## THE FALLON POST



## Independence Day - Parades, Fireworks, & Fun



~Staff Report

The 4th of July, 2021 Parade – held on Saturday, July 3rd, was well attended despite the rising summer temperatures. Crowds gathered from end-to-end of the parade route, while trucks, trailers, and off-road vehicles were decked out in red, white, and blue. Horses, tractors, and military vehicles - and even a road-worthy miniature airplane, were sporting America's freedom colors. Sponsored and organized by the





Fallon Merchant's Association with The City of Fallon and Churchill County, many local businesses and organizations participated in the event, much the delight of the many children waiting curbside for candy and treats.

Even though all the parade entries were fun and creative, the judges had to settle on a few category winners. Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe earned the award for Best Adherence to Theme and the People's Choice went to Coast Karate Studio. Even your favorite local community newspaper entered the parade, but didn't quite rank with the winners. We did, however, get to show off our second paper box, part of our team of staff and volunteers, one adorable grandchild, and the fabulous *The Fallon Post* sign crafted by Jesse Segura and his team at



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## From the Publisher

## Captain's Log – Rock Me on the Water

An earthquake just hit. 5.9 in Smith Valley or south of Markleeville, the USGS is still deciding. I didn't even feel it, but the girls did, and the phone immediately started ringing off the hook. It's a funny thing how life can just change on a dime – one minute you're doing the laying out for the Friday the paper and the very next all anyone can do is marvel over the dishes clanging and the parking lot rolling.

One of my sisters is a geology buff and she's sending minute-by-minute updates of the aftershocks. People keep texting and posting and everything that was happening today before 3:49 p.m. has been put on the backburner.

There are so many other things in life like that. This is just a little thing, wonderous, but fairly far away. As long as those aftershocks stay southwest, we are out of the reach of danger, but think of the big ones – you meet someone out of the blue and from that moment on nothing is ever the same. You move, you start a new job, someone leaves suddenly, or they die. Bam. Life is suddenly different.

There are gradual changes too, pregnancy, raising kids, weeding the yard – All. Summer. Long. You could start a newspaper on a lark and wonder if it will work and two-and-a-half years later you don't remember every doing anything else.

Life is so funny. It's really amazing the range of experiences we get. As Shirley Walker always used to tell me, "It's a great ride, Rachel, if you don't weaken."

Rest assured, as the world rocks on, we will be right here...

...keeping you Posted, Rach



## *The Fallon Post* Parade Mascot - Ellie Bee

~Photo by The Captain

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## It Happens Here - Cyber Crime and Keeping Safe



~by Rachel Dahl

Shanna Schroeder is a Cyber Warfare Specialist who works at Naval Air Station Fallon fighting cyber-attacks and criminal activity, spoke this week to the Rotary Club. She offered suggestions and tips for community members to protect themselves and their computing devices from the same kinds of attacks the military often sees. Schroeder talked about the Colonial Pipeline Cyber Attack that took down the largest fuel pipeline in the U.S. this May, as well as similar

ransomware attacks that have plagued several local governments.

After graduating from Reed High School in Sparks, Schroeder enlisted in the Navy in 1997. After Basic Training she served in South Korea, then aboard the U.S.S Carl Vinson, followed by the Fleet Readiness Center Northwest on Whidbey Island, and in Germany. She has been at NAS Fallon since 2010.

According to Schroeder, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is responsible for investigating cybercrime and over the past 20 years, has logged over six million cyber complaints with the number growing exponentially every day. In the past year, from March 2020 to March 2021, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received one million reports and complaints. The top crimes reported by victims in 2020 were phishing scams, non-payment/ non-delivery scams, extortion with victims losing money to business email scams, romance and con-schemes, and investment fraud. "I'm fortunate to work with the FBI and they are fantastic to work with," said Schroeder. "The resources are there for anyone in the community who needs them.'

She explained that recently the Yerington Tribe was hit by a Ransomware attack, demanding money for access back into their computer system. Fortunately, the Tribe had cyber insurance which covered the attack, and they were eventually able to get back into their system. When the same thing happened to the Lyon County School District their cyber insurance covered the cost of regaining access to their system, however they were not able to recover all that had been lost. "Hackers don't necessarily have access to your system to restore your data, they just have enough access to lock you out of your system," Schroeder said.

Having an off-site back up or more than one is necessary in times like these. "Where are your off-site backups?" asked Schroeder, "Lyon had none – no off-server sites." The hackers responsible were traced to the Ukraine, but they still have not recovered all their

"Which leads to the pipeline," she said. The Colonial Pipeline was compromised because someone was able to use an employee password and gain access to the system. The company did not use a two-factor authentication to their server, so with only one password the hackers got into the system. She recommended against saving passwords on phones or computers, and to always use two-factor

Schroeder also expressed the importance of knowing where your data is stored. At NAS Fallon there are several off-site backup locations and Schroeder said if the base were hacked, one server could be shut down, but not all. "We may lose something, but not everything.

Contrary to a rumor that Yahoo servers are based in China, she researched to find that Yahoo is owned by Verizon who has servers

for their U.S. clients spread across the country.

TikTok, a social media company owned by a Chinese corporation, and similar to SnapChat, has no safety protection filters available to parents. "Watch your kids and know where they are going and who they are talking to, the people who do these things live among us." Cyber threats vary and can be extremely dangerous.

In April, a colleague of Schroeder's who worked in the IT department on base pled guilty to numerous charges of distributing child pornography. "This guy was right under my nose." Considering him a plausible threat, the FBI chose to arrest him on base where they knew he would not have access to a weapon. When they raided his home, to confiscate the electronic equipment, Schroeder said the FBI found loaded guns at every entrance to the home, as well as a bunker built in the pantry fully stocked with MREs (Meals Ready-to-

'Since COVID, our kids are living on electronics and sexual predators are using this technology to exploit our children," Schroeder stated. As an example, she said there is a game called Roadblock that children as young as six to ten years-old are playing. Predators are contacting these children and offering them 100 Roadblock Bucks if they will send nude photos of themselves. With even just one photo, they have a child under their control and then begin to threaten them, their families, and soon continue pressuring them for more and more photos and video. Sadly, the extent of this pressure and fear is even driving some children to commit suicide. "This is happening here in our community every day," said Schroeder, "I talked to one FBI agent who spends all day online pretending to be a 15-year-old girl trying to catch these individuals." Hackers are often motivated by money, notoriety, disrupting governments, or by making a political statement. Internet predators, however, have much darker motivations in mind.

Schroeder provided information parents can use including a website, https://report.cybertip.org/ and a phone number for the FBI, 1-800-CALLFBI. Parents should also be aware of their children using X-Box, SnapChat, and an ap called Kik that is encrypted and run by a company that refuses to cooperate with law enforcement. The FBI has many resources online that can be found at: https:// www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/protecting-your-kids.

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## Features

#### Pot, Guns, and Money - New Laws from Nevada's 81st Legislature



Courtesy of Nevada Legislature

#### ~ by Leanna Lehman

Last month, Nevada legislators passed over 550 new bills. Of those, 200 went into effect on July 1. The Democrat-dominated Nevada lawmaking body passed several progressive measures with far fewer Republican-sponsored bills making it to the governor's desk for

Some of the most notable bill failures include a bi-partisan-backed voting redistricting (R), a measure requiring proof of identity for voters (R), and legislation that would allow casinos more authority to ban firearms on casino properties (D).
While not all measures will be considered beneficial, several will

directly and positively impact most Nevadans.

*Minimum Wage*: Topping the headlines at the close of the 2021 session was AJR-10, a proposed constitutional amendment to restructure Nevada's minimum wage laws. The measure passed in both 2019 and 2021 and is headed for voter approval in 2022. If passed, the resolution will go into effect on July 1, 2024, and eliminate the state's two-tier minimum wage system. AJR-10 would also set the minimum wage at \$12 per hour (or greater), regardless of whether or not employers offer health insurance. On July I, Nevada's minimum wage increased to \$8.75 for employees who receive employer-sponsored health benefits and \$9.75 for those who do not. AJR-10 would also require Nevada's minimum wage rate to correspond to any federal increases. The current Washington administration supports a national minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour. The last increase was in 2009, when it increased from \$6.55 to \$7.25 per hour.

Guns: Governor Sisolak also signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 286, which prohibits homemade guns or ghost guns. The measure bans the home-building of firearms for all individuals, including hobbyists and gun-making enthusiasts. The bill also prohibits individuals from possessing firearms without serial numbers. As a result, it is now illegal to possess a gun manufactured after 1968, homemade or otherwise, without a serial number.

Marijuana: AB158 revised Nevada statutes for minors in possession of minimal amounts of marijuana. The new legislation, effective July 1, now imposes community service for the offense. Previously, this was punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and a sentence of up to

Nevada legislators also legalized the operation of cannabis consumption lounges with the passage of AB341. Effective October 1, residents age 21 or older may consume marijuana within prescribed and state-approved cannabis lounges. It is still being determined what kind of products will be permitted for consumption. However, as recreational marijuana is not legal in Churchill County, residents should not expect any cannabis lounges within county or city limits.

Assembly Bill 400, which also passed, no longer makes operating a vehicle with trace amounts of THC in the system a per se

(negligence) violation.

Tribal Nevadans: AB88 officially bans racially discriminatory language or imagery in Nevada schools and colleges. As such, any geographic feature that includes discriminative components may be changed. One example of this type of change is the recent renaming of Squaw Valley to Olympic Valley. According to the legislation, schools may use mascots in connection to Native American icons and language, provided they have the express permission of tribal

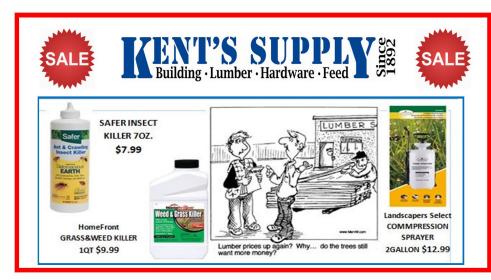
AB262 requires the UNR Board of Regents to waive registration fees, per-credit fees, or other school fees for Nevada's Native American students who meet a specific criterion.

AB270 will allow for the preservation of Stewart Indian School, located in Carson City on the Stewart Indian Reservation.

Several other bills were passed directly impacting Nevada's indigenous tribes, including; AB52, AB54, AB95 AB72, AB103, AB171 AB261, AB321, AJR-3, and AJR-4.

*Education Funding*: Long-awaited changes to Nevada's K-12 school funding formula are finally on the horizon. The new measure not only changes how school districts and schools will be funded but it allocated an additional \$502 million into Nevada's struggling education system. An unexpected uptick in tax revenue in 2020 allowed state officials to increase its overall per-pupil allotment by

All new legislation can be found at https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021





## Slow-going on the IEC – "Fighting Above our Weight"



Navy aircraft - by Carl Porter, courtesy of US Navy

~by Rachel Dahl

Captain Evan Morrison, commander of Naval Air Station Fallon, reported on the current status of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization (FRTC) at the last Intergovernmental Executive Committee meeting on June 28. Although the FRTC request by the Navy was not included in the most recent Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization Act, Congress did approve extending the Navy's current withdrawal for the existing 203,000 acres for the next 25 years. The Act included a directive for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior to set up the IEC and hold meetings with the various stakeholders involved in the FRTC issue. The group includes representatives from several Northern Nevada Counties, nearly 16 Nevada Indian Tribes, and various state and federal agencies.

Morrison said that on June 15, the Department of Defense transmitted the fiscal year 2022 legislative proposal requesting the modernization of the FRTC to the Armed Services committees. The FY22 request for the modernization of the ranges includes 532,000 acres from the public domain, which is primarily public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The request also asks to authorize 66,000 acres of non-federal acquisitions and would relocate a natural gas pipeline. Additionally, the request would improve or relocate several roads, including SR 361 (Gabbs Valley Road), Lone Tree, Sand

Canyon, and Pole Line.
There are several natural resource issues that need to be addressed as part of the FRTC and the IEC process, including fire management, sage grouse habitat, hunting, a Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, and the matter of a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer. Additionally, in terms of Cultural Resources and Tribal issues, the Navy has established both a Liaison Officer and a Coordinator position who are both on staff at NAS Fallon. Navy staff continues to meet with local tribes and are in the process of taking Ethnographic and Class III pedestrian surveys, working toward programmatic and access agreements, as well as an update

of the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Program.

County Commission Cȟairman Pete Olsen serves as the Vice-Chair of the IEC and reported at the Commission meeting on July 1 stating, "It was a good meeting and we're getting to know each other and know how

*The tribe is "dismay(ed)at the Navy's* attempt to utilize a praiseworthy congressionally-created advisory committee to push for a highly divisive outcome: the expansion of over 600,000 acres," Yvonne Mori, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, signed by Acting Chairwoman

this is going to work." He said this was the second formal meeting and participants are starting to see a few weaknesses in the process in regards to the Open Meeting Law. While the federal agencies are not subject to the Nevada OML, because so many of the representatives to the committee are local elected officials, the committee is governed by the state law that was enacted to ensure that the actions and deliberations of public bodies be conducted openly. The Navy staff provides the administrative support for the group and Olsen said "they don't yet

have a good grasp" of the law.

He also reported that Jeremy Drew, a consultant who works for Resource Concepts Inc. on behalf of the county on natural resource issues is worth his weight in gold and having his help on the committee and with the FRTC has been priceless. "He helps us a tremendous amount and we are fighting way above our weight with him," said Olsen. "This thing is going to go on, and I'm reminding you guys this is something one of you will have to take over," as he addressed fellow Commissioners Greg Koenig and Justin Heath.

Additionally, Olsen said that the issue of a quorum was decided

to be a majority of those members in attendance. There was a discussion among members that although several Tribes are members of the group, only four representatives are attending the meetings.

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Jim Barbee, county manager, also reported that during the meeting it was decided to add Eureka County as a member of the group, bringing along Jake Tibbetts, their "very capable and overwhelmingly talented natural resources director." Barbee said, "This was a good accomplishment and will benefit the county and gives us a couple people who are really strong in natural resource issues that will be front and center specifically with federal law."

According to a letter from the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, signed by Acting Chairwoman Yvonne Mori, the tribe is "dismayed at the Navy's attempt to utilize a praiseworthy congressionally-created advisory committee to push for a highly divisive outcome: the expansion of over 600,000 acres" of land. She said the IEC should "focus on the sole purpose of exchanging information about the natural and cultural resources at the current NAS Fallon base for the betterment of the local community." betterment of the local community."



## Local Government

## House of Cards - State and Local Foster Care System in **Critical Need**

~ by Leanna Lehman

Nevada, like most other states, is facing a shortage of foster care families. The need for safe, secure, and loving homes far exceeds

According to KIDS Count data compiled by the Annie E. Case Foundation, which tracks the well-being of American children, Nevada currently has about 28,000 children in the foster care system. This number does not include the thousands of children staying with family and friends. The need for families or individuals to foster displaced Nevada children has reached a critical level. As a result, officials are often unable to keep siblings in the same household, school, or community. Even worse - they cannot find homes for many of these children at all.

During the July 1 County Commissioners meeting, Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox delivered an urgent plea to the board and the community regarding the county's critical need for foster families, stating, "We met with a social group and DCFS they're having a real hard time getting foster parents. They wanted some insight from us and some assistance from them to set up some kind

of event so we can get the word out."

Social factors play a significant role in the foster parent shortage. Single-parent households have increased by nearly 500% in the last 20 years; an additional child may be impracticable for many parents. America is also seeing more parents than ever dealing with the effects of drug and alcohol dependence or suffering from untreated mental health conditions. Mental Health America reported that Nevada has a higher prevalence of mental illness than the national average. Two out of the people with mental illness in Nevada do not receive care. When parents cannot care for themselves, their children need shelter and placement with caring families.

Economics also plays a role in the foster care crisis. Housing costs are skyrocketing, transportation and living expenses continue to rise, but wages are not increasing in proportion to the cost of living. For the population of at-risk parents, this gap continues to widen, creating a greater risk for a vulnerable population.

Another area of concern is the retention rate for children in foster care. Most children relocate several times a year, sometimes making several moves a month, adding another layer of instability to their lives. The trauma of being transferred between multiple homes and facilities and separation from family can take its toll. The result is often trouble with law enforcement or the school system that ends with placement in a detention facility or worse - running away

Many displaced children from rural counties like Churchill are relocated to Las Vegas group facilities until space becomes available. That is –if it does. Unfortunately, many of these children take to the

streets, and their situation becomes dire.

According to Impact Nevada, the FBI has identified Las Vegas as one of 13 High-Intensity Child Prostitution Areas. In their annual report, The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children estimated that in 2017 there were 5,687 victims of child sex trafficking in Nevada, with a dramatic increase expected since then.

But there is an answer to this snowballing dilemma - consider becoming a foster parent. If you think you are not eligible, think

again. You just might be.

#### 8 Common Myths about becoming a Foster Parent

There are many misconceptions about becoming a foster parent. Churchill County Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, encourages local residents to open up their homes to offer shelter and care to local children at their most vulnerable.



#### DCFS.NV.GOV/FOSTERCARE

I have to be married to be a foster care parent: On the contrary, many singles and unmarried couples are foster parents.

I need to have a lot of money: As long as you can prove you can meet your financial obligations independent of State reimbursement, you are eligible to become a foster parent. Reimbursement for expenses related to the child's care will be covered during the pre-service training.

I must have a private room for a foster child: Rooms can be shared as long as the other children in the room are of the same gender and the child has their own bed and space for clothes and

personal items.

I have an arrest record and won't qualify: Another key fact is that you are not automatically disqualified from licensing if you have an arrest record. All convictions are handled on a case-by-case basis, with crimes against children being the only non-licensable

As a foster parent, I will have to appear in court: As a foster parent, you will be an integral part of the child's care team. If you choose not to go to court, you can communicate with the court

in writing and through the child's caseworker.

I will have no say in accepting a child into my home: The selection process includes matching the child's individual needs to the potential foster home. The decision to place the child is made jointly with you and the agency. The child's age, sex, and needs are taken into account, particularly if there are other children in the home and a room may be shared. I may not own a firearm: Weapons/firearms are permitted but

must be locked in a safe separate from ammunition that must

also be locked up.

I am not allowed pets: As long as pets are in good health, good-natured, and up-to-date on vaccinations, they are permitted in the home.

If you are interested or have questions, DCFS will be happy to walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have about becoming a foster parent. http://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/Foster\_Care/

## Local Government

#### From the Sheriff's Desk

#### More Construction Between Fallon and Schurz



Photo by Ginny Bragg

~Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office received notification from the Nevada Division of Transportation, who advised they will be completing some work on U.S. 95 South between Fallon and Schurz. The work is scheduled to run from 6th at 7:00 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude on July 31st. The hours of operation are reported to be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mon-Fri. and drivers can expect up to 30-minute delays and traveling speeds of 55 in the affected areas.

They are reporting that work will be conducted on the stretch of road between mile marker 84 in Mineral County and 15 in Churchill County.

If you are traveling that way for work or recreation please plan accordingly so that you are not late and take plenty of water as the temperatures are expected to exceed 100 degrees again in the upcoming days and weeks.



#### Statement Regarding Fire at Fallon RV Park

~Staff Report

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During the early morning hours on June 27th, a 911 call was received by the Churchill County Sheriff's Office regarding a fire with explosions at the Fallon RV Park, 5787 Reno Highway, Fallon, Nevada. Upon arrival, a motorhome was found to be fully engulfed in flame, the owner and resident of the R.V. were unaccounted for and could not be located. Upon the fire being extinguished, human remains were discovered inside the burned hull of the R.V., these remains were sent to the Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office to assist us in obtaining a positive identification and cause of death. The fire is being investigated by the State of Nevada Fire Marshall in conjunction with our local Fire Marshall, any details of their investigation findings will be released by those agencies.

At this time, we have spoken with the family of the resident of that R.V. and let them know about the fire and the ongoing investigation. However, until the identity of the decedent can be established the next of kin cannot be officially notified, we understand this is very hard for those involved and the family waiting for identification and we sympathize

very hard for those involved and the family waiting for identification and we sympathize with that however we cannot release a name without confirmation. We appreciate your patience in this matter.



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#### Parade Fun

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This year's fireworks, held at Rattlesnake Raceway, went off without a hitch. And fortunately for volunteers with The Fallon/ Churchill Fire Department, the were able to enjoy the show without having to put out any blazes. All in all, it was a truly Star-Spangled Banner weekend

#### Parade Entry Winners

- Best Adherence to Theme Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- Best Agricultural Entry Desert Oasis Teff & Grain
- Best Business Jeff's Digitex Best Classic Car Antique Automobile Club of America, Northern Nevada
- Best Military Naval Special Warfare Center
- Best Mounted Individual Leanne Mounce and Buddy
- Best Mounted Group Fallon Horseman's Association
- Best Non-Profit New Beginnings Church
- Best Youth Trail Life USA Troop 1321 DMA Choice Nevada Historical Riders
- Most Patriotic Silver State Stars
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## Organizations

## Federal Recovery Money - WNDD Key to Local Funding

~by Rachel Dahl

With over \$3 billion (that's with a B) of federal economic recovery funding and \$1.5 billion in CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) funding set to be distributed across the country, the Western Nevada Development District is sitting on a metaphorical hill in a uniquely valuable position looking over the Northern

Nevada economic development landscape.

WNDD has been the only certified Economic Development District in the State of Nevada for the past 38 years, designated in 1984 by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Made up of representatives of seven counties and five cities, the organization exists to prioritize grant funding from the federal government through the Department of Commerce, assist local governments with planning

and strategic goals, and is now deeply involved in the economic recovery project following the COVID situation.

The Board is comprised of elected and appointed officials as well as agency staff and business representatives from throughout the region, and include: Carson City, Douglas, Storey, Churchill, Pershing, Mineral, and Washoe counties; the cities of Lovelock, Fernley, Sparks, Reno, and Fallon; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Reno Center for Economic Development. Associate members include Main Street Gardnerville, Buettner, Inc., JOIN Inc., Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, Community Services Agency, EDAWN, Nevada Green Institute Inc., Western Nevada College, NV Energy, Tahoe Prosperity Center, RailPros, TMCC, Nevada Rural Housing Authority, Downtown Reno Partnership, Capitol Partners, and the Nevada Builders

The main focus of WNDD is working towards creating an environment in which business, industry, and workforce will locate within the region, and provide a vibrant and sustainable economy. Representatives to the WNDD Board for Churchill County are Commissioner Justin Heath, Rick Lattin, Bruce Breslow, and County Manager Jim Barbee serving as the alternate. The City of Fallon is

represented by Councilwoman Kelly Frost.
Current funding for WNDD comes from a planning grant through the EDA, which has been the major source of funding for the organization for most of its existence. Additionally, there have been Environmental Protection Agency Brownsfield grant funding, membership dues, and most recently, CARES Act funding. Primarily WNDD Helps member communities with their local Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plans, a planning tool that has a five-year life span and is update annually. The CEDS are used by federal agencies in determining eligibility for grant projects.

WNDD also helps with grant research and application, community assessment and planning, business microloan funding, and now the Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project.

In the past two years the organization has helped local governments bring in over \$6 million in federal funding to local communities including a Brownsfield grant for Lovelock, a reclamation project for the cities of Reno and Sparks, and workforce development for several counties, including Churchill. Currently WNDD is assisting Churchill County with two infrastructure grants

that would allow for the development of local industrial parks. WNDD members participate in planning processes at a regional level, taking into consideration a broad assessment of available resources. In bureaucratese, the language of the bureaucrat, WNDD helps communities "build capacity" with grant opportunities and partnerships. In plain language that means communities develop more resources and abilities to strengthen their own communities, which in theory increases the likelihood that they will become stronger and more robust economically. It also means the community is better prepared to deal with challenges when they happen.

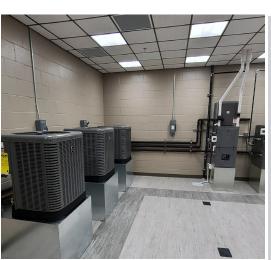
In working through the new Economic Recovery & Resilience project, communities will have access to funding possibilities to improve their infrastructure including sewer, water, energy, and broadband, as well as education and workforce development. There are also funding opportunities to address transportation and housing issues. As quoted from a presentation made by longtime Executive Director of WNDD, Sheryl Gonzales to the County Commission recently, the purpose of the ERR project is to "develop an Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan that will include short-, mid-, and long-term activities that respond to the economic shock sustained as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to pivot the economy and create

There are currently 14 teams working through WNDD on the Plan, and those teams have recently increased their goals from six, to fourteen. Most notably, the newest investment priorities that must be included in grant applications are examples of how a project will connect the region equitably, with sustainable, safe, and attractive strategies and how the application supports those priorities. Additionally, each grant application must always look to increase,

expand, and retain jobs.

The target areas and goals are infrastructure, economic diversification, government and organizational capacity, and as trite as it may sound, in economic development parlance these targets are always all about improving "Quality of Life" in a community whether that be at a state or the local level.

## WNC HVAC Enhances Learning Experiences, Job Opportunities



~Staff Report

Degree-seeking students and individuals looking to earn workforce certifications will benefit from the renovations and additions being made to Western Nevada College's Fallon campus.

Construction began on a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Lab in Sage Hall Room 101 in February and is nearly finished. In addition, a \$1 million project to renovate and expand the current Biology Lab in Virgil Hall Rooms 307 and 309 is currently underway with plans for completion by January of 2022. Both projects were gener-ously funded by the William N. Pennington Foundation, which has been instrumental in helping WNC upgrade classroom experiences and learning experiences for science

"Having a renovated Biology/Chemistry lab brings a new energy to the science programs here at WNC," said Fallon Campus Director Holly O'Toole. "Students will love working in the updated research space with advanced equipment and the anatomy students will gain an improved depth of understanding with the addition of the Anatomage Table. I am really excited to be able to offer

labs in the new space!"

WNC will begin offering HVAC/R
courses in Fall 2021. The skills certificate in HVAC prepares students for a heating and air conditioning industry career. The new program will provide the skills, knowledge, and experience for students preparing for

#### Specials are Back! Art, Music, and PE Return

~by Rachel Dahl

At the regular board meeting last week, Churchill County School Board Trustees heard from Superintendent Summer Stephens that "Specials" are being restored to elementary schools this fall and will be funded

out of the general fund.

According to Stephens, kindergarten through 5th grade will each have their own Physical Education teacher, and students at E.Č Best and Numa Elementary schools will receive a semester each of Music and Art in each grade. The Art teacher will be at E.C. Best for a semester while the Music teacher is

at Numa and then they will alternate schools. "I'm really excited about it," said E.C. Best Principal, Keith Boone, "we're going to use this as a way to incorporate more co-teaching." When the students of a 2nd grade teacher are at Art class, that teacher will go to another class to help out by either pushing the higher achieving students or bringing the lower performing group up to grade-level standards. "We were able to work it out with our schedule and we are really excited," said

Funding to restore the special equipment and supplies needed for these programs has also been set aside. "All the positions are in the general fund and are not grant funded," said Stephens, "which is a step up for longevity and continuity for keeping these programs

in the future."

In additional board business, trustees heard a report from Comptroller Christie Fielding regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget. Fielding said the final numbers are in from the legislative session and at first glance appeared to give an increase in revenue. "However, we're no longer in the "Hold Harmless Status" and the largest portion of our revenue from the Department of Education will be driven by enrollment and we won't have a student count until October 1," she said.

Hold Harmless is a provision established during the 2019 legislature that protects school districts from an unexpected loss in

revenue as the state transitions from the Nevada Plan to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

The legislature decided on a full implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan where all the taxes are paid directly to the Department of Education (DOE) instead of a phased in approach where the district still receives the taxes and also the per-pupil amount from the state. "With the final numbers from the legislature, \$25 million of the \$30 million will be driven by student count and until the October 1 count, we won't truly know so we need to be extra cautious," said Fielding.

Additionally, parts of the funding are specific to certain programs and students so may be outside the general fund. The district is waiting for further information from the DOE regarding this issue. Fielding said because of all the unknowns, the district chose not to do a budget revision, deciding to be "cautious and conservative until all questions are concretely answered by the DOE

The final per pupil allotment for Churchill County will be \$8,096 per student and is an increase from last year. However, both Fielding and Summer reminded the trustees that the DOE has rolled many grant programs into that amount. For instance, Stephens said the district used to receive \$75,000 for each SafeSchools professional, but that grant has now been rolled into the general fund and absorbed by the per pupil allotment. Fielding said the biggest grant, class-size reduction in the amount of \$909,000 has also been rolled into the general fund and the per-pupil amount.

As information continues to come from the DOE, she will update the board members.

Deena Porretta reported on the Summer School program. There are currently 311 enrolled students from elementary through 12th grade – the largest number of summer school attendees the district has ever had.



E.C. Best Students show their work - Courtesy of E.C. Best

Additionally, there are new applications for the program and calls daily from parents of elementary age children to see if there is room for their students. "We cleared the waiting list today but now we have a new list already because of our small number of teachers and so much demand," said Porretta.

There are currently 22 teachers, 10 instructional assistants, two English language learner specialists, and two services positions. Both the high school and middle school are using Edginuity, an online instructional program, for students who are credit

The Middle School is also running a Summer Success program that seven students have taken advantage of, working to improve

their math and writing skills.

Porretta replied to Trustee Kathryn Whitaker's inquiry about goals for summer school, saying when she was hired the district was focused on providing transportation, breakfast and lunch, assisting credit deficient students earn credits at the middle school and in the elementary program, and filling in the gaps for students who were recommended by their teachers.

There were five high school seniors identified by counselors as being deficient for graduation and so far, one of those has earned a diploma. There are 66 high school students enrolled in summer school with 58 attending in person, while eight are attend-

ing virtually.

Stephens said that next year there is an expectation that students in need of assistance will be identified much earlier. "We have a new counselor on board and with the new principal and his expectations around the whole school year. we know it will be different," said Porretta, "I know we haven't served everyone we need to this summer, but it's been a good step and it will get even

Board President Matt Hyde agreed, saying, "I'm just a really big fan of getting ahead of it, because once they're credit deficient, it gets really hard."

in-demand jobs installing, troubleshooting, and repairing HVAC systems.

The Biology Lab will bring technological advances to students and dramatically improve teacher-to-student and student-to-student learning interactions in the classroom. Student tables in the new Biology Lab will surround the teaching station and large, LCD TVs mounted around the perimeter of the room will replace outdated screen projectors so various teacher demonstrations can easily be displayed and seen by students. These upgrades will enable students to engage in hands-on lab experiments and undergraduate research.

"The WNC Foundation is extremely grateful to the William N. Pennington

Foundation for their investment in WNC. It's exciting to be able to offer state-of-the-art learning to WNC students across all of our campuses, said Niki Gladys, WNC Executive Director of Advancement.

The lab also will become one of a handful of college labs around the country to contain the highly interactive, state-of-the-art Anatomage Table. This virtual dissection tool features an 8-foot display of pre-loaded cadavers, medical scans showing pathologies (MRI or X-rays), and more.

This article first appeared in the 2021 Graduation Special of the Fallon Post and is reprinted courtesy of WNC.

## Community

#### June Births

Ivan Maldonado to Kaytie Perez and Pedro Maldonado on 6/1/21 at 11:28 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 9 oz and measuring 18 in Theodore Alexander Wayne Combs to Daisy and Colton Combs on 6/1/21 at 9:36 p.m. weighing 8 lbs .3oz and measuring 20 in Lila May McQueen to Steven and Danielle McQueen on 6/5/21 at 11:17 p.m. weighing 7 lbs and measuring 20 in Jason Jet Black to Kenneth and Shayla Black on 6/21/21 at 8:40 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 12oz and measuring 21.5 in Nizhonii Rayn Allen Nez to Christopher and Chrissy Nez on 6/22/21 at 7:49 weighing 7 lbs 6oz and measuring 19.5 in

#### June Marriages

6/1/21 Renee Brizuela Jr., 29 to Sarah Jean McQueen, 30 both of Fallon.

6/3/21 Jordan Francisco Avila, 22 to Emahne Banecia Patacsil, 21 both of Fallon.

6/3/21 Jordan Arnold Sizer, 28 to Kristina Espindola-Cortazar, 22 both of Fallon.

6/14/21 Frank Daniel Landreth, 56 to Donna Marie Thebeau, 58 both of Fallon.

6/11/21 Sage Jeff Johnson, 31 to Laurie Ann Spiers, 31 both of Fallon.

6/11/21 Dean Andrew Dakon, 26 to Stephanie Alvarez, 27 both of Fallon.

6/12/21 Chandler Mark Mariezcurrena, 23, to Briget Janelle Small, 35, both of Fallon

6/14/21 Dakota Wayne Johnson, 27 to Susan Grace Pine, 22 both of Fallon.

6/15/21 Jefferey Scott Cruson, 59 to Susan Lee Gerdes, 60 both of Dayton.

6/15/21 John Arno Plagman, 30, Panama City, FL to Katie Elizabeth Etheridge, 30, Fallon, NV.

6/25/21 David Bryan Wright, 62 to Mary Louise Burgess, 57 both of Fallon.

6/22/21 Andrew Noriega, 19 to Ventura Luz Menchaca, 18 both of Fallon.

6/23/21 Andrew Donald Thomas, 25 to Oramay Alexis Douty-Myers, 24 both of Fallon.

6/23/21 Miguel Angel Aguilera, 28 to Courtney Rose Chapman, 25 both of Fallon.

6/23/21 Geoffrey Demond Box, 38 to Crystal-Ann Dawn Newton, 30 both of Fallon.

6/25/21 David Fredrick Miller, 64, Fallon to Susan Diane Andrews, 63, Fernley.

6/28/21 Robert Charle Schostag III, 21 to Alexis Jordan Grimes, 22 both of Fallon.

6/29/21 William Francis Carothers, 25 to Hannah Gail Blackwell, 20 both of Palmyra, VA.



Briget Small and Mark Mariezcurrena tied the knot on June 12. Photo by Ginny Bragg

### June Divorces & Annulments

06/29/21	Decree of Annulment	Carpenter, Kimberly Elaine v Latimer, Dennis	XY
06/09/21	Decree of Annulment	Hanif, Ricky Douglas v Hanif, Angel B.	` .
06/28/21	Decree of Annulment	Lamar, Dorian D. v Williams, Louis Charles Jr.	$\checkmark \checkmark$
06/03/21	Decree of Annulment	Massoud, Sayed Saad Ali v Cochrane, Darcy	
06/02/21	Decree of Annulment	Saris, John C. v Saris, Carmel C.	V. V
06/23/21	Decree of Annulment	Stansbury, Candi Kayne v Alexander, William B	41
06/14/21	Decree of Annulment	Sutcliffe, Terry Joe v Whalen, Glenda Sue	$\checkmark\checkmark$
06/23/21	Decree of Annulment	Torres, Irma v Vargas, Jael	•
06/03/21	Decree of Annulment	Wright, Maria Nelida v Wright, Roland C.	Y.Y
06/02/21	Decree of Annulment	Rucker, Donald v Martinez, Michel (Default)	. 🗸
06/24/21	Decree of Divorce	Berger, Jamie Christina v Meftah, Tahar	71
06/29/21	Decree of Divorce	Bommarito, Jennifer Anne v Bommarito, Michael	74
		William	44
06/01/21	Decree of Divorce	Bonk, Albert Francis v Bonk, Jacquelyn Marie	
06/23/21	Decree of Divorce	Carey, Kristina K. v Carey, Ryan Neal	44
06/28/21	Decree of Divorce	Clark, Stephen v Clark, Lisa	` /
06/01/21	Decree of Divorce	Click, Christopher v Click, Grieselda	44
06/09/21	Decree of Divorce	Collins II, David Rowland v Collins, Valerie May	•
06/04/21	Decree of Divorce	Conklin, Quinn v Cabrera, Marvin Augusto	$\forall \forall$

#### 2021 Mommy and Me Winners - The Buckmasters



~by Ginny Bragg

Two gorgeous women posed gracefully in the garden at The Village Garden Center for Laura Howard, owner of Howieloo Photography who laughed and teased the pair into various poses for their photo shoot as winners of the 3rd Annual Mother-Daughter Look-alike Contest, sponsored by Howieloo Photography and various other local businesses.

The Buckmaster girls, Jennifer Frey Buckmaster, 47 and her daughter Riley, age 20 are the whole package – beauty and brains. They heard about the contest on Facebook and decided to enter. Jennifer is a resource teacher at Lahontan Elementary School and Riley is a junior at UNR, dual majoring in Accounting and Marketing.

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The hobbies they enjoy doing together are going to the lake to jet ski, playing dice games, and crafting/decorating. Jennifer and her husband Karl also have two other daughters, Kayla and Dana.

Howard said she is so grateful for all the local businesses who sponsor this contest every year and for everyone who entered. "We received over 175 entries this year – Wow!"

The Buckmaster's special Mother Daughter Day was filled with plenty of quality time for the duo; getting their nails done by Dee Nýchii, getting t-shirts made at Buttsup Duck Designs, receiving flowers from Dandelion Express, having lunch and then ice cream at Skeeters, along with a photo shoot and interview to end the day.

They were excited and said it was definitely a memorable day together.

A very special thank you to the local Fallon sponsors who made this special day for the winning duo possible: Howieloo Photography LLC., Buttsup Duck Designs, LLC, Skeeter's - Ice Cream, Espresso, and More, Dandelion Express Florist, Dee Nýchii - nails, Belle La Vie Salon, The Village Garden Center, and The Fallon Post.



Divorces	Cont'd
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06/18/21	Decree of Divorce	Connelly, Gail A. v Connelly, Charles M.
06/28/21	Decree of Divorce	Durocher, Christian v Durocher, Rachael Rowan Hastings
06/01/21	Decree of Divorce	Dutton, Kathryn v Lunt, Matthew Eldon
06/29/21	Decree of Divorce	Foster, George v Foster, Dawn
06/09/21	Decree of Divorce	Gaarenstroom, Christian v Gaarenstrood, Rachelle Ann (Braswell)
06/22/21	Decree of Divorce	Givan, Tami S. v Gavin, William A.
06/08/21	Decree of Divorce	Glam, Adar v Dadush, Asaf Nissim
06/29/21	Decree of Divorce	King, Christopher D. v King, Antonina M.
06/15/21	Decree of Divorce	Klein, Maxwell Mark v Weinstein, Sarah Finch
06/23/21	Decree of Divorce	Lum, Danielle Nicole v Lum, Kenneth Allan
06/15/21	Decree of Divorce	Mabry, Kimberly Michelle v Mabry, Jeffrey Dennis
06/30/21	Decree of Divorce	Michaud, Jonas v Michaud, Mackenzie
06/04/21	Decree of Divorce	Parks-Matthews, Precious Uilani v Matthews, Rodney Terrell
06/24/21	Decree of Divorce	Peterson, Shane Michael v Peterson, Jeremee
06/03/21	Decree of Divorce	Shitruk, Jonathan v Mallory, Colin Dillan
06/14/21	Decree of Divorce	Warren, David Jackson v Warren, Janice Linda
06/01/21	Decree of Divorce	Warren, Joshua I. v Warren, Joy Michelle
06/03/21	Decree of Divorce	Whitaker, Robert Allen Jr. v Whitaker, Christina Marie
06/02/21	Decree of Divorce	Zion, Rebecca v Zion, Matan Nouri
06/14/21	Decree of Divorce	Perry, Rodger Scott v Perry, Marcia Dee (Default)

## Community Events



CLASS OF 1971 50th Reunion August 20-22 For more details please call or email Cindy Sullivan cindysullivan@hotmail.com 775-376-3705 email Vicki Paul dvpaul@cccomm.net 775-427-8173 Please RSVP promptly as we need numbers for planning



#### STIMMER Fun Events 4th of July Parade on July 3rd S. Taylor - S Maine St. July 3 - 10:00 am **Rattlesnake Raceway** July 3 - 1:00 pm Races July 3 - 4-9 pm **Green Goddess Farmers Market Arts Center/Oats** July 4 - 2:00 pm **Rattlesnake Raceway** July 4 - dusk 4th of July Fireworks Rattlesnake Raceway July 7 - 3 - 7 pm Pick;n & Grin'n Farmers Market **Behind The Grid**

**CAC Arts Invitational** July 10 - 5 - 7 pm July 14 - 3 - 7 pm **FYC Annual Kids Kup Tourney** July 17 - 9:00 am Pick:n & Grin'n Farmers Market July 21 - 3 - 7 pm Pick:n & Grin'n Farmers Market Pick:n & Grin'n Farmers Market July 28 - 3 - 7 pm **Green Goddess Farmers Market** Aug. 7 - 3-8 pm **Community-wide Reunion** Aug. 20-22 Aug. 21 - 7:30 pm Free Concert in the Park Aug. 27-29 - 10 am Cantaloupe Festival & County Fair County Fairgrounds

Sept. 4 - 3-8 pm

**Arts Center/Oats Park** Oats Park / other areas **Oats Park** 

**Arts Center/Oats Park** 

**Fallon Golf Course** 

**Behind The Grid** 

**Behind The Grid** 

**Behind The Grid** 

**Green Goddess Farmers Market** 

**Arts Center/Oats Park** 

#### Library Open House July 15

Connect with staff and friends and see what's new at the Library.

Thursday July 15, 2021 from 6-8pm. Door prize drawings. Refreshments will be served. Artwork on display is by Churchill County School District students. Hosted by the Churchill Library Association. A 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization devoted to supporting and sustaining the Churchill County Library.

The library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon and at www.churchillcountylibrary.org.

Contact: Carol Lloyd, Director celloyd@churchillcountylibrary.org





## Community Events





#### OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION July 15, 2021

**Thursday** 

6-8 pm

**Churchill County Library** 

553 S. Maine Street

Fallon, NV 89406

775-423-7581

Connect with staff and friends and see what's new at the library!

Refreshments will be served.



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#### 7th Annual Community Wide Reunion August 20-22, 2021 Oats Park

All Years, All Classes, Students, Teachers, Family & Friends Don't miss the opportunity to connect with friends from the past

#### Friday, August 20

- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Public Library Video Yearbook Display
  7:00 p.m. Music by The Coaches Band at the Fallon Theatre

#### Saturday, August 21

- 8:00 a.m. to Noon Breakfast at the Pennington Life Center \$8.00 and \$5.00 for those 10 years and younger 8:00 a.m. to Noon FREE Show-n-Shine Car Show & Antique Tractors at the
- Pennington Life Center 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Open Swim at the City Pool 3:00 p.m. Conversation with Bill Joe & the Dusty 45's at the Oats Park Arts
- Center and tour the galleries 4:00 p.m. gather at Oats Park; extra parking at EC Best
- BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS; some classes will have tents Honoring the Classes of 1960 and 1961
- Food along with beer/wine will be for sale or bring your own picnic to the park
- 7:30 p.m. FREE concert Billy Joe & the Dusty 45's; continue the celebration after the concert at the Art Bar at Oats Park Art Center **TOURS & ACTIVITIES**

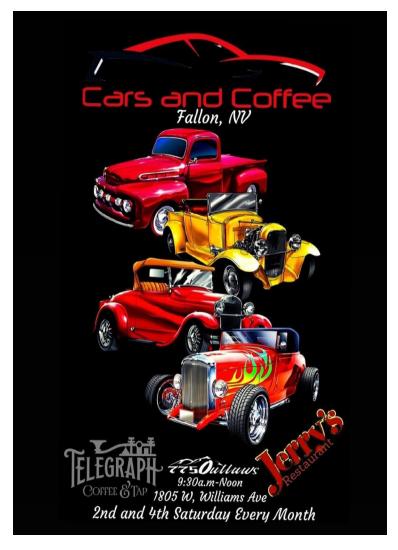
Churchill County Museum (10-5pm) Cottage School Tour (1-4pm)
Old High School (1-4pm) Frey Ranch Distillery (12-4pm)
Oats Park School/Art Center (4-6pm)

Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department (1-4pm) Douglass House & The Old Post Office (1-4pm) Chat with Mayor Tedford at City Hall (1-4pm)

#### Sunday, August 22

Many individual classes are planning breakfast or get-togethers





## Gardening

## High Desert Dirt - The Raven's Rant

#### Heat Loving Shrubs

I did not want to mention the H word in this week's column. Everyone, no doubt is tired of the temps and perhaps tired of hearing complaints about the temps. With 109 degrees in the forecast I almost wish I was instead writing about winterizing your garden, but here we are. A "normal" summer can be challenging enough, this one can also be described using a different H word.

Summer garden care includes watering early in the AM, deep soaks are best. I like to think of it as having the plants fully prepared for the heat of the day. Watering mid-day increases water loss to evaporation and has the potential to burn some leaves if you are overhead spraying. Think magnifying glass. Watering in the evening is fine for some plants but you might increase the risk for mildew or other disease on plants like cucumbers especially if you are overhead watering. Personally, I prefer not to take the risk if I can avoid it. If you haven't already, apply an extra layer of mulch to help keep the plants roots a little cooler. Speaking of, if you have rock landscaping that is so popular here and have rocks all the way up to the base of your trees, shrubs or other plants I HIGHLY suggest moving the rocks back. I challenge folks that insist on leaving them in place to hold your hand on the rocks mid-day. Not good for you, not good for your plants. There are many trees around town surrounded by landscaping rock that have scalded bark on the sun side. You paid well for those plants, protect your investment. Move your rocks back and add some mulch around the diameter.

Walking around my garden, I am seeing signs of the heat that might not normally appear until late summer. Inner leaves on some trees and shrubs are turning yellow and falling off for instance. Some drop, "excess leaves" in response to lack of soil moisture. A few trees like the Hackberry for instance, drop leaves and enter a type of

summer dormancy when heat stressed. You might also see some leaf scorch happening already on leaves as well. This week I wanted to mention a few shrubs this week that really can stand up well to our heat.

Vitex-Commonly called a Chaste Tree, reportedly if you eat the very bitter berries you'll remain chaste. If you have some space, plant this gorgeous shrub even if you have no desire to remain abstinent.



Photo-Purple blue flowers from the super heat loving Caryopteris shrub intermixed with Black eyed Susan and Double Delight Roses in an informal border. They can grow to be almost lilac size and are covered in large purple blossoms mid/late summer. The fragrant flowers are a magnet to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Vitex prefers full sun and well draining soil. Side note: the biggest one I've seen is right outside the door of the Churchill Arts Council. Valerie Serpa, the Arts Council Director tells me it was planted by Jerry Llamas Senior sometime around 2003.

Caryopteris-Sometimes called Bluebeards or Blue Spirea. Very similar to a Russian Sage (both have aromatic silver foliage and purple flowers mid/late summer) but smaller and more delicate with less spreading tendencies. Also, loved by butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Looks great planted in groups by bright yellow Black Eyed Susan or the pretty whispy stems of Gaura. Pretty pest free and deer resistant. Tolerates some drought better with some water though.

Santolina-These are front-of-the-border Mediterranean plants, sometimes referred to as Lavender cotton. I cannot recommend them highly enough. They tend to preform as an evergreen here in Fallon. Mid summer they are covered with small yellow, button like flowers. Do not like overwatering. So far I've seen a grey and green variety both look beautiful when paired with a purple flowering Salvia or blue flax. A spicy herbal scent has made them a moth deterrent. Use as a sachet in your sweater drawer. Deer proof. Easy to propagate as well, from cuttings or by layering. Used heavily in knot and moon gardens.

Drink extra water Friends, we all need it!

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.



## Recipes

#### What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen

Is anyone else just so tired of this heat?!?! I am feeling like EVERYTHING is taking so much more effort--just moving through the air is exhausting. All I want to do is sit in my recliner next to the air conditioning vent and over-indulge in the celebration of National Ice Cream Appreciation month. But while that plan might be delicious, it is certainly not nutritious.

Frankly, even concentrating on writing this column feels onerous. I am dreaming of dunking in a swimming pool filled with ice water, floating the river submerged (at least partially) in the cold snowmelt from the Sierras, and looking forward to the fall when the heat of the day subsides into lovely late-September evenings. How is it only July!?!
Unfortunately, duty calls--produce must

be harvested and delivered box-by-box, columns must be written, and no one should only eat ice cream for an entire month. This week, I am going to bypass the storytelling and waxing philosophical in order to provide you with three great recipes that you can make at home that require minimal use of the stove. Regardless of anything else, we all gotta eat and the last thing that I want to do is stand over a hot stove in order to meet the needs of my growling stomach.

The first recipe comes from the New York Times cooking section. A few months ago, the Times asked their food writing team to identify their favorite things to make when they don't feel like making anything. This recipe for "Scarlett's Tuna Salad" was mentioned by literally 9 out of the 10 people surveyed. I have made this recipe about 10 times since then—it really is that good. The second recipe is for gazpacho. While not necessarily a full meal in and of itself, gazpacho is a fresh and refreshing sippable soup that can be adapted to use up pretty much whatever veggies are in season. Finally, I have included a spicy peanut noodle salad. I always enjoy eating spicy food when it is hot out—if it makes you sweat, it will cool you down! Combine this salad together with a chilled cup of gazpacho and you will have laid a solid foundation for the massive bowl of ice cream you eat later--preferably while submerged up to your armpits in some cool

Scarlett's Tuna Salad Recipe by Scarlett Lindeman of Cicatriz Restaurant in Mexico City

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- ½ cup rice-wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 red onion, peeled, halved and thinly
- 1 cucumber, peeled if skin is thick and waxy, sliced about 1/4-inch thick
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 2 limes, juiced, about 1/4 cup
- 5 to 7 ounces olive-oil-packed tuna
- 1 avocado, peeled and cubed

- ½ teaspoon or more flaky salt
- black pepper, to taste
- Handful basil leaves, washed and torn
- Handful cilantro sprigs, washed and torn
- Handful fresh mint leaves, washed and
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- In a clean glass jar with a tightfitting lid, mix vinegar, sugar and 1 teaspoon kosher salt with 1/2 cup hot water. Shake until sugar is dissolved. Bring a pot of water to the boil and add the onions. Let it sit for just a few seconds in the hot water, then drain well and transfer onions to the jar with the vinegar. The pickled onions will be ready to use in an hour or can be made ahead and kept in the fridge for up to a
- In a large mixing bowl, dress the cucumber and spring onions with the remaining kosher salt and lime juice. It should be fairly wet. Pour into a deep serving plate or a wide bowl, along with any extra liquid at the bottom of the bowl.
- Spoon tuna out of the oil and use your hands to break it into bite-size pieces, directly into the now-empty mixing bowl. Add avocado, 3 tablespoons of pickled red onion and 1 tablespoon of pickling liquid from the jar and mix gently with your hands to dress. Scatter over the cucumber mixture, and season with finishing salt and black pepper. Cover with torn herbs, and generously drizzle everything with olive oil. Eat right away, with spoons.

#### The Best Gazpacho Recipe by Julia Moskin

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 pounds ripe red tomatoes, cored and chopped
- 1 Anaheim pepper, cored, seeded and chopped
- 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1 small mild onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 teaspoons sherry vinegar, more to taste
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, more to taste, plus more for drizzling

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Combine tomatoes, pepper, cucumber, onion and garlic in a blender or, if using a hand blender, in a deep bowl. (If necessary, work in batches.) Blend at high speed until very smooth, at least 2 minutes, pausing occasionally to scrape down the sides with a rubber spatula.
- With the motor running, add the vinegar and 2 teaspoons salt. Slowly drizzle in the

- olive oil. The mixture will turn bright orange or dark pink and become smooth and emulsified, like a salad dressing. If it still seems watery, drizzle in more olive oil until texture is creamy.
- Strain the mixture through a strainer, pushing all the liquid through with a spatula or the back of a ladle. Discard the solids. Transfer to a large pitcher (preferably glass) and chill until very cold, at least 6 hours or overnight.
- Before serving, adjust the seasonings with salt and vinegar. If the soup is very thick, stir in a few tablespoons of ice water. Serve in glasses, over ice if desired, or in a bowl. A few drops of olive oil on top are a nice touch.

#### Spicy Peanut Noodle Salad By J. Kenji Alt-Lopez

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 8 oz Chinese noodles made with wheat - cooked according to the package directions
- 1/2 cup chunky peanut butter 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons Sambal Oelek or Sriracha (garlic chili sauce) more or less to taste
- 2 limes, juiced
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seed oil
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1 tablespoon sugar or honey 3 tablespoons warm water
- 2 large bell peppers, sliced into thin
- 1 large cucumber, seeded and sliced into fine julienne or small half
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh basil, mint, or cilantro leaves
- 8 scallions, finely sliced in long, thin
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded, sliced into fine strips
- 1 to 2 red Thai bird chilis, finely minced (optional)
- 1/2 cup roughly crushed roasted peanuts

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

In a large bowl, combine peanut butter, soy sauce, chili sauce, lime juice, sesame seed oil, garlic, sugar or honey, and water. Whisk until homogeneous. Drain noodles thoroughly and add to bowl. Add bell peppers, cucumber, bean sprouts, basil leaves, scallions, jalapeños, and bird chilis (if using). Toss to combine. Serve immediately, topped with roasted peanuts.

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



## Entertainment

#### Is This You?

#### Sweet and Sour of Summer Time

First words of summer? "It's hot!" Well yes. Yes, it's hot. It's summertime. With so many activities available in summer, to choose just one to regale and remind you of took me a few stabs. As I'm the ultimate summertime foodie let's discuss the sweet and sour of summer eafs.

Not recipes. That spectrum needs to be left to someone who actually knows how a recipe works. You know, how gluten and salt and sugar and goo work together. That's definitely not me. I just throw and go. Especially in summer. Oh, I have secrets to my summer food stuffs, I just don't write them down. I mean come on, it's summer. Who has time to stop for mundane technicalities? Light the fire, pop the top off a can of lemonade and let's talk sweet and sour of summer.

My favorite June thing is the sweetness of fresh cherries. Not to bake, just to eat right out of the bag. Yes, I wash them first. I've learned over the years to not just grab and smack those red goodies. When you have your mouth all set for the deliciousness, of what can only be described as pure summer, in your pie hole, and you get a sour one, you don't want to go there. The ones that as soon as you bite into them - your mouth becomes a dry hole of dust that closes up and puckers. Yuck. Be sure to watch out for the hiding sour puss causing dingles in your sack of goodness. See, sweet and sour.

Not to pick on cherries, (get it? pick? cherries? HAHA!) but what about watermelons? Oh, I really enjoy picking a watermelon at the store. For many years when I was asked about the odds of something I would reply that the odds of something happening are 50/50, either it will or won't happen. Except watermelon picking, I happily am way above the curve of being a good melon picker. I have a good thumping finger to be sure. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule of a picker finger

I cannot guarantee that the first melon of my summer will be one of those sweet, cracks ahead of the knife as you slice it, melons. Not sour, just not sweet. Kind of light red and just north of tart. Come the end of June and the rest of the summer? I am spot on. I can pick a melon that will put juice down your chin that will require two swipes of your t-shirt. See, sweet and somewhat sour.

Let's not move away from the melons until we take a look at the melon box at the store. It is a magical place. Everyone, to the person who saunters up to pick a melon, has a "system." Of course, my thumper cannot be beat as I said. There are some wonderful sights to behold as people pick a melon. It's not like a cantaloupe. You can't easily pick up a watermelon, stick your fingernail in the end and sniff it. Who would do that!? If you are in the veggie department and you have a minute or two, use it to watch the melon box. I bet you'll be rewarded with a wonderful show. I like watching a family shopping for a picnic and grandpa is there. He is usually the one to pick the melon. Most grandpas have that ability to enthrall little ones with some wonderful summer magic. Picking a melon, just the right one, is one of those wonderments. It happens often in summer at the melon box.

Lastly? The after-dinner campfire. The marshmållows. How much mallow does it take in your hair to make you promise you will never do that again? Í have no idea. I will always get it in my hair. Even on my eyelashes a few times. But I will never stop roasting marshmallows. I have yet to try a s'more. They look like such yumminess, but I came to the s'more party late in life and have not taken the plunge into all that sticky, mallow, chocolatey, where's the wet rag of goodness around a campfire. I think my mom had her hands full with three little ones, what with the burning sugar and flying sticks on fire without adding more to the party. I hope someday to get to try one. Hopefully without becoming a mummy all wrapped up in spun

sugar and chocolate up to my bangs. See? Sweet of the sugar and sour of the sticky mess.

Oh, who am I kidding? There really is no sour of summer. Enjoy

Trina lives in Eureka, Nevada. Her new book, They Call Me Weener is on

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#### Feral Housewives Weekly Horoscope 7/9

Aries-March 21 to April 19

You have somehow gotten yourself so caught up in a romance that you have forgotten every other aspect of your life. Ground yourself in home and family, the next few weeks. Practice self-care and avoid any family drama; you should be exceptionally aware of anything you say because it can and will cut someone to their core. Kindness is always the best option.

Taurus-April 20 to May 20

Family drama is brewing, you want to be free, but someone is trying to control you mentally and financially. As the week comes to an end, you find yourself in the communication sweet spot. It is the perfect time to discuss your feelings and find the peace you've been searching for. Taking a short trip close to home will be advantageous to your creative expression next week.

Gemini-May 21 to June 20

Make sure you clarify directions at the start of the week. A miscommunication could lead to your job ending disastrously. Start investing in yourself, not only planning for retirement but with acts of self-care and love. You begin to unveil your value this week, but don't let your mouth write a check your ass can't cash!!!! Your words have a lot more value in the next few weeks; if you aren't careful, you risk losing it all.

Cancer-June 21 to July 22

This week is an excellent time for you to take up humanitarian causes. The world can always use more kindness! Don't let it overwhelm you when you start getting busier than you anticipated. Today is NOT the best time to take on life changes, but you should come out of it ok if you maintain a positive spin on these changes. It is time to stand up for yourself, stop letting people walk all over you!

Leo-July 23 to August 22

This week begins with you pushing too hard in relationships, slow down and respect boundaries! As the weeks draw in, you should sit down and work through whatever problems you are having in your personal life instead of trying to gloss over them with an abundance of affection. In the next few weeks, you should take a social media break. Stop posting about your personal affairs. Putting your private life on blast will undoubtedly result in it blowing up in your face instead!

Virgo-August 23 to September 22

A miscommunication is leading to trouble. When you spend so much time focusing on career ambitions, you neglect those around you! When you are with others, focus on them! Give back to your community mid-week, even if donating to a charity by going to a cookout. You will make your wildest dreams a reality, simply manifesting them into existence!

## Entertainment

#### Libra-September 23 to October 22

You want to do what everyone else is doing, but you don't want to do it the same as everyone else. Put your spice on whatever it is! You are flooded with goals; chase them with all of you, but don't get discouraged when they doesn't come true in a day. You will be pondering a lot over the next few weeks about who you want to be, work through the goals and aspirations you have!

Scorpio-October 23 to November 21

Stubborn pride is a no-win game, be open to new ideas even if they mean, you might be wrong. Yes, even you can be wrong! You are hungry for more knowledge, go ahead and indulge yourself in learning about new things. You are entering a wildly philosophical time in your life, so embrace it and see what adventures await!

Sagittarius-November 22 to December 21 You are ready to take on the world and discover all of the secrets it holds, don't be disappointed if you can only manage short trips close to home. There is excellent adventure around you no matter where you go. You find yourself connecting with others in ways you never imagined, and this is about

to change everything you thought you knew!

**Capricorn-December 22 to January 19**Before spending money on yourself, talk to your partner with whom you share financial responsibilities, or you'll be sorry! You are in the position to enter new partnerships whether business or romance. Take it slow and finalize all of the details before you sign anything to cover your biscuits and gravy!

Aquarius-January 20 to February 18

As your health begins to come into the spotlight, spend some time figuring out new routines surrounding all aspects of health. Not just a diet or workout either, friend, you need to establish healthy boundaries, focus on mental health, especially if you have struggled with addictions. Spend your time productively, not just wasted time and energy anymore!

Pisces-February 19 to March 20

As hard as it is not to rebel against family, you need to ensure this isn't happening this week. Someone is meddling in your business, and it rubs you wrong, but trying to do what they say not to will only hurt you in the end. The creative energy surrounding you is fantastic this week, and for weeks to come, take a leisure day and write down all of the wild ideas you come up with while taking a

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



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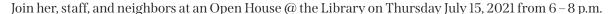
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Nikki Boyd walks you through the whys and hows of organizing your personal work space. She covers everything from how to get started, organizing your digital workspace, organizing your workday, and working from home, in a coffee shop and your car. The book can be read through or browsed. Either way it is full of helpful hints and ideas. And it's attractively illustrated with a mostly neutral palette.

Boyd is also the author of Beautifully Organized: A Guide to Function and Style in Your Home which has the same look and feel as the above mentioned book. And her website is fun to peruse as well at https://athomewithnikki.com.

Her titles are available in print at the library.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She is fairly organized and coincidentally has a sister who needs clutter to think straight. Go figure!





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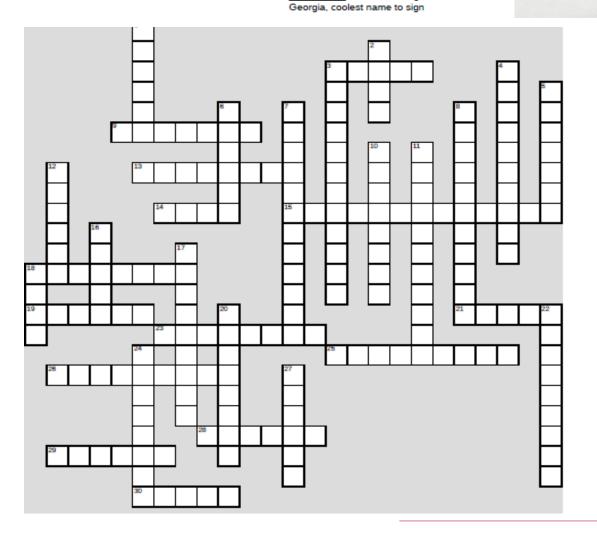
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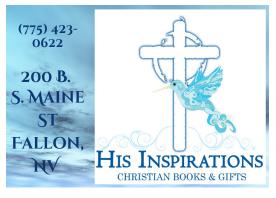


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