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Local Students Earn Prestigious Award

Staff Report

Three CCHS students were given the Aspire Award from the Society of Women Engineers last week at their awards event “2022 Night of the STEM Stars” held at the National Automobile Museum in Reno. Elvira Taihly Correa Chavarin, Nelly Ruiz, and Kyla Trotter were unbeknownst to them, nominated by Mr. Steve Johnson, CCHS Chemistry Teacher. Mr. Johnson recognized the three young women in his social media saying:

“I had the honor of recognizing Ms. Elvira Taihly Correa Chavarin with the 2022 Society of Women Engineers Aspire Award for academic achievement. Taihly is SO SO SO Smart. I mean, it is kind of scary. She is crushing my college chemistry classes this year and will major in biology at UNR this fall. Her goal is to attend the Nevada School of Medicine and become an anesthesiologist. I KNOW she will succeed. She rocks everything she does. How many 16-year-olds do you know who earn a 98% in college calculus? Taihly is also an incredible artist. Her drawings are completely amazing.” She also was awarded a scholarship from the University of Nevada.

“It is a thrill to be surrounded by really SMART people like Nelly Ruiz. I was lucky enough to be able to present Nelly with the Society of Women Engineers 2022 Aspire award for scholarship and academic excellence. Nelly destroyed three years of chemistry at Churchill County High School. This smart girl earned the highest grade in my college chemistry 122 class last spring. In addition to being a genius, Nelly is also a painter. Nelly will attend UNR in the fall, and major in biology. She plans to attend medical school and specialize as a neonatologist.”



Steve Johnson, CCHS Chemistry teacher nominated Elvira Taihly Correa Chavarin, Nelly Ruiz, and Kyla Trotter for the Aspire Award from the Society of Women Engineers.

“Kyla Trotter is such a talented young lady. She excels at EVERYTHING. Really. I had the honor of presenting her with a 2022 Society of Women Engineers Aspire Award. Kyla is very involved in school leadership, and exemplifies everything that the word, schol-

arship, means. She will attend UNR this fall, and major in computer science and engineering. Her true love is computer programming. It is an HONOR to know Kyla and have had her in my chemistry classes.

School District Serves Trespass Notice to Knell

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees has served a notice of trespass to Geoff Knell, a self-proclaimed “Street Preacher” and now candidate for City Council, Ward 3.

In the State of Nevada, under Nevada Revised Statute 207, a property owner may issue a trespass warning, giving notice that the person is no longer allowed on that property. If the person then ignores the notice and goes on the property, they have trespassed,

and law enforcement will escort them off the property. The person can then be found to be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sharla Hales, attorney for the school district, confirmed that the notice was delivered to Knell. “When a public entity cannot do their work because of interruptions, that is how public bodies justify a trespass. Public bodies are entitled to do their work without interruption,” she said.

During a recent ceremony attended by the State Superintendent of Education, the Captain of NAS Fallon, and other dignitaries,

Knell attended, speaking over the presenters and disrupting the event by yelling statements about LGBTQ and accusing the district of hurting kids. The following day he stood outside the E.C. Best campus during an event held for the second and third graders where he used his loudspeaker to disrupt that event as well.

Under NRS 393 it is unlawful for a person to be a nuisance in a public school house or to loiter on or near school grounds or sidewalk.

Knell is regularly seen near local school

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Captains Log - *Hopeful Hydrangea*

I had such a good idea for writing this about three days ago and here we are ready to print – exported and everything, and low and behold, no Captain's Log. Which wouldn't be the worst thing to happen today, but wasting that much space is not an option. However, there is simply no remembering what the heck I was thinking to write about.

Probably we're all saturated with bunny stories. Although, it doesn't seem possible.

Ohhhh, I remember! Garden columnist Jaime and I were talking on the phone about my next farming adventure – peacocks. I'm going to get peacocks.

Stop. Laughing.

They're gorgeous. And who cares if they sound like a bad episode of "Nightmare on Elm Street." I drove past Val Serpa's place the other day to see her 32 peacocks and then Susan McCormick's to see her 47 peacocks and I'm sure this is the perfect next venture. (Don't worry Carl, I'm not that serious). Landlord. Carl is the Landlord.

Anywho... Jaime and I got talking growing things and I told her about my mom's bush that I inherited when she moved to Henderson last year. Along about October she sent my great-gramma's hydrangea with me for my new yard. (I'm not sure it was Gi-Gi's but it makes a good story. I do know she grew them when I was little). It has lived in the same old wine barrel for about 15 years but we couldn't lift it into the truck so we dug it out and plopped it in a pot so I could get it home and plant it in the ground, so it had half a chance to get established before the cold set in.

Except I got home, unloaded the wine barrel and the pot of dead-looking brown sticks called grandma's hydrangea, setting it next to the shop so I would be sure to get it in the ground. And promptly forgot about it.

Along about March, walking around the corner of the shop, my heart fell to my shoes when I saw it half in and half out of the pot covered in snow. It was dead, I just knew it and how was I ever going to face my mom again? But just like you don't throw out coffee, you don't throw out plants. I got some good dirt and instead of putting that thing in the ground, decided it had done really well in the wine barrel so back there it was going.

There was quite a bit of pampering, hoping, avoiding, and beating the dog when she started eating the dead, dry sticks until one day – sure enough, there was a little tiny, green leaf poking out of the dead stick. And you should see this thing today. She is glorious.

This is why I never give up hope.

And here I'll be, all hopeful and happy...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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Museum Director Leaves Gem in Good Hands

By Jo Petteruti

It would seem that Teri Hedgpeth, Churchill County Museum Director for the past year, has been in that saddle for more than just a year given her accomplishments. With programs such as Night at The Museum, Birds of Lakes and Marshes, Museum Estate Sale, Museum Book Sale, the Black and White New Year's Eve Celebration, the Blast from the Past Spring Luncheon, and a multitude of lecture series events, her time here would seem much longer. But she has accepted a new position in New York City and is handing the reins of this gem to Museum Association Board of Trustees President Sue Chambers on an interim basis.

Chuckling, Hedgpeth said, "I do get a lot done. It's been fun, it really has. As soon as I got hired, Sue came in and said, 'Oh, by the way, you've got the Soroptimist Home and Garden Show', which was just a week or so later. Trial by fire, I guess." Programming is lined up until January, giving the new Museum Director a running start. The museum board also recently approved an investment in high-density digital storage, art rack storage, and other storage rack systems, the behind-the-scenes things needed to secure the health and care of the collections.

Hedgpeth has accepted a position as Director of Archives for Madison Square Garden Entertainment which she said includes the Garden, Radio City Music Hall, the Rockettes, Hulu Theater, Beacon Theater, the Chicago Theater, and the Sphere in Las Vegas. She has expertise in brand management, and with rights and use of objects and entities from her years with the Olympic Committee. "The Garden has some amazing things on display, from sports memorabilia from the NY Knicks and Rangers, to concert instruments such as Billy Joel's piano. It's a unique and diverse collection, so I'm really looking forward to working in such an iconic place."

Chambers somewhat saddened said, "Teri's departure was a surprise to us. She's done so much in the last year and involved the Board a lot in what was going on. It was just very comfortable working with her. We are going to miss her a lot. While it is the museum board's responsibility to maintain the collection, working with Teri made that easier."

Hedgpeth said her position at the museum was mostly administrative, fundraising, and outreach to the community. "It's always been my goal to



make the archives relevant, and we've advanced that here. I wasn't bad at fundraising because I don't mind asking. I just don't really like doing it. I'm not even good at asking. I just buy the tickets myself rather than try to sell them."

It came as a surprise to Chambers when asked to be Interim Director, happening the day before Hedgpeth's last day. "Being asked was a big surprise, but it is just to get us over the hump until the new person is brought in. It gives the staff some consistency, and an added benefit is that I know the staff, not as their director but as someone they know can make decisions for them. I'll keep track of all the projects that the staff is working on for the new person, too." When asked if she'd like to stay on permanently, she replied, "No, I'm in retirement, and don't have the background for it. So, no. But I do have a manual." Hedgpeth said that when she started, Curator Rae Sottile created a binder for her that helped her to see what the current vision was. Her Director's Manual goes steps further to include contacts around the community, where to find things, and how to get things done. "I always try to leave things better than the way I find them, and the director's binder is something I can do for this position."

County Manager Jim Barbee told Hedgpeth, "We appreciate everything you've done for the museum and for the county, and wish you much success in your next position. You're leaving this in

good hands with Sue until a permanent Director can be hired."

In a May 5 memorandum to the County Commissioners, Barbee requested approval of an agreement for professional services with Sue Chambers to serve as Interim Director of the Churchill County Museum retroactive to May 1, 2022. "The County's Museum Director accepted another employment opportunity, and her last day of work was Friday, April 29, 2022. The director position was posted on April 28, 2022, and is open until filled. The county manager and human resources director met with the museum association's current President, Sue Chambers, and approached her about serving as the interim museum director via an Agreement for Professional Services until a new director is hired."

Hedgpeth summed up her experience here saying, "The City of Fallon and the county have embraced me, welcomed me with open arms. It has been a wonderful experience, and I've made friends here. This has been a wonderful experience. I planned to stay, I bought a house and got a dog. But then a friend messaged me about this new position that matched my skills to a tee. I applied and it was very quick when the offer came. So now I'll at least be in the same time zone as my husband and kids."

Above: Sue Chambers accepts the Museum Director's manual from Teri Hedgpeth. Photo by Jo Petteruti

Community

Street Dance – Fun at the Fire Department Fundraiser

By Rachel Dahl

There's an old-time block party planned for next Friday, May 13, and the entire community is invited. A dance will be held on North Carson Street, hosted by the Fallon/Churchill Fire Department and Fed Fire from NAS Fallon and will begin at 5 p.m.

"We want to build good will and have the community come visit the Firehouse," said Chris Henning, who has been a volunteer firefighter for the past 16 years.

According to Henning, Carson Street will be blocked off and local DJ Todd Moretto will be playing music. The event will be a fundraiser for the Volunteer Department, with tri-tip for \$10 a hot dogs for \$5. There will be a bar and beer trailer, as well as sodas and water. Fed Fire is bringing their ice cream trailer and ice cream will be free along with free games of cornhole and Jenga.

"Fed Fire will also bring their smoke T railer and teach kids fire safety," said Henning. The fire trucks will be on display and one truck will be dedicated to giving rides.

"We haven't done this in over 15 years," said Henning, "and we're really hoping the community comes out to join us."

In addition to food and games, the department is also holding a raffle with each ticket costing \$20. The prizes are a Colt AR15 5.56 mm with 500 rounds of ammunition, a Glock 19 gen 9 mm with 250 rounds of ammunition, and a Ruger Wrangler .22lr SA revolver with 100 rounds of ammunition. Tickets are available now and can be purchased at the fire department at 20 N. Carson Street.

The Fallon/Churchill Fire Department is a volunteer department that maintains an ISO-1 rating through their extensive



training, investment in equipment, and high response-time in spite of covering the vast expanse of 5,024 square miles that is Churchill County. The department responds to more than 400 fire and extrication calls a year with an average response time of less than six minutes for all calls.

The first volunteer fire department to receive the ISO Class 1 rating, the department

has maintained that rating since 1995, allowing for local residents to receive lower rates on their homeowner's insurance.

The event will end at 9 p.m. to be considerate of the neighbors and the community.

Members of the Fallon/Churchill Fire Department receive recognition from the City of Fallon for maintaining the ISO Class 1 designation. File Photo

The Green Goddess Market Awaits You

By Jo Petteruti

She's calling, and it's almost time to respond to her call. The Green Goddess Market and Seedling Sale is coming on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Oats Park Art Center and Lariat Courtyard with Lahontan Valley's finest farmers and artisans.

The Arts Council is bringing in amazing farmers such as Fisk Farm Herbs and Two Ravens Farm who will be offering their finest seedlings just in time for garden planting. Produce from local farmers, artwork from local artists and crafters, and a wide assortment of food from local vendors will also be available.

The Lariat Bar will be serving breakfast-worthy Bloody Marys and other beverages of choice while the Will Shamberger Band will provide the musical entertainment.

Oats Park Art Center is located at 151 East Park Street in Fallon. More information about the market or the Art Center can be found on their website, <https://www.churchillarts.org/>



Fisk Farm Herbs seedlings – photo courtesy of Churchill Arts Council.

Rotary Club Bingo A Huge Success

By Jo Petteruti

Bingo is back and in a huge way. The Rotary Club of Fallon hosted Bingo Night on Friday, April 29 at the Pennington Life Center with five rounds of bingo, three cards each, a cocktail bar, food, snacks, and over a hundred bingo prizes. So many people attended that extra tables and chairs had to be set up. The night's theme was 1960s Flower Power, one that at least half of the attendees personally experienced, or at least what they may remember of it.

Charlie and Carol Arciniega, the evening's hosts, were dressed in their best 1960s-era attire, complete with long hair, headbands, groovy sunglasses, tie-dyed apparel, and funky footwear. Many others in attendance dressed the part as well. Peace out man.

The bar opened at 6 p.m. and within 30 minutes seating at the original tables was filled. Zip Upham kicked off the event at 7 p.m. describing the games and prizes while thanking all those who made the event possible. Proceeds from the event went to Rotary Club Youth programs.



Above: A full house of bingo players, Below right: Carol Arciniega, Zip Upham, and Charlie Arciniega kick off the evening's event, Left: More than a hundred bingo prizes on display. Photos by Jo Petteruti.



Museum Lecture Series Features Military Authors

Staff Report

Four authors will speak on successive Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Churchill County Museum. Copies of their books will also be on sale.

The May 11 speaker is Michael G. Leonard, a retired U.S. Air Force officer and highly experienced global business executive. He was a USAF Command Pilot with a military career spanning 20 years, including two Vietnam tours in 1965–1966, and 1969–1970.

His "An American Combat Bird Dog Pilot" is a compelling look at the life and times of a member of the Silent Generation. Leon-

ard's story chronicles not only his breathtaking combat adventures, but the unforeseen perils that nearly sidetracked him during his time as an international sales executive.

Daniel Quinley, who speaks on May 18, learned much about his father as a child from rummaging through containers looking at medals and letters written during the war from his father to his beloved, Margaret. He said his father never wanted to talk about the war.

In his adult life, Dan Quinley took the letters and wrote a book that came out in 2014 – "Forever: A true story of love and war" – which revealed a love affair that began with

a blind date in 1936, continued through World War II and into their later years to Fallon.

Steve Ranson, the coordinator of the project, "Legacies of the Silver State: Nevada Goes to War," has had a longtime interest in World War II veterans. He will wrap up the lecture series on May 25.

Legacies contains more than 70 stories on World War II veterans who have some type of Nevada tie. Ranson, Beaton and former LVN owner David C. Henley have interviewed scores of World War II veterans and learned more about them and how they helped the war effort.

Announcements



April Marriages

04/01 - JACOB MATTHEW KEESEE AGE 41 TO CORAL ROSE SUMMERS AGE 35 BOTH OF FALLON
04/05 - JOSE ROBERT CASTANEDA PEREZ AGE 39 TO EVANGELINA COSSIO AGE 39 BOTH OF LAS CRUCES, NM
04/08 - THOMAS JOHN JAMIESON AGE 22 OF FALLON TO MARYANN WAHL AGE 22 OF HUNTSVILLE, OH
04/08 - JACOB COREY STONE AGE 27 TO JOURDAN LEIGH BROWN-CRAWFORD AGE 27 BOTH OF FALLON
04/08 - JOSHUA CUSHMAN BERNEY AGE 30 TO JAYMIE LYNN LEWIS AGE 27 BOTH OF FALLON
04/11- STERLING RANDALL MULLINS AGE 58 TO RHONDA ANN SAMS AGE 57 BOTH OF FALLON
04/11 - CHARLES LESLIE TYLER ELAM AGE 37 TO BRITTNY ROSE KEDING AGE 36 BOTH OF OROVILLE, CA
04/12 - DARIN KEITH GARRETT AGE 41 TO ROSANNA MARIE HAKEL AGE 39 BOTH OF FALLON
04/13 - DANIEL WELDON HEDGES AGE 69 TO DONNA LYNN AHERN AGE 73 BOTH OF FALLON
04/15 - ROY K REDNER AGE 48 TO CHANTELE ROSE JOHNSON AGE 44 BOTH OF FALLON
04/15 - JOLYAN J SHMHWNA AGE 34 TO JULIE MARIE PARKIN AGE 29 BOTH OF HAWTHORNE
04/22 - HARRY FRANCIS DAVIES AGE 34 OF FRESNO, CA TO EMILY JEANNE STUMPF AGE 33 OF WASHINGTON, DC
04/22 - JASMINE MARIE TOSCANO AGE 28 TO CASSANDRA PATRICE O'TOOLE AGE 29 BOTH OF FALLON
04/22 - RICHARD JOSEPH MAZZO AGE 68 TO BERNADINE ELMINA POULTER AGE 60 BOTH OF FERNLEY
04/25 - FRANK RAY DEBRAGA AGE 28 TO SHELBY NICOLE KUHLMAN AGE 23 BOTH OF FALLON
04/26 - PAUL MARTIN SHEPARD AGE 56 TO TRACI ALLISON PHILLIPS AGE 54 BOTH OF FALLON
04/26 - DUSTIN JAMES VANREED AGE 32 TO KAYLA RENEE PIERSON AGE 27 BOTH OF FALLON
04/27 - ALLISON LORRAINE DRAPER AGE 31 TO TARYN NICOLE MOORE AGE 27 BOTH OF FALLON
04/28 - KASEY LEE BROWN AGE 23 TO SIENNA KAY BURGESS AGE 22 BOTH OF KINGMAN, AZ
04/29 - ANTHONY MICHAEL ANDREWS AGE 21 TO SOPHIALYNN VICTORIA NATIVIDAD AGE 20 BOTH OF FALLON
04/29 - JOSIAH AARON YODER AGE 24 OF BOISE, ID TO SHELBY KAY LAWRY AGE 26 OF BATTLE MOUNTAIN



Births

April 2022

Lily Azalea Rose Knapp to Duane and McKenzi Knapp III on Apr. 8 at 5:13 p.m., weighing 7 lbs 13 oz, measuring 19 inches.

Ryder Frey Geller to Andrew Geller and Jayme Wilkinson on Apr. 14 at 12:00 a.m., weighing 7 lbs 6.6 oz, measuring 19 inches.

Kustaa Roriek Jennings to Ian and Megan Jennings on Apr. 15 at 4:48 a.m., weighing 6 lbs 13 oz, measuring 19 inches.

Uriel Antonio Blanco to Benjamin and Susana Blanco on Apr. 25 at 6:28 a.m., weighing 6 lbs 6 oz, measuring 19.5 inches.

Eva Kimberly Ruiz to Andrew Ruiz and Jasmin Chaves on Apr. 30 at 7:35 a.m., weighing 6 lbs 3 oz, measuring 18.5 inches.

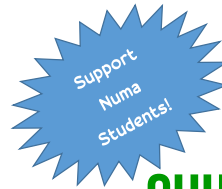
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Bezdjian, Robert v Fedor, Christina Kaitlin
Bockness, Todd v Blevins, Tasha
Constant, Regine v Torres, Bruno
Correa, Andres F. Pagan v Cacal, Ashlea V.A.
Cortez, Laura Antunes De Oliveira v Cappellini, Enzo Renato
Diether, Justin v Shade, Mary Silver
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Fedotov, Pavel v Shevchenko, Antonina
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Karani, Salome v Assari, Geeve
Klein, Cassandra Ann v Bailon, Melissa Sue
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Madrigan, Meghan W. v Coe, Jesse Lee
Martinez, Maria Molina v Martinez, Marjo C.
Martinez, Mario v Tamayo, Denise
Mazziotta, Michael Francis II v Sinatra, Carmella Christina
Meche, Santa Lal v Sitaula, Babita
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Silva, Joseph v Silva, Melissa Anne
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Stringfellow, Anna Marie v Ferera, Nathaniel Scott
Taylor, Donovan Lee v Ribauda, Marylou
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Wilkins, Eric Andrew v Wilkins, Catherine
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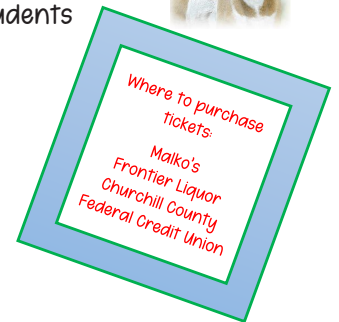


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Obituaries

Timothy “Tim” Thomas Gallagher

December 23, 1949 - April 30, 2022

Tim Gallagher passed away at Renown Hospital on April 30, 2022, at the age of 72. Tim was born in Pasadena, California on December 23, 1949, he was the son of Thomas L. and Imogene Cashbaugh Gallagher. Tim grew up in Fallon, was very active in 4-H and FFA, and was a Nevada State FFA Vice President. Tim graduated from Churchill County High School in 1969. He attended California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, graduating with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture.

After college, Tim returned to Fallon and worked with his father, Tom at Gallagher Livestock Auction Yard. After each lot of livestock was sold, the auctioneer would proclaim “Let ‘Em Go” to clear the arena, this quickly became the slogan of the family business.

He was a member of the Churchill County Volunteer Fire Department, Fallon ambulance crew, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada and California Cattleman’s Association, Elks Club, and Los Rancheros Visitadores in Santa Ynez Valley.

He married the love of his life, Debbie Beck, in Fallon, on May 11, 1997. They were proud to carry on the ranching legacy residing in their historic Harmon House, which had been built in 1906. Tim and Debbie raised alfalfa and cattle.

In 2005, Tim retired from active participation in the Auction Yard and purchased a Sea Ray 42-foot boat. Tim and Debbie kept



the boat at the Sacramento Delta, where they enjoyed entertaining friends and family with barbeques and boat trips. They loved mini-vacations on the waterways. They enjoyed fishing and dinner with friends using a Boston Whaler.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Beck Gallagher; his sister, Cyndia A. Gallagher; stepsons Jason Bermingham, Dustin Bermingham, Larry (Tami) Boyce, and

Donald (Jennifer) Boyce; grandchildren Luke Boyce, Sydney Tyler, and Alex Boyce; and cousins Jim Cashbaugh and Alonna (Gary) Giacomini.

Donations may be made in Tim’s memory to Churchill County FFA of Churchill County High School.

A celebration of life will be held at the American Legion Hall, 90 N Ada St. Fallon at noon on Saturday, May 14th.

Carol Ruth Coté

May 14, 1930 - December 2, 2021

Carol Ruth Coté of Fallon, Nevada passed away at home on the morning of December 2, 2021. Carol was born May 14, 1930, in Pasadena, California to Helen Fulmer (Bowers) Sheldon and Allan David Sheldon. Carol married Jim O’Banion, they had two sons, the oldest, James Lance O’Banion preceded her in death. She is survived by Janice Smith (sister) of Yerington, Alan Sheldon (half-brother) of Yerington, (son) David Scott O’Banion (Josie) of Sparks, four stepchildren, Louanne Coté Hess (Steve) of Reno, Steven (Gigi) Coté, Louis

(Martí) Coté, Thomas (Gloria) Coté, all of Carson City, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Carol was married to Lewis Joseph Coté for 40-plus years, Louis Passed away on March 28, 2022, two days short of his 97th birthday.

Carol did many things in her life including farming and raising rainbow trout in Smith Valley, Nevada. Carol and Louis purchased an old gas station in Pioche, Nevada because it was at one time a Ford dealership and had a large inventory of new/old stock Ford parts. She did photo restoration for the

museum in Fallon and was involved with the Historical Society in Smith Valley. She spent years doing genealogy for the Sheldon-O’Banion and the Coté families and had a book published. She and Louis traveled many back roads in the United State, buying new/old stock Ford parts and hauling them back to Fallon for Louis’s restoration work on early V-8 Fords.

A graveside service will be held at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Hwy 208, in Smith Valley, Nevada at 1 p.m., May 14, 2022. A reception will follow at “Rosie’s Place,” 2881 St. Route 208, Wellington, Nevada.



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AFCM(AW) Milo Leist

November 5, 1943 - April 5, 2022

AFCM(AW) Milo Leist, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully and surrounded by family, on 5 April 2022 at Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks, Nevada.

The youngest of seven siblings, he was born to Charles and Gertrude (Priebe) Leist on 5 November 1943 in Petrosky, Michigan and grew up on the family farm in Boyne City, MI. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1961.

He married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Towne, on 14 September 1963. Together they raised two sons, Curtis and Scott, and enjoyed countless adventures during their 23-year marriage. They remained life-long friends.

His first foray into military service began in 1960 with an enlistment in the U.S. Army. He successfully completed that enlistment and received an honorable discharge. However, he soon decided civilian life was not for him and he enlisted once again in 1966 - but this time with the U.S. Navy. During a career spanning 30 years, he traveled the world, reveled in and excelled at all things Navy, and ultimately achieved the highest Navy enlisted rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. He was the proud recipient of numerous military medals and awards. At the time of his retirement in 1995, he was recognized as the senior Master Chief in the Pacific Fleet.

During a tour to Japan in the late 80s, he met Kelly Coe, and with a considerable amount of persuasion, convinced her to become his wife in 1990 in a small ceremony at the historic NAS Moffett Field, CA chapel. In that same moment, he also gained another family, becoming a beloved dad to Kelly's children, Erika and Jesse. For the next 32 years, they built a home, a family, and an enviable circle of friends throughout the Navy and in the community of Fallon, NV. Who would

have thought two midwesterners would sink deep inextricable roots in the high desert of Nevada.

Not one to sit idly, Milo continued his government service for an added 10 years as a DoD civilian, managing the NAS Fallon Auto Hobby Shop. He finally decided to fully retire in November 2005.

Full retirement for Milo was a myth. He enjoyed tinkering with his '57 Chevy and was in the (never-ending) process of rebuilding a '43 Jeep Willy. Motorcycles - he loved them. He logged thousands of miles on his Harleys (there were four), including a month-long trip with three friends up to Alaska (we dubbed it the Grey Ghost Tour.) Sturgis, Daytona, Street Vibes, and Rolling Thunder - he thrived. An extra special treat was riding with his favorite Harley enthusiast, daughter Erika. There was a pair to draw to!

He just couldn't resist stepping back into a uniform and about 2012 became a dedicated volunteer member of the War Veterans Memorial Association Honor Guard, performing military honor memorial services for deceased veterans from every military branch across northern Nevada.

One of the nurses who cared for him in the hospital, related he had told her at length, the night before he passed, about his life, his Navy career, and his family. He remarked "You know, I can't complain. I've had a pretty good life." He really did - and we, his family and friends, were blessed to have shared that life with him. Fair winds and following seas Master Chief - you have earned your rest. We have the watch.

He was preceded in passing by his parents Charles and Gertrude, sister Francis Patrick and brothers Frank and Ron.

Milo is survived by his wife Kelly, siblings Hazel (Robert) Harmeling, Patricia (aka Murph) Schmoldt, and Dorothy (Wayne) Miller. Also, Kathleen (Towne) Leist, sister-



in-law Sydney Minich, brother-in-law James (Linda) Balogh, son Curtis (Joy) Leist, son Scott (Theresa), daughter Erika Coe, son Jesse Coe, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV on 4 June 2022 at 11 a.m. with a private celebration of life following for those who wish to attend at the Sage and Sand Chief Petty Officers Club aboard NAS Fallon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Milo's honor to the War Veterans Memorial Association c/o Richard Cook, 1400 Jennys Lane, Fernley, NV 89408.

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Local Government

Budget Prioritizing Takes a Modern Turn *Survey Says Staffing and Instruction the Major Issues*

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District used an interactive, online polling tool to gather thoughts from the community this past week as part of the budgeting process. Called a “Thought Exchange,” the online poll allows community members to submit ideas and comments, rate the comments and ideas made by other members, and view results all in real time. The process is anonymous and was “open” and available from April 29 to May 5 at 10 a.m.

The District budget policy requires that the budget be allocated to meet the strategic planning themes and goals. In requesting public participation, the district information release read, “policy requires that the budget be allocated to the strategic planning themes as well as the goals of the building performance plans which include improved achievement and development of the whole child.”

Preliminary results viewed on Thursday, May 5 before the survey closed included a listing of words that were used most often in the comments. Overwhelmingly, participants said that staff should be paid better, retained, given higher pay, and given raises. Thoughts echoed comments made at the last board of trustees meeting by Keith Lund who spoke regarding a lack of teachers at the high school and the school not being able to offer the personal finance class. In 2020, the board made personal finance a requirement for graduation.

Lund, who has taught personal finance at the high school for the past 15 years, said there is currently a need for 41 sections of classes at the high school, but only enough teachers to cover 35 sections. “We hired one teacher instead of two, and the solution for that is to eliminate personal finance and fold it into the Econ class.” Additionally, after a lengthy textbook adoption processes, the class will now be taught using a “canned” class that was developed by the state.

Under the topic of “Hiring More Teachers” one comment read, “Class sizes are too big, and students are missing out on certain classes because of lack of sections offered.”

Also addressed was the topic of “Classes” with 24 comments, one reading, “Replace Edgenuity. Hire teachers to teach students. Increase the rigor and the expectations. Why is our bar so low these days? Ask any high



schooler what they’ve learned in an Edgenuity class. The answer is nothing. Ask them if they cheat their way through. The answer is yes.”

Under hiring there were 19 comments, including, “PLEASE hire someone to manage the Scholarship application process. This year has been very frustrating for all concerned.

Thousands of dollars are being offered via scholarships by many local organizations. Communication with our organization was very poor.”

Six comments addressed specifically the trades, one said, “There is a TON of trade skills and certification that can be locally applicable and we need to familiarize students with them and make it available. The more involved kids are in these trades as they grow the more prepared they will be and we as a state will have a more skilled young workforce.” And another said, “A focus on STEM, we have a large growing tech industry right next door in sparks/reno and can reasonably expect to students to be drawn to the Industry. These fields require extensive education and training. The ability to pursue specific education in these fields would be a massive help to students.”

Several comments addressed student behavior, “the dress code needs to be enforced - students need to be disciplined for cursing/foul language and bullying/harassing others.”

There were 47 comments that addressed “learning” including, “Get kids up to grade appropriate learning levels. My 5th grader brought home a video assignment that started off with ‘good morning 3rd graders.’ He was pretty insulted by it and hasn’t been the same in school since. These things matter to them whether they express it openly or not.”

Additionally, 28 comments discussed “support” including, “We need inclusive education about LGBTQ+ people, women, and people of color. Simply not being racist, misogynistic, or queerphobic is not enough. We need to be educated about these people and advocate for equality. Received 51 ratings with strongly disagree receiving the highest rating.

In addition, there were many comments about social-emotional learning, more counselors, support for career development, scholarships and academic development. “These are all very important topics to us, and we are absolutely taking them into account as we plan for the coming years,” stated the release.

The results of the survey will be shared with the Budget Advisory Committee as well as the Board of Trustees. The formal hearing on the 2022-23 budget will be held at the Board meeting on May 25, at 5:30 p.m.



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TCID Struggles with How to Get Canal Lining Done

By Rachel Dahl

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors met this week in their regular monthly meeting to discuss, among other things, holding a special election of the district to approve or deny the contract of repayment for work to be performed on the Truckee Canal as Extraordinary Maintenance.

Directors held an extensive discussion during a special meeting on April 20, and again at this meeting on May 3 over the issue of the repayment and the outage schedule for the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project. The district staff continues to work with the D. C.-based Ferguson Group as well as the Farmer's Conservation Alliance on finding possible funding sources through grants and congressional appropriations.

They also agreed to extend the contract with Ferguson Group to provide advocacy services for the district. The contract is for a \$5,000 monthly fee and was extended for three more months. Mark Limbaugh and Lane Dixon are performing the work of pursuing potential funding sources for the improvements to the Truckee Canal under the Extraordinary Maintenance agreement.

Discussion on the scheduling of the shut down of the Truckee Canal, which would result in no water for the Truckee Division during the maintenance project, often grew heated as the board worked through the potential damage to water users. Not only would the Truckee Division of the Newlands project not receive water during the construction, but the Carson Division would suffer as well due to a lack of diversions from the Truckee River into Lahontan Reservoir.

Originally, the Bureau of Reclamation was looking to line 11 miles of the canal in strategic places to prevent any possible breach, however, the plan at this time is to line a roughly three-mile stretch from the Highway 95A bridge to the old airport property. Board members also had been under the impression that the maintenance

would take place during the winter months over several years, allowing for farming during the irrigation season. However, the construction process of preparing the dirt work, installing the lining, and then pouring concrete, must be completed once it begins, without interruption.

The board approved language for a ballot question for the special election that would provide a one-year outage, beginning October 1, 2022, with a completion date set for September 30, 2023, to repair the Truckee Canal. Board member Davy Stix, who represents Fernley, voted against the language. Special election support personnel were appointed but there was no date set for the special election.

Stix said it would lessen the blow to both the Carson and Truckee Division if two contracts could be let with both construction companies working from each end of the stretch with a six-month deadline instead of twelve months. That idea got no traction and was rejected by the Bureau with no explanation. Stix also made a motion to begin work on July 1, 2023, instead of October 2022, giving water users the ability to irrigate before construction begins. His motion failed.

The board also approved the application by the district for a small-scale water efficiency project grant through the Bureau of Reclamation for \$100,000 to provide for satellite data acquisition and retrieval associated with 31 water measurement sites in the Carson Division of the Project. This grant will complete



the replacement of the remaining obsolete water measurement data loggers and provide water delivery data, in nearly real-time, to the district relating to over 200 points of water delivery.

Ben Shawcroft, who will serve as the new General Manager and Counsel for TCID beginning July 1, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Water Resource Association and will serve as the State Executive for Nevada. TCID is a member of the Washington D.C.-based organization that advocates on behalf of water resources users and irrigation districts.

*The Fernley Check from the 95A bridge looking east from where construction to line the canal will begin.
Photo by Davy Stix.*

Fallon City Council Drops Two Utility Easements

By Jo Petteruti

On Tuesday, May 3 the Fallon City Council voted to approve relinquishing two unused public utility easements during their regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting. The city received two requests from D.R. Horton which were presented to the council by Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga.

The first request concerned an easement that runs through eight blocks in the Diamond Creek subdivision near Serpa Place and Coral Drive. The parcel map for the property was originally created and recorded in 1993 and amended in 1995. The second request was for an easement recorded on a

2001 parcel map for the Northgate subdivision located at Keddie Street and Tamarac Court.

According to deBraga, city staff were able to determine that no utilities are located within either of the two 10-foot-wide easements. As the city does not own the easements, they don't need to go through the formality required by NRS 270.480. Therefore, the city can execute the relinquishment or quit claim deed to eliminate the easements with each of those documents being recorded with Churchill County.

Councilwoman Kelly Frost asked, "What was the original purpose of the easements?" to which deBraga responded, "The Serpa

Place easement was recorded on a parcel map where it looked like the drainage easement had to do something with where an old ditch used to be. In general, it was just a blanket utility easement that was included along with the parceling of that land."

When Mayor Ken Tedford asked about the second request, deBraga replied, "Again, I think it was just the blanket public utility easement. Just from looking at the maps, it appears that when the property was parceled, the standard 10-foot utility easement was included, but again it was never used by the city."

Election

Greg Koenig Candidate for State Assembly District 38

Dr. Gregory S. Koenig is a fifth generation Nevadan who spent most of his life in Churchill County. Professionally he is an optometrist with offices in Fallon, Fernley, and Yerington. Having worked with patients throughout all of the communities in the area, he has a good feel for the pulse of this district.

He served on the Churchill County School Board for twelve years, half of that time as board president. During that time he was also president of the State School Board and served on the NIAA board which governs all high school athletics on the state level. He currently serves as a Churchill County Commissioner. Dr. Koenig is a lifelong Republican and wants to represent you in Carson City to help fight for the conservative rural lifestyle that he loves. He is endorsed by current District 38 Assemblywoman Dr. Robin Titus and current County Commissioner Chairman Pete Olsen.

1. Water issues will be affecting Nevada. What are the issues you feel need addressing in the next session of the Nevada State Legislature?

Water is the life blood of Nevada. It is one of our most important resources. The size of District 38 makes things really complicated. Different communities have different water needs that can sometimes conflict with each other. Fernley is directly upstream from Fallon and Yerington is directly upstream from Schurz and Hawthorne. The need for water varies from recharging our aquifers and protecting our wells to providing the means to maintain our agricultural heritage and allow people to make a living. We need to closely monitor the water usage of the bigger communities upriver from us to make sure

they aren't using more than their allotment. As the Reno area continues to grow, they want more and more water. Since there is only so much to go around, we need to fight to make sure we get all the water that is rightfully ours.

2. What are the climatic changes affecting Nevada and what should the Legislature do to combat drought, wildfires, extreme heat, air pollution from smoke, etc.?

I am not sure what the Legislature can do to actually combat drought, California wildfires, and the subsequent poor air quality. There are a few things we can do to make things safer here in Nevada. We need to promote regulated, planned logging to help get rid of the dead wood and density that serves as kindling for forest fires. We also need to allow grazing in our forests to help keep the undergrowth under control so fires will not spread so easily. We need to make sure all firefighters are fully funded with the proper training, necessary equipment, and adequate personnel to get the fires under control as quickly as possible when they inevitably happen. We cannot completely stop wildfires from happening, but we can be prepared for when they do happen. To help conserve water during drought, we can encourage recruiting industry to the area that uses minimal water. We can encourage landscaping that uses minimal water.

3. How should the next Legislature look at voting procedures, mail-in ballots?

I think voting procedures can definitely use an overhaul. To begin with, one of our top priorities should be to require a valid, government issued ID to vote. Proof of citizenship should also be required to vote. I think same day registration is problematic.

As we have seen, there have been problems with automatic registration at the DMV. There were numerous voters who requested to be registered as Republicans who instead were registered as non-partisan, so when those people go to vote as Republicans in the primary election, they are unable to do so. I believe mail-in ballots hold a place, but do not agree with mail-in ballots being automatically sent to everyone. Especially since our voter rosters critically need an overhaul. Mail-in ballots are needed and important for those serving out of the area in the military and for those whose medical conditions preclude them from making it to the polling place. Other than that, I think voting should be done in person.

4. Every session, legislators will handle a number of veterans' issues. What do you envision the top issues are regarding veterans and their way of life?

Veterans have served, fought, and sometimes even died to help protect our country. Taking care of them should be one of our top priorities. We can do better. First off, we need to provide better, more timely health care. The biggest complaint I hear is how long it takes to get in to be seen at the VA hospitals. More funding to increase staffing would be a good start. We especially need to provide more services in the rural areas. Mental health concerns need to be addressed. Veterans are dealing with PTSD, TBI, and depression. Suicide is another big concern with Veterans, counseling and the necessary resources need to be readily available. We

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Vida Keller Candidate for State Assembly District 38

Vida D. Keller is a two-term commissioner with Lyon County who announced her candidacy for Assembly District 38.

Keller is broker/owner of Priceless Realty in Silver Springs. She is the first vice president of the Fernley Republican women, delegate to the Nevada GOP, and president of the Lyon County Library foundation. On the county level, she has worked hard to solve problems that were caused by changing economics, growth, and Mother Nature.

1. Water issues will be affecting Nevada. What are the issues you feel need addressing in the next session of the Nevada state legislature?

Water is a very important and complicated issue in the State of Nevada, with all Stakeholders seemingly having a different opinion on what is best. We have several treaties, operating agreements affecting different Basins and communities. We have different sources including groundwater, surface water, reclaimed water, and importing water through pipelines, canals or river systems. Changing the laws governing "water rights" to benefit one stakeholder usually hurts several others causing excessive legal action. What I will work toward is legislation that allows the holders of "water Rights" to have more flexibility on the use of the water and promote conservation without risk of losing their usufructuary right.

2. Tying in with question one, what

are the climatic changes affecting Nevada and what should the legislature do to combat drought, wildfires, extreme heat, air pollution from smoke, etc.

If and any climatic changes in Nevada that come about we will have to adjust as we have done throughout time, however poor management of our resources and blaming "climate change" without consequences should not be tolerated. We need better management of not only our land, but also the states bordering Nevada should also be held accountable for their bad practices though any means available. I will support any legislative effort to give the private sector, local government, and the State of Nevada the "toolbox" to become effective in holding people and governments responsible while promoting better use of our land.

3. How should the next legislature look at voting procedures, mail in ballots?

Eliminate Mail in Ballots, not absentee ballots Require Voter ID.

Eliminate the "Mandatory" registration at the DMV. Make ballot harvesting a felony again.

4. Every session, legislators will handle a number of veterans' issues. What do you envision the top issues are regarding to veterans and their quality of life?

Veterans need to have closer access in a timely manner to quality medical procedures and treatments, especially in the rural areas to ensure veterans and their families receive

the care, benefits, and support earned as promised. This would be one of my top issues.

5. Both the Navy and the U.S. Air Force are continuing their respective plans to expand and modernize their ranges. What role do you envision the assembly having?

I sit on the Fallon Range Training Complex modernization intergovernmental executive committee as the Lyon County Commissioner and I nominated Churchill County Commissioner Pete Olsen to be the Vice Chair on this very important Board. In doing so I have and will promote that the local jurisdictions input would weigh heavily on any decisions and as a legislator I would try and balance national security without sacrificing any unnecessary burden on the local community or the State of Nevada.

6. Northern Nevada has faced unparalleled growth during the past decade. What is the assembly's role to ensure the area keeps its quality-of-life issues intact?

Again, with the knowledge I have being an 8-year commissioner I would look to eliminate or modify current laws that do not conform to our rural lifestyles. Developers can build a variety of products that they can profit in a capitalistic way with the free market. However, it is up to the local jurisdictions to promote and allow what the community wants and needs. While master plans are

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Dr. Robin Titus Candidate for State Senate District 17

Dr. Robin Titus serves as the Assembly Republican Leader. She has served Lyon County as a family practice physician for 37 years including pre- and post-natal care delivering countless babies. In addition to serving her patients, she also served as Chief of Staff at the Lyon County Hospital and on the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Titus is in her fourth term at the Legislature and is the Lyon County Health Officer. She enjoys skiing, hunting, fishing, hiking, wine tasting, gardening, and spending time with her family and grandkids. Furthermore, Dr. Titus is a longtime proud NRA member and CCW holder, avid early morning runner including ten marathon completions, instrument-rated pilot, and has climbed to Mt. Everest base camp and summited Mt. Whitney and Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

According to Dr. Titus, she has been ranked the most conservative member in the Legislature. Dr. Titus lives in Wellington with her husband, retired Lyon County Sheriff Allen Veil.

1. Water issues will be affecting Nevada. What are the issues you feel need

addressing in the next session of the Nevada State Legislature.

Water is a state wide issue. Many of our water basins have been over allocated. Estimating future needs is difficult at best. We need an overall water policy. Last Governor to commission one was Gov. Jim Gibbons, the Sage Commission

2. Tying in with question 1, what are the climatic changes affecting Nevada and what should the Legislature do to combat drought, wildfires, extreme heat, air pollution from smoke, etc.

I do not deny that the climate is changing. The cause and effect is debatable.

There has been a definite increase in the number of wild land fires. I would argue that poor management of our lands is the issue.

3. How should the next Legislature look at voting procedures, mail-in ballots for upcoming elections?

I believe in voter ID. I am not opposed to mail-in ballots if requested.

I am absolutely against ballot harvesting.

4. Every session, legislators will handle a number of veterans' issues. What do you envision the top issues are regarding to veterans and their quality of life. Do you have a priority of veterans' issues that need to be discussed?

Mental health issues and access to care are very important and must continue to be addressed.

5. Both the Navy and U.S. Air Force are continuing their respective plans to expand and modernize their ranges. What role do you envision the state having?

The Federal Government already controls over 80% of our State.

I am not supportive of them closing off any additional land to public access.

At the same time, I support a strong military and recognize the need for training.

6. Northern Nevada has faced unparalleled growth during

the past decade. What is the Senate's role to ensure the area keeps its quality of life issues intact?

Growth in Northern Nevada has been encouraged for hundreds of years.

As co-founder of the Smith Valley Historical Society, I have read many documents describing the richness of the valley and encouraging growth.

The Newlands project started in the early 1900s to encourage growth of Lahontan Valley. When do we say stop? This goes back to my early comment regarding the Sage Commission and looking at Nevada's future.

7. Every year, education funding and other issues always arise at the Legislature. What do you see as your priorities with education? i.e. funding, curriculum, class size, rural broadband.

I am very concerned about the new funding formula. Worried about the rurals getting shorted. The funds should not all go into one pot.

I think education is top heavy and not enough goes to the teachers or class rooms. If Covid did nothing else, it showed us the deficiencies we have in our broad band.

8. More on education. Should Nevada follow the lead of other states in looking at CRT, library and classroom books and their content? Absolutely not. Nevada needs to look at getting out of the 50th % of all the worst rankings in education.

9. Taxes are always an issue during the legislative season. Is it time to implement a state income tax to fund priorities such as education, public safety, etc. Why or Why not? I absolutely do not support a state income tax. It is not just a cliché when I say Nevada doesn't have a money problem, it has a spending problem. Nevadans voted to legalize marijuana with the hope that the taxes would go to education, most of the money is going to regulation and monitoring.

10. Rural Nevada healthcare issues are a concern to residents in your district. What do you see as the issues governing the quality of healthcare now and in the future?

Access to care and providers. The proposal by the current Administration for a public health option will discourage any new health care providers from locating to Nevada. I have successfully passed bills to increase access to care. Encouraging our youth to go into health care is critical. Starting programs to offset some of the costs is also important.

11. Nevada and the rest of the county are facing a significant downturn with the economy. What is your vision to ensuring the state would weather a recession better than during the Great Recession of 2008-2011?

I had proposed we use some of the ARPA funds to put into our Rainy Day Fund.

I am also very concerned that we are creating bigger government we can not afford to pay for when the money runs out.

We should not be dependent on the Government. Government needs to get out of the way and allow innovation and the private sector to flourish.

Candidate Jim Wheeler will be featured next week when his answers are received.



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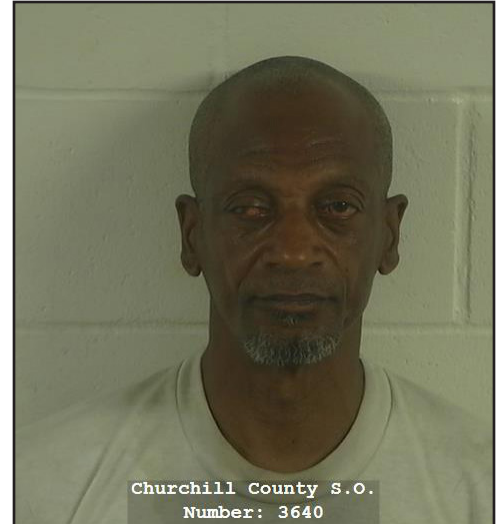
District Court News

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, April 26, 2022, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding. The court was not in session Tuesday, May 4.

Robyn Alexander Jory appeared via Zoom web conferencing for an arraignment. Jory is charged with Attempt to Commit Ex-Felon in Possession of Firearm, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Alexander is currently in Oklahoma and told Judge Stockard that while he understood the charges against him, he felt it was unfortunate that he could not be in Fallon and more thoroughly investigate the charges against him. As a matter of criminal procedure, Stockard told Jory that he could not proceed if there were any doubt about whether the plea was in his best interest. According to ADA Priscilla Baker, the state is prepared to prove that Jory was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped and approached by law enforcement. Officers learned that all three of the individuals in the vehicle had been shooting earlier that morning. Upon a search, Jory was found to have ammunition on his person that matched one of the firearms found in the vehicle. Jory told the court that he made his plea freely and voluntarily, and he did not want to take the matter to trial. The plea negotiations reduced the original charge of Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Category B Felony, to the lesser charge of Attempt to Commit Ex-Felon in Possession of Firearm. The court set sentencing for July 19, for which he must appear in person.

Amy Shepard Chastain pled guilty to a charge of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacturing or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a potential fine of up to \$10,000. According to the allegations, Chastain did sell a Schedule I controlled substance within the confines of Churchill County. The court set sentencing for July 19.

Brian Keith Alford, in custody, appeared on two sentencing violations upon allegations made by Parole & Probation that Alford violated the conditions of his probation by absconding from P&P. Further, he failed to maintain a registered address and meet the employment requirements as a probationer. Alford told the court that he has an irrational fear of probation officers after dealing with them in the past. He admitted that he did not perform as well as required. ADA Chelsea Sanford asked the court to revoke his probation and sentence him on his underlying charges. According to Sanford, Alford should have been eternally grateful for his chance at probation, as he is a ten-time convicted felon, has been to prison ten times, and has had his parole revoked three times. Alford failed to contact P&P from October 26, 2021, just after narrowly being granted probation until he was arrested on April 10. "He's not a newbie," said Sanford. "He knows what it means to comply with P&P and that you don't disappear for six months, and hope all is forgiven." Further, Sanford reiterated to the court that Alford was convicted of high-level drug offenses last October after being caught with 83 grams of methamphetamine. Alford initially received suspended consecutive sentences of 40-180 months in prison for the Possession of a Controlled Substance of a High-Level charge, and 19-48 months for the Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances charge, with the terms to run consecutively. CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court that his client understands that there are no excuses for his actions, and he profoundly regrets them. Also, Alford has maintained his sobriety since he was sentenced last fall, has been attending counseling, staying out of trouble, and has committed no additional crimes. Sommer argued for Alford's probation to be reinstated on the premise that while he



Brian Keith Alford - Photo courtesy Churchill County Sheriff.

has not fully complied, he is making progress. Sommer asked the court to consider a sanction of time in jail rather than revocation. Parole & Probation told the Judge that they would support Alford getting another chance, and he did test clean for drugs after turning himself in after his arrest.

"It was really stupid," Alford said. "I really shouldn't have been afraid. My probation officer has been really good to me since I have seen him." Regarding the employment requirement, Alford stated he was retired on Social Security and didn't realize he was required to work. Judge Stockard told Alford that rarely do probationers own their conduct as he did. "I should revoke you," said Stockard, citing the seriousness of his charges. "But I think you have started to heal the relationship with your probation officer. I am going to take you at your word that you have matured at 65 years old," Stockard reinstated Alford on probation.

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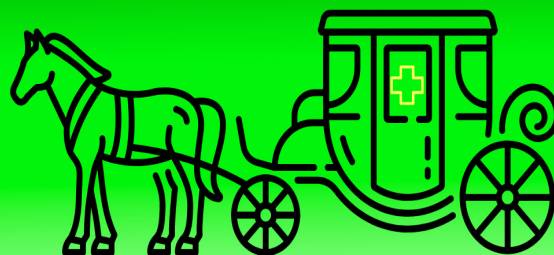
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Luman Pleas in Major Firearms Theft Case - 17 Felony Charges Dropped

By Leanna Lehman

Lacey Christine Marie Luman, 35, was arraigned last month in Justice Court before Judge Benjamin Trotter on several firearm theft-related charges. Luman, a resident of Winnemucca, was alleged to have aided or abetted in the commission of a residential burglary of a substantial number of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Luman, along with three others, including the father of one of her children, Nathaniel Belingheri, was arrested and charged with stealing 19 firearms from the home of Michelle Bates on Trails End Road in Fallon last November. If convicted, both Luman and Belingheri faced potential prison sentences of 20-177 months each on 17 Category B felonies and two gross misdemeanors.

Lumen and her court-appointed defense attorney, Paul Yohey, Esq., waived the matter to District Court, where she was arraigned by Judge Thomas Stockard on Tuesday, April 26. Lumen plead guilty to two charges; Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny of a Firearm and Conspiracy to Commit Burglary with Possession of a Firearm. Both are gross misdemeanors, and each is punishable by up to 364 days in jail. Per the terms of her plea agreement, all felony charges against her are dropped.

According to Yohey, the evidence shows that on November 17, 2021, his client was on Facebook Messenger with the victim's granddaughter. Luman was directing several

individuals to burglarize the grandmother's residence to steal several firearms. "She is quite contrite about this and fully admitted to it," said Yohey. "She was initially charged as a principal to the crime, but that has been negotiated away." He told the court that one of the things that came out during the investigation was that drugs were significantly involved as Luman and the other individuals were doing this to secure money to buy narcotics.

Yohey said that since his client's release on her own recognizance, she has been testing clean with Court Services and making progress in her sobriety. He asked Judge Stockard to drop the no-contact order between Luman and Belingheri so that they could jointly visit their child and Luman's other three children that Belingheri has been helping raise. Assistant District Attorney Priscilla Baker strongly opposed the request stating that the investigation led law enforcement officers to the couple's Winnemucca home, where a significant amount of narcotics was discovered "just lying about in the garage with four children in the house - all with access." As a result, Child and Family Services removed the children from the home, and both parents may only attend supervised visits separate from each other.

Judge Stockard elected to provisionally place Lumen in the Western Regional Drug Court program while she awaits sentencing. Upon transferring to the Winnemucca Drug Court program, she can petition Judge Montero to lift the no-contact order during



visitation. If he agrees, Stockard stated he would consent to the change but emphasized that the only allowable contact would be during the couple's supervised visits with the children.

Belingheri's case and the other individuals involved in the matter are ongoing. Lumen is to appear for sentencing on July 19.

Lacey Christine Marie Luman - Photo courtesy Churchill County Sheriff.

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also need to do better at re-assimilating them back into the work-force and everyday life at the end of their service.

5. Both the Navy and U.S. Air Force are continuing their respective plans to expand and modernize their ranges. What role do you envision the Assembly having?

I love our country and know we all want to do our part to assure our military will be prepared to protect our national interests. That being said, the federal government already controls over 80% of land in our state, and now they want more. There needs to be a fair give and take. If the federal government wants to take over more land, then the counties and the state need to be reimbursed for their losses. Local citizens are losing grazing land, geothermal opportunities, mining claims, hunting areas, and recreational opportunities. They need to be reimbursed for those losses. Land swaps also need to be considered; if the military needs certain areas, then they need to release other BLM land back to the counties.

6. Northern Nevada has faced unparalleled growth during the past decade. What is the Assembly's role to ensure the area keeps its quality of life issues intact?

I am in favor of smaller government with more local control. Who is going to know what's best for their constituents, a legislature in Carson, or someone in the counties at the local level? At the state level, we need to create an environment that attracts industry, by providing a positive tax culture with appropriate incentives. Ultimately the decisions should be made on a county level. Also the definition of quality of life will differ between communities. To set a standard for quality of life at a state level is impractical if not foolish. One law out of Carson City to regulate the quality of life in both Las Vegas and Yerington is pretty much impossible.

7. Every year, education funding and other issues always arise at the Legislature. What do you see as your priorities with education?

From serving on the local school board for 12 years and having served at the state level, education is very near and dear to my heart. First, we need to make sure education is adequately funded. Money, by itself, will not solve the problem, but lack of support is very difficult to overcome. I strongly support locally elected school boards. Again, who knows what's best for the children in their own community than the people who live there? I am against unfunded mandates, the state Legislature is constantly implementing new programs without offering any financial assistance to the already cash-strapped school districts. So if the state mandates smaller class size, they should help fund the extra teachers needed to accomplish it. I would also like to encourage and support promoting career and technical education, to help our students prepare themselves better for the workforce. Not everyone wants to attend university and the workforce desperately needs skilled, trained workers. We should encourage those who choose that path.

8. What should the city-county-state relationship look like in governing?

I want to start by saying again, governing is most efficient when done on a local level, since they are the ones who know their communities best. There is definitely a place for both state and local governments. Both should have defined roles and not overstep the boundaries. Working together and cooperating would be ideal. The state needs to be over entities that span the whole state like

universities, prisons, parks, and highways. Local governments have the responsibilities to find and maintain police and fire departments, libraries, museums and local roads. As long as people understand their responsibilities and do not over step their bounds, I think they can work together.

9. What do you see with your Assembly district working with the state and various business development agencies?

I see the biggest role of business development agencies as recruiting the desired appropriate new businesses to the communities in our district. To sustain our tax base and provide the needed employment for our citizens, planned, sustained growth is desirable. Local communities need to be involved in the process. Business development agencies can be a big benefit if they help meet the needs of both the communities and the businesses. Another service these agencies can provide is to help make current businesses more efficient and help keep them up to date on current practices and trends.

10. Rural Nevada healthcare issues are a concern to residents in your district. What do you see as the issues governing the quality of healthcare now and in the future?

I work in healthcare and there are definitely some challenges in the rural settings. Maintaining an adequate workforce is one of our biggest challenges. I know the rural areas have a difficult time keeping personnel and doctors. It seems to be a revolving door which affects continuity of care and building of trust and relationships. The inability to draw specialists to rural communities is another challenge. I personally have a number of patients who need additional care or a procedure, but are unable to get to Carson City or Reno to see the needed specialists and go untreated. We need to explore policies and programs to entice and retain medical professionals. Even exploring innovative programs such as incentives, bonuses, or help in loan repayment.

11. Nevada and the rest of the county may face a significant downturn with the economy. What is your vision to ensure the state would weather a recession better than during the great recession of 2008-2011?

I think the answer to this is fairly simple: diversify. In the past we have been overly reliant on gaming and the hospitality industry associated with it. In a recession those are some of the first things people cut out of their budgets. Industry, like USA parkway will help us to ride out the next economic downturn. Promoting mining, by not over-regulating, will also help to stabilize the local economies. Making sure the agriculture sector is supported also helps. Anything we can do to help diversify our economy will help us survive the next recession.

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fluid in nature, many jurisdictions feel that it is required to honor the decisions of the past. The state should make sure that the jurisdictions have the tools needed to remedy any such decisions.

7. Every year, education funding and other issues always arise at the legislature. What do you see as your priorities with education? I. E. Funding, curriculum, class size

Government does not raise our children, Parents do! We are all different and our religious beliefs, our heritage, or any other social issues shall not be undermined by any governmental agency. I will work for legislation that carries strict penalties for

anyone trying to indoctrinate our children. Parental rights are and shall be protected. I will promote ESA'S, CTE's and teaching basic curriculum. Good teachers are hard to find and should be rewarded, there should be a very simple process to remove bad ones.

8. What should the city-county-state relationship look like in governing?

Right now, we have a top-down government with little or no input from counties and cities known as a Dillon role form of government. We need more autonomy at the county and city levels closest to the people putting the needs of the local communities first.

9. What do you see with your assembly district working with the state and various business development agencies?

I will work toward bringing in and supporting existing businesses and industries that promote the health of the community and not steal from the wealth of the community and their resources. We are not bedroom communities supporting the larger communities. We stand alone, independent of each other creating or manufacturing products that bring jobs and a rural lifestyle we enjoy. Allow counties the tools to negotiate for business development within their communities and encouraging the perfect fit. The State of Nevada has been giving tax abatements to industries that hurt rural communities because Counties take on the burden of providing services.

10. Rural Nevada health care issues are a concern to residents in your district. What do you see as the issues governing the quality of Health Care now and in the future?

The lack of access to our health care services including, mental and behavioral health, maternity and emergency services needs to be addressed. Not only do we have an aging physician workforce. We also have an aging population. The state has historically underinvested in rural communities, and with the recent COVID pandemic proving that we could have isolated rural communities and lessened the burden to the metropolitan areas, this too needs to be addressed.

By investing in the rural areas, it would slow the need for constructing or expanding the metro areas while giving a buffer in the spread of diseases. Our communities already are separated by Federally managed state lands.

This would help the state of Nevada economically by bringing up our health care numbers in rural areas. Economic expansion in rural areas would be more attractive.

This would also apply to addressing our veterans' community.

11. Nevada and the rest of the county may face a significant downturn with the economy. What is your vision to ensuring the state would weather recession better than during the Great Recession of 2008-2011?

As a sitting commissioner during 2011-2015, I saw firsthand what happens during a recession. Property and consolidated tax revenue drops. Non-essential but well needed departments were cut, Employees were cut, and departments were consolidated.

The need to be proactive is now, the State needs to allow for not only a rainy day fund for the counties that can't be swept by the State but enable some restrictive revenue to go to preserving some of the ongoing maintenance of valuable assets.

Candidates were asked the same questions on major issues affecting the constituents in District 38 and Senate 17, respectively.

New Agriculture Education Team in Town

Submitted by the Churchill County Farm Bureau

The Churchill County Farm Bureau has teamed up with some Churchill County Educators to discover new ways to teach students about farms. Recognizing that different teachers have different teaching styles and different students have different learning methods, the Farm Bureau offered a Teacher Training Class based on Dawn Alexander's book, "Farm Anatomy, Activities for Kids."

The session was led by Alexander who introduced the teachers to a different way to look at farms as homes not only for the farmer, but also for the animals, plants, and insects. She included the farmer's responsibility to understand and care for everything from an insect to the prize rooster.

The book provides an excellent fun way with hands on activities, to meet the curriculum requirements for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). During the training class, the teachers performed several of the activities that they might assign their students along with the requirement of keeping a Farm Journal.

The attending teachers expressed their appreciation for the class and were surprised and pleased with all the additional materials provided by Churchill County Farm Bureau and a grant from the Nevada Agriculture Foundation. At the end of the day, each teacher received a bag with books and prepared activity kits with all needed supplies to take back to their classrooms. Two lucky attendees won drawing prizes of \$75 gift certificates each.

Dawn Alexander has strong ties to agriculture with 35 years as an elementary educator. As a student, Alexander, then known as Dawn Marie Albert, lived on the University of Nevada Farm in Reno, and participated in 4H and the Hereford program. Alexander has received two national awards for teaching. She received the excellence in teaching agriculture award from the National Agriculture in the Classroom organization in 2019 and has also received the Presidential Award for excellence in mathematics and science teaching.

Alexander's book is 106 pages of fun, hands on learning geared for students in 4th-6th grades and is available almost everywhere books are sold.

Above: Dawn Alexander gives a class on teaching teachers how to teach about farming. Right: several resources for teachers provided by the Fam Bureau.



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Education

Bighorn Bulletin - Oasis Academy Update

Senior Spotlight: Isaac Macias

Time management is a life skill senior Isaac Macias knew he needed to quickly develop during his junior year. "Once I started the junior year I knew we had to take college-level classes. I had to focus more and pay more attention during class to turn in my work on time. I needed to have good time management," said Macias.

The skill has paid off as he prepares for graduation later this month.

Macias wants to thank Academic Advisor Mrs. Cheryl Venturacci for her help during his high school career. "I would like to thank Mrs. Cheryl Venturacci, she's always been there helping me in many ways. Asking me how I was, being my friend. Always looking out for me so that I don't fail my classes. She has been a sweet advisor, and always was there for me," said Macias.

His favorite high school memories include meeting new friends and the fun activities and interesting projects done in



class. He especially enjoyed learning how to paint, draw and relax while in art class.

"I would tell future students to have fun, but not slack off. Do your work on time and you will be good," said Macias. "Don't rush on things at the end because it will affect you and your grade. Have good time management."

Macias will continue his education after graduating by attending electrical school. His goal is to learn more, earn his certification, and begin a career in the field.

Senior Spotlight: Katherine Tejada Marroquin

The wide variety of classes and ability to get a head start on college drew senior Katherine Tejada Marroquin to Oasis Academy.

"My time at Oasis has been fun. Meeting new friends and the massive support from the staff enhanced the education I have received," said Marroquin.

That education has included classes that were challenging and developed her into a strong student. "My favorite class was History 102 with Mr. Joseph Bell because, although it was very challenging, it made me improve my writing and researching skills." Those skills have only prepared her further for college in the fall.



Marroquin also credits the support she's received from Counselor Andy Lennon for her preparation for more college. "I would like to thank Mr. Andy Lennon for showing me such genuine interest in my personal life. He always makes sure I have all the tools I need to succeed and always checks up on my mental health. He has been such an amazing mentor."

After graduating this month with both her High School Diploma and Associate of Arts degree, Marroquin will continue her education and study business.

"My advice for future students would be to start looking into careers early. Look into what careers interest you so that you can take classes accordingly. That way, you'll get a head start," said Marroquin.

Oasis Students Receive Awards Through College

Two outstanding Oasis students were recognized at the Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN) College Awards presentation on April 28 in Carson City. Senior Kaitlyn Hert and Junior Casamaro White both received awards.

Hert received an award as an Outstanding Jump Start Student and White received an award as an Outstanding Liberal Arts student.

Professor Timothy Mayo from Western Nevada College nominated White. His nomination read, "Casamaro has been an outstanding student in Math. I nominated him because he has enormous leadership potential and he set a positive tone in my classes. He also provides support for his classmates."

Hert was nominated by Oasis Academic Advisor Cheryl Venturacci. "Kaitlyn has been 100% committed to pursuing a career in the medical field. Following her dream of working in the medical profession, Kaitlyn was determined to take all the classes at WNC that she needed to obtain the Associate of Science degree. She is the exemplary college student, meeting with professors often, countless hours of homework and studying, all while working as an intern at the Churchill County District Attorney's office, and as the catcher for the Oasis Academy softball team. It is rare to find a high school student who is so dedicated to their future endeavors as I have found in Kaitlyn," said Venturacci.

"Each year we take just a few hours to recognize outstanding students in academics, service, and leadership," said Heather Rikalo, Student Life Coordinator and ASWN Adviser. "We celebrate the best of WNC with family and friends and help close our year with real joy and celebration for these students."

Three Dedicated Employees Set to Retire

This month Anne Bloomfield, Natalie Lane, and Cheryl Venturacci will retire. Each has impacted hundreds of students and been part of the backbone of education in Fallon.

Between the three of them, they have eighty-seven years of experience in education. Teaching and working at West End Elementary School, E.C. Best Elementary School, Lahontan Elementary School, Churchill County High School, and finally Oasis Academy.

"Losing these three ladies is such a loss to education. They have been influential in so many students' lives before coming to Oasis and while at Oasis. They have earned every second of retirement. We love them all dearly and can't wait to see the next chapter of their lives unfold," said Oasis CEO Melissa Mackedon.

Everyone is welcome to attend a celebration honoring their careers on Thursday, May 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Old Post Office.

Kristina Lee Recognized by Disney Imagination Campus

By Kaitlin Ritchie

Fifth Grade teacher at Numa Elementary School, Kristina Lee, announced on May 4th, 2022, that she received some exciting news. "I am thrilled to announce that I am being recognized by Disney Imagination Campus as one of 50 Teachers from across the country who are passionate about using the tool of imagination in their classrooms," Lee shared.

Lee is a huge Disney fan and found out about the contest, because she follows quite a few Disney social media pages. "I saw a post on one of the pages I follow that Disney was looking for teachers who use imagination in their classrooms, and that sounded right up my alley, so I figured it was worth a shot."

The application required each teacher to submit a short essay explaining the importance of imagination in the classroom, and how they use it to inspire their students. Lee wrote about how she believes students will rise to the bar you set for them, and how she works to help them believe they can achieve big things. For example, in 2010 and 2011, her students won a national contest hosted by the Enel power company which earned each group of students a trip to Boston for a tour of the city (Enel has a headquarters there), and then on to Rome, Italy for the international award ceremony.

In addition, Lee detailed how she loves to "add a little magic" into her day-to-day classroom routine. "It helps me inspire kids to want to show up, because they never know what they will miss out on if they're gone," Lee explained. This year her classroom "sank" and students spent a couple of weeks learning from

the bottom of the ocean. "We also threw a party for fractions, the CIA turned our classroom into a spylab, and we trained as secret agents to help us get ready for our SBAC testing" Lee said. She is always looking for innovative ways to teach her students and make them excited to come to class every single day. "Even right now, we are learning how to adapt a book into an animated show because they [students] were disappointed a novel we read together didn't have a movie, and they thought it deserved one."

Numa Principal Shawn Purrell said that Lee is a great teacher who has always been very creative in her classroom. "It does not surprise us here at Numa that Kristina is being recognized with this award. She is very deserving, and we are so proud of her," said Purrell.

As an award, Lee will get to visit Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. She will be able to enjoy inspirational talks with Disney leaders, get an inside look into the reimagined Disney Imagination Campus workshops, and expe-



rience all the magic of the Walt Disney World Resort 50th anniversary celebration. Lee is eager for her trip to Florida and said she is most excited for the chance to meet with and learn from the Disney Imagineers and other teachers from across the country, and the chance to bring some of that Disney magic back to her students.

Kristina Lee, Fifth Grade teacher at Numa Elementary.

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Education

First CEDA Business Council Scholarship Awarded to Colton Tousignant

By Kaitlin Ritchie

Churchill County School District and CEDA Business Council is proud to announce that the first recipient of the "CEDA Business Council Scholarship" is Colton Tousignant. Churchill County High School Principal Tim Spencer was thrilled to hear Tousignant was awarded with this scholarship. "It is always so great to see a student's hard work pay off big for them. I know this is just the first step in a much brighter future for Colton, and will help build the foundation of his future success." In September 2021, the CEDA Business Council worked in collaboration with the Churchill County School District and Oasis Academy to create a workforce development program to give students a chance to experience career opportunities in the Churchill County business community. Students enrolled in the "Building Fallon Forward - Churchill County Work-Based Learning Program" earn high school credit while working in a paid internship with a local business. Internships align with educational programs and career pathways offered by Churchill County High School and Oasis Academy. There are currently 16 local businesses who created profiles within the program that will be matched to enrolled students. Those businesses are: Ad-West Realty Services, Berney Realty, Bighorn ATV & Small Engine Repair, CC Communications, Cheek Construction, Churchill County, Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association, Fallon Food Hub, GEM Drafting, glo Medical Aesthetics, Janess Digital Ink LLC, Louie's Ace Home Center, Oasis Online, Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza / Skeeters Ice Cream and More, Parsons Drilling Inc., and The Fallon Post. Students enrolled in the Building Fallon Forward's program are also eligible to apply for a new \$1000 scholarship funded by the CEDA Business Council.

This scholarship is intended to assist students further their career aspirations by helping to fund enrollment in a trade school, certification, or degree program after graduation. CEDA Director of Operations Sara Beebe said, "The CEDA Business Council board is thrilled to give out the 1st, of hopefully many, scholarships to Colton. Colton embodies exactly what we envisioned for students who pass through this program, to find a career path they are passionate about, go off and seek further education to grow in that industry, and then to return to the community to work." Tousignant is the son of Norma and Mike Tousignant. He was born and raised in Fallon, Nevada and has been working for his family's business, Parson Drilling, since he was 16 years old. Parson's Drilling is one of 16 local businesses that created profiles within the Building Fallon's Future program, making Tousignant eligible for the program and this scholarship. After graduation Tousignant will be attending WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming where he will be studying Automotive Technology and Chassis Fabrication. After graduating, Tousignant plans on returning to Fallon to work for Parsons Drilling, Inc., but does have dreams of starting his own automotive shop as well. Tousignants family is excited for him to head off and bring back the knowledge he gains at



WyoTech back to Fallon. His mother Norma Tousignant said, "he is a great young man who really enjoys working with his hands and designing things, so we know he will accomplish anything he sets his mind to." Colton is described by those who work with him as one of the hardest working 18 year olds you'll meet, which his family knows will take him a long way in life. He lives his life a pursues his dreams based on something his grandpa Parsons used to say, "I'm to stupid to fail!" Meaning to never give up and see where perseverance will get you in life. There is a world to be explored and Colton is ready to start exploring. "He is a great asset to our family and the business. He is a joy to have around, and we will miss him greatly when he embarks on his next adventures in life, but we know he is well grounded and will do amazing things as he learns the automotive industry. We are so proud of him and know he will do great things," Norma Tousignant said.

*Above: Colton Tousignant
Courtesy of Norma Tousignant*

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Letters to the Editor

As a commissioner for over 11-years, I am aware of the growth that is headed to our community and how important it is to continue planning for sustainable development which helps protect and preserve our natural resources while improving the value of our homes and the quality of life. There's been much talk of fears and concerns surrounding the topic of growth, although we have been strategically planning for it well over 25-years.

The housing projects Churchill County has been pursuing are for the most modern housing. Proposals presented to the Planning Commission and/or to the Board of County Commissioners are for housing that is higher quality than that of surrounding neighborhoods and would improve overall property values. Our current housing inventory is overwhelmingly single-family dwellings versus multi-family. We envision single-family homes to continue expanding with our population as driven by jobs in our region. In fact, there are developments on the books that would add over 3,000 single-family homes.

When considering conservation of resources, 400 single-family homes equal a footprint of 100 acres under county code, while 400 multi-family homes equate to only 35 acres of land. Our county has not had a modern multi-family complex constructed in the last 40-years and does not currently have a complex which features amenities such as a clubhouse, pool, weight rooms, walking paths, dog parks, and other quality offerings. We want to be able to provide quality multi-family housing similar to that which

our servicemen and women, contractors, and veterans of NAS Fallon are accustomed to in other military base communities. We believe our community deserves this kind of quality housing option with amenities that improve quality of life.

Who are "those people" we are developing housing for anyway? Those people are our active-duty military and contractor families serving at NAS Fallon, veterans, couples, retirees looking to downsize, families, and children who have grown up in Fallon and want to continue calling it their "home" - that's who. They are the people taking new jobs at Boot Barn, Tesla, Panasonic as well as our hospital Banner Churchill, CC Communications, and our school district. They are also the people who will take the new jobs in Hazen as it continues to see new business development and expansion. Currently, twenty-two percent of enlisted NAS personnel and their families live outside our community due to a shortage of housing, and over the next few years, we expect an additional 1,400 jobs to support the new F-35 aircraft coming here. We believe the people working and serving our community has a reasonable right and expectation to live in our community.

Where are those agricultural/rural lands that are being gobbled up by development? The only current planned unit development (PUD) submitted this year to the Planning Commission is along Birch and Casey Roads and was an approved development that has been on the books for the past 15-years, before I took office. No agricultural production is in place on this property. The proposed

R3 zoning change would allow for 16 units per acre, while planned unit developments approved under current county code already allow for up to 24 units per acre.

Churchill County has worked tirelessly to conserve agricultural land and water through conservation easements. Over 10,600 acres of ag land is under conservation easements, permanently protecting agricultural producing land and water rights. The conservation easement program established in partnership with the Board of County Commissioners and NAS Fallon nearly 20-years ago protects the Base from encroachment while keeping land in agricultural production and water rights in our valley. Our Master Plan identifies the northwest quadrant of our county for development where it may be served by existing water and wastewater infrastructure and located away from NAS Fallon. The county has been steadfast in its values of controlled, sustainable growth while protecting our resources and rural way of life.

My family and I are proud to call Churchill County home. I have made my living in agriculture and continue to support and protect agriculture and the rural lifestyle many have come to appreciate here in Churchill County. I have lived here for 50-years and love this community and the people who choose to make their homes here. Growth has come slowly and sustainably with careful consideration. We are working diligently to address the housing needs of our community while preserving our quality of life. Sincerely, Pete Olsen

Maliah's Minute

We currently have around five weeks left of the school year.

This week I did the SBAC testing and will continue Monday. In total we have four tests, two are English Language Arts and two are Math. It doesn't seem bad until they tell you there are around 40 questions but most times it's different for each student.

After this week we will stick to our normal schedules and regular classes as we finish learning units. After SBAC we won't have any more state tests which make the upcoming weeks exciting.

During these past weeks, the weather has been getting warmer although, some days it gets really windy, and it has been nice weather. The weather

is getting me excited for summer and everyone is counting down the days until summer even the teachers.

This summer is going to be fun with all my friends as we have or are going to turn 13, and in the next school year, we will be in 8th grade. Even though I will miss all my teachers I'm more excited for school to be over and for summer to start. Since I've been in middle school, we haven't done anything fun like a field day since elementary school. I remember when I was younger, we had field days with big bounce houses and an ice cream truck, and we would play on the playground. Now that we are older, we are too big and old to jump in bouncy houses for fun.

But back to summer, my favorite thing to do during summer is to go out to my grandma's and swim in the canals and reservoir with my cousin. I also like to drive the side-by-side out in the desert, again with my cousin. During summer I do everything with my cousin because she is only here during the summer. Summer is filled with adventures and fun but the only thing in the way right now is school. In only a few weeks school will be out, summer will begin, and all my worries will go away and the only thing on my mind will be fun.

Maliah Harris just turned 13-years-old. She is an entrepreneur and goofy pre-teen with big opinions. She attends Churchill County Middle School.

Local Columnist

High Desert Dirt -- The Raven's Rant

By now you might know my fondness for plants that thrive in our challenging growing area. There will always be room in my garden for the useful ones you can divide up and share with friends, the ones that are a cinch to grow and find their place in your garden easily, and especially the ones that my bees love. Common chives fall into this category. They are an often underused and undervalued plant. Chives are so much more than a condiment for baked potatoes, that being said every potato deserves fresh from the garden chives. Herbs, like most vegetables, are exponentially better from your yard than from supermarket shelves. If you are new to herbs, this is a great introductory plant as it is super easy to grow, likes well-drained soil, divides, and reseeds readily. It's drought tolerant once established but thrives better with regular watering. Be forewarned planting chives can be the gateway to a full herb garden.

Chives are in the Genus *Allium* which includes leeks, ramps, onions, and garlic. All are part of the flowering plant family Liliaceae. Chives are the smallest, most mildly flavored of the alliums, often used as a garnish or added at the end of cooking recipes because of it. The fines herbes of French cuisine include chives along with tarragon, chervil, and parsley. Fun story, chives were fed to Dutch cows in the 1800s to flavor the milk. Even if you are not a budding epicurean, I would encourage you to consider common chives as a landscape

plant. They are beautiful when planted en masse along a border and also great for cottage or rock-type gardens. You can find varieties that bloom in lavender, white, pink, darker purple, and even red. Chives are deer resistant and are good companion plants to carrots and roses as they draw in good garden bugs. At the same time, they repel carrot flies, aphids, and Japanese beetles. Given the number of aphids, I'm already seeing this year, everyone needs to plant chives.

Allium *Schoenoprasum* are among the first flowers of spring, a welcomed sight to hungry bees and other pollinators. You can mention they are a monocot to your plant trivia-loving friends. They have one embryonic leaf with grass/bamboo/corn like growth (vs two in dicotyledons). The long hollow shoots grow to about 8-20 inches tall. Chives were used extensively in the Middle Ages. Called fairy music instruments in ancient Europe, used by the Romani for fortune-telling, the Romans for burns and sore throats, and the Chinese for anti-inflammatory properties.

Chives are perennial in our area, growing in dense clumps that can help with erosion. During the long growing season, cut back as much as you need, the plant will regrow and reflower. You can use the shoots immediately or keep them in the fridge for about a week. Alternatively dry or freeze them for winter soups.

Flowers are edible too, they become

more pungent in hot weather so now is a perfect time to add the pretty pink flowers to your salad or stir fry. One of my favorite ways to use the flowers is to make a Chive Blossom Vinegar. Makes a pretty gift, and is great in salads, potato salads, marinades, or a Gibson martini. The simple recipe combines a cup of washed, fresh blossoms (not faded pink ones), a 1/4 cup of chopped chive leaves, and a cup and a half of white vinegar in a mason jar. Use a muddler to slightly crush the plant material to release the flavors. Store at room temp out of direct light for about two weeks, you can then strain the contents. You're left with a beautiful pink elixir to add to homemade salad dressings or potato salads. It should last two months on your counter or six months in your fridge.

If you are a common chive fan, you might also seek out larger, more pungent garlic chives for your garden or Siberian chives. Divide and use them to keep them vigorous. Visit the Green Goddess Seedling Sale and Market on Saturday, May 14th from 10-2 p.m. at the Churchill Arts Council in Oats Park. You're bound to find locally grown chives and other beautiful plants to add to your garden this year.

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 plant container on your porch.

Horoscope Hideout - May 6 to 12

We've got Mercury's retrograde starting the 10th, so expect some wrenches thrown your way; think miscommunications, unexpected plan changes, tech malfunctions, etc, regardless of your sun sign.

Aries: Don't let the petty try to play you. I'm sure you could do it better but let that ish go! Acknowledge your feelings, but don't let them derail your progress, or make any rash decisions in place of logic.

Taurus: Now may feel like a great time for new beginnings. Your steady and ambitious nature could serve you well. Feel comfortable taking the lead and setting new goals.

Gemini: This week may be pretty intense and require some introspection and patience for yourself or others. Mercury retrograde may create some feelings of stagnation. Keep your head down and push through.

Cancer: You may have some positive collaborative opportunities coming your way. Keep your head above your imposter syndrome and think outside the box with any potential challenges that may arise.

Leo: Ever the ambitious one, your ener-

gy can be infectious, and may rub off on those around you. Old projects may gain new momentum thanks to the retrograde.

Virgo: New insight may be helpful with mending and establishing new connections, and those connections will come with possible secondary benefits. This is a powerful time for your relationships to gain more enrichment.

Libra: Venus is working some excellent influence in your life, making romance seem more appealing. Let your charm work in your own favor. Shoot your shot.

Scorpio: You may be finding deep satisfaction in your more wholesome environments these days. However intense, albeit positive, these situations may feel, trust the journey.

Sagittarius: Are you feeling motivated to take charge in your home affairs lately? Your thoughts may be focused on all things improvement, whether it's personal or material. Practice some KonMari and drop whatever doesn't bring you joy.

Capricorn: Last week's solar eclipse is still showering you with fresh starts and

reset buttons in almost every social sector. Keep sharing your positive and potentially influential ideas with those around you.

Aquarius: Your thoughts and emotions are still in tune with all things invested in your domestic life for a few. Friendly planetary aspects may also support opening some communication pathways.

Pisces: As if you weren't already sensitive enough, the coming days may feel extra challenging. It might help to take off some of the many hats you've been trying to wear.



Mandie Koeckes is a lover of misunderstood plants and people. She enjoys keeping her feet in the earth and her head in the stars.

What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- *Family Foundations*

This last week my bestie from college came to visit from Portland, Oregon. She was in town to read her poetry at the Churchill Arts Council thanks to a collaboration with the Churchill Library Association. Mindy and I met when we were newly 18 years old. We lived together, along with three other young women, in an apartment that we dubbed the "Nest of Estrogen."

What fun and dramatic times those were. As I am sure you can imagine, our house was a popular weekend destination to enjoy music, drinks, good company, and often food. Mindy was one of the first people outside of my family that I cooked food with regularly. We delighted in throwing intimate dinner parties that focused as much on the dishes as the invite list and the cultivated conversation.

When I reflect on those days in the mid-nineties, it is easy to see what was happening—we were forging a family of our choosing. Our family had a common language, ritual, and culture. We started with the basics and built a foundation that has lasted over 25 years. That foundation was built brick-by-brick, meal-by-meal, and dish-by-dish, it is what has enabled our friendship to endure.

This has me thinking about the basics. It is important to learn to do the simple things correctly and then to practice doing them correctly enough times that you can take them for granted. This is how you build a solid foundation. The basic dish that caused me a lot of

frustration and consternation as a fledgling cook is rice. Back in the Nest days (pre-culinary school and professional chef-dom), I remembered cooking a lot of rice and I remember scrubbing a lot of pots encrusted with stuck-on rice. It wasn't for many years that I learned a hack that ensures that rice comes out perfectly with total reliability. Now I am going to share that hack with you.

When I first learned how to make rice, here is what I was taught. Measure out your rice into a colander and rinse until the water runs clear, rinsing the rice removes the extra starch and increases your chances of yielding fluffy rice grains. One cup of uncooked rice will yield about 3 cups of cooked rice, which is just about enough for 2-3 people. Combine the rinsed rice and the appropriate amount of water into a pot. There are nuances to what constitutes

the "right" amount of water depending on the variety of rice that you are cooking and what resource you consult, but generally, 1 ½ - 2 cups of water is the right amount for 1 cup of rice. Bring the rice to a boil then cover the pot and reduce heat to a simmer. Let your rice cook for 15-18 minutes—whatever you do, DO NOT lift off the lid to check the rice. After at least 15 minutes take a peek then re-cover the rice and turn off the heat. Wait 10 minutes then uncover and fluff with a fork.

I have cooked hundreds of pots of rice using this method, many attempts resulted in rice grains stuck en masse to my pot necessitating an overnight soak and some elbow grease the next day.

Let me save you the trouble. To prepare delicious rice that reliably comes out fluffy with zero stuck grains:

Cooking Rice with Kelli

1. Preheat your oven to 300 degrees
2. Rinse 1 cup of rice until the water runs clear
3. Combine rinsed rice and 1 ¾ c water in an oven-safe pot (this is a great time to add a little salt and a nub of butter if you like).
4. Bring to a boil then cover and pop in the oven for 30 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and let sit for 10 minutes then fluff.




Kelli Kelly -Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings. Person of the Bean.



Entertainment

Carol's Book Report - *The Recovery Agent*



Gabriela Rose is the recovery agent. She owns and operates a lucrative business getting stuff for clients who may have trouble getting it done through traditional routes. She is beautiful and smart. She can drive and shoot. She knows her way around all sorts of weapons. She is fit and wears designer lingerie. She is tasked with finding the Seal of Solomon and the lost Treasure of Lima based on family lore and for the greater good. She is aided by her ex-husband, Rafer, who is, of course, handsome, charming and weapon-savvy. No designer briefs for this guy and frankly I'm doubting any briefs at all. Think jungle, snakes, really really bad guys, drug lords, and close calls.

You may know Janet Evanovich from her *One for the Money* Stephanie Plum bounty hunter series which I think are a hoot. Her books are fast, quick, fun reads. This one is no exception and is the first in a series.

This title is available in print at the Library and downloadable through Libby/Overdrive in ebook and audio.

*Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library.
She likes to read. A lot.*

Museum Treasures - *Happy Mother's Day*



We are udderly moved by everything mothers do for their children, regardless of species and walk (or trot!) of life. Happy Mother's day weekend to all moms. It's your time, so milk it for all it's worth!

Cow and calf tied to hay wagon, Anabel Nygren and her sons standing behind. Maie and Myrl Nygren Collection.



Movies & More

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We would like to thank all those who attended our annual membership meeting, what a great turnout. If you would like information about becoming a sustaining member, please visit www.fallontheatre.wildapricot.org or visit us at the theatre.

This week, starting on Friday, May 13th, please join us for the 1984 action film "Red Dawn" starring Patrick Swayze, Charlie Sheen, Lea Thompson, and C. Thomas Howell. It is the dawn of World War III - in the western mountains of America. A group of teenagers band together to defend their town and their country from invading Soviet forces.

Saturday, May 14th starts at 6 p.m. with our classic film of the week, the 1953 film noir "The Hitch-Hiker." Two fishermen pick up a psychopathic escaped convict who tells them that he intends to murder them when the ride is over. Starring Edmond O'Brien, Frank Lovejoy, William Talman, and Jose Torvay. Our second movie Saturday evening, starting at 6:30 is the 2007 computer-animated comedy film "Ratatouille." A great tale about a rat who can cook and forms an unusual alliance with a young kitchen worker at a famous Paris restaurant. Featuring the voices of Peter O'Toole, Will Arnett, Brad Garrett, Lou Romano, Patton Oswalt, and Brian Dennehy. Come down early to have your picture taken with Alfredo Linguini and Remy.

Thanks to generous community support as you drive by the Fallon Theatre, you will see the installation of a brand-new marquee.

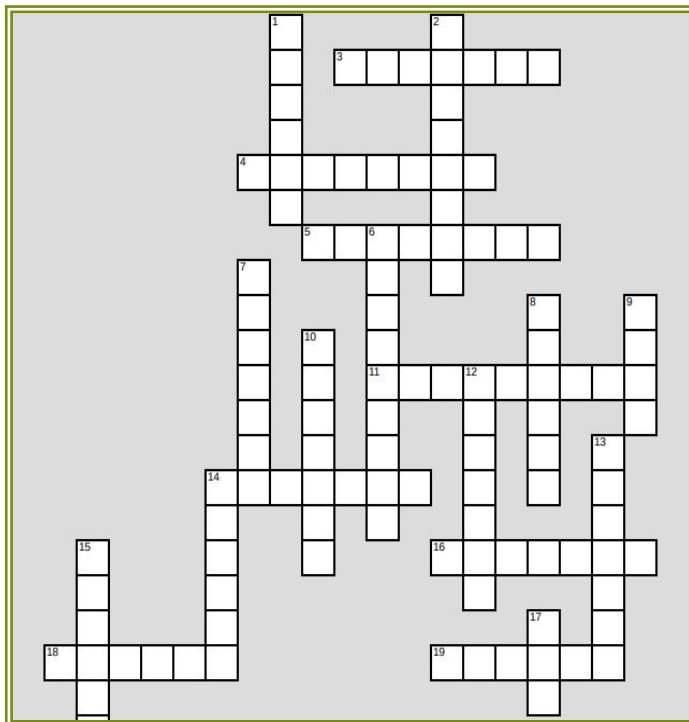
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<p>Friday 5/13 @ 6:30pm</p>		<p>Saturday 5/14 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
<p>Friday 5/20 @ 6:30pm</p>		<p>Saturday 5/21 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
<p>Friday 5/27 @ 6:30pm</p>		<p>Saturday 5/28 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>

ALL MOVIES ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED!

Crossword - A Few Famous Mothers Born in May



Across

- 3 Saved Washington's portrait from the British
- 4 Back to the Future's Lorraine
- 5 Secretary of State
- 11 Empress of Russia
- 14 Stand by Your Man
- 16 Married the "King of Rock and Roll"
- 18 Maude, Dorothy Zbornak
- 19 Metropolitan Opera soprano

Down

- 1 Midnight Train to Georgia
- 2 Ruled the British Empire
- 6 Lord of the Rings, The Aviator
- 7 Come On-a My House, White Christmas
- 8 Murphy Brown, Boston Legal
- 9 I Got You, Babe
- 10 Little House of the Prairie's Laura
- 12 Breakfast at Tiffanys
- 13 Blue Lagoon, Suddenly Susan
- 14 Terms of Endearment
- 15 Friends' Phoebe
- 17 SNL alumni

Mindy Nettifee Lights Up Art Center

By Jo Petteruti

Mindy Nettifee, the award-winning poet and author of three full-length collections of poems, lit up the E.L. Weigand gallery at the Oats Park Art Center on Saturday, April 30. A reception was held in the Art Bar with cocktails and a buffet before the reading. Then the group of over 20 attendees adjourned to the gallery where Nettifee read six selections of poems from her newest book, "Open Your Mouth Like a Bell." Her other two collections are entitled "Sleepyhead Assassins," and "Rise of the Trust Fall."

She started by lighting a candle in memory of Valerie Serpa and Kirk Robertson, then began reading the first of her selected poems. All at once, she was serious, funny, lively, and engaging. Involving the attendees with her reading right from the beginning. Each poem she read was based on her personal life experiences, some from her college days with her friend Kelly Kelli who was responsible for bringing this lovely lady to Fallon.

According to her biography on the Art Center website, "Nettifee is a Ph.D., poet,

artist educator, depth somatic researcher and practitioner, and a psychonaut. She holds a doctorate in depth psychology with a somatic studies specialization, and recently published her doctoral research "Voice as Embodied Sense – Rethinking Voice and Language in Trauma Healing." She has performed and taught in hundreds of venues, colleges, and universities across America and Europe, competed in five National Poetry Slams, opened for indie rock act the Cold War Kids, headlined national poetry tours The Last Nerve, The Whirlwind Company, and The Poetry Revival, and was featured in the critically acclaimed poetry concert documentary The Drums Inside Your Chest. Her stories have been featured on The Moth podcast."

The Nettifee event was sponsored by the Churchill County Library and the Churchill Arts Council, the second author event that the two organizations have partnered to sponsor. The groups have scheduled two additional author events: Kendra Attlework, author of "Miracle Country" on October 22, and Michael Branch, author of "On The Trail



Mindy Nettifee Courtesy Churchill Arts Council.

Of The Jackalope" on February 25, 2023. These two events are being sponsored by Nevada Read in Your Library, a program by the Nevada Humanities.

May 14 - Artist Reception and Panel Discussion

Join the Churchill Arts Council on Saturday, May 14, from 5 - 7 pm, for a panel discussion & reception for the artists for Timothy Berry, Frances McCormack, and Elaine Parks.

The panel discussion hosted by Kris Vagner with artists Timothy Berry, Frances McCormack, and Elaine Parks begins at 5:30 pm. These three exhibitions are on display in the E. L. Wiegand & Kirk Robertson Galleries at the Oats Park Art Center, 151 East Park Street, through June 18.

These exhibitions are also available for private viewing by calling 775-423-1440 or emailing info@churchillarts.org

Visit [THE website](http://THEwebsite) for more information about these exhibitions – ChurchillArts.org/2021-22.





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grounds talking to students over his loud-speaker, and has over the past several years called students, “whores” and other offensive comments directly to them. He regularly interferes with students as they walk to and from school, yelling at them, and calling them to repentance.

The first week of the school year, Knell raised the ire of several local parents when they witnessed him yelling obscenities and calling female students offensive names as he stood in the parking lot of a daycare near the high school campus. One mother was dropping off her three-year old as he yelled obscenities. Parents reported his actions to the local Police Department.

During a formal interview, Knell discussed his reasoning behind that episode with The Fallon Post. “People listen more to cuss words and angry bitterness than good tidings. That’s what a lesbian is,” in reference to the word he called the female students.

When told that the pre-school child heard the yelling, Knell responded, “They don’t know what I’m talking about.”

Knell regularly attends local government meetings including county commission,

board of health, and school board meetings where children are present and lectures during public comment, often quoting scripture to make his point. He begins his remarks at each meeting, by saying, ‘I’m a thorn in the government’s side. I’m loud, and you don’t like me.’

He also told us, “Sharing the word of God is a biblical mandate. You aren’t paying attention to what I say, I preach scripture, and I ask them (elected officials) to make better judgement fiscally. I ask them not to give money to an organization that doesn’t honor God. I do get aggressive, but I speak with authority.”

At a County Commission meeting held in August of 2021, Knell urged commissioners to stand against the state and federal government, threatening them if they did not take action. “The Declaration says we can remove you in any fashion we can,” he said during his remarks.

In July of 2021, at a City Council meeting where he was particularly disruptive and had taken the limited three minutes during each public comment period, during the final public comment period Knell said, “I’m not being heard. People on the street yell at me, calling me Satan, and someone behind my car on the

street flipped me off. Mr. City Attorney, you need to read the Open Meeting Law of 2020,” and then quoted from a Supreme Court case, *New York Times v. Sullivan*, 1964, saying that the Supreme Court opined that we are a nation founded on a “national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open and that it may well include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials.”

“I don’t have to be nice to you,” said Knell.

City Attorney Mike Mackedon then addressed Knell’s comments saying the Sullivan case would not apply to the city council meeting. “The mayor is in charge of the meeting as a matter of law and has the right to limit the discussion to matters that benefit the public.”

The trespass warning expires in one year, on April 28, 2023.

Knell responded to an email request for comment on his intent to comply with the trespass notice by saying, “Will not give you the satisfaction communist rag propaganda. Just don’t get it. The children in this school district are being influenced it is called depopulation.”

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May 9 to May 13

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Measurements taken May 4, 2022 at 9:55 a.m.

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397 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
490 cfs

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360 cfs

Water Levels April 28
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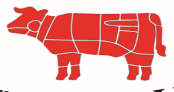
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