rare earth elements.

In the 2019 report produced by the Department of Commerce, the department recommends immediate action to ensure the nation



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Photo courtesy of Richard Davis Premier Magnesium mine - Gabbs, Nevada

a reliable supply of minerals. The report indicates it can take seven to ten years to obtain a mining permit in the U.S. and in spite of our abundance of mineral resources less than half of the minerals domestic manufacturers need come from our own country.

"By streamlining the permitting process," said Amodei, "this legislation will decrease our dependency on foreign sources of minerals and allow us to leverage our nation's vast mineral resources while paying respect to economic, national security, and environmental concerns. This is a commonsense approach that has already passed the House four times and will not change any environmental regulations, protections, or opportunity for public input. I'm pleased to have several of my House colleagues join me in introducing this bill and look forward to working together to modernize the outdated, job-crushing policies that are hamstringing our economy and jeopardizing our national security."

Amodei introduced the same bill in 2019, with the Congressional Western Caucus applauding his efforts. Congressman Paul Goser, who represents the Arizona 4th Congressional District and is the Chairman of the Caucus, said, "America's future economic prosperity and national security outlook is dependent upon the robust cultivation of our critical and strategic minerals. Unfortunately, our country is forced to rely on Chinese and Russian mineral exports to build up our military, bolster our energy infrastructure and meet the demands of a booming economy under President Trump. If we are to maintain American energy security, then mineral exploration and production must occur in the U.S. and not in a Chinese-owned cobalt mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo with little to no standards. We need strategic and critical minerals for smartphones, solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles, military aircraft as well as weapons and armor for our troops. No other developed country hamstrings themselves the way we do with domestic mining permitting and proj-ect delays - let alone a military superpower. "Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) recently said in a radio interview, making clear to differentiate between the Chinese people and the Chinese government, They don't believe in your rights. If you look at how they treat their own citizens, how do you think they think about Americans? They put a million people in prison by their religion, they harvest your organs if you're in prison. They took away the basic rights of

## From the Publisher

Captain's Log – Installing the Gear

We got a Newspaper Vending box this week and man, we are the big time now. It is so pretty. His name is Jerry - because he lives at Jerry's Restaurant. Jerry and Becky sitting in a tree...

The crew over at Fallon Glass gave Jerry a face-lift – we couldn't quite afford new newspaper boxes, and there is only one place in the whole country that makes them anyway, and they are VERY proud of them. In the price department.

But, our magician Ginny got all researchy one day and tracked down this place in Colorado that refurbishes old newspaper boxes so we got two of those. They're sending us a little part for the second one and then it will get Christened and placed over at the Post Office.

Hey – maybe we should have a contest to name the new post office newspaper box. If you have a good idea shoot us a note. We'll make you small-town-famous.

We also had a team meeting the other day at Telegraph – we desperately needed a break from putting together that grad edition, so we ran over there for a melt-down. There was a new kid making coffee who looked super familiar – I totally know how this goes... "did I teach you in school?"

"Yes, Ms. Dahl, what are you doing now?"

"We do this paper, The Fallon Post."

And then the sweet little peanut who is totally a grown man now, said, "Yeah, I had you for reading. Because of you, I can read *The Fallon Post*."

Dude. We schoolteachers can live on that kind of mush for months. Ask any one of these fabulous people who have made it through this crazy year in education if I'm right. The littlest indication from a kid that we've had some kind of positive impact on their life, their education, their mood, and we are putty. Melting bags of sap over these kids.

Since we spent so much time loving on these kids last week, we want to make sure the teachers and the staff at all our local schools know how much we honor and appreciate all they've done for our community this past year. Make sure you let them know too. And in the meantime, we'll be here...

...keeping you posted. Rachel

### Picture of the Week



Have bunny - will travel. Meet Delilah - the Capitan's new first mate.

Cute huh? Send us one of your favs and we might select it for the next edition.

Thank you for sending us your photos!

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## Features

### Lessons Learned – Resilience is Key for Students and CCSD Staff



-by Rachel Dahl

For local students in the Churchill County School District, the past 14 months has been a roller coaster of experiences; new learning techniques and awkward learning environments, all at the mercy of the adults in the same situation faced with making the best decisions they could using variables completely out of their control.

This week Superintendent Summer Stephens talked about the "Lessons Learned" with the Fallon Rotary club, where she reflected on the past 14 months saying, "Kids are ridiculously amazing people, and we don't set school up to realize how awesome they are and that's what we want for kids."

Over the past three years the district has been working on "amazing things" which set up children to be successful in the uncertain time that came with the COVID situation.

Addressing the "right steps, the sidesteps, and some missteps," she said she has been fortunate to walk into a district that wants to keep transforming and moving forward for kids and make sure they are ready for the changing world.

During the changing environment of COVID, all staff and students throughout the district experienced many of the same things, but some schools fared better based on several different factors. Stephens said her experience with many committees at the state level gave her an outlook into how other districts handled the situation, and "our district suffered the least amount of stress and had the most satisfied teachers and students and we ended up with great outcomes."

She talked about the first meeting that was held to address the pandemic on March 15, 2020, where community leaders came together to address the emergency "for the next two weeks" which turned into two months and then eventually lasted to the end of this school year. "We strategized about how to best handle the situation, and do that while were still transforming our system because we did not feel like we should stop that important work."

Stephens said the right steps the district had were improved communication with a new website, weekly newsletters to families, social media, and direct phone calls to parents. The hybrid schedule was also considered a success, with Churchill the only district in the state taking this approach, teachers were able to maintain daily in-person contact with their students. "We know this was a hardship on many parents and we appreciate all the help we received from the community" She also said one of the benefits was, "a complete obliteration of behavior issues at school. By Christmas time there would have been nearly 500 referrals to the office for behavior at the middle school - there were 40." Smaller class sizes allowed teachers and students to develop good relationships and attendance increased. Although many students were full-time online - 27% of elementary students - there were several teachers fully dedicated to those learners. Although the middle school had a "rough first semester, they are rolling now with 50 to 60 students full-time online."

Food service as a feat during the pandemic, with the district able to serve breakfast and lunches to anyone in the community younger than 18 years old. The food service contractor, Chartwells, served nearly 630,000 meals over the past year.

Stephens said the district did experience on misstep throughout the pandemic, that being serving the 899 students who chose the full-time online option. "We were not prepared," she said. Although the online program is aligned with the standards, it is extremely rigorous and does

extremely rigorous and does not allow for adjustment. Many students struggled to complete their classes and meet requirements. This summer there are 200 elementary students signed up for summer school and the district will be working with middle and high school students on credit recovery.

The sidesteps Stephens characterized as being able to keep the strategic planning process moving forward and continuing to focus on the goals of the district. Although there is ample federal funding coming to districts in the form of COVID relief, the challenge is "finding bodies," said Stephens. "There are not a lot of them, there are not enough teachers."

During the budgeting process, the board of trustees identified their top priorities as keeping class sizes smaller and bringing back specials to the elementary school. In response to that, and using the COVID relief dollars, Stephens said the district will be bringing back P.E. to all three elementary schools, along with Art and Music positions that will be shared by EC Best and Numa. "Of course, this is a risk, and the question is when these will go away, but we will find a way to keep them," said Stephens. In addition, Stephens said there are 19 CTE (Career and Technical Education)

In addition, Stephens said there are 19 CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes, including teaching and training, welding, and multi-media. Additionally, the district is working on an intern program with Churchill Economic Development Authority, Oasis Academy, and WNC that will provide work-based learning experiences for students and build in more robust training opportunities. Students will earn credit for their experiences, and if funding opportunities come through, students will receive pay as well.

"What we learned," said Stephens, about the experience of the past 14 months, "is that kids are resilient. We were on a good path that allowed us to move quickly to implement a plan, the profile of a learner is a good model for the attributes that students need, and we have good people in the district willing to do what ever it took to make learning happen for students even when it didn't make sense." She said the most important thing district staff realized is there is more than one way to do anything, and while "people are worn out, we are ready to do it all again with the new twists and opportunities."

His Inspirations

200 S. Maine Street, Fallon NV presents the

### Local Author Book Signing Event Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Come out to meet

Nita Barnes, Steve Bond, Judy Carlson, L.F. Falconer, J.L. Pattison, Steve Ranson, and Bill Slentz to talk books!



## Features

## Spirit of the Pony Express – The Re-ride and Museum Documentary

#### -by Jo Petteruti

On Tuesday, June 15, the Churchill County Museum will be hosting a free Documentary Screening of past and present Pony Express rides, starting at 6:00 p.m. The movie, called the Spirit of the Pony Express will follow the path of the ride, showing scenes from past rides and present re-rides. It's being presented a day before the start of this year's re-ride on June 16. Popcorn will be served free, and old-fashioned soda pop will be sold. It will be a family-friendly event, the Museum's gift shop will be open that evening, and other swag items will be available for purchase too.

Terry Hedgpeth, Museum Director, said, "It was a relay, and a race against time, to get the mail from Missouri to California, making mail delivery possible between the East and the West. But then the railroad and the telegraphs came to be, eliminating the need for the Pony Express."

The museum has a vignette dedicated to the Pony Express, containing an original Pony Express saddle, along with a number of other items from that time period on display. "It was a great experiment, and an even greater part of history," she said.

The original ride took place in 1860, and the service only survived until 1861. Back then riders completed the 1,966-mile gallop in 10 days. A help wanted ad printed on March 19, 1860, in the Sacramento Union newspaper, stated, "Men Wanted. The undersigned wishes to hire ten or a dozen men, familiar with the management of horses, as hostlers, or riders on the Overland Express Route via Salt Lake City. Wages \$50 per month."

The Pony Express mail rides were only in operation for 18 months, beginning in April 1860 and ending in October 1861. Although the route ran from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, it had become synonymous with the Old West. Prior to the mail and electronic communication options available today, the Pony Express was the only thread that tied the East to West.

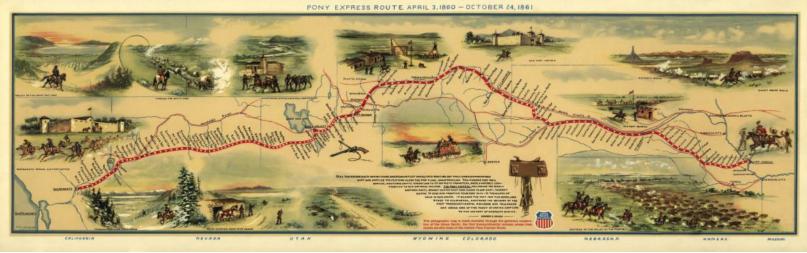
Pony Express was the only thread that tied the East to West. The 2021 Re-Ride, sponsored by the National Pony Express organization, is scheduled as an eastbound route starting in Sacramento, California on June 16 and ending on June 26 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Unfortunately, the re-ride does not have any Fallon stops, although the riders will be storming through Nevada and Churchill County during the wee morning hours. One stop is planned for the California/Nevada line in Woodford, California on June 17 at 1:00 p.m.; the second stop will be at the Nevada/Utah line, in Ibapah, Utah on June 20, at 2:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

Hedgpeth said, "The Pony Express is a cultural icon. Most icons are people, such as Martin Luther King Jr, Neil Armstrong, and other people whose accomplishments were first time events. But this one is a snapshot in time, just a little bit longer. Its shortness in time leads to the mystic, and earning its place in history. Their significance now is that this was the first way mail was delivered, before trains and other forms of mail delivery came to be."

The riders are expected to arrive at their final stop on Saturday June 26 about 7:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time. Full details about the re-ride can be found on the National Pony Express organization's website, https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/current-reride/

website, https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/current-reride/ Hedgpeth made an analogy between young men then and now, saying, "Some of the NASCAR and Indy drivers that raced over the weekend were only 18 to 20 years old. Well, back in 1860, that was how racing was done, not with fast cars. Riding a horse, trying to beat other ride times, that was the exciting thing to do back then."





Above: National Park Service original Pony Express map - image courtesy of Churchill County Museum, Center: Pony Express vignette at the Museum, photos by Jo Petteruti

## Features





National Pony Express re-ride map - image courtesy of Churchill County Museum

Pony Express help wanted sign - photo by Jo Petteruti

### **Memorial Day Remembrance**



-Staff Report

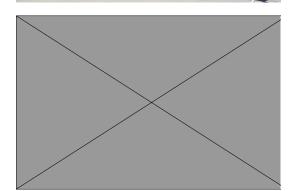
Local Veterans groups held four ceremonies in Fallon and Fernley on Monday to honor those in the military who gave their lives in the line of duty. These solemn and moving

These solemn and moving events were held at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, the Fallon Tribe, The Gardens Funeral Home, and the Churchill County Cemetery.

A special thank you to Linda Hartweg and Jim Falk for the beautiful photos









## Local Government

### Commissioners Prioritize NDOT Projects and Receive Update from BLM

-by Rachel Dahl

Once a year, Nevada Department of Transportation staff reports to the local county commissions across the state on the activities of the department and to ask local governments to prioritize the NDOT work needed in each community. After taking time to meet and discuss possible projects, commissioners took action on three projects which included the intersection at Highway 95 and Sheckler Road, Sherman Street at Highway 50, and Highway 50 at York/Gummow Drive as their number three priority.

Drive as their number three priority. Jim Barbee, county manager said, "Both the Highway Commission and the Regional Transportation boards met to discuss the projects, and we also coordinated with the City of Fallon and decided to prioritize three projects." He said there had been some misunderstanding with NDOT over the Sherman Street/Hwy 50 intersection, which is not as far along in the process as previously discussed and understood.

"There is still quite a bit up in the air. It is not good, so we decided to keep that project on the list as number two until we agree on the design and start construction," said Barbee. The recommendations will then be forwarded to NDOT for their annual work plan.

In other business, commissioners heard from Jake Filpondo with Bureau of Land Management staff for the Stillwater Field office regarding the environmental work being done on the Dixie Meadows geothermal project with Ormat. The BLM is expecting to have the final Environment Assessment document completed this week. He also reported on the Edwards Porter grazing permit update that is part of the new Outcome Based Grazing program the BLM has implemented to develop adaptive management plans with cattle ranchers. The Edwards Porter allotment is part of the Smith Creek Ranch. Although a protest has been filed by the Wild Lands Defense Fund by Laura Leigh, a wild horse advocate, Filpondo said the intent is to move forward on the permit and renewal decision before mid-June. Additionally, the Desatoya Wild Horse gather decision that was presented to commissioners at the last meeting has been appealed by the Wild Lands Defense Fund and Laura Leigh as well. The plan was to gather and remove 104 horses from that herd management area and administer contraception to mares that would be turned back out. The BLM solicitor is addressing the issue and it will be a 45-day process to see if the stay is granted. Filpondo also reported on the process of the Vegas to Reno off-road race that is held every year, saying the National Environmental Policy Act process is complete. The race route through the Stillwater Field office has not changed, and the Sierra Front office is the lead on the NEPA process with the Tonopah office delegated as the authority for cost-recovery.

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As part of the county's community support program, the Commissioners awarded the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show & Sale \$2,500 for next year's event. Accepting the donation is Karen Bogdanowicz of the University of Nevada, Reno's Cooperative Extension office in Fallon.

Commissioners heard and approved a parceling plan for NEV DEV, LLC., for 16 parcels of land for a housing development off Dillon Lane. The project's developer, Kim McCreary, worked with the planning department to redraw the parcel map to allow for evenly shaped parcels that would be accessed through lanes designed and maintained through a mutual maintenance agreement. This was the third iteration of the plan for the Dillon Road project, one that Commissioner Greg Koenig said was finally acceptable.



## Local Government

### New Modern Program Provides Convenience to Water Users

#### by Rachel Dahl

The Truckee Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors heard from Josh Voorheis of the Bureau of Reclamation this week at their regular meeting. He reported on the progress of the TCIDWORKS (Water Operations Record Keeping System) program being developed as a replacement for the legacy database that the district has

been using to manage water usage in the Newlands Project. For the past several years, TCID has used a database and the Excel program to manage scheduling water deliveries, along with accounting functions in Access. Additionally, accessing files required the staff and users to be on a physical computer in order to make use of the system. The WORKS program will bridge all these various programs, and working from the Internet, give local water users and staff one-stop access to necessary information for managing the ordering, scheduling, and deliveries of water. The application will also assist district staff with taxing, elections, pumps, season close-out, as well as provide user login functionality for water users.

Currently the application is in the third review period, it is expected to be completed by November and released for use by TCID in February. Voorheis said allocation letters with maps will go out in March and will be used to verify takeout names and locations. When WORKS is released to water users, they will be able to use the application to order water, verify deliveries, and check their allocation balances.

In other business, Rob Martinez of the Lahontan Basin Area Office in Carson City reported on credit water under TROA (Truck-

### **Churchill County COVID** JUNE 2021 Vaccine and Testing

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County Public Health Drive Through Site on Miner's Road off Scheckler Road or Hwy 95

#### June 1, 2021-June 4, 2021

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June 7, 2021-June 11, 2021

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#### Friday June 18, 2021: NO VACCINE TESTING OR TESTING

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TCID Canal - Photo by Sloan Curtis

ee River Operation Agreement). This is the first year there will be availability for additional storage in the upstream reservoirs on the Truckee side for the project. The Old Lahontan transfer is still on track, moving through the congressional process, and the BOR is in the process of a Bridge Inventory that has staff examining all crossings and bridges to address responsibility between the Bureau, TCID, and the landowner.

A presentation was made by the Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA), a non-profit organization that is contracted through the BOR to provide TCID with a Project Modernization Plan. Julie O'Shea, executive director and Margi Hoffman, strategic operations director, told the board they are in the process of field work throughout the district to assess technical assistance opportunities, looking at facilities and structures. This field work will provide the background information necessary for the group to access potential funding opportunities for the modernization projects.

FCA works with irrigation districts in Oregon, California, and Montana to access and leverage funding. The group recently partici-pated in the upgrade of the fish ladder project at Derby Dam. Hoffman said there is funding available through several federal agencies for modernization work, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). In fact, the NRCS currently has \$24.9 million available in the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention fund specifically to do irrigation project modernization work.

TCID meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at 266 Harrigan Road.



## Law & Order

### **Casey Johns Sentenced to 33 Years**



#### -Staff Report

On April 16, 2020, Casey Alan Johns, while armed with a knife, forcibly kicked in the door to the unoccupied room at the Budget Inn. After leaving that hotel room, Johns found his way to another random room with an open door. That room was occupied by an adult male and an adult female, who never saw Johns before this day. The male victim noticed Johns walk towards their room and tried to shut the door. However, Johns entered their room before it could be shut. The male victim tried to protect his female friend by blocking Johns from further entering the

room and holding his hands up with his palms out. Johns used his knife and slashed the male victim's right hand, which caused a deep cut that went across his entire palm, cutting an artery and resulting in nerve damage.

The Fallon Police Department immediately arrived on scene and ap-

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prehended Johns. During the arrest, Johns resisted and kicked Officer Kevin Grimes. However, the officers quickly controlled the situation and placed Johns in the patrol vehicle. While Johns was being booked, he was found to have a stolen wallet and stolen credit cards.

The Churchill County District Attorney's Office charged Johns with 5 counts: Count 1, Burglary with Possession of Deadly Weapon; Count 2, Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm; Count 3, Battery by a Prisoner in Lawful Custody; Count 4, Home Invasion with Possession of a Deadly Weapon; and Count 5, Possessing Stolen Credit Cards.

Deadly Weapon; and Count 5, Possessing Stolen Credit Cards. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker presented the case to a jury, which was held May 10, 2021, through May 13, 2021, in the 10th Judicial District Court. After hearing all the evidence, the jury found Johns guilty on all charges. On May 18, 2021, the Court sentenced Johns on all 5

On May 18, 2021, the Court sentenced Johns on all 5 charges to 33.3 years, with parole eligibility after 12.6 years.

Additionally, the sentence is to run consecutive to Case No. 20-10DC-0186, where Johns is serving 21 to 56 months on the charge of Attempt to Commit Burglary. - *Photo courtesy of Nevada Department of Corrections.* 



### Walkaway Inmate Captured in Incline Village



Ray Johannsen, # 1191781 Photo courtesy of NDOC

on June 2. Johannsen, 42, who housed at Stewart Conservation Camp in Carson City, was determined to be missing from a crew working north of Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe. Johannsen was captured in Incline Village shortly after 2 p.m. the same day and returned to custody. He arrived at the Nevada Department of Corrections on Aug. 25, 2020, from Elko County and was serving a sentence of 16 to 40 months for attempting to traffic a controlled substance. He was scheduled for parole in July. Additional charges are pending.

Further information was released by NDOC explaining that a "walkaway" is different than an "escape." According to prison officials, a walkaway is just as it sounds. It is when an offender walks away from a camp or work assignment. It differs from an "escape," in that the offender did not have to break out of any secured perimeter.

Camps, like Stewart Camp, are minimum-custody institutions where low-risk inmates are housed without secure fencing and are allowed to work off site. Camps are a transitional step between a secured institution and return to the free world. This allows offenders the opportunity to exercise gradual freedom to ensure a more successful reintegration into society. One of the primary purposes of a camp is to provide work experience, mainly with the Nevada Division of Forestry. Camp inmates can also been seen at work, along roadways, fighting fires and keeping the grounds at public buildings, including the state Capitol, among other assignments.

Only certain inmates qualify for camp and include Offenders who represent a limited potential to misbehave or who represent a low risk to escape and are going to be released from NDOC custody within three years. They have also performed assigned duties in a faithful and orderly manner. Offenders serving DUI offenses, with no other offense, are exempt from the three-year requirement. Inmates who cannot go to camp include Felony sex offenders, violent offenders, those with a serious violent major infraction within the past year and those with any major or work infraction within the past 6 months.

The Nevada Dept. Of Corrections has eight camps and two transitional housing centers: Jean Conservation Camp – Las Vegas, Stewart Conservation Camp – Carson City, Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp – Indian Springs, Pioche Conservation Camp, Wells Conservation Camp, Humboldt Conservation Camp, Carlin Conservation Camp, Tonopah Conservation Camp, Casa Grande Transitional Housing – Las Vegas, Northern Nevada RC – Reno

## Law & Order

### **District Court News**



Elijah Chris Plowden - Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's office

#### - by Alicia Parsons

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened June 1, 2021, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

Sergio Bravo was scheduled for arraignment after being released on his own recognizance from Justice Court on May 20, 2021. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Wright Noel stated that he has had minimal telephone contact with his client since his release. ADA Chelsea Sanford requested a bench warrant in this matter. Judge Stockard issued a bench warrant for \$30,000, cash only.

Mont Von Nickell was found guilty of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Police Officer, a Category B Felony. Charles Woodman Esq., counsel for Mr. Nickell stated that his client was in the car with a woman he was seeing, when police attempted a traffic stop due to the woman being known to police for drug issues. Nickell stated the woman told him she would be in trouble if he stopped and begged him to flee, which he attempted. The woman threw a large quantity of metham-phetamine from the moving vehicle to conceal it from law enforcement in an area that children could have come in contact with the substance. Judge Stockard sentenced Nickell to 28-72 months in prison, suspended for a term of probation not to exceed 36 months, 120 hours of community service at a rate of no less than 10 hours a month.

Scott Kevin Greene pled guilty to Offer, Attempt, Commission of Unauthorized Use Relating to the Manufacture, Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a Category C Felony. CCPD Wright Noel stated that his client was a truck driver the majority of his life until he suffered spinal trauma. Greene was given narcotic pain relievers and was left in dire financial straits. A confidential informant approached Greene and asked if he would be interested in selling a portion of his prescription, to which he agreed. He has no criminal history and understands the gravity of the mistake he made. Judge Stockard sentenced Greene to 12-36 months in prison, suspended for

probation not to exceed 24 months. If his current medication regimen is not deemed necessary, it is to be stopped immediately. Credit for six days time served.

*Cory Bradford Woods* (in custody) pled guilty to count one, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison, and count two, Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child, also a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. CCPD Wright Noel stated that his client did cause fear in a person under 18 with his actions. Sentencing is scheduled for August 24, 2021.

Elijah Chris Plowden (in custody) pled guilty to count one, Burglary with Posses-sion of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony; count two, Extortion with Use of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony; count three, Ex-Felon Not to Possess a Firearm, a Category B Felony. Accord-ing to DA Lane Mills, Plowden entered his girlfriend's job at Safeway and put a gun to her manager's head. Plowden has a criminal record out of Louisiana, where he was granted a suspended sentence with parole. He fled the area and ultimately ended up in Fallon. CCPD Jacob Sommer, attorney for Plowden, stated that his client made one mistake in the heat of the moment. Judge Stockard sentenced Plowden to: (1) 50-150 months in prison (2) 24-96 months with a weapon enhancement, consecutive term of 24-96 months in prison (3) 28-72 months in prison. Count two will run consecutive to count one, with count three running concurrent to counts one and two. For aggregate purposes, Plowden was sentenced to 100-342 months total, with credit for 78 days served.



### **GREEN GODDESS** FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS, 3-8 PM

MAY 1 \* JUNE 5 \* JULY 3 AUGUST 7 \* SEPTEMBER 4

Join us at the Oats Park Art Center & Lariat Courtyard for the *Green Goddess Farmers Market* featuring produce for sale from local farmers, artwork from local artists and crafters, music by local musicians, food from the 5 Star Indian Food Truck, and more!

The Market begins at 3PM with a "*Meet Your Farmer*" cocktail hour in the Lariat Bar, where a specialty cocktail composed using local ingredients will be available for purchase, along with a variety of other drinks.

#### **CHURCHILL ARTS COUNCIL**

Oats Park Art Center • 151 East Park Street, Fallon, Nev. For more info call 775-423-1440 or email charts@phonewave.net

## Obituaries

### Karl Weishaupt



Lifelong resident of Stillwater, Nevada, Karl Weishaupt passed away at his home on May 30, 2021. Karl was born at home on July 18, 1924, to Albert and Addie Weishaupt. He attended Stillwater School until 8th grade and then went to and graduated from Churchill County High School. He spent his life on the ranch except for the time he served his country. During WWII he was in the Army serving in the American and European Theater and in the Battle of the Bulge. Karl dedicated his life to farming and raising livestock. He loved

to hunt and fish when he had the spare time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, and wife, Bettie.

Karl is survived by his children, sons, Michael Weishaupt and Dana (Rena) Weishaupt of Fallon; daughter, Karla Schwoerer of Oakdale, CA.; and two granddaughters, Emily and Addison Weishaupt of Fallon.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 10 AM at the Churchill County Cemetery. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Karl.

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

### **Earl Mondel Cornett**



It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Earl Mondel Cornett, age 82 of California. Earl passed away January 9, 2021, from Covid.

Earl Mondel Cornett was a talented artist who could build anything he set his mind to with hands that never quit. An army veteran of the 82nd airborne, he was also a furniture builder, welder, antique store owner, fisherman, truck driver, jewelry maker, avid gardener, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. Earl Cornett was truly one of a kind. He loved his little five-acre mountain paradise on top of Sage Road in Colfax, California. He loved

drinking coffee in the mornings with his wife, Mary while watching the wildlife from the deck of their home. He built rock walls, planted trees, shrubs, flowers, and his favorites, succulents, and cacti. In his recent years, Earl took to making jewelry boxes, candle vo-

tives, and other glass ornaments. As a furniture builder, he was a crafts-man, to say the least, crafting the Cornett oak table that he signed Earl Cornett with a silver or gold pen on each and every one. Earl had numerous stories he would share of his commercial fish-ing advantures and joke about actabing Muleslum accin Wiegersin

ing adventures and joke about catching Muskellunges in Wisconsin with "What's His Name" aka Steve Schott.

Earl is survived by his beautiful and loving wife of over 41 years, Mary Cornett and their seven children; Ken and Stephanie Ricks, Montana; Bob and Becky Ricks, Georgia; Kevin and Kathi Ricks, Washington; Kathy and Don Čavier, California; Dianna Messick, Tennessee; Arlena and Steve Schott, Wisconsin; and Susanna and Mike Grows, Oregon; and his loving brother, Carl Cornett; along with his Grand-children Ryan and Tara Ricks; Tiffany and Max Oppheim; Heavenly angel Andrew Ricks, all of Montana; Jessica and Mathew Hobs, Tex-as; Kayla Koester, Alyssa Ricks, Conner Ricks, Georgia; Justin Ricks, Spencer Ricks, Jeremiah Ricks, Washington; Lauren and Alex Eyster, Virginia; Dina and Justin Aasen, Wisconsin; Ashley and Jason Seeka-mp, Wisconsin; Brett and Alisha Workman, Nevada; Demi-Jo and Nate Morgan, Wisconsin; Candice and Lared Ninas, Tannessee, He has 26

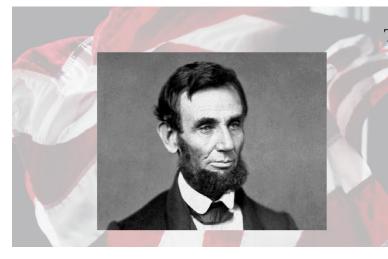
775-423-4545 PUBLISHER@THEFALLONPOST.ORG Jared Ninas, Tennessee. He has 26 great-grandchildren and numer-

ous nieces and nephews. Earl lived his life every day doing the things that made him happy. His love of life will live on within his family. within his family.

Rest Easy Earl Mondel Cornett -- "Look at the Gardens you have created.

A private celebration of life is planned for June 16th, 2021, in California.

## Business



The Churchill County Republican Party Presents the

### **2021 Lincoln Day Dinner**

June 19th, 2021 Fallon Convention Center \$60 per plate Prime Rib or Artichoke Chicken by the Slanted Porch For reservations call—Neil McElrath 775-217-4640 Or email at ccrepublicancc@gmail.com

### May Business Licenses - Churchill County

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS INC ABP ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS INC ELECTRICAL AND SOLAR CONTRACTING 3670 N 5TH STREET STE 150 - LAS VEGAS / 702-333-1912 3441 E AUGUSTA CT, QUEEN CREEK AZ 85142-8854

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DESERT SKIES CRAFTS SOAPMAKING AND SELLING CRAFTS ANDREA SANCHEZ 253-273-7551 1610 SHOFFNER LN, FALLON, NV 89406

FIVE STARS LANDSCAPING AND HANDYMAN SERVICES LANDSCAPING AND HANDYMAN SERVICES BLACK PEAK INVESTMENTS LLC RAFAEL GALLEGOS 775-217-4854 4333 RENO HWY SPACE 34, FALLON NV 89406 FRITO-LAY INC WHOLESALE DISTR / 591 GUMMOW DR C/0 KATHLEEN CONNELLY-OPS ASST WAREHOUSE-SNACK FOOD 949-465-7011 26672 TOWNE CENTRE DR #360, FOOTHILL RANCH CA 92610

HANNEMAN SERVICE. LLC TOWING SERVICE 775-575-2345 280 E MAIN ST/ PO BOX 8. FERNLEY NV 89408-0008

HOT RODZ CATERING & PROMOTIONS CAR SHOW EVENT PAUL SAMPSON 775-291-5008 2394 COLUMBIA WY /PO BOX 21943- CARSON CITY NV 89721

JARDINE CUSTOM FIREARMS LLC WAY FIRE-ARMS INSTRUCTION DUANE JARDINE 775-217-5627 863 ELKHORN, FAL-LON NV 89406

MOKOFISI CONSTRUCTION GENERAL CONTRACTOR MOKOFISI SIONE 775-250-3307 4151 HUBBLE CT, SPARKS, NV 89436

SUMMERSCRAFTS HOME CRAFTS ATTN: RICHARD SUMMERS 505-927-0645 3595 TRENTO LN, FALLON NV 89406

EXPIRED/ HENDRIX KENNETH -MANAGING MEM CONSTRUCTION ATTN: LICENSING COMPLIANCE RENO NV 89502

Grad Message!

### May Business Licenses - City of Fallon

Coast Karate Studio 270 South Maine Street #7 Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Karate 775-219-3799 Robert & Dana Delcino (Owner)

Daily, Raelynn C/O 745 South Taylor Street Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Salon ~ 916-717-9971 Raelynn Daily (Owner) Jardine Custom Firearms, LLC 863 Elkhorn Way Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Guns/Ammo ~775-217-5627 Duane Jardine (Owner)

Naturali 6150 Bottom Road Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Counseling ~ 775-237-8884 Alina Johnson (Owner) The Nail Garden 1525-F West Williams Avenue Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Salon 610-390-2031 Kim Duong (Owner)

Closed Business Sharrard Graphics & Signs 1896 Bowie Road Fallon, Nevada, 89406 Callista, You've always had to be your own hero, kid, and you're mine, too... you're exactly who I want to be when I grow up. Now gtfo of here, leave this place in the rear view and enjoy the hell out of what life has to offer you You'll always ALWAYS have a place to return to if needed

- Love Mom

## Community

### Formation of a New Christian Motorcyclists Chapter in Fallon



CMA Austin Picnic

#### -Story and photos by Tom Jones

Fallon Resident Tom Jones will be holding a Chapter Formation Meeting for the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) on June *-Story and photos by Tom Jones* 

Fallon Resident Tom Jones will be holding a Chapter Formation Meeting for the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) on June 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Grid Brew Pub and Restaurant in Fallon. Jones said "It's not about what you ride; it's about coming together in a fun, safe, family-friendly environment to enjoy the sport of motorcycling/motor sports and fellowship with those who ride them." CMA is a non-profit and non- denominational association founded in 1975 with the vision of taking the Gospel to bikers. The organization has grown to be in 38 countries with 1,380 chapters chartered in the United States.

to be in 38 countries with 1,380 chapters chartered in the United States. According to the group's promotional flier, whether you ride cruisers, sport bikes (on- or off-road), Motocross, Racing, ATVs, or scooters, you are welcome to join them. "We welcome you to spend some time and take a ride with us," said John Ogden Sr., CEO and Chairman of the CMA Board. All those interested in joining or obtaining more information are heart-fully encouraged to attend this organizational meeting. The group is planning to attend this weekend's Street Vibrations in Reno event, and the gather for Friday night cruises that meet at The Grid at 6:30 p.m. Visit the CMA website www.cmausa.org for more information, or call Jones at (775) 867-8355 with any questions.

### Free Concert At Oats Park - Be Ready to Groove

#### -by Jo Petteruti

On Saturday, June 19, the first of two free Concerts in the Park this summer will be held at Oats Park at 7:30 p.m.

This free performance is presented by the Churchill Arts Council in cooperation with Mayor Ken Tedford, the Fallon City Council, and the City of Fallon. The second free concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 21 in conjunction with the Community-wide Reunion activities that weekend.

Musician Cedric Watson, a four-time Grammy-nominated fiddler, singer, accordionist, and songwriter will be performing with his band, Bijou Creole. Watson is said to be one of the brightest young talents in the past decade. The band blends the sounds of Cajun, Creole, and Zydeco (Louisiana French), and has been influenced by the French and Spanish contra dance, a popular 18th century English country style of music, and Bourré, old French-style dance and music in three-four or two-two time. Cedric plays everything from Creole to more modern Cajun and Zydeco songs, even throwing in a bluegrass fiddle tune or an old string band number along the way. The band has four albums to its credit, two albums as a band, and two where Watson performed on his own.

According to Watson's website, his albums are a tapestry of pulsing rhythms and Creole poetry, and his live performances are unforgettable, all at once progressive and nostalgic. Watson is quoted as saying, "We don't want to forget that one of the biggest contributions to our culture, music, and heritage was made by the Native Americans. I find that the old Zydeco rhythms sound like a mix of African and Native American ceremonial rhythms. This mélange very possibly came about through the intermingling of the Native American population and the Maroons."

Prior appearances include the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, the Festival International de Louisiane, Festivals Acadi-



2019 CAC Concert in the park - Photo by Rachel Dahl

ens et Créoles, and the Blue Moon Saloon, all in Lafayette, LA. They have also performed live on the BBC channel in England twice, at Celtic Connections in Glasgow, Scotland and in multiple locations in Turkey.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with Watson and other band members during a post-performance question and answer period.

Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks, coolers (cans are okay, but no glass please), whatever you may need to be comfortable for a couple hours. Dancing shoes, or bare feet, are recommended, either way be prepared to boogie.

More information about the concert can be found on the Arts Council website, <u>https://churchillarts.org/</u>

Detailed information about Watson and the band can be found on his website, <u>http://www.cedricwatson.com/</u> or on their Facebook page, <u>https://www.facebook.com/Cedric-Watson-Bijou-Cre-</u> <u>ole-114270322920/</u>

## Community

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### **May Marriages**

May 27, Asa Esteban – Emanu Estrella (21) to Breana Folsom (21) Modesto, CA May 11, Jacob Herman Holstrom (28) to Megan Renee Pruitt (28) Sparks, NV May 19, Dustin Larry Wood (35) to Crystal Dawn Holley (36) Carbondale, CO May 06, Travis Michael Slaugh (27) to Angela Michelle Grossi (45) Fallon, NV May 10, Preston Chad Avery (26) to Monica Jeanine Schroeder (33) Fallon, NV May 10, Brandon Scott Powell (36) to Mechelle Renee Aschwanden (35) Fallon, NV May 10, Brandon Scott Powell (36) to Mechelle Renee Aschwanden (35) Fallon, NV May 19, Kevin Nicholas Carlin (28) to Jillian Jean Sasser (31) Fallon, NV May 13, Larry Leighton Lecave (63) to Tammi Laynette Wilkins (47) Fallon, NV May 14, Bobby Dee Stockton (58) to Bonnie Kaye Jewell (57) Fallon, NV May 28, Brett Taylor Gikmore (27) to Lauren Renae (28) Fallon, NV May 25, Colton Ray Oney (28) to Carson Mckenna Anderson (25) Fallon, NV May 26, Jesse David Potter (27) to Victoria Lynn Kiesel (25) Fallon, NV May 28, David Kieth Morlang (66) to Juanita Lee Brooks (56) Fallon, NV

### May Divorces & Annulments

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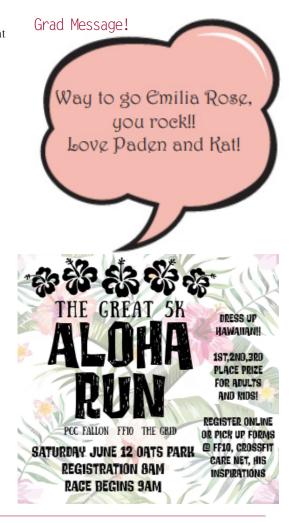


Photo courtesy of Rachel Dahl -Congressman Mark Amodei,

Hong Kong citizens. They built their military to defeat the U.S. military. They're threatening Taiwan right now. So, the

way we can beat them is we have got to stop doing business with them – stop."

The final list of critical and rare earth minerals is extensive, and as named by the Department of the Interior, includes: aluminum, antimony, arsenic, barite, beryllium, bismuth, cesium, chromium, cobalt, fluorspar, gallium, germanium, graphite, hafnium, helium, indium, lithium, magnesium, manganese, niobium, platinum group metals, potash, rare earth minerals, rhenium, rubidium, scandium, strontium, tantalum, tellurium, tin, titanium, tungsten, uranium, vanadium, and zirconium. Nevada, rich territory for some of these minerals, could see more extensive mining throughout the state if H.R. 3240 is passed by Congress.



## Military

### Fleet Readiness Center West Detachment Fallon Celebrates 1,000 Days DUI Free

- by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Larry S. Carlson

Fleet Readiness Center (FRC) West Detachment Fallon recently celebrated 1,000 days without a single incident of driving under the influence.

The milestone was reached on May 22 and was achieved not only by the current Sailors at FRC West Det. Fallon, but by every Sailor that has been part of the command for more than two-and-ahalf years.

The chain of command attributes their success to communication and camaraderie within the command. Every Friday, the supervisors remind their Sailors to have a plan if they will be drinking. In a town with little to no public transportation, FRC relies heavily upon themselves to take care of each other.

"We remind the Sailors to have a plan if they will be going out," said Senior Enlisted Leader Master Chief Gary Martinez. "There's always numbers to call."

"We try to treat the command like family...we will find a way to get you home," said Officer in Charge Lt. Cmdr. Mark Laney. "We have the duty driver, which is always available. They can call their supervisor, the CMC, a friend, or even myself." "To me, the one difference is the camaraderie amongst the

"To me, the one difference is the camaraderie amongst the Sailors," said Assistant Officer in Charge Lt. j.g. Ryan Cambra. "Being in base housing, you see it a lot during special events. They're always hanging out with each other. I think that's how we got to a milestone like this. We have a really good group of people."

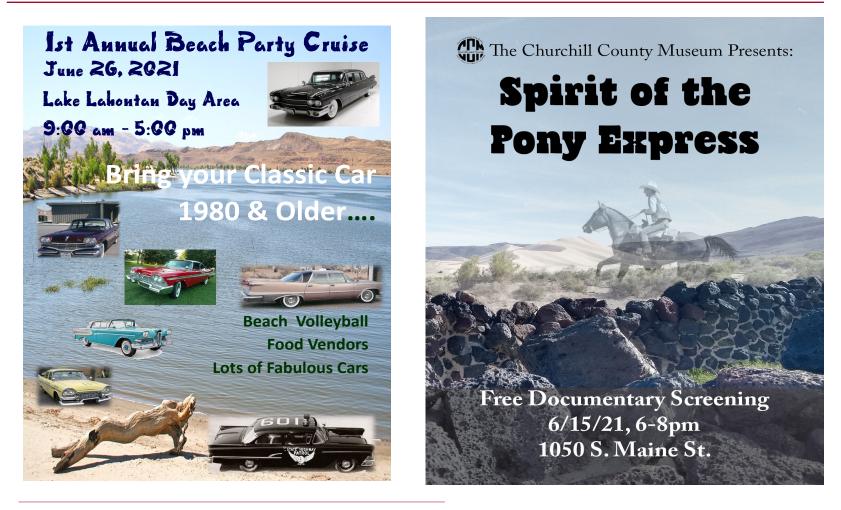
"Personally, I've never seen a command reach this level," said Martinez. "They really take it onboard when we say have a plan.



Photo courtesy of NAS Fallon

Have a plan, have a designated driver, walk if you have to. It's great that we can trust them to do just that."

"I'm really proud of everyone here," said Laney. "As the OIC, it's awesome to get the support from the Sailors to keep this going, and hopefully they can make it to another 1,000.



## Education



### Future Health Professionals Rank High at State Conference

#### - Staff Report

The Churchill County HOSA Team - Future Health Professionals, formerly known as the Health Occupations Students of America, has traditionally scored well at the state convention, sending many students on to the National Conference and competition. This year was no different, even with the addition of two new teams in the Emergency Medical Technician category, both coming in a respectable 3rd and 5th place. Teacher and Coach Elaine Adams said she was very excited at how well the students did during the competition. The Board of Trustees recently recognized the HOSA students at a Board meeting for their accomplishments.

*Emergency Medical Technician* Mackenzie Fish and Molly Woolsey Hailey Guerrero and Emilia Jones

#### Health Career Display

Caitlyn Dock and Kayleigh Moss Elvira Correa Chavarin and Nelly Ruiz

Health Career Photography-Lydia Berg-

man, RayAnn Rasmussen, Brielle Johnson

Job Seeking Skills - Allison Frost

*Physical Therapy* - Jessalynn Lewis

Health Care Issues Exam - Vera Vaz, Brielle Johnson, RayAnn Rasmussen, Nelly Ruiz Allison Frost, Elvira Correa Chavarin, Madeline Stephens, Lydia Bergman Jessalynn Lewis, Mackenzie Fish Emilia Jones, Caitlyn Dock, Kayleigh Moss,. Gabby Loop. Molly Woolsey, Hailey Guerrero

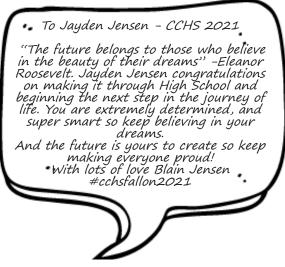
Barbara James Service Award- Vera Vaz



-Photo courtesy of HOSA



Grad Message!



## Education

### **Oasis Students Earn Top Scores in Tri-Star Competition**



Trig Star Exam. Sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, Trig-Star is a competition that recognizes and re-wards high school students who excel in mathematics, particular-ly Trigonometry. Mr. Evan Brandt, math teacher, had 23 students take the exam, and the top three scores were Sarah Polish, Tylie Norcutt, and Halle Feest. "Congratulations to these young ladies for winning the National Society of Professional Surveyors 2021 Trig-star competition," said Brandt. - Photo and story submitted by Oasis Academy

Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy Sarah Polish, Tylie Norcutt, and Halle Feest and David Cook

### WNC Foundation Awards \$96,000 in Scholarships to **Fallon Students**

Aguirre Leon, Liliana Mariuxi Biggs, Kayla Lynn Brady, Kerry Lynn Bryant, Shaina Burgess, Brandon Gage Burgess, Brandon Gage Campbell, Wanda Rene Monserrat Casillas, Maria Chappell, Garrett Alex Conner, Melissa Elizabeth Cordell, Heather Louise Cordell, Heather Louise Correa, Danna Guadalupe De Santiago, Tania Derby, Jennifer Lynn Desantiago, Guadalupe Desantiago, Guadalupe Devault, Ashley Renee Ferguson, Rachel Brittany Ferguson, Rachel Brittany Fillmore, Marrisa Rachel Gillette, Tyler Forrest Gilmore-Hurtado, Macie Marie Goudswaard, Katelynn Marlene Hutchings, Shauna

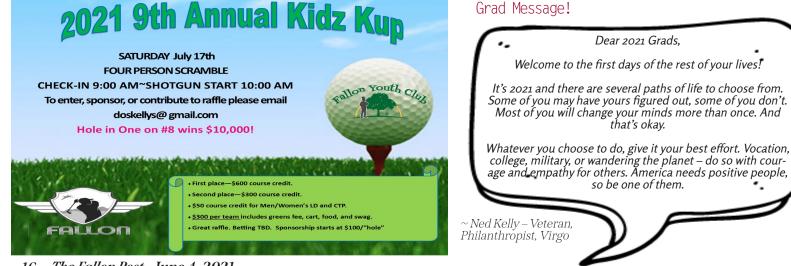
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*-Staff Report* The WNC Foundation is proud to have awarded \$96,000 in scholarships to students within Fallon and the surrounding area. The following is a list of each scholarship that is awarded through the WNC Foundation and the student who was chosen for the scholarship. - Photo and story co by WNC

> Kemmeter, Morgan Lorraine Kieszkowski, Amber Michelle Kroll, Jase Robert Marquez, Lilia Rocio Massey, Brianna Messick, Nicholas Nasser, Charles Nasser, Charles Nelson, Jasmine Nelson, Jasmine O'donnell, Skye Leigh Policky, Kara Rose Rogers, Dallas Caitlin Ross, Logon Michael Shaver, Jennifer Marie Shaver, Jennifer Marie Shaver, Jennifer Marie Stritenberger, Erica D Stritenberger, Erica D Turnham, Emily Karen Tyler, Sarah Wadsworth, Maycee L Weber, Amber Rose Workman, Wyatt Ross Zachar, Watkins Blaine Zamora, Yahaira Lizeth Zamora, Yahaira Lizeth

WNC Leadership Scholarship Pennington CTE Scholarships Catherine S. Fitz Scholarship Anne G. Berlin Mem Scholarship Elizabeth Foundation Scholarship Endow Andrew Pennington CTE Scholarships Alexandre CGI, Inc. Scholarship Alexandre Pennington CTE Scholarships Tatiana Vicky Etchegoyen Yaple Mem Sch Tatiana Clarence & Martha Berger Trust Foundation Scholarship Endowment Testolin Pieretti Family Sch Pennington Nursing Scholarship Thomas Pennington CTE Scholarships CGI, Inc. Scholarship Freeman F. and Norma F. Morgan Pennington CTE Scholarships Soroptimist International of CC Nursing Warde H. Dixon Scholarship Pennington CTE Scholarships Pennington CTE Scholarships Pennington CTE Scholarships Helen Člose Scholarship Pennington CTE Scholarships Pennington CTE Scholarships Freeman F. and Norma F. Morgan Pennington CTE Scholarships

#### Grad Message!





Staff from Kennametal and New Millennium help the United Way deliver books to Lahontan Elementary School

### **Microsoft Reno Sponsors over** 1,600 Summer Literacy Kits with United Way to Encourage **Summer Learning**

#### - Staff Report

United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS) received a sponsorship from Microsoft Reno to provide over 1,600 students with Summer Literacy Kits in time for summer break. Summer Literacy Kits are assembled bundles of four brand new books, activities, supplies, and resources for parents/adults to support summer learning and fun.

Summer Literacy Kits are aimed at Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students with a goal to increase access to books at home and provide tools to support summer reading and engagement. "This year's Summer Learning Kit's include an activity for stu-

dents to create their very own Reading Buddy!" said Ashley Cabrera, Director of Market-ing and Engagement at UWNNS. "Students will find all sorts of craft supplies to dream up their very own companion to practice reading with all summer long. We want to create fun experiences around reading, showing that learning together can be fun for everyone

in the family." UWNNS and volunteers from New Millennium and Kennametal delivered Summer Literacy Kits on May 27th to first and second graders at Lahonton Elementary School. This project is a continuation of Microsoft Reno and UWNNS's annual literacy kit

project.

"We are thrilled to partner and support United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra and their Summer Learning program for students in Washoe and surrounding rural counties," said Maureen McKinney, General Manager and Site Leader, Microsoft, Amer-icas Operations Center. "We are proud to invest in a Literacy Learning program that will reach over 1,900 students and provide 10,000 new books to prevent summer learning loss.

Each kit has an estimated retail value of over \$60.

"As a nonprofit, partnering with companies like Microsoft Reno allows us to extend the impact and reach of every dollar," said Cabrera. "The reality is many families have tight finances in order to make ends meet and going out to purchase brand new books and activ-ities is just not realistic for every household with children." By summer, these Literacy Kits will be distributed to over 1,600 students across Wash-

oe, Lyon, and Churchill counties.

If you would like to support UWNNS and help increase access to books this summer, please visit www.uwnns.org/donate.





United Way Staff with Kelly Robins, Steve Hampton, Kimi Melendy, and Kevin Čann,



Kelly Robins of New Millennium with happy students (above and lower right)

## Education

### 139 Jump Start Students Graduate from WNC



Alexandria Matter of Oasis Academy displays her diploma after graduating from WNC on May 27. - Photo courtesy of WNC

- Staff Report

One of Western Nevada College's largest Jump Start commencement classes to date celebrated the feat of earning their college degree before completing their high school education last week.

WNC honored its 2021 Jump Start graduating class of 139 students representing Carson, Churchill County, Dayton, Douglas, Fernley, Mineral County, Pioneer, Silver Stage, Smith Valley, Virginia City and Yerington high schools, as well as Oasis and Nevada Virtual academies and home-school students.

Many of these same students will graduate from their respective high schools this week.

"We are extremely proud of all of the (139) Jump Start graduates who are transferring to universities or career programs, joining the military or entering the workforce," said WNC Jump Start Counselor Tricia Wentz. "They have all worked very hard to balance college and high school academics as well as a variety of school and community activities. Each WNC Jump Start student has a tremendous story to share about challenges, achievements and reaching goals. We admire and celebrate you all!"

WNC's Jump Start College was created in 2014 to help more students earn a college degree and to make it financially more feasible.

The grads were recognized during WNC's 50th Commencement, which included drive-through ceremonies on May 24-25 on the Carson campus and May 27 on the Fallon campus.

For more information about WNC's Jump Start College and high school dual enrollment programs, go to wnc. edu/high-school-programs/ or contact Wentz at tricia. wentz@wnc.edu.

Local WNC 2021 Jump Start grads are:

Churchill County High School: Cade Barton, Jayden Jensen, Melanie Plasse, Will Swisher

#### **Oasis Academy**

Taryn Barrenchea, Aaron Brown, Matthew Catlin, Allison Christopherson, Makenzee Delacruz, Wyatt Gusewelle, Ericka Heath, Ryan Jones, Douglas Lee, Brian Lindsey, Alexandria Matter, Madelyn Mikulak, Melanie Moran, Amanda Ngo, Sadie O'Flaherty, Emily Payne, Callista Perez, Benjamin Polish, Luke Rechel, Kate Rios, Emma Robinson, Jem Thompson, Erin Wachsmuth

### **CCHS and Oasis Students Inducted into the Honor Society**



*Courtney LaBlanc incoming president lights a candle with outgoing officers - Photos courtesy of CCHS* 

Class of 2021 Christopher Ehlers

Malcolm Feest

Paige Green Hailey Guerrero

Cole Hamlin

Kalea Lattin

mentarian

lic Service Officer

Vera Vaz, 2020-21 President

Larissa Sanches

Avery Strasdin

Allison Frost, 2020-21 Secretary

Savana Manha, 2020-21 Historian/Parlia-

Melanie Plasse, 2020-21 Webmaster/Pub-

McKay Winder, 2020-21 Vice President

Raelynn Neumann, 2020-21 Treasurer

#### -Staff Report

The CCHS National Honor Society the annual Induction Ceremony at the Churchill County High School auditorium on Monday, May 24, 2021. Because the school wasn't able to host an induction last year, organizers inducted all members who had served in their positions for the entire academic year as well as new, incoming members who will serve next year. Being inducted this year are the following students: Class of 2022 Zoey Brown Jasmin Castanon Elvira Chavarin Wade Cushing Meeka Erwin Matthew Fagundes Lillian Howard Elizabeth Ikonen Emmalee Irving Hailey Lackey Courtney LeBlanc Sam Lee Zoey Lingenfelter Nathan Lords Britney McArthur Calian Menius-Rash Cheyenne Nelson Caleb Proffen Josiah Rosario Addison Smith Luke Sorensen Matthew Sorensen Madeline Stephens Kyla Trotter Class of 2023 Lydia Bergman Ruth Casillas Cameron Christy Corel Escartin Addison Hollister Brent Hughes Sonialynn Natividad Gerik Wassmuth Camille Winder



Oasis Academy Honor Society: Madelyn Mikulak, President Ericka Heath, Vice President, Sadie O'Flaherty, Secretary

## Education

### **Churchil County Adult Education Awards 16 Diplomas**

- Story and photos by Ginny Bragg

The Churchill County Adult Education Department held its Graduation on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the CCHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Chantelle Johnson the Director of the adult Diploma Program led as Master of Ceremonies, along with the graduation address given by Mr. Derild Parsons. The awarding of diplomas was given out by Dr. Summer Stephens to all graduates.





These are the 2021 Adult Education Graduates: Brayden Castillo, Julian Castillo, Brenden Conniff, Briyanna Fernandez, Carrie Gonzales, Dylan Gregg, Cursten Holman, Jessica Lusk, Bryson Morrison, Sky O'Donnel, Melissa Parker, Austin Perry, Jonathan Quiroz-Cisneros, Nesly Robles, Jicel Bustamante, Gabriela Valenzuela, and Ethan Withrow. *Congratulations 2021 Graduates!* 

### Local Art Student Show Work at Library

#### -by Staff Report

Churchill County High School art teacher Jaime Shafer and Middle School art teacher Phary Om announced this week that they have installed the first joint art exhibition at the Churchill County Library. The exhibit will be on display through the end of July. "As you make your summer plans, please make sure you make time to stop by the library to see the wonderful work our talented students have created this year," said Shafer. "Please join me in congratulating our talented students at CCHS and CCMS."

The Churchill County Library is open to the public again and there is no need to make an appointment. Students included in the exhibit:

#### CCHS

Hailey Lackey Hailey Gupdňaporne Nelly Rodarte Madera Sierra Cooley Rafe Brown Courtney LeBlanc Abigail Stevens Kamiah Henning Gabriela Lopez Ramirez Kady Hancock Jaden Davis Sydney Jarrett Elaina Vasquaz Mikala Ledesma Jaquelin Avalos Medrano Sadie Garcia **Reece Hutchings** Cassidy Campbell Jilliana Poretta Jackson Moon Joscelyn Roat Isaac Martinez Delacruz **Emily Giovanneti JD** Steele Meeka Erwin

Allison Frost Toby Anderson Dalia Lopez Jorden Wood Rebecca Anaya Macall Brown Bianca Lopez Camryn Hook

#### CCMS

Riley Sweeney Shelby Paragin Alexis Alcaraz Avalos Cassondra Tarner Kailey Mineard Matison Parmenter Marcos Santos Lindsey Souliere Riggin Stonebarger Noah Robinson Lindsey Souliere Jordan Thompson Jayden Stuve Kyleigh Strawbuck Ashton Simar Trinity Tohannie Kaden Solinski Kailey Mineard Jared Rogers Casi Plaizier Cassondra Tarner Franklin Sabanovich Jadyn Silva Brayleen Woods Jordan Thompson Kailey Mineard Adriana Lopez Pinuelas



Sample of student artwork on display at the Library

### **CCSD Renews Chartwells Contract**

- by Rachel Dahl

Last week the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees voted to extend the contract with Chartwells to outsource food service for the district. Originally contracted in April of 2016, for five years, Chartwells began providing food service during the 2016-17 school year. Since the USDA Food and Nutrition Service has provided a nation-wide waiver allowing school nutrition contracts to be extended for one year, the district can extend the existing contract through the 2021-22 school year.

James King, Chartwell's Regional Vice President, introduced Jo Lamun, regional director and Adrian Carcas, district man-

chartwells serving up happy & heal SUMMER 2021 MEAL SERVICES ChurchillCSD meal services will continue through the summer. Meals will include one breakfast and one lunch per day per bag and will be served in bags in a "grab 'n go" style either in a drive-thru or walk-up method. CONTINUACION DEL SERVICIO DE COMIDAS Los servicios de comidas de ChurchillCSD continuarán durante el verano. Las comidas incluirán un desayuno y un almuerzo por día por bolsa y se servirán en bolsas en un estilo de "tomar y llevar", ya sea en un método drive-thru o walk-up. PICK-UP LOCATIONS & TIMES MON.-FRI. ARES & HORARIOS DE RECOGIDA 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CCHS (#1 Greenwave Circle) Numa (601 Discovery Dr.) Northside (340 Venturacci Ln.) JUNE 7-AUG. 12 MEALS WILL BE SERVED TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:
ChurchillCSD Summer School
Fallon Youth Club Hero Club
 Hero Club
 CC Parks and Recreation SUMFUN
 Teaching & Mentoring Communities Head Start
 FPST Community Learning Center ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS (More locations to be added) • NASF, 10:00-10:30 a.m. • O.K. Mobile Home Park, 11:00-11:20 a.m. • Silver State & Gummow, 11:30-11:50 a.m.

ager of the Nevada accounts, saying that the Churchill Chartwells is an amazing team serving nearly 630,000 meals during the COVID situation. The staff is preparing to open in the fall under several new national regulations and waivers under the USDA, they will push a program of student choice, a new concept called Mood Boost, and the evolution of the menu.

"Last year we were in a situation faced with what are the immediate needs and how do we meet them. Jo and her team met those needs, pivoting quickly under the USDA guidelines," he said. In spite of the quick adjustments, one of the variables Chartwells had to deal with was no hot meals were allowed under the COVID restrictions, the

team served sack and box breakfast and lunch meals using pick up locations and a bussing program in conjunction with the transportation department.

Currently Chartwells staff is working on a playbook for fall and focusing on equipment and packaging. King said there is a supply chain shortage in packaging, but because they pre-ordered early he believes they will not be affected.

He also provided information on a couple of the initiatives Chartwells is working with to improve service to the students, including changes to the menu based on student choices provided through a sample tasting and an app for parents called NutriSlice that helps with carbohydrate counting for students with diabetes or other health challenges. He also shared information about Mood Boost, a program that has been awarded Food Management's 2020 Best Management Company Concept Award. Mood Boost allows students to choose food that effects or enhances their moods. "The Be Smart meal has been very popular during testing and final

exams," he said.

Discussing the finances of the contract, Christi Fielding, District Comptroller, explained that the price per meal has gone from \$2.57 to \$2.841 based on the 3% Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the retiring of several district employees which has left Chartwells having to increase staff. "This is a big jump in contract price," said King. Fielding also explained that the Nevada

Department of Agriculture reimbursement has increased so much due to COVID, that there is no need to transfer any general fund money to the budget this year. She said, "The current free lunch rate for the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) would be \$3.53 and the paid lunch reimbursement rate would be \$.35. Breakfast rates for CEP would be \$2.26 for free breakfast and \$.32 for paid breakfast. Our CEP rate was approved at 85.77%, so that percent of our meals served would be reimbursed at the free rate and the balance would be reimbursed at the paid rate. Through the SFSP (Summer Food Service Program) and SSO (Seamless Summer Options) waivers, we will be able to serve the entire community of children 18 and under (who are able to eat solid food, so no babies), and receive the higher SFSP rate, which is currently \$4.3175 for lunch and \$2.4625 for breakfast. We are receiving substantially more per meal from Nevada Department of Agriculture, but also paying more for our food service because of the number of added meals." Because the district is making some profit on the program, there is the ability to make some much needed improvements to the food service facilities.

In other business, the board agreed to the concept of a student representative from the high school on the board next year, and will have the policy committee develop the goals, role, and parameters for that student position. The new high school principal supported the concept and volunteered, attending remotely, to help identify and facilitate student applicants for the position.

The school board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Pit at the Old High School. Because of summer vacation, the next meeting is scheduled for June 30.

### **May Births**



Jeremiah Cruz Garcia, courtesy of the Garcia family. Congratulations!

The following babies were born in May at Banner Churchill Community Hospital. If you would like to announce the birth of a baby born at a different hospital, please send information to admin@thefallonpost.org and we will be happy to publish a birth announcement. – Newborn photos for Fallon parents also welcome.

Kiaray Rose Kinney to Kelsey Rose Luttrell and Christopher Gorden Kinney, on May 05 at 3:55 p.m., and weighing 6 pounds 12.5 oz, and measuring 21 inches.

Mateo Arturo Norman to Taylor Jene Norman, on May 10 at 9:40 p.m., and weighing 5 pounds 1 oz, and measuring 16.97 inches.

Konnor Vincent Lujan to Brianna Verduzco-Mendoza and Denver Lujan, on May 12 at 7:54 a.m., and weighing 7 pounds 2oz, and measuring 19 inches long.

Amelia Grace Owens to Tiana Rachelle Owens on May 17, at 9:48 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 2 oz, and measuring 18 inches long.

Jeremiah Cruz Garcia to Cheyenne and Aaron Garcia on May 23, at 6:25 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 4.7 oz, and measuring 20 inches.

Taysom Darin Bliss to Mariah Culpepper and Trenton Bliss on May 26, at 1:28 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 5 oz, and measuring 20 inches.

Tyson Micheal-Napua Lucero to Melissa and Anthony Kaderlik on May 29, at 4:49 p.m., and weighing 7 pounds 10 oz, and measuring 20 inches.

## Adventure

### Adventure Doc - On the Camino

#### -by Brent and Lewis Kunzler

I thought about a number of different stories to write this week, from a lifetime of experiences, but like other parents who enjoy seeing our children healthy, educated, happy and safe I decided to write about my son and his experiences.

I have three children, now adulting on their own, and am proud of them. However, my son was in the Army and during his career, he was sent to Iraq for two long deployments. I was in Iraq myself during his deployments and spent time with him and his guys. We would meet in Victory Base Baghdad (VBC) or other forward operating bases (FOBs) where I would buy lunch on occasion and catch up with their news. It was difficult to say goodbye, as you never knew if it was the last time you would see them (him) alive. Once I went to their quarters only to learn his friend was killed earlier that day.

When he was out of the Army, after ten years' service, he wanted to experience the Camino de Santiago – a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the tomb of St. James in northwest Spain. It is known by various names, Camino, Pilgrimage, Camino de St. James, and it's the sort of thing people do to find themselves, or religion, or for any number of other reasons. I helped financially, but he accomplished the trek and wrote an article about his experience. With some editing, here is what he wrote...

#### A Pilgrims Life

It's dark. You stir in a bed that isn't yours. You hear a cacophony of cell phone alarms, foreign sounding moans and groans. All you want to do is go back to sleep. The bed is lumpy and has an identifiable aroma. It's a bunk bed that has probably been used more than a hundred times that season before you got in it. Someone turns on the light to the large room you share with thirty to fifty other people. You rub your eyes and think to yourself, "What in God's green earth did I get myself into."

You might think this is a scene from basic training in the Army or some other highly structured program, but you would be wrong. It's something much more challenging. It's the first day of Camino de Santiago and you have thirty-three more days to go.

The "clacking" sounds of hiking boots from people who've come from all over the world strike the cobbled streets as you set out conjure feelings of mystery and romance, like a scene from Casablanca. You expect to see Humphrey Bogart turn a corner in his iconic white tux.

Over 300,000 people hiked the Camino in 2017. As you sit in the café drinking coffee con leche in the early morning, it is not improbable to hear the jazz-like tones of someone speaking French nearby; or the frenetic cadence of a German speaker in the distance. One could almost hear Dooley Wilson play "As Time Goes by," as you sit eating a buttery croissant with marmalade for breakfast.

The Camino is an ancient pilgrim route that leads through exotic locations. For example, the great city of Pamplona, where in July you can run with the bulls during the summer festival; and Burgos, where you can visit the tomb of El Cid, the national hero of Spain, the best Spanish General of all time. Or León, with the most extraordinary gothic architecture in all of the Iberian Peninsula, tracing its first settlement back to a Roman encampment in 29 BC. The Camino converges in the city of Compostela de Santiago, ultimately ending at the Cathedral of St. James, a massive two-tower building that looks like the entrance to some megalithic Gothic castle more than a cathedral.

While you go through some of the most beautiful cities imaginable, it's the small little villages that are the Camino's heart and soul. Some people get caught up in the allure passing through cities, with the excitement of cars whizzing by and the beautiful architecture, so much they can miss the real treasure of the Camino. The landscapes of green rolling hills and valleys, the smell of fresh-cut hay in the endless farmland, or the sight of low rolling fog blanketing the valley floor visible from high atop grave mountain passes. Silence surrounds you - save the rhythmic crunch of gravel under foot. From seemingly nowhere comes a friendly "Buen Camino," as a fellow pilgrim passes you or stops to make pleasant conversation. That's the life of a pilgrim moving from one town to the next – like Valcarlos, the first town you encounter in Spain coming from France, on the green route.

Valcarlos nestles in a small valley, flanked by large hills, while the Camino heads towards a pass in the Pyrenees Mountains. Roughly 11 kilometers from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, Valcarlos is dotted with little whitewashed homes among the rolling hills of farmland, cow pastures, and outdated tractors. The smell from a nearby restaurant is intoxicating, Paella, Spain's national dish,



a meal of rice, various meats, seafood, and a dash of saffron that is simmered to perfection. The people are friendly, warm, and always taking time to show a wayward pilgrim the way to Roncesvalles, the next stop down the Camino.

Stopping in an outdoor café you put down the rucksack, which has become an albatross, and watch the sea of pilgrims walk by as you eat your meal. Their rucksacks span all colors of the spectrum with scallop shells making an almost inaudible clank as they dangle from side straps and rucksack pockets. Small national flags are sewn on jackets and rucksacks like a mini-United Nations all moving towards the same goal.

The last 18 kilometers for the day are mostly through the lush green forest and steep mountain paths that weave through the Pyrenees mountains like tiny conduits on a circuit board. The Citril Finch serenades the pilgrims as they pass pine, fir, beech, and oak trees scattered along the countryside. The lucky pilgrim may see the most elusive residents of the Pyrenees mountains, Golden Eagles, soaring across the sky searching for their next meal. Sounds, smells, the lack of human touch on the landscape, can be exhilarating. You realize it's not just nature you have to contend with, but yourself as well. Walking long distances through the forest can make you feel like time is flowing backward. Exhausted, trekking unknown roads, the sensation that time has stopped, these can make the strongest of us long to quit.

Through the forest at the top of the mountain, you start to see signs of civilization. A small church, a road, more importantly – a road marker, pointing to Roncesvalles, 2.7 kilometers, downhill. Depleted from carrying the rucksack, which you have begun to call dirty names, hungry, and covered in sweat, there is a calm in realizing your day is almost over. A feeling of exuberance fills you, the preverbal pep in your step leads nearly to a slight jog. Earlier feelings of quitting wash away. The only thing you want to do is get there and sit down. Once you cross the courtyard at Roncesvalles there's a large collegiate church looking more, at this moment, like the entrance to heaven. It is your stopping point for the day and, by far, the most satisfying part of the trip so far.

Checking in with your Pilgrim passport, the day is not done; there are laundry and shower facilities and a meal at the local restaurant. The three-course "Pilgrim's Meal (salad, a bowl of lentil soup, and a variety of fish or chicken, not unlike a bad wedding party) satisfies like no meal ever has.

Nights on the Camino consist of checking your feet for blisters, reading the day's emails, calling home, and looking at the travel guide to plan out the next day. You take stock of the day in another lumpy bunk bed, with another unidentifiable smell, and the sound of someone snoring in the distance. A smile crosses your face, knowing you will wake up tomorrow and do it all over again in a different town, with different people. Knowing there are thirty-three more days to go.

Brent has always done those things that are different, difficult, and dangerous. That was his life's theme – up until he broke his pelvis in a parachuting accident in Cambodia. Since then, he has gotten older, a little wiser, and slightly more careful. Brent comes to us as one of the newest members of our medical community, one of three practitioners at Great Basin Urgent Care.

## Sports

### Lady Bighorns Softball Team - 1A Undefeated Champions



-Staff Report

The Churchill County Commissioners recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams taking top recognition for spring sports at Oasis Academy - Photo by Anne McMillin

The Lady Bighorns softball team from Oasis Academy had an undefeated season. The Lady Bighorns finished the season with a record of 15-0, including 7 shutouts. In its second year of eligibility, the Lady Bighorns are the only undefeated team in the 1A North. The team consists of: Eneyde Rios, Emma Robinson, Nadya Sanchez, Kate Rios, Rachel Bake, Callie Perez, Erin Wachsmuth, Kaitlyn Hert, Elisabeth Bird, Emily Payne. Coaching staff consisted of: Rachel Payne, Head Coach; Brandon Bird, Assistant Coach; John Short, Assistant Coach; and Darlene Short, Statistician.

### **Greenwave Varsity Baseball Team Wins 3A East Championship**



-Staff Report

The Churchill County Commissioners recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams taking top recognition for spring sports at Churchill County High School. - Photo by Anne McMillin

The Churchill County High School boy's baseball team was recognized for winning the 3A East Division, with a record of 11-8 overall, and 11-7 in league play. The team members are: Lucas Prinz, Matthew Davis, Tyler Austin, Francisco Tapia, Cade Barton, Steven Moon, Kodus Wehe, Avery Strasdin, Hunter Cooper, Isaiah Diaz, Cooper Lee, Zane Bogdanowicz, Evan Crandall, Same Lee, Bryce Adams, Baylor Sandberg,

## CCHS Swim Team Ranks High at Regional Meet



Head coach Lynn Fulton, Assistant coach Amber Revels, Hannah Rochna, Larissa Sanches, Kaden Grimes, Emily Giovanetti

#### -Staff Report

The Churchill County High School Swim Team had outstanding results at the recent Regional Swim Meet. Led by Coach Lyn Fulton, the women's team placed 4th overall, and the men placed 7th. Additionally, the women took 3rd in the 200 Med Relay and the 200 Free Relay. Top finalists:

Emily Giovanetti 100 Fly 6th and 100 Breast 5th place, Zachary Koenig 50 Free 7th and 100 Back 3rd, Evelyn O'Neill 200 IM 8th , Macray O'Neill 100 Free 8, Nora Voelkel 200 Free 4, Hannah Rochna 100 Back 5th. 200 Med Relay Women Placing 3rd, Hannah Rochna Back, Evelyn O'Neill Breast, Emily Giovanetti Fly, Kamiah Henning Free, 200 Free Relay Women, Emily Giovanetti, Evelyn O'Neill, Kamiah Henning, Hannah Rochna. 200 Free Relay Men, Zachary Keonig, Kent Hansen, Jose Ramirez, Macray O'Neill. 400 Free Relay Men 5th, Macray O'Neill, Jaiden McFadden, Jose Ramirez, Zachary Koenig.

## Sports

### Two Fallon Graduates Ride High at the State Rodeo Finals

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO State Finals Winnemucca May 27

## RANKINGS

**Barrel Racing** 28th Masen Schacht

#### **Breakaway Roping**

2nd Jayden Jensen 3rd Ali Norcutt 6th Tylie Norcutt 43rd Kassidy Talbot

**Bull Riding 3rd Flint Schacht** 

**Girls Cutting** 1st Ali Norcutt 11th Tylie Norcutt

Goat Tying 1st Bethie Ikonen 5th Tylie Norcutt 7th Ali Norcutt 28th Kassidy Talbot

**Pole Bending** 6th Masen Schacht

**Team Roping** 6th Jarrett Peek 9th Jayden Jensen 12th Ali Norcutt 16th Tylie Norcutt 29th Bethie Ikonen 48th Mason Schacht

**Tie-Down Roping** 11th Jarrett Peek



Tylie Norcutt - Photos courtesy of Cari Norcutt and Julianne Ikonen

#### - Staff Report

Several Fallon Rodeo Team members competed at the Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals in Winnemucca last weekend. Two Oasis Academy Graduates, who should have been attending their graduation ceremony in Fallon, were competing instead, hoping to secure their places at the National High School Rodeo Finals (NSHR-SA) or the Silver State International Rodeo (SSIR) held later this summer. Organizers of the event held a recognition ceremony for the many seniors throughout the state who missed their commencement ceremonies.

Tylie Norcutt placed 3rd in the breakaway roping, 11th place in the goat tying, and 16th in the team roping. Bethie Ikonen placed 1st in

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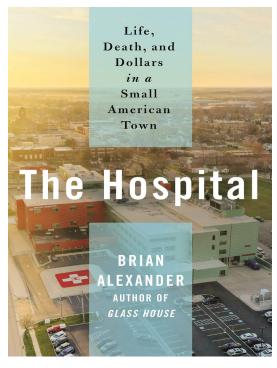




Bethie Ikonen - Photos courtesy of Cari Norcutt and Julianne Ikonen the goat tying and 29th in the barrel racing. Both qualified for the final events.

## Entertainment

## **Carol's Book Report**



# *The Hospital: Life, Death, and Dollars in a Small American Town* by Brian Alexander

A riveting account of a small nonprofit hospital's struggle to stay afloat during times of drastic change. Alexander delves into all aspects of the hospital's history and operations, along with dealing with local, state, and federal regulations. He covers Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance including all the regulations that go along with these programs. As well as the impact of the corporatization of hospitals. These variables are tied to the very thing that hospitals and doctors are tasked with, healing the sick. The author includes the human factors of why people avoid the hospital, the reasons why people get sick in the 1st place, and how the economy impacts patients and the hospital. It is not a very pretty picture, especially considering the research was completed pre-Covid. The author lays out the many issues related to health care in a very readable way.

This title is available in print at the library located at 553 S. Maine St. or available eAudio via hoopla at www.churchill-countylibrary.org.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She hasn't read all the books mentions but they are on her list. Which is very long!





### Summer Reading Program

June 7- July 30

For ALL ages!

**Registration begins June 71** 

#### Reading Logs

You can log your reading this summer on a paper log or electronically on Beanstack on our website. Once a week, bring your log or show us your Beanstack log on your device and choose a book to keep.

#### **Weekly Activities**

There will be an activity whenever you come to the library to do on your own and you can grab a take home activity, too!

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## Entertainment

### Ask the Owl - "Why is there so much water in the river if we're in a short water year?"

#### -by Rachel Dahl

We get a lot of questions at the paper – from who to contact for various issues to "when is my brother going to court" you name it we've been asked it. We thought it might be fun to answer some of these for everyone since many of the questions feel like if one person is asking probably ten more are wondering as well. Make sure if you have a question about something going on in the community, that you email us at admin@thefallonpost.org or call the office and talk to Ginny at 423-4545.

Ironically, at the time this question was asked, there were only about 100 cubic feet per second being released from the Lahontan Reservoir, which is minuscule compared to some years. Currently, the Lahontan releases into the Carson River are at 619 cfs. In talking with Rusty Jardine, General Manager of the Truckee Carson Irrigation District, and Kelly Herwick, the TCID Water Master, they say the Carson River gains this time of year from water returning back into it as fields drain and there is seasonal run-off.

District staff refer to the project facilities such as canals, ditches, and drains as the "arteries, veins, and capillaries of the structure that serves water rights to local farms.

According to Herwick, the Carson River near Coleman Road has several purposes, such as capturing the excess flows from the N and T-line canal systems, as well as the leakage from the Carson Diversion Dam. So while water may be flowing at the gauge below Lahon-tan at 100 cfs, there could be considerably more water flowing in the river at Coleman. This water is then re-routed either to the S-line canal to the S-line Reservoir on the east side of Rattlesnake Hill, for irrigation use or can be sent to Sagouspe Reservoir for deliveries to the D-line canal system. Additionally, water can be stored in Likes Lake and eventually used to deliver water to the 31 Corp, a local farming and ranching operation.

Additionally, there are "Outside Project" users, the Wolf and Mussi ranches, the families of which own "vested" water rights that predate the creation of the Newlands Project. Those water rights are regulated through the Federal Water Master's office and must be honored in priority under the Alpine Decree, a court decision that sets the regulated uses of the Carson River. They are served directly by the Carson River past Sagouspe. "When demand is low," said Jardine, "Kelly moves water



around, including the Carson River channel at times, and maximizes storage in the regulatory reservoirs for later use." This allows for an efficient "up-surge" when farmers call on the water and minimizes conveyance losses as much as possible when those calls on the water require filling empty ditches in order to move water.

Besides the regular on-farm water rights that are filled by project facilities including the Carson River, the largest Project water user is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which maintains water rights to serve the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge. Covering nearly 80,000 acres the refuge has been designated a site of international importance by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network because of the hundreds of thousands of birds that make use of it as part of the Pacific Flyway that extends from Alaska to Patagonia.

Contrary to some thinking, the Carson River does not simply run water out into the Carson Sink where it would be wasted. Every drop of Newlands Project water is allocated, ac-counted for, and put to use by water rights owners and project users.



## Entertainment & Events

### **Local Summer Fun Events**

June 4 - 7:00 pm June 5 - 3-8 pm June 11 - 5:30 pm June 11-12 - 6:00 pm June 12 - 9:00 am June 15 - 6:00 pm June 18 - 8:00 pm June 19 - 7:30 pm June 26 - 9-5 pm June 26 - 5:00 pm July 3 - 10:00 am July 3 - 3-8 pm July 17 - 9:00 am Aug. 7 - 3-8 pm Aug. 20-22 Aug. 21 - 7:30 pm Sept. 4 - 3-8 pm

**CCHS Graduation CCHS Cantaloupe Festival Crowning Ceremony for King and Queen Octane Fest Great 5K** Aloha Run **Pony Express Screening** Will Shamburger Band **Free Concert in the Park Cruise to the Lake Lake DeGolyer Horse/Bull Bash** 4th of July Parade **Green Goddess Farmers Market** FYC Annual Kids Kup Tourney **Green Goddess Farmers Market Community-wide Reunion Free Concert in the Park** Aug. 27-29 - 10:00 am Cantaloupe Festival/Fair **Green Goddess Farmers Market**  **CCHS Football Field Arts Center/Oats Park Fallon Theatre Rattlesnake Raceway Oats Park** Museum **Fallon Theatre Oats Park** Lahontan Dav Area **County Fairgrounds** S. Taylor - S Maine St. Arts Center/Oats Park **Fallon Golf Course** Arts Center/Oats Park **Oats Park / other areas Oats Park County Fairgrounds** Arts Center/Oats Park

### **Octane Fest is Revving into Fallon June 11**



#### -by Jo Petteruti

Octane Fest is returning to Rattlesnake Raceway in Fallon on June 11-12 for two days of dirt track racing, demolition derbies, quad races, tough trucks, and a fireworks celebration. On Friday, the races will start at 6:00 p.m.; on Saturday they will start at 4:00 p.m. Rattlesnake Raceway will feature a variety

of race events over the two-day period. Dem-olition Derby competitions will be held each night, and raffle tickets for chances to win the opportunity to race in one of them will be sold at the track. Other events will include Circle Truck racing, Tough Truck competitions, ATV and UTV races, and Figure-8 races for V-6 cars. Tickets for the events can be purchased

at the track gate; food and beverages will be available for purchase from the track's snack bars. More information about Octane Fest can be found on Rattlesnake's website, http://rattlesnakeraceway.net/

The Monster Truck that was initially scheduled to attend Octane Fest had to cancel, however it will be in town for the Fourth of July parade being held on July 3.

## Feral Housewives Weekly Horoscope - June 4

Aries- March 21 to April 1~ Transformation is the key to life. You start the week uncomfortable and unsure but that will soon pass. Midweek, get up early and be the first to the job! You spend the week renewing your reputation and showing off your strength. When the weekend comes you will be mapping out the rest of your life, go forth with good intentions.

Taurus- April 20 to May 20 ~ The way you feel about someone in particular is written all over your face. Instead of burying your head in the sand, talk about what is going on. You don't need to publicize it across social media but talk through it. The weekend is strange. You are caught in some weird power struggles and even stranger interactions; dreaming of your next adventure will help you navigate the tangled web.

Gemini- May 21 to June 20~This week seems to be one equation that you struggle to figure out the variables for. You will have a conversation with a friend that you find brilliant, that helps you sort relevant variables, but avoid preaching to the choir. Interactions involving business will not be going well for you, they are awkward and uncomfortable so spend the weekend enjoying the big ideas you can't seem to shake free from your mind.

Cancer- June 21 to July 22~You feel like you are caught in the eye of a tornado this week, everything around you is going to hell in a hand basket, Dorothy. Don't get yourself caught in any long term agreements while trying to ride out the storm. Take some "me" time to try to rejuvenate yourself at the beginning of the week; you don't need to make big plans with others. You will get the chance to spend time with friends over the weekend; be cautious to avoid starting a fire over money matters with them.

Leo- July 23 to August 22~A beautiful piece of history will fall into your hands on Monday, enjoy the moment. When you find yourself love struck, that is all you can think about. You will be burning with romance and struggling to focus on anything else. The weekend will be spent trying to keep your mind on anything but reigniting that fire.

Virgo- August 23 to September 22~Taking an interest in the perspective of another doesn't mean that you will agree with their views, but ask anyway. You find yourself feeling a little blue because those around you aren't matching your energy; it will pass. You start the weekend floating in the clouds of romance! A life hack will be discovered over the weekend that is going to change a dreaded chore to something more tolerable.

Alicia Parsons grew up in Yerington and has been a dishwasher, teacher's aide, patient care representative, and debt collector, before landing her current and favorite gig as a feral housewife to Trevor and card-carrying mother-of-the-year to three-and-a-half-

## Entertainment

Libra- September 23 to October 22-You will find yourself in serious contemplation over values and morals dealing with money this week. With a project presenting challenges you hadn't anticipated, you will feel off and out of sorts followed by unexpected nostalgia. By the weekend you and your partner will be preparing to take over the world

Scorpio- October 23 to November 21-It is a big responsibility trying to be the anchor for your friend group, no matter how flattering it is. Be careful you don't just follow the crowd or you'll wind up making an incredibly foolish purchase. With tensions at a high in the home it takes little spark to erupt, but at least you will clear the air.

Sagittarius- November 22 to December 21~You isolate yourself while trying to reconcile what is going on inside of you compared to what is happening around you. Reach out to friends; they will be able to walk you through it. This weekend be ready for a sore jaw, you find yourself having full conversations with everyone and anyone you come across from strangers to friends!

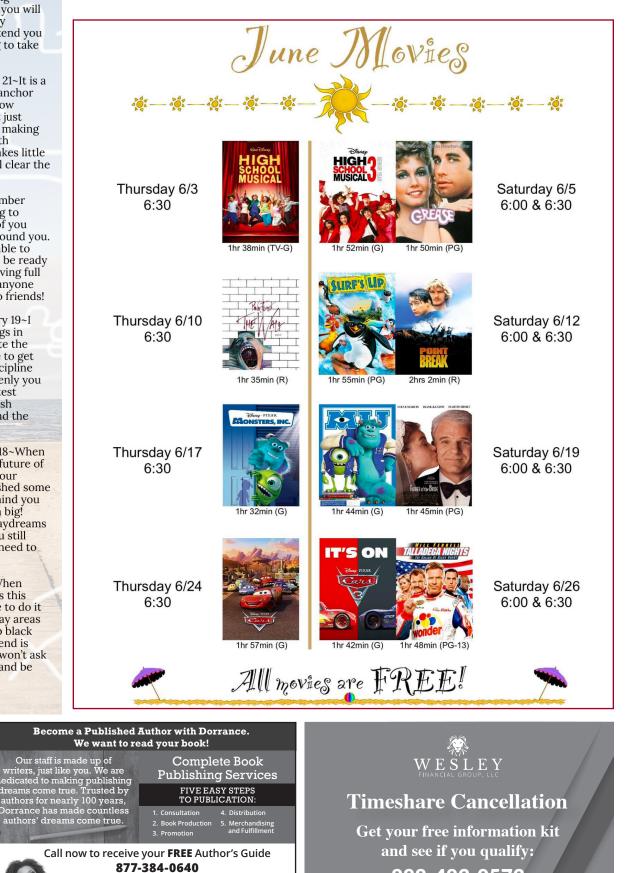
Capricorn- December 22 to January 19~I know you think that you have things in order, but in reality that is not quite the case. Make sure you set aside time to get yourself organized; a little self-discipline makes a world of difference. Suddenly you begin to doubt yourself and the latest project but you can truly accomplish anything you put your mind too and the end of the week will prove it!

Aquarius- January 20 to February 18~When you start to feel unsure about the future of your career, run some fears past your friend group. They will be able to shed some light on the situation and help remind you that anything is possible, so dream big! Don't let yourself get trapped in daydreams at the end of the week because you still have a lot in front of you that you need to address!

Pisces- February 19 to March 20 When dealing in legal or financial matters this week, make sure you take the time to do it in person. There could be a few gray areas that you need to make sure end up black and white; do the right thing! A friend is going to be in need this week and won't ask for help so keep your eyes peeled and be ready to jump in!

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## Gardening

### Martha Stewart on a Warship

#### -by Jamie Sammons

Deployed to the Gulf in 1998, my day job often found me sitting in the back of a H-60 helicopter in a wet-suit in the balmy, not so nice desert heat. Other days found me headed out to the helo with ammo cans full of 7.62 bullets for my M60. Not so glamorous days found us vertrepping giant pallets of toilet paper from one ship to another. Kinda likê the movie, The Guardian except not really - there was a lot more stripping and waxing of floors. The guys in my shop would laugh during mail call when my Martha Stewart Magazine showed up. It was for the articles I told them. Photos of dreamy gardens were my connection to home.

Fast forward some years and I am living in Fallon. I fell in love with it seeing it from the air during multiple air wing trips here. I'm attending UNR, working on a biology degree, I've got my dream job, working at a nursery that I love filled with "Green Goddess coworkers" and I'm married to an active-duty Navy SEAL I met here in town (thank you Andy and Deb Nelson for having a BBQ so I could, "meet this guy"). We are both incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have served and the life we have built in this beautiful town. Does any of this make me qualified to write in a garden column? Probably not, but I'll take a crack at it anyway!

To continue the introduction, my husband, Kevin and I have a small farm on the South side of town. We have lots of critters and two beehives that "keep" us. Over about the last 15 years we have grown a huge variety of plants, but rare, hot peppers are really our thing. We are fortunate to share some of them with a few restaurants, the Fallon Food Hub, and local friends and family.

Does it take military service to grow a garden here in Fallon? Of course not, but I cannot say it doesn't help. Gardening here is an epic challenge. We have alkaline, super sandy soils and occasional pockets of heavy, clay especially in town, often found five feet



Photo-If you find this little beast in your yard, rejoice! Lady bug larvae can help with aphid infestations many folks are seeing right about now.

down when you are digging to plant a new tree. We have heavy winds and water issues. Early frosts and late ones. Sizzling 100-degree days in summer. And a big box store trying to convince you azaleas will do fine hère because they àre labeled full sun. I am not saying you cannot grow an azalea here in the high desert. I am saying it will take some real effort to provide the right growing conditions for a native southern/east coast range plant. A word of warning for new gardeners, Fallon full sun is serious heat. A little afternoon shade more often than not, is your friend! Maybe we get lulled into a sense of easy gardening because of the gorgeous, green fields that surround us? A reminder,

the local farm folks put in some serious work to make that Greenwave.

All that being said, some of those challenges are actually what makes our town famous...the daily diurnal shift makes our cantaloupes some of the best in the West. The tomatoes and garlic in this area fall into the same category. Asparagus grows wild on our ditch banks, and we grow astounding roses that are free of many of the diseases that plague gardens in other parts of the country.

It's important to Kevin and me that we not tell you exactly what we think you should be doing in your garden, with so many variables we thought sharing what we're currently up to on our farm would be a little more helpful. In future articles, our goal is to inspire, share some great advice from local experts and hopefully pass on some of the things we have learned through trial and error.

We are still planting seeds and seedlings here in our veggie gardens and mulching perennial beds. Mulching is absolutely worth your time. It helps keep weeds down, retains moisture so you can water less and keeps the soil surface temperature lower. Simple mulches like grass clippings, pine needles, wood chips or leaf litter add organic matter to your beds as they slowly decompose. I like Cocoa hull mulch as well but would not recommend it if you have a dog or cat prone to munch-ing on things. We are also thinning out the branches our fruit trees. A good rule of thumb is one piece of fruit every six inches. If you are blessed with a fruit loaded tree, try thinning a few branches each day. You will be rewarded with bigger, tastier fruit.

Jaime Sammons carries a pair of pruners in her glove box – just in case, and believes you can be a gardener even with a single planted container on your porch.

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### What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

This last week, I have been on a curry kick. CURRY.

Curry is an extremely versatile dish (or category of dishes) that seems, on the surface, to be problematic in the summertime. It is served hot and it can be VERY spicy. That being said, curry originated in places near the equator, where it is hot for a much greater portion of the year than here in Northern Nevada. So what gives?

Interestingly, spicy dishes can actually help you feel refreshed when the weather is warm. Not really sure about the science behind this, but I distinctly remember culinary school lessons about food that makes you sweat, cooling you down. There is no clear time and place where curry was "invented." The word curry comes from a Tamil word "kari" which simply means sauce. The earliest records of dishes prepared with sauce flavored with a variety of spices dates back to 2500 BCE--so people have been making curries for a really, really long time. Much like coffee, the spices that are prolific in curry traveled along trade routes (specifically the Silk Road) carried along by Indian monks. Their use in culinary preparations is as nuanced as the myriad of cultures that incorporate them. What we definitely know is that the British LOVED curry. Thanks to British imperialism, curry was spread around the world with strongholds in the former British colonies.

In fact, curry powder itself is a British creation. The goal of curry powder was to create a single spice blend that British soldiers could take back to England to recreate the flavors that they experienced while in India. While curry powder is certainly convenient, it was never intended to be added as a single dry spice into a dish (like coronation chicken) and is nowhere near as nuanced and delicious as a true dry spice curry made with a mix of individually toasted and ground spices. If curry powder is all that is available to you when preparing a saucy dish of your own, the best practice is to fry the spice mix in hot fat-this awakens and elevates the spices and infuses the oil with their flavor, reducing the pungency that can plague dishes made with curry powder.

In my kitchen, you are way more likely to find curries prepared in a Southeast Asian style--I always have a jar or two of red and green Thai curry pastes in my fridge and a couple of cans of coconut milk in the pantry. Again, the best curries are made from individual ingredients, ground together by hand in a mortar and pestle--but I want to eat curry way more regularly that I have the time to handcraft my spice mix, and Thai curry pastes are a workable solution. The thing that I love so much about curry is (in addition to being delightfully fiery) it is a perfect vehicle for ALL THE VEGGIES. Here are a couple of helpful curry hints:

• If you are using an animal protein that requires longer cooking (beef or chicken

NOT fish or shrimp), sear off your meat in a neutrally flavored oil until it is caramelized, then set it aside.

- Add foundational seasoning ingredients: garlic, onion, ginger, fresh or frozen turmeric, lemongrass, etc. Sauté until they are soft.
- Add in dry spice mix or curry paste, gently fry until the oil, and your kitchen, are aromatic.
- Add wet ingredients like coconut milk, canned tomatoes, stock, and water. Also, a couple of good shakes of fish sauce adds complexity and a spoon or two of brown sugar creates depth.
- Add veggies based on how long they take to cook: sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots, and other root vegetables first; hearty greens in the middle; snap peas, green beans, and other delicate veggies at the end.
- You can cook your curry on the stovetop OR in the oven. Either way, please finish your sauce by simmering until it has a silky texture and coats a spoon.
- Serve your curry over rice or on its own. I always finish my curry with a heap of fresh herbs and a squeeze of lime or lemon.

Here is a recipe for you to try.

Chicken Curry with Sweet Potatoes and Coconut Milk  $\sim$  by Melissa Clark

**INGREDIENTS:** 

- 1 whole chicken, cut into 8 pieces OR a package of your preferred chicken parts
- $2\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup finely chopped green onion
- 1 ½ inches fresh ginger, peeled and grated (1 1/2 tablespoons)
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped OR 2 heads of green garlic, whites chopped, and greens added as garnish
- 1 to 2 Jalapeno or Serrano chiles, to taste, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons red curry paste
- 1 can coconut milk
- 2 medium sweet potatoes (1 pound), peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
   3/ our coccrut flakes
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup coconut flakes
- 1 tablespoon black or brown mustard seeds
- Fresh cilantro leaves
- Lime wedges



#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Pat chicken dry with paper towels, season with salt and pepper.
- Heat a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add oil. Brown chicken pieces, in batches if necessary, until golden all over, 6 to 8 minutes per batch. Transfer chicken to a plate.
- 3. Stir scallion, ginger, garlic and chiles into pot, reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring, until soft, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in curry paste, cook 1 minute.
- 4. Stir in coconut milk and sweet potatoes. Arrange chicken pieces on top of potatoes, placing breast meat on top. Pour in enough water to come halfway up the sides of chicken. Bring to a boil. Cover pot, place in oven. Bake until chicken is cooked through, about 40 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large dry skillet over medium heat, toast coconut flakes until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Add mustard seeds and toast until they begin to pop, 1 minute more. Transfer to a bowl, season with a pinch of salt.
- 5. Transfer chicken and sweet potatoes to a platter. Return Dutch oven to the stove, simmer over medium-high heat until cooking liquid has thickened to a sauce, 5 to 10 minutes. Pour over chicken and potatoes. Sprinkle with coconut, mustard seed, and cilantro. Serve with lime wedges for squeezing.



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### Community Meetings / Events June 7 - June 13

City Council Meeting Mon. June 7 9;00 a.m.

Fallon/Churchill Fire Board Meeting Tues. June 8 5:00 p.m.

Parks and Rec. Commission Meeting Tues. June 8 7:00 p.m.

CEDA Breakfast Fallon Golf Course Wed. June 9 6:45 a.m.

Planning Commission Meeting Wed. June 9 7:00 p.m.

> Cemetery Board Meeting Thurs. June 10 12:00 p.m.

The regular Churchill County School Board meetings for June 9 and June 23 have been cancelled. There will be a special meeting held on June 30, at 5:30 p.m. in The Pit at the Old High School, 690 S. Maine Street. Agendas and board packets can be found at ChurchillCSD.com under Our District.



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### Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken June 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir 109,700 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen 90.5 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth 129 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan 549 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill 39.1 cfs

> Water Levels June 03 2021 : 109,802 acre feet 2020 : 213,702 acre feet 2019 : 254,538 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second

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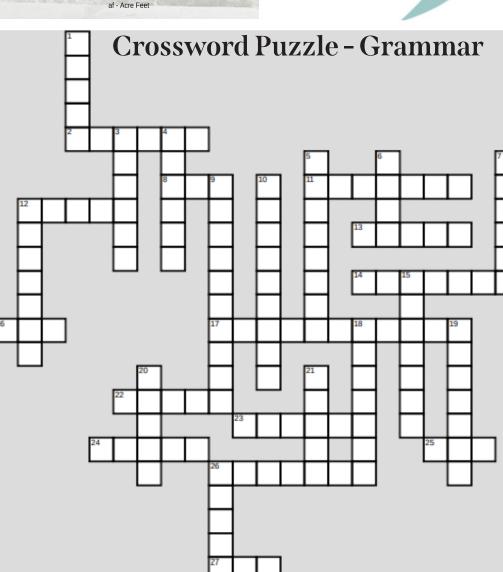
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#### Across

- 2 The correct spelling when you make KISS plural
- 8 One of the little words hiding in CATERPILLAR
- 11 I am going to walk \_\_\_\_\_ the tunnel
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_, fork and spoon
- 13 Which is correct? That sentence made SCENTS or SENSE or CENTS
- 14 The correct spelling when you add ED to STOP
- 16 Which is correct? I AT lunch or I ATE lunch?
- 17 A rude person
- 22 The "e" at the end of a word changes the sound a VOWEL makes or a CONSONANT makes?
- 23 The correct spelling when you add ING to BAKE
- 24 What we call the "e" when it comes at the end of a word
- 25 Which is correct? Auntie Sandy wears glasses to SEA better or SEE better
- 26 The past tense of BRING
- 27 One of the little words hiding in GRASSHOPPER

#### Down

- Before you open a closed door, you should always do this
- 3 When you see a WR in a word, the first letter is always \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 "I before e \_\_\_\_\_ after c"
- 5 The correct spelling when you add ING to STOP
- 6 Which is correct? I HOPE you will visit again next week or I HOP you will visit again next week
- 7 The correct spelling when you add ED to OPEN
- 9 A kind person
- .0 The "I before e" rule doesn't apply to the word that means a person who lives next door to you
- 2 Long ago these brave men wore armor and protected the people
- 5 The correct spelling when you add ING to OPEN
- 8 An idea
- 9 Which is correct? Madison STUDIES hard or STUDYIES hard
- 0 This word means hard to chew
- 1 The correct spelling when you add ING to LIE
- 6 Sometimes the "ough" in a word sounds like "ow". This word is another word for a TREE BRANCH



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