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Fallon Food Hub Farm Share Season Sign-ups Begin February 12th



2021 farm share box (above). Executive Director of Fallon Food Hub, Kelli Kelly, holding produce offered in the farm share box (right).

By Alicia Parsons

If you are looking for a completely customizable produce box that brings you beef, poultry, coffee, fresh-cut flowers, and eggs - look no further. The Fallon Food Hub Farm Share is here to deliver! For anyone who has never experienced a farm share before, it is a direct link between you and the local farmers and ranchers, where you can buy a share of the products they produce. The Fallon Food Hub has a unique take on this program; they utilize a variety of different producers, so you will never be without your favorites. Your boxes are with only filled products that you like, so you never have to worry about food guilt and waste. You are in total control. And as for those new items you are trying - and might not know what to do with, Kelli Kelly and Fallon Food Hub has recipes for just about everything under the sun. They are happy to

share their vast food knowledge with you.

With a brand-new delivery van, the available subscriptions have doubled. This farm share season is exciting with additions from Telegraph Coffee that includes bi-weekly deliveries of 12 oz bag of whole bean, single-origin, and freshly roasted coffee. Also, you can receive bi-weekly fresh cut seasonal bouquets brought to you by Yellow Petal Flower Farm. May 17th kick off the new season and runs through the end of September. Keep an eye out for some pop-up box deliveries in April and May with one-time purchases available before the season starts.

Produce will be coming from Lattin Farms, Pioneer Farms, Solicious Delicious, Desert Farming Initiative, Fisk Farms, Two Ravens Farm, Maywalts Organics, and more. Beef shares come to you from Sanford Ranch and poultry shares from Kennedy Ranch. Logistics for adding dairy products

to the "extras" are currently being hashed out and will hopefully be available very soon!

Pickup locations are still Fallon, Fernley, Carson City, Reno, Minden, and Gardnerville for this season. You can decide which location is best for you.

The 2021 season also brings an auto-renew option. Auto-renews orders will be generated on all 2020 subscribers on February 15th, unless you have already turned off the feature. You can even automatically renew for next year with no extra work. Additional information regarding the auto-renew program is coming soon and can help answer any questions you may have.

If you are new to the farm share concept and would like to sign-up, make sure to visit Harvie at www.harvie.farm/signup/fallon-food-hub. Harvie is the system that customizes your farm share box for you. He is quite the listener! If you have any questions regarding the Farm Share make sure to get in touch with Kelli Kelly of the Fallon Food Hub at (775) 571- 3415, she was able to help me navigate the system with ease and answer all of my questions.



From the Publisher

Captain's log.. thinking of Waterhouse and Rembrandt who made art and painted boats

I got to see the coolest thing this morning. Life took me out to a gal's house to look at some equipment – she invited me inside to see where she does her quilting. I'm thinking sewing room tucked in a back bedroom.

Uhhh... no. Full-on three open rooms, big south-facing windows, rows and rows of shelves all organized by color, boxes of thread, projects in different degrees of completion staging at different workstations. This sweet woman made my fabric addiction look like a clock collection. She is Mill End Fabrics all over again. And then I was so excited that she got so excited. She had to pull me out back to see the shed all packed full of see-through plastic bins organized and labeled, for Pete's Sake.

I was on a high run trying to meet our print deadline and couldn't stay, but what I noticed about their house and their beautiful yard and the charming little front gate - with the pulley and the tinkling bell, is what a work of art their home and their whole life is.

We are blessed in this community with a plethora of artists – writers, painters, gardeners, you clay people (I don't know what to call you because my brain is in a hurry) but what we forget is the art each one of us creates every day in the beautiful lives we live.

I thought of my girls at the shop and all the work they put in to make the paper amazing, and what they did to create that magazine last week. A true work of art.

I look at my little grandson with his unique sense of humor and flexibility with life, and the love his parents have. They made that little piece of art that he is, who climbs on the rocks at Grimes Point with me, or makes it rain on the front stoop every morning.

So today, here's to the beauty of making life a work of art!

Keeping you posted,
Rachel

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Louder than Normal – We’re Grateful They’re Ours



Photo provided by MCI Joe Vincent, US Navy.

By Rachel Dahl

“That’s the sound of Freedom,” is what I grew up hearing, on the north end of the Lahontan Valley under the take-off path on the way to Bravo-20 training range.

Now we read someone posting on social media, “my kid can’t sleep,” and the whole community chimes in to let the new person know, “this is a Navy town, did you not notice that when the U-Hauled rolled past a jet and the American flag before you hit McDonalds?”

As far as Fernley, over the past few days, there have been lively discussions (for the most part friendly and humorous) over the origins of “that loud bang” coming from the skies.

While the folks out at the base haven’t been flying anything out of the ordinary, this past week has been noticeably louder. Even we locals, who have come to appreciate the roar of an F-18 as ambient noise, have taken a conscious reckoning to the cacophony which can be lain at the feet of the weather and a cloud cover that has created a sound booth for the jets as they roll through our skies.

Zip Upham and Larry Carlson, who both work in Public Affairs for the NAS Fallon have been answering questions from the public, explaining the noise comes from “close-air support training over the B-16 range southwest of town.” Carlson said that while the flight path goes over town, the low clouds from the incoming storm enhance the noise and makes it louder than usual.

Bombing ranges surround the community on all four sides with B-20 located north of town, east of Highway 95 on the way to Lovelock. B-17 is located east of town, straddling Highway 50, towards Austin, B-19 is south of town, tucked down on the east side of Highway 95, toward Schurz.

Upham says it’s likely that Fernley folks are hearing the jets as they fly close-air support activity over B-16 when they peel off and exit west and then turn north to stay in the air space. He says, “With the low cloud cover right over the top of those jets it just pushes that noise straight back down.”

While the activity over B-16, does not involve live ordnance, Upham said, “we’re kind of restricted on airspace we can use. So, in a tight turn the moisture in the cloud cover just above the level of holding gives the perfect acoustic bounce.”

What we are experiencing is the strike fighter advance readiness phase training, and like the air wing training that also happens at NAS Fallon, is completely normal. However, the atmospheric conditions are making that training louder than usual, letting us all know they’re doing their jobs out there.



Lt. Govoni, Lt. Ballester, and AWS2 Ferguson of the NAS Fallon Longhorn Search and Rescue Team awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. (Not pictured is AWS1 Padan).

Samuel Bruce Wickizer



Samuel Bruce Wickizer, age 79, passed away on February 2, 2021, at his home in Fallon surrounded by his family. He was born September 7, 1941, in Omaha, Nebraska to Leonard and Cora Edwards Wickizer and was a longtime Fallon resident.

Sam loved to travel with his wife and friends; loved to work in his yard, taking care of the pond and koi fish. He loved to golf and also went all over the state of Nevada, watching his kids and grandkids play sports. Sam was a member of Parkside Bible Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Samuel Wickizer.

Sam is survived by his wife, Pamela Tedford Wickizer; daughters, Amy Lawry and Jennifer (Barry) Vasquez; brothers, Leon (Angie) Wickizer, Jack (Dianne) Wickizer, Dean (Carol) Wickizer, and David Wickizer; sister, Alice (Rick) Betts; brothers in law, Jack (Nancy) Tedford and Lynn Wall; grandchildren, Shelby Lawry, Morgan Lawry, Addisyn Vasquez and Graesyn Vasquez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:30 am at Parkside Bible Fellowship with interment to follow at the Masonic Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Reno, Nevada.

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

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Justice Court – February 10th

By Leanna Lehman

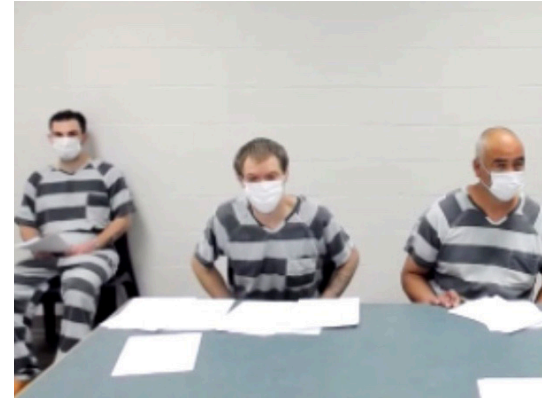
Churchill County New River Township Justice Court convened on February 10th, with Judge Benjamin Trotter presiding.

Tyler Fisher (in custody) appeared on three drug-related charges, including Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, a Class E Felony that carries 1-4 years in prison, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, also a Class E felony with a penalty of 1-4 years. The allegations state that on February 6th, Fisher was found in possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia while in the custody of the Churchill County Jail, which constituted an additional charge of Possession of a Prohibited Item by a Prisoner, a Class D Felony that carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in prison. Fisher requested a release on his own recognizance (OR), but Judge Trotter denied the request based on Fisher's criminal history. The Churchill County Public Defender's Office (CCPD) was appointed to represent him.

Donovan Earl McCann (in custody) was arraigned on multiple charges, including two counts of Battery by a Prisoner while in Lawful Custody, each a Category B Felony that carries a term of 1-6 years in prison. According to the allegations, at or near the intersection of the Reno and Carson High-

ways, McCann kicked two law enforcement officers while in custody. McCann stated that he had no recollection of the incidents or the officers named in the complaint. Judge Trotter explained that the purpose of the arraignment hearing was to ensure McCann understands his rights and the charges filed against him, however, no facts or details of the case may be discussed at that time. McCann was also charged with Intimidating a Public Officer (where there is a threat to do physical harm or threaten to kill), a Class C Felony that carries 1-5 years in prison. Additionally, McCann was charged with a misdemeanor DUI and Disturbing the Peace after doing donuts on Nevada State Parks property, also a misdemeanor. Bail was set at \$35,000 bondable.

Patrick Treavor Owens (in custody) appeared on misdemeanor DUI charges. According to the criminal complaint, on February 7th at the intersection of the Austin Highway and Rio Vista Drive, Owens was in control of a motor vehicle while being under the influence of alcohol with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or more. Owens pled guilty to the charge, along with driving without insurance or registration. He received a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail, was ordered to complete DUI school, and complete a victim impact panel. Owens stated that he intended to go directly into a residential substance

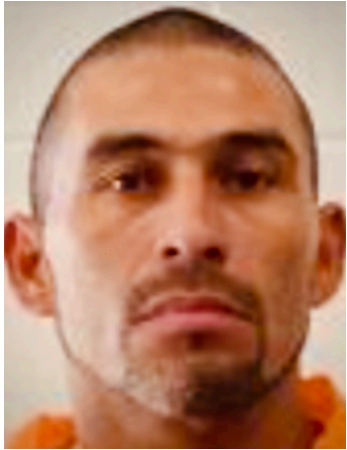


Tyler Fisher (left), Sean Renfroe (center), Patrick Owens (Right). Photo taken from Zoom.

abuse treatment program upon release.

Sean Renfroe (in custody) was arraigned on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, both Class E Felonies that can carry 1-4 years in prison. Renfroe requested an OR release, which Judge Trotter granted based on his time in the community and with the provision that he will be supervised by Court Services, call in daily, and submit to random drug testing. The Churchill County Public Defender's Office was appointed to represent Renfroe.

District Court – February 9th



Jose Diaz-Macias Photo Courtesy of Nevada Department of Corrections

By Leanna Lehman

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, February 9th, 2021, with Judge Tom Stockard presiding.

Jose Diaz-Macias (in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections) was sentenced on multiple counts of assaults with a deadly weapon in which several were victims named in the criminal complaint. According to Assistant District Attorney (ADA), Priscilla Baker, at or near 385 Stillwater Avenue on April 10th of last year, Diaz-Macias went to the first victim's home and pulled a gun, then pulled a gun on a neighbor, and finally pulled a gun on three other men. Baker reported that the three men had heard Diaz-Macias

verbally assault his girlfriend in an alley and tried to stop the assault. Diaz-Macias later sent his girlfriend threats to force her to testify in an untruthful manner for his benefit regarding these charges. For each Assault with a Deadly Weapon count, he was sentenced 26-66 months in prison, with the terms to run concurrently. For Bribing or Intimidating a Witness to Influence Testimony, Diaz-Macias received 24-60 months, to run consecutively to the first two counts. He opted for an aggregated sentence of 50-126 months in prison (wherein consecutive sentences are combined into one sentence for the purpose of parole eligibility and sentence expiration) to run concurrently with the term he is presently serving. He will receive credit for 263 days of time served.

Eugene Albert Mauwee III (in custody) pled guilty to a single count of false imprisonment, a gross misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 364 days in the Churchill County Jail. Charles Woodman Esq., defense counsel for Mauwee, stated that on June 18th on Auction Road, his client blocked an apartment door to keep people from leaving the residence. Mauwee said that they were all under the influence of methamphetamines. He believed that there were people outside trying to harm them, so he blocked the door in an effort to protect his friends. Stockard sentenced Mauwee to 275 days in the Churchill County Jail and will receive credit for 263 days of time served.

James Leon McClain appeared on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance a Category E Felony that carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in prison. According to the allegations, on January 12th, McClain

was in possession of methamphetamines. McClain pled guilty and received probation on a suspended sentence and was placed in the Western Regional Drug Court program. Brian Nigel Pettway appeared for sentencing for Driving Under the Influence (with a prior felony DUI conviction), a Category B felony that can carry 1-6 years in prison. Public defender for Pettway, Jacob Sommer, stated that Pettway has been a model client. He understands that this is a mandatory prison case, but asked the court for a compassionate sentence with the minimums imposed. Pettway addressed the court stating that he realized his addiction to alcohol turns him into a true Jekyll and Hyde. Pettway received a sentence of 24-72 months in prison. Patrick David Sannella appeared on charges of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence, a Category D felony that can carry up to six years in prison. In domestic violence cases, battery becomes a felony if there is strangulation, use of a deadly weapon, or substantial injuries. Sannella was also charged with Intimidating an Officer with Threats of Force, a Category C Felony that carries 1-5 years in prison. Due to a conflict of interest with Sannella's current public defender Charles Woodman Esq., the case was continued and reassigned to Wright Noel with the Churchill County Public Defender's Office. Brent Lee Smith pled guilty to Driving Under the Influence Causing Death or Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category B Felony with a penalty of 2-20 years in prison. According to Jacob Sommer with Churchill County Public Defender's Office, on October 20th, Smith was operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited amount of marijuana in his blood. An accident resulted where the passenger of the vehicle was killed. Sentencing is scheduled for May 4th.

Local Government

The Chamber of Commerce – Yesterday and Today

By Jo Petteruti

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)6 non-profit organization, originally incorporated on December 26, 1947. Lucy Carnahan, the Chamber's Executive Director, has the original corporation documents filed with the Nevada Secretary of State from that day. The documents were typed by hand on tissue-thin legal-size sheets of paper with the original signatures and embossed stamps still clearly visible.

The Fallon Chamber works at multiple levels on behalf of our business community – at the city, county and state levels. When asked by a prospective member what the Chamber does and why they should join, Lucy will say, "It's the Chamber's goal to enhance our business community and to advocate and represent you, our local businesses, in everything we organize, support and promote." That is most certainly what the Chamber does in Fallon for our businesses – that and so much more.

The Chamber ran the first County Fair and Cantaloupe Festival in 1986 with a total event budget of \$11,239. It ran the festival in addition to growing their service offerings to the community. It's important to note that the Chamber operates without any city, county or state funding. Instead, all of the services that it does provide are funded by membership dues and fundraiser events – and the list of services is extensive and still growing. The Chamber maintains a 24/7 website (www.fallonchamber.com) and the Fallon Chamber Welcome Center. They offer relocation and information distribution, sponsor Fallon job fairs, provide training and classes and offer networking and volunteerism opportunities. They are a primary military outreach group, and are involved in legislative updates and important community updates. Weekly e-newsletters are sent out, ribbon cuttings are celebrated, and referrals are made. In a normal year, the Chamber also holds the Annual Awards Banquet to recognize the accomplishments of our local businesses. Amazing, right?

The Fallon Chamber currently shares office space at 448 West Williams Avenue with CEDA and SBDC. Lucy said, "The combined CEDA/SBDC/Chamber offices are a great fit." A visit to that office will show you exactly why. The three groups work incredibly well together and it's evident as soon as you walk in the door. The Chamber also has a full Board of Directors that governs its operations, with Cynthia McGarrah as its President. The other board members are Angela Guthrie (Vice President), Pamela Ferguson (Secretary), Valerie Johnston (Treasurer), Kimberlee Beeghly, Robyn Jordan and Michelle Gabiola-Rogers, and Carol Arciniega (Directors) and Open position (Alternate).

Here's a little more Cantaloupe Festival history. In 2015, the Fallon Festival Association was formed and took on responsibility for the festival. However, the Chamber still provides volunteer support and help for that event, including running games and the gates, stage support, set-up and break-down to put everything away, hanging banners and taking them all down. The Fallon Festival Association is also a non-profit corporation

with a Board of Directors. Zip Upham is its President, Kim Klenakis is the Secretary and Lorrie Ford is Treasurer. The festival budget, now somewhere around \$70,000, is mostly self-funded. But it does also include community and Northern Nevada sponsors. Churchill County donates use of the fairgrounds for the event, and Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority and the City of Fallon also provide sponsorships.

According to Lucy, volunteering is way down. "Most people today don't want to do anything without some form of compensation – even if it's just a t-shirt." The Chamber Ambassadors are also volunteers, but that group is also shrinking. "Membership and the Annual Awards Dinner are the only source of funding for the Chamber" Lucy said. She also explained that the 501(c)6 non-profits weren't eligible for the first round of federal PPP funding, but may be eligible for this next round. The Chamber was approved for a PETS grant in 2020, but those funds have still not arrived.

The Chamber and CEDA have still been very busy. Lucy told me, "We helped local businesses last year with paperwork and other filing requirements so that the businesses could apply for the first round of PPP funding with their banks. We have been attending webinars to better understand how to best file for and use federal

PPP funds. We provided assistance by appointment to people who needed to file for unemployment benefits during the pandemic but that did not have access to computers. We lent a hand to businesses who had to lay off employees due to the pandemic and who needed help to get their people on unemployment." Lucy did also say that only 8 to 10 businesses applied for the 2nd round of PPP assistance. Access to the Churchill County and City of Fallon Business Support grant, issued from CEDA, helped the Chamber acquire face masks and hand sanitizers to continue to follow/meet CDC guidelines.

The Chamber's weekly e-newsletter still goes out every Friday. Lucy said, "People really look for that, and they let me know when they don't receive one." The newsletter is an opportunity to publicize local events and is highly appreciated by all recipients.

Even though there are current limitations on in-person attendance at the Legislature this session, the Chamber is still

involved with them. The Chamber is supporting many different bills that pertain to our Small Businesses in our rural community, they just cannot attend the bill discussions in person. Instead, attendance is done either virtually via a Zoom conference call or via a letter of support depending on which bill it is. Either way, the Chamber is always advocating for our community.

The Chamber board met on Tuesday, February 9th at 7 pm at the Chamber office, and meetings are open to the public. A typical agenda includes the call to order, approval of minutes, the Treasurer's report and the Executive Director's report.

It was discussed that some members are having difficulty paying their dues and the Chamber may lose members as a result. The Chamber is offering to work with any members who may need help paying their dues. Some businesses are closing. A few new members have also not paid yet and collections in general have been difficult.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Annual Awards Dinner is not being held this year. However, there are 17 awards that are still being given out, and this year they will be announced on Facebook Live on Friday the 19th. A team from the Chamber including board members will announce the awards in the live-streamed ceremony. Board members offered to deliver the awards to the winning businesses, or the winners can come to the office on Monday February 22nd to pick them up. The Chamber is also planning to do a couple of live Facebook events ahead of time as commercials to promote the award announcement event on the 19th.

Lucy is hoping to start up the monthly Chamber luncheons again and the next one is tentatively planned for March 18th. She is also hopeful that the Chamber's travel program can be started up again. Collette Tours runs the program for many Chambers of Commerce. A percentage of the travel costs are given back to each chamber for travel plans booked through them. Some of the trips that Collette has done for the Fallon Chamber include St Patrick's Day in Ireland, Discover Tuscany, Washington DC Spotlight in April when the cherry blossoms are in bloom and a Music City tour that included Nashville and other stops. Collate Travel may be the guest speaker for the March luncheon.

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County Commission Wrap-Up



Kristina Swallow, director of NDOT, presents the annual work plan to Churchill County Commissioners.

By Rachel Dahl

County Commissioners met last week in a regular meeting to discuss and reconsider a tentative parceling plan application filed by Dan McCreary and Jessica Stranger for the 80-acre parcel north of Dillon Road near the Sky Ridge development off Roberson Lane. Originally, applicants had proposed to divide the two 40-acre parcels into 16 long, narrow parcels that would have been 5-acre residential lots. However, McCreary asked that they be able to come back to the commission and propose 12 lots that would be better proportioned and provide better access.

The Sky Ridge development is a neighborhood of 1-acre lots on well and septic systems, which are no longer allowed without community sewer, water, and paved roads. Commissioners took no action, and McCreary will come back with a revised plan.

Chairman Pete Olsen said there is a need in our community for housing and, “we want to see good projects that benefit the community.”

Commissioners also heard the annual report from Bob Getto, the Public Administrator (PA), who gave a history of his office and a report of the activities for the past year. Getto said that each county has a public administrator responsible for managing the estates of people who die without a will or without a family to dispose of the assets, vehicles, bank accounts, and debts left in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes.

“Back in the start of time,” said Getto, “Churchill made the decision to have the Public Administrator elected.” Both Washoe and

Clark counties have a paid administrative staff of 11 and 9 people, respectively, but ten counties elect their administrator and five run those duties out of their District Attorney’s office.

Getto works with a part-time deputy and a 24-hour answering service along with local mortuaries, attorneys, and contractors who help clean out houses and storage sheds when needed. “If all the family is located out of state and there is no will, they cannot manage the estate according to Nevada Revised Statute,” he said.

The public administrator is paid through a formula established by the NRS and based on the size of the estate. “Levels of probate all have different requirements,” said Getto. He said that after the assets and liabilities are figured, the PA office will receive 4% of the first \$15,000, and 3% for the next \$85,000. “That’s roughly \$600 for 10 months’ worth of work, and there are not a lot of people in this community who have more than \$100,000 in assets.”

Currently his office has 64 open cases with 42 estates that have assets and 22 cases where there are no assets and those cases are non-billable. The most important part of his job, according to Getto is transparency. “We have legal representation with every case and an enrolled agent to handle each set books for every decedent, we want full transparency,” he said.

Olsen said he is grateful for the work Getto does because several counties have gotten themselves in trouble over the years with Public Administrators who have been less than scrupulous.

Commissioners also heard a presentation by Joe Lipnickie of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension about the Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP). The Center for Economic Development, along with several other state agencies and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development are sponsoring a statewide initiative with the NEAP to provide local, state, and federal agencies “with quantitative and qualitative baseline data and analyses to better understand trends in each county’s demographic, social, economic, fiscal, and environmental characteristics.” This data is designed to be used for land use decisions, project planning, grant writing, and policy assessment. Both Buddy Borden and Tom Harris are longtime Community Economic Development Extension Specialists. Harris is also the director of the University Center for Economic Development.

Through this process there will be several outcomes, including a Socioeconomic Baseline Report, Impact Analysis Report, and Infographic Fact Sheets that can all be used for various economic development activities. A NEAP program team will spend approximately five months with each county.

Additionally, a report was provided to the commission by Kristine Swallow, the director of Nevada Department of Transportation who presented the NDOT Annual Work Program and asked commissioners to affirm the department priorities for NDOT projects in Churchill County. According to Swallow her department starts with a needs-based analysis across the state, looking at the most critical safety concerns in each community in order to prioritize which projects get completed first. She reported that during the past year, NDOT was able to complete the traffic signal at Highway 50 and Sheckler/Roberson Lane, along with several chip-seal projects and they are currently working on the passing lane project on Highway 95 to Schurz.

At the moment, NDOT has the top two priorities for 2021 as the Sheckler and US 95 Intersection Improvements and the US 50 Turn Lane and Sherman Street/Harrigan Road projects prioritized. Swallow asked commissioners to choose a new number two project, since the Sherman Street project is set to begin soon.

Sheriff Richard Hickox said that he would like to see the US 50 and Gummow Intersection moved up in priority because the speed picks up at that spot and there are more life/injury accidents there.

Commissioner Justin Heath said he feels the US 50 Access at Maverick Gas Station should be a priority. Swallow said the permit for the Maverick project has been submitted and NDOT is evaluating the request, but she is not sure if it can be approved due to the considerations for the travelers on Highway 50.

COVID-19 Update: Nevada Vaccine Allocation Explained

CLINIC COUNTY	POPULATION	TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED	TOTAL VACCINATIONS INITIATED	TOTAL VACCINATIONS COMPLETED
Churchill	25,876	3,348	2,934	414
Total	25,876	3,348	2,934	414

Churchill County Vaccines Data - NV Health Response

By Leanna Lehman

Nevada health officials continue to work to immunize all Nevadans who plan to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. According to ImmunizeNevada.com, 31.6 million Americans have received at least one dose of the vaccine as of February 8th. Several states, including Nevada, have received fewer vaccines than anticipated, creating a vaccine shortage. Governor Sisolak is to address Nevada's vaccine deficit with the federal government.

Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are being distributed throughout the U.S., yet more doses are needed. The FDA has scheduled to meet on February 26th, to discuss the request for emergency use authorization (EUA) for a COVID-19 vaccine from Janssen Biotech Inc. after successful completion of its clinical trials, according to a recently released vaccination update.

In addition to addressing the vaccine shortfall, Nevada Health Response released information this week explaining current distribution efforts and vaccine allocation.

According to that press release, the State of Nevada is distributing COVID-19 vaccine doses to Nevada's counties based on population size to immunize residents as quickly as doses are received.

Nevada receives a low number of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government each week. A total of 44,925 doses were allocated to Nevada for the first week. To spread access points and relieve some of the pressure on state and local public health systems, 8,400 of those doses were allocated to select pharmacies statewide. These pharmacies opened appointments to Nevada seniors on January 20th and are now working to fill those appointment obligations.

That left 36,525 doses available to distribute to vaccine providers in the state's 17 counties for the week. The population of each county is considered as those doses are shared across the state. The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) staff use a reduction methodology that considers the proportion of the population living in each county.

Each week counties submit their vaccine request to the Program for the following week. The NSIP staff then assess the state's weekly allocation against the submitted requests. If the number of requests exceeds the state's allocation, cuts are made equitably based on population.

"We commend local emergency managers, community health nurses, local health authorities and all the other providers and leaders stepping up each week to help their communities with the COVID-19 vaccine response," said Nevada State Immunization Program Manager, Shannon Bennett. "Their response is inspiring."

While they're waiting for their turn, NSIP encourages Nevadans to reach out to the seniors they know, to ensure they have a plan and understand how vaccination appointments can be made. They can visit www.NVCOVIDFighter.org for appointment availability, as well as information on county-by-county pharmacy

participation. "It's important that we continue to be patient while we only have a small supply available," said Bennett. "By working together, we can beat this crisis."

Cumulative Doses Available to Each County as of February 2nd, 2021

- Quad Counties 14,830
- Clark 200,465
- Churchill 2,640
- Elko 5,145
- Eureka 400
- Humboldt 1,625
- Lander 845
- Lincoln 745
- Mineral 1,135
- Nye/Esmeralda 2,010
- Pershing 615
- Washoe 49,135
- White Pine 1,960
- Total First Doses 281,550**

Statewide, the number of new active positive cases dropped to 650, down from 896 last week and drastically down from the 1,144 cases reported the week prior (over a 14-day rolling average). This brings the average positivity rate to 14.8%, the lowest it has been since November 18th. Hospitalizations are at 817, down from 1,145 last week. The State reported 15 deaths on February 9th (also a 14-day rolling average), indicating a gradual decline.

As reported by the State on February 10th, Churchill County currently is reporting a positivity rate of 6.5%, well below the overall state rate of 14.8% with an average of two cases being reported daily. No hospitalizations were reported and the total number of vaccines administered is 3,384 (2,934 first doses and 414 second doses).

Churchill County	As of Jan. 25th	As of Feb. 5th	As of Feb. 10th
Active Positive Cases	293	326	221
Tests Administered since March	19,207	19,743	20,415
Recovered Individuals	1,446	1,451	*1,502
Currently Hospitalized	6	3	0
Total Deaths	39	48	49
Total Positive Cases since March	1,786	1,825	1,856
Asymptomatic Positives Since March	122	122	*124
Vaccines administers (1st and 2nd doses)			3,348

*Data as of 2/5/21 - <https://www.churchillcounty.org/covid-19>
<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/#covid-data-tracker>

Sierra Nevada Microblading – A Fresh Look



Sierra Rebbetoy, owner of Sierra Nevada Microblading.

By Alicia Parsons

Sierra Nevada Microblading, located at 625 W Williams Ave Suite B (inside the chiropractic office) opened in September 2020 and is owned and operated by Sierra Rebbetoy of Fallon. Microblading is the latest in beauty services, providing semi-permanent tattoo eyebrow solutions.

The technique is not exactly what we think of when we think tattoo makeup; this is not the tattoo-gun eye and lip liners that our mothers all have. The process uses a hand tool with short delicate hair like strokes similar to what you would make with traditional eyebrow pencils, and a water-based pigment that is then deposited into the top layer of skin with a single blade tool.

With microblading you are able achieve a natural hair-like look. Sierra also offers a combo brow that achieves a more dramatic look. She suggests starting with the microblading and see if by the follow up customers are wanting to achieve that extra drama.

During the process, Sierra will shape the brow to suit your face and whatever look you are hoping to achieve. Because every person has a different aesthetic they want to achieve, and everyone has different skin and healing mechanisms, it is recommended that follow ups are done in 4 to 6 weeks for touch ups to execute the ideal look. After that, based on personal preference a person can go anywhere from 6 to 18 months before another session.

This process is perfect for customers who may have scars through their brows or have experienced hair loss in the area and are wanting a semi-permanent solution to the shape and structure of their brows. Everyone now has options that were never there before.

Sierra is a wife, mother, Registered Nurse, and a small business owner. Juggling the demands of all her roles with Superwoman strength, it's her experience in the medical field that lends her an upper hand. Her clients can feel more comfortable with her knowledge of anatomy and needles.

Sierra has always been interested in the beauty world; her sister is a cosmetologist. With an interest in makeup and beauty she was getting her own microblading done when she began asking her artist questions and realized that this was an opportunity she could not pass up as it would accommodate both her love for beauty and her nursing experience into a practice in which she could excel.

With big dreams of eventually expanding into an office dedicated to beauty nursing, Sierra is starting out small with Sierra Nevada Microblading. Here she has been able to combine her two passions into one venture that is accommodating not only her work as an RN at Banner, but also her work as a mom to an adorable toddler, and wife to the only husband in town who can tell when someone has had work done to their brows.

If you are looking for a gift for that special someone in your life, Sierra Nevada Microblading is offering a Valentines Special. If you book between now and Valentines' Day, even if the appointment date actually falls after Valentine's Day, you will receive \$50 off the initial appointment. Call 775-830-0633 or visit www.vegaro.com/sierranevadamicblading to take advantage of this special. There are examples of Sierra's work on Instagram and Facebook, just search @sierranevadamicblading.

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CAPS in Need of Water Treatment and a Floor



By Rachel Dahl

If you're thinking about adopting a new pet for your family, think no further than our local small animal rescue, no-kill shelter, CAPS. Churchill Animal Protection Society was established in 1986 to rescue dogs and cats in the community and adopt them out to their forever homes. Started by what was referred to as "the dirty dozen" the organization has grown over the years in resources, volunteers, and happy pets.

The CAPS mission is to find permanent, caring homes for the dogs and cats in their care, and the group takes that mission very seriously.

Executive Director Gabriela Negrete recently made a presentation to the Churchill County Commissioners reporting on the annual activities of the organization and asking the county to continue their support

of CAPS in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

According to Negrete, during 2020 CAPS took in 131 animals, 58 cats and 73 dogs, but they also were able to adopt out 132 animals. The organization also offers a low-cost spay and neuter program for the community. The dogs live in inside-outside kennels and get to socialize daily in the play yard. Normally CAPS is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and this is when the volunteers go and walk the dogs and play with them. On Tuesdays and Fridays all the dogs take turns going to the local doggie daycare to socialize and have time away from the shelter. (Witnesses can also attest to McDonald's cheeseburger stops.)

The cats all live indoors in floor-to-ceiling condos with scratchers and ledges, in the near vicinity of volunteers who get to play with them during the day.

In her presentation, Negrete said while the COVID situation has been a challenge for everyone, CAPS is not an exception. Because they are fully funded by donations and fundraising, the COVID restrictions resulted in cancelling almost all of their events. Between the Kissing Booth, Bark in the Park, and the Mystery Dinner CAPS, suffered a loss of nearly \$20,000 in just event fundraising alone.

Added to that, the normal wear and tear on the facility with building maintenance and repairs, CAPS is in a bit of a pinch.

Negrete said that the biggest need right now is a solution to their water problem. CAPS is located off Pasture Road, just west of NAS Fallon in a spot where the ground water happens to be fairly bad. Not only is it unhealthy for the animals, but the high mineral concentrates have also damaged the concrete floors of the facility. While volunteers have been bringing in bottled water for the animals, she said that is not sustainable. The immediate, urgent fix is to install a reverse osmosis system at the cost of \$1,750.

Additionally, the cost to repair the floors with a polyurethane cement product that could sustain the wear and tear of 130 animals a year, is upward of \$40,000.

Negrete said she and her band of volunteers with continue their fundraising efforts and continue doing all they can for the community pets, but in thanking them for their continued support over the years she asked the county to extend that funding support into the next year.

Commissioners are taking into consideration all the organization requests they receive during the budget season and will notify organizers by letter of the amount of support they will provide this year.

Youth Club Set to Open in New Location February 22nd

By Rachel Dahl

Last year in late February, right before COVID hit, Shannon Goodrick and her staff at the Fallon Youth Club were touring the construction site of what was to become the new home of the Youth Club on Venturacci Lane. Two weeks later, FYC was shut down, along with all construction on the new building.

Goodrick told Churchill County Commissioners last week during her annual presentation, that it was not until May that staff started serving students - remotely and under strict precautions.

"We had to figure out how to serve our kids," Goodrick explained. "Staff rallied the students with newsletters that we sent out, and we worked in shifts to get projects put together and would leave them on the porch of the Club for students to pick up. "We did everything we could to stay engaged with our kids."

Goodrick and her staff then began working with the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) to follow best practices and establish policies that would allow the FYC to reopen on June 22nd. They were able to run two cohorts, in groups of 35 each, utilizing

outside spaces and staggered drop-off times to serve about half of their regular population. When school opened in August, the Club staff worked with the school district on different scenarios that would make the split school day work for the Youth Club kids.

"The logistics have been challenging, and we're only serving half the kids as normal," said Goodrick, "In December, we had 57 kids, we can serve 70 at a time, and we have 83 students actually enrolled." She said the staff is meticulous about cleaning - only one student and one staff member test positive for COVID.

Goodrick received the keys to the new building on what she calls a glorious day in December, and they have slowly been moving things over room-by-room. "The City is helping us move - they have been so wonderful," she said. "We were trying not to have to close during the move but, that's just not doable, but with the City's help we will only have to shut down from February 16th through the 19th, and then on February 22nd we will open at the new building."

While the Youth Club exists on fundraising, the loss of their annual dinner and events has severely impacted their ability to raise money. They rely on Churchill County for a \$10,000 contribution each year, but much

more funding is needed to operate.

One of the issues of moving to Venturacci Lane is transportation for the students who attend E.C. Best. The old FYC building is within walking distance. Goodrick says she is working with Dave Ernst at Churchill County Parks and Recreation to find a solution that may work and with the school district through the 21st Century grant.

The Youth Club staff operates the facility on a 30% rule - no one funding source can provide more than 30% of the budget. While 51% of the budget comes from various grants, Goodrick says those grant sources are allocated under the 30% rule. She also reported that 8% of the operating costs come from membership dues paid by the families that use the facility. The new club can serve 235 students once COVID restrictions are lifted.

County Commissioner Chairman, Pete Olsen, directed county staff to work with the Club on the transportation issue and the number of kids that need to be served. "We don't want that number limited by the ability to transport," he said. As with other community requests for funding, commissioners will review the budget commitments and notify the Fallon Youth Club by letter of their funding support.

Dysfunction Junction – Valentine’s Day: A Little History a Little Humor



By Leanna Lehman

What day is often as equally dreaded as anticipated? And what day single-handedly has the power to fill both grown men and elementary school girls with interminable levels of fear and trepidation? And on what day is it completely acceptable – nay, expected, to send veritable strangers politically and socially incorrect demands like “Kiss Me” on candy hearts? St. Valentine’s Day, of course.

Believe it or not, the modern mid-February holiday that has become synonymous with ribbons, roses, and romance is also the day that centuries ago was also rife with red, but of an entirely darker sort.

According to historical data (History.com), Valentine’s Day arose from a Christian effort to replace a 6th-century Roman pagan fertility festival, “Lupercalia.” During the festival, dogs and goats would be sacrificed. Women would then be slapped or smacked with the blood-drenched hides as a fertility blessing. As legend has it, the women would later put their names in an urn to be selected and paired with a man for a year. Unsurprisingly, this has recently been proven to be moderately more effective than online dating and requires less cleanup.

A less graphic historical note places two men, both named Valentine, at the heart of St. Valentine’s Day. There is no clear evidence as to which one, as both men could have inspired the holiday. The first Valentine, a 3rd-century Roman priest, defied the Roman Emperor Claudius II and his ban on marriage for soldiers during wartime. Claudius believed marriage was a distraction to young soldiers. Valentine secretly performed illegal marriages “in the spirit of love” until he was discovered and sentenced to death (purportedly on February 14th). The second Valentine was imprisoned for attempting to help Roman Christians escape from prison.

Legend says that he sent the first valentine message to himself, writing a letter signed, “From your Valentine.” He too was sentenced to death. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, the possibility of imprisonment remains at the heart of the holiday.

By the close of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius of Rome officially declared February 14th as St. Valentine’s Day. It would be several centuries, however, before romance would become associated with the day. The declaration instead was born out of the common belief that in England and France, birds started mating on February 14th. Yes, the mating habits of birds.

There is some historical information that in 1537 King Henry VIII, with six wives to his credit (or discredit depending on the wife), proclaimed by Royal Charter that Valentine’s Day would be a public holiday and chose that day to be February 14th. Facts to this remain unverified, however, one should again note the potential for death by beheading.

It was not until the 15th century that the first valentine was sent. While imprisoned in the Tower of London at age 21, a French duke wrote a love poem to his wife. His verse read, “I am already sick of love, My very gentle Valentine.” (Darn you Autocorrect! Sick with love darling, sick with love). Note: imprisonment was also a factor here.

The evolution of Valentine’s Day is a long one. While some people started exchanging handwritten letters and cards in the 17th century, it was not until the 1840s when Valentine’s Day cards were commercially produced. Known as the “Mother of the American Valentine”, Esther A. Howland’s cards, decked out in lace and ribbon, helped pave the way for what would become a multi-billion-dollar industry. And by this time in human history, Valentine’s Day was also becoming less fatal.

Massive spending aside, it is hard to think of Valentine’s Day without thinking about chocolate. The year 1861 brought the first heart-shaped box of chocolates, created by Richard Cadbury. It is unlikely that Cadbury could have imagined that 58 million pounds of chocolate, tucked away in heart-shaped boxes, would be sold in a single year. Nor can we forget to mention conversational hearts. A Boston pharmacist, who was in the business of making throat lozenges, invented a machine that simplified how they were made. According to History.com, the pharmacist was soon using his invention to make candy instead. In 1866, his brother started printing messages on the candy. Of course, they were larger back then and held messages less socially awkward like *Married in white, you have chosen right and How long shall I have to wait? Please be considerate.*

So as February 14th comes and goes and you contemplate the meaning of St. Valentine’s Day, do not let its dark past discourage you from sharing the day with the one you love. Its history and traditions may be steeped in rituals that involve being smacked with animal hides, death, and imprisonment, but what a better cause than LOVE? And yes, of course, this holiday has been grossly commercialized, but again I ask you, what better cause than for love?

In the wise words of Charles Schulz, “All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank the anonymous Good Samaritans who provided assistance to me at the Fallon Walmart a week after New Year’s. I have a tradition of taking my two young granddaughters shopping after Christmas each year, and we all have a wonderful time as they excitedly choose clothes, toys and other items.

When we were going into the WalMart store, a gentleman stopped me and said, “Sir, you dropped this,” and handed me a \$20 bill. I told him it wasn’t mine, but he insisted I dropped the money. I thanked him for the random act of kindness.

The girls placed items into our shopping cart. At the register, the store card reader malfunctioned several times and locked out my ability to complete the transaction. A woman appeared and quickly swiped her card for my purchase. I told her thank you, but the purchase was \$342. She said, “I’ve got this.” I asked if she would follow me to the bank so I could reimburse her. She said, “I’ve got this!” I was amazed but grateful for this stranger’s kindness and generosity, and the gentleman’s just a short time earlier at the store.

I wanted to publicly thank the individuals in hopes they will see this letter. Fallon has some very good people and I appreciate the opportunity to express my sincere thanks

Sincerely,
Ron

Churchill County Principals Report to School Board



By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School Board of Trustees met Wednesday night in a regular meeting where they performed a self-evaluation of their activities as a board, as well as individual board members. Along with consultant Cindy Elsbernd, the Trustees discussed their goals for the District, stepping through a lengthy exercise using the Silver State Governance framework, a Continuous Improvement for Governing Teams tool that can be found on the district web site as an attachment to this board meeting.

Additionally, the board received reports from building principals on the activities at each school.

Derild Parsons reported that teachers worked with students at the Early Learning Center making snow in the classroom, creating rich discussion around snow and the winter weather. Northside staff continues work with a coach who visits in an ongoing effort to maintain a high quality program. Parsons said funding for Pre-K will not be based on a competitive application process this year and the state will issue a guidance document soon. Funds will most likely be based on current seat allotment.

Kimi Melendy reported from Lahontan Elementary that MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing was completed January 29th and the Kindergarten is working with the Churchill Coalition on the "Too Good for Drugs" program. The Literacy Committee is working on the "Virtual Literacy Night" which will be held in March and Melendy is working with the custodial staff to coordinate shift activities.

From E.C. Best Elementary, Keith Boone reported that February is a fun month for 2nd and 3rd graders who get to play in the snow, exchange Valentine's, and learn about great American Presidents. This year students are making Valentine's as part of their Language Arts projects. Winter MAP data showed that 43% of 2nd grade math students met or exceeded the benchmark, and 57% met or exceeded the projected growth. In 2nd grade reading, 49% met or exceeded the benchmark, while 60% met or exceeded projected growth. There were 49% of the third-grade math students who met or exceeded the benchmark, and 76% who met

or exceeded their projected growth. In 3rd grade reading, 50% met or exceeded the benchmark, and 58% met or exceeded the projected growth.

Shawn Purrell reported that his Numa Elementary Student Council is working on a video/slide presentation to support the PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support). When that project is complete it will be available on the school website for parents, staff, and students to view. Students who earn the most AR (Accelerated Reader) points in their classroom during the month of February will get to be the librarian during their class session. Students at Numa this month are focusing on being kind. One of the students, Noah Guggenberger, heard some of his classmates talking about their hands being cold. He and his mother Angelina bought a supply of warm mittens and donated them to the school to give to students who needed them.

Amy Word reported that students at the Middle School will continue a second semester schedule modeled after the first semester with students participating in three 27-day terms, with two courses per term. There are three CCMS teachers fully dedicated to remote learners, one per grade level. These teachers work in the building and have access to incoming calls, and technology and tools to support these learners. In-person classes are larger this session due to shifting staff members to cover a vacant special education position, with the largest 6th grade section having 18 students, 7th grade has 15, and 8th grade has 13. For this semester there have been 17 students returning to in-person learning, while nine students changed to full remote learning. CCMS is also offering both in-person and remote music classes.

At the high school, Scott Winter reported the beginning of Semester 2 on February 1st. As of February 4th, 1,362 total classes in Edgenuity (online learning) 560 are entered into Infinite Campus as completers (41%). In Term 1 there were 182, Term 2 there were 123, and in Term 3 there were 255. Students have two weeks after the semester to complete the courses. Spring testing begins with the ACT exam the week February 23rd, CTE testing begins February 16th, and the AP exams begin May 3rd.

The school board meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The agenda and board packet are available online at www.ChurchillCSD.com.

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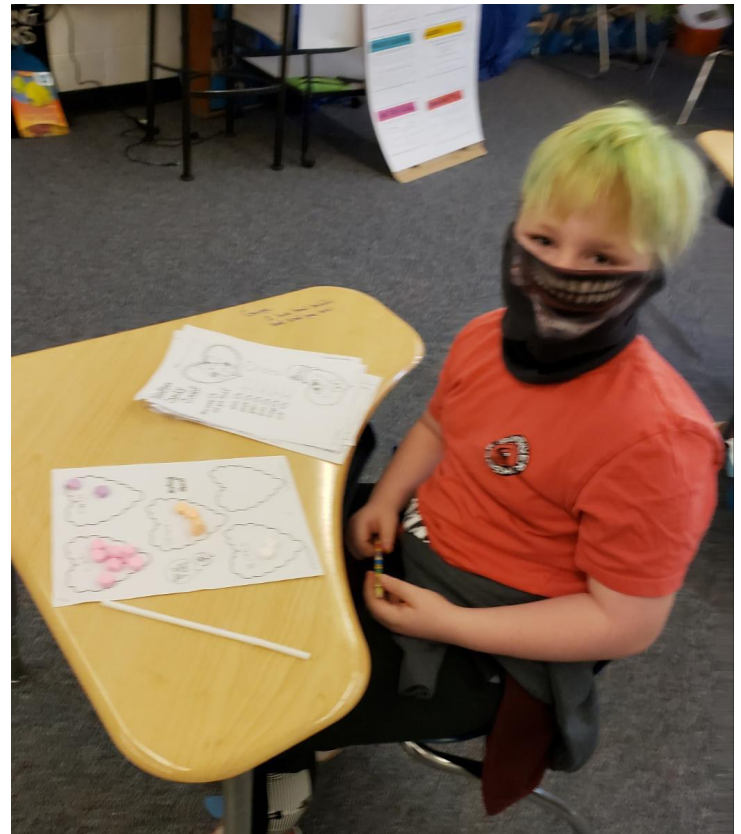
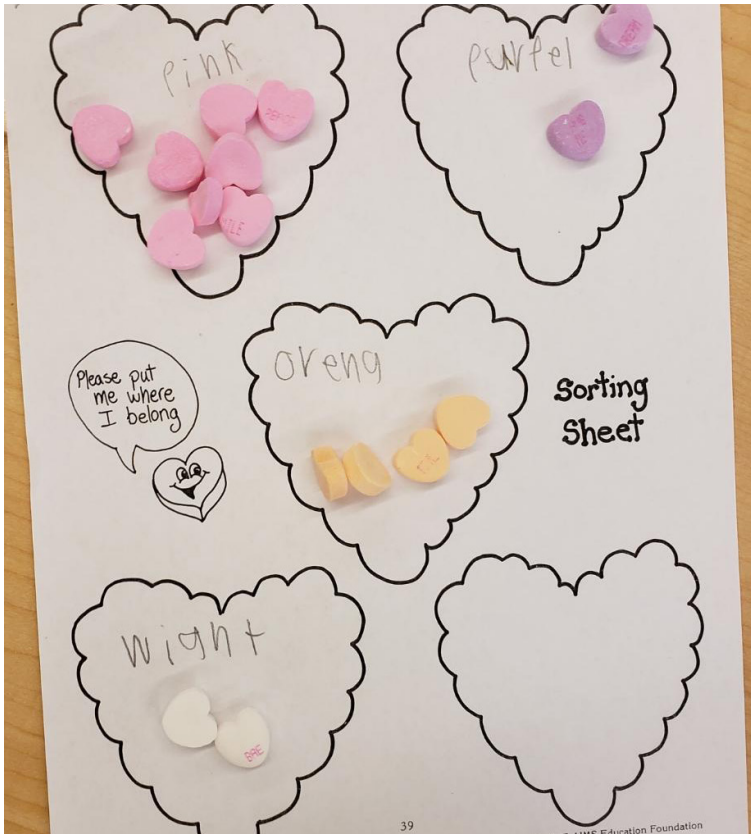
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IF THE BOARD GETS THE GREEN LIGHT TO PLAY, THEY WANT TO HAVE COACHES ALREADY IN PLACE. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN COACHING OR WILLING TO HELP THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT MATT JOHNSON AT 775- 427- 7815.



Super Bowl LV – A Day of Firsts and Memories of My First



By Jo Petteruti

On Sunday, February 7th, Super Bowl LV kicked off at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. This year's match-up of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers pitted the 2020 Super Bowl champions against a team that hadn't been to the big game since 2003. But being Super Bowl champs didn't mean anything for the Chiefs this year. From the outset of the game, Tampa Bay took control. The Bucs scored three touchdowns in the first half alone, bringing the half-time score to 21 to 6. The final score was 31 to 9, with Kansas City only being able to score 3 field goals.

Even though the Chiefs lost, Patrick Mahomes was the top passing performer, completing 26 of 49 passes for 270 yards, but with no touchdowns and 2 interceptions. By comparison, Tom Brady completed 21 of 29 passes for 201 yards with 3 touchdowns and no interceptions. The other top performers were Leonard Fournette of the Bucs, rushing leader with 16 carries for 89 yards and 1 touchdown, and the Chief's Travis Kelce, top receiver with 10 receptions for 133 yards. Kansas City entered the game favored to win but they were undone by a struggling offense and too many costly penalties.

There were a number of firsts during this year's game. This was the first time that the Chiefs, playing under quarterback and reigning Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes, failed to score a touchdown in a game. They lost the game by double-digits, making them only the third Super Bowl team to not score a touchdown. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are the first team to play a Super Bowl at home and to also win a Super Bowl in their home stadium. This was Tom Brady's first year with the Bucs. It was also the first Super Bowl starring the two most-recent Super Bowl winning quarterbacks, Patrick Mahomes and Tom Brady.

Maral Javadifar, the 30-year-old assistant strength and conditioning coach for Tampa Bay and 56-year-old assistant defensive line coach Lori Locust were the first female coaches on a team to win a Super Bowl. They,

along with all other team members will get Super Bowl LV rings – that's some bling, and we ladies just love bling. Sarah Thomas also made history as the first woman to officiate a Super Bowl, working as the down judge. Super Bowl referees must have been officiating in the NFL for at least 5 years before becoming eligible for a Super Bowl position. One of the bombers flying in formation during the fly-over was piloted by a woman, also a first.

It was the first time a super bowl had the least attendance – seating was limited to 25,000 in a stadium built to seat over 65,000. Over 30,000 of the remaining seats were filled with “fans” who paid to have a photo they submitted converted into a life-size cardboard cutout. It was the first super bowl to be played during a pandemic after a season played amid COVID-19 restrictions. It was not only the first paperless super bowl, but also the first paperless NFL game. The game was fully mobile ticketed for the fans that were in attendance, and fully cashless inside the stadium for all concessions. All attendees needed their smartphones for entry and for concession payments. Ugh, that would be a disaster for smartphone-challenged people like me.

I was nine years old when the first super bowl, Super Bowl I, was played on January 15, 1967. Interestingly, the Kansas City Chiefs lost to the Green Bay Packers, 35 to 10 that day. Ticket prices were \$12 per seat for that game, compared to the average ticket price this year of \$5,000 and that was before fees. Ticketmaster was actually selling tickets this year for \$35,000 each!

I watched all the football games during that 1966 that season with my dad, peppering him with a constant flow of questions about the game. God love him, he was so patient answering all my questions while trying to watch the games. But he taught me a lot and spending time on Sundays with my dad grew right along with my love of football. Growing up in Rhode Island, naturally we were New England Patriots fans and he and I always watched those games together.

I remember when the Patriots first drafted Tom Brady. He was picked 199th in the sixth and final round of the 2000 NFL draft. It seemed that no team wanted him, so the Patriots got a screaming deal at that point. Brady served as a backup to starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe in 2000 and played in only one game during that first season. But 2001 was a completely different story: Drew Bledsoe had a near-fatal injury in game two. Brady took over in that game and never looked back. He proved himself a strong leader with a powerful arm. Anyone who doubted his abilities only had to look at the team's record that season. It was an impressive 11 wins to 3 losses in the 14 games that Brady started. The Patriots also won their first Super Bowl with Brady at the helm that year, Super Bowl XXXVI on February 3, 2002.

So, 54 years after my first TV experience with Super Bowl I, I still love the game and still think about my dad every time I watch a game. I wonder what he would think about how far the games have come since that first super bowl and how different things are now.



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Capricorn- December 22 - January 19

Do the dang thing; you are going to be able to shockingly master details of the ideas that you are coming up with this week. You can actually visualize the entire project coming together from idea to end, so take advantage of it! You are going to be hyper focused on getting things done and those around you will not be able to take their eyes off you for it.

Taurus- April 21 - May 20

As you feel buried in the chaos of life, be ready for those around you to pick you back up. Emotions run amuck and you will feel overwhelmed with jealousy but don't let it take over, you will suffer if you act upon it. Woo those around you with charm to get them to see things from your perspective, just make sure to stop and do the same for them.

Virgo- August 23 - September 22

SPLURGE is the name of the game this week. As much as you want to make a splash be careful you don't have a tsunami! You have some serious creative flow working in you; don't try to stop the flow. Ride this wave as far as you can. When you think slowing down is the best option, trust the process you don't want to rush things after all.

Aquarius- January 20 - February 19

The world is your oyster, go ahead and explore! That natural instinct to learn about those around you and the things that they are interested in will lead you to new experiences. You will be a positive pearl in the lives of those around you this week. When you have the urge to sit and overanalyze, don't let yourself go there. You will need to take a break and spend time working through your thoughts and emotions but don't get stuck in the muck.

Gemini- May 21 - June 20

WHOA NELLY! Slow down -- these hyper creative thoughts need to be jotted down before they flit away. Eventually you will get around to dealing with the details. Keep a lookout for snakes in the grass, hidden agendas can bite you before you even see them. Being assertive is acceptable but make sure you aren't cruel.

Libra-September 23 - October 22

Hot damn, you got it going on! You are as fierce as you feel right now; use it to your advantage. When the financial fairies strike, use that focus and determination to make sure that you are on track for the long term. You will be juggling a million things at once toward the end of the week and even as crazy as it might seem, you will handle it all with grace.

Pisces-February 20 - March 20

Fight for yourself and others. People will be trying to paint you into a corner this week with financial and legal matters. You will need to make a point to stand up for those around you who cannot stand up for themselves. While you juggle all these demands keep a look out for conflicts and demands and try to strike a balance between it all.

Cancer- June 21 - July 22

Emotions are leading the way, things will be rocky at home but having some grace will help navigate these land mines. You are going to struggle to make up your mind and stick with the plan. Make sure that you take the weekend to yourself; you will need to be able to work through some personal feelings.

Scorpio- October 23 - November 22

Slow down, it is acceptable to continue to be introspective and sit on ideas for a while before you act. Those admirers are ogling you for the magnetism you are oozing; you can use that to your advantage. Be careful of risks that present themselves this week, they are not going to end well no matter who is presenting them to you.

Aries- March 21 - April 10

You don't always have to win. As this week kicks off, make an effort to put others first. Yes this will lead to you being wrapped up in your own thoughts but that won't be the worst thing. This weekend you will be back to your jovial old self! Be ready for some unexpected assistance in your latest venture.

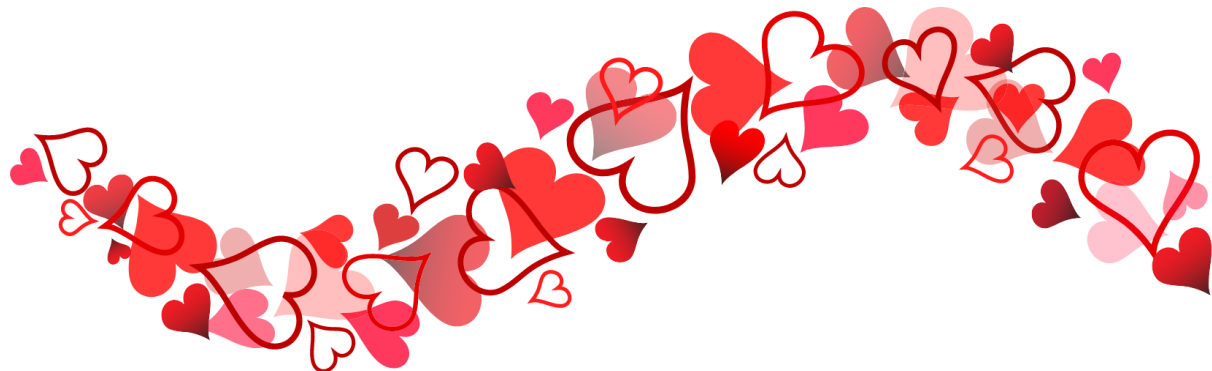
Leo-July 22 - August 22

You will move mountains this week; people are going to be falling over their own feet to get close to you as you create a movement. Start strong by leading the way through whatever the adventure will be. Your gut knows best, don't ignore that instinct to question the motives of those around you. Work to help someone in need this weekend, you want to plant that great karma.

Sagittarius- November 23 - December 21

You have to just take a moment and sit with yourself, there will be some unexpected emotional turmoil that you need to sort out. You have a lot of people rooting you on, so much so they are willing to help make these dreams come true. Make sure to take time to live it up with them. You have some amazing ideas, use them.

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



What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen



There are many "great debates" when it comes to food preferences. While some of these arguments are purely taste based (does ketchup belong on a hot dog) others can border on esoteric and absurd (is cereal a cold soup). One thing that should not be debated (IMHO) is that most restaurants get nachos entirely wrong. I can remember ordering a nacho appetizer at a chain restaurant (in the before time) and having a towering monstrosity delivered to the table. As if the chef was in a friendly competition to see who could build the largest tower of chips or was challenging the server to deliver the platter to the table without taking a disastrous topple. The problem, of course, is that the top chips are laden with all of the delicious goodies and as you work your way through the pile, you reach a base of ungarnished chips. I contend that a more perfect nacho can be made by spreading wide rather than piling high.

This last weekend, during the super bowl, I put my nacho philosophy to the test. What resulted was a gooey, satisfying mess of chips and toppings that I ultimately needed a fork to finish. SUCCESS!

The best nachos have a little bit of a whole lot of different ingredients. My mix included two types of beans, three varieties of cheese, ground beef, and a mix of fresh toppings like home-made Pico de Gallo, guacamole, fermented hot sauce, and sour cream. In the process of preparing my nacho extravaganza, I discovered that nacho cheese sauce is super-simple to make from scratch alleviating any feelings of guilt that comes with eating hyper-processed foods that are manufactured in labs.

So, without further ado--I present to you Kelli's ultimate nachos.

Nacho Cheese Sauce

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can evaporated milk
- 8 oz shredded cheese (cheddar or some ilk)
- 1 T cornstarch
- 2 T hot sauce (Franks Red Hot or equivalent)
- 3 slices pickled jalapenos - minced
- Splash of pickled jalapeno juice

DIRECTIONS

1. Toss the shredded cheese in the cornstarch until well coated.
2. In a sauce pan over medium heat combine 8 fl ounces (about 2/3 of the can) of the evaporated milk with the rest of the ingredients.
3. Stir regularly until the mixture is smooth and homogenous. This to desired consistency with the reserved evaporated milk.
4. Eat with guiltless abandon.



Ultimate Nacho Spread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bag of corn chips
- 1 can of refried beans - thinned with water until pourable
- 1 can black beans - drained and rinsed
- 1 batch of nacho cheese sauce
- 8 oz of shredded cheese (Mexican 4-cheese mix)
- 1 lb. ground beef - cooked with taco seasoning
- 1/2 c pickled jalapeno slices - drained

GARNISH:

- Pico de Gallo
- Hot Sauce
- Mexican Crema
- Sour Cream
- Guacamole
- Sliced Radish
- Cilantro Leaves
- Cotija or Sand Hill Dairy Queso Fresco

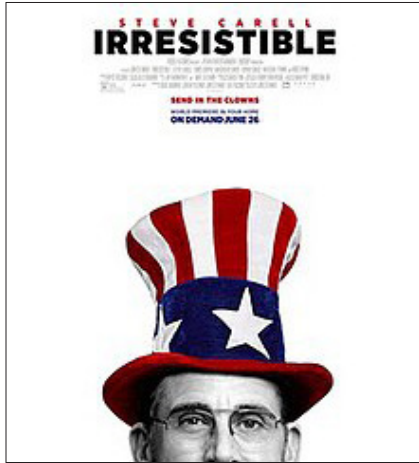
DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a 9x13 rimmed pan, start with a layer of tortilla chips around the perimeter--leave a space in the middle if you would like to ultimately put guacamole and sour cream on the nacho platter. I portioned the nachos into a bowl and added guacamole and sour cream at that point so my nachos layers took up the whole pan.
3. Drizzle chips with about 1/2 the nacho cheese sauce and 1/2 of the refried beans. Top with 1/2 of the pickled jalapenos, 1/2 of the black beans, 1/2 of the seasoned ground beef, and sprinkle with 1/2 of the shredded cheese.
4. Layer remaining chips on top and repeat drizzling, sprinkling, and topping until the main nacho ingredients have been fully utilized. Bake until the shredded cheese is melted (about 7 minutes).
5. Top with Pico de Gallo and drizzle with Mexican crema. Sprinkle crumbled cotija or queso fresco over the top and garnish with sliced radish and cilantro leaves. Mound your sour cream and guacamole side-by-side in the middle of the nacho platter and enjoy.

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



Irresistible



The best thing to watch if you hope to avoid everything that borders on romantic, warm, and fuzzy, is a good political satire. Former Daily Show host, Jon Stewart, wrote and directed a new film – *Irresistible*. The film follows a strategist for the Democratic National Committee, played by Steve Carell (*The Office*, *40-Year-Old Virgin*). As a member of the broken political establishment, Carell's character travels to a small town in Wisconsin for a mayoral race. Attempting to blend in

and meet the people, Carell's character only sticks out like a sore thumb and attracts the attention of another establishment player. A Republican National Committee strategist played by Rose Byrne (*Bridesmaids*, *Spy*).

I found the film extremely interesting, especially coming from Jon Stewart. The plot expands on the hypocrisy of the entire partisan political system. Small towns in swing states are forgotten after elections and left to fend for themselves financially after all the D.C. players pack-up and leave. As someone from a small town in a swing state, I appreciated the nuance of attacking the system of money, rather than attacking one party or their platform. It is a refreshing political film.

Imploding the Mirage



What better way to avoid romance than listening to rock and roll? The Killers released a new album, *Imploding the Mirage*. The new album is vastly different from the music The Killers are known for – the Killers music I grew up with. Rather than being a mainly pop-rock album, the band took the new album in a new direction.

Brandon Flowers and the rest of the Killers group have a large 80s synth-sound in this new release. Many of the tracks reminded me of the iconic sounds of Tears for Fears, Wang Chung, and Yes. While I enjoy the experimentation and nostalgic sound, I do miss The Killers for what they were good at. This is a fun album, but not one I would recommend introducing someone to the group for the first time.

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Woody's



My favorite thing about being single and having no responsibilities on Valentine's Day is the ability to eat yummy food alone without judgment. Woody's is the perfect place for that. The newly re-opened, old-school shack has a simple but delicious menu. A seasoned, hearty burger on a fluffy bun can be paired with perfectly crispy fries and a good milk-

shake. The combo makes for a great singles' night, at home alone, or hanging out and enjoying Woody's cool Pacific Coast beach outdoor scene.

I love nostalgic things as much as the next person (which is probably what makes me perfect for this job) and Woody's whole vibe is nostalgic central. While you wait for your tasty food, you can look at the outdoor décor and be thrown into a 50s movie.

Viviane Ugalde is a recent University of Nevada grad who is from Fallon. She is a staff writer, and the entertainment correspondent. She is teaching our FallonPost team design and layout, is willing to do any little thing that needs to be tackled, and is also a stand-up comic.

Journaling



When people find out that I perform stand-up comedy, they often say, "I never think of anything funny." I can tell you now that everyone has humor in their bones. While most people may not think writing funny things is an art, I completely disagree. It takes a lot of practice to become comfortable with your own thoughts and ideas. A way to start doing that? Journaling. And that, friends, is something I highly recommend to everyone, and at any age.

When I say "journal", I do not mean you have to keep a locked booklet with butterflies on the cover with the word Diary fancily drawn in the middle. What I mean by journaling, is jotting down what you think and making it whatever you are comfortable with. I still have many composition books from grade school at West End Elementary and old sticky note pads – even the Note pad in my phone. All of them are filled with different things. My favorite thing about this jotting down of thoughts and ideas is the lack of rules. You can write a daily entry to an imaginary person or write to a loved one who has passed on. You can write one sentence, a punchline, an idea, or just a good quote you heard during the day. And if you're really adventurous – do all of them. Journaling is a great artistic outlet to be silly, emotional, poetic, and just yourself. And not have to worry about a scary date on Valentine's Day.

Newlands Project

Water Levels

Measurements taken February 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
96,380 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen
243 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
239 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
1.31 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill
129 cfs

February 10, 2020 Water Storage
2021 : 96,011 acre feet
2020 : 174,538 acre feet
2019 : 150,375 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet

Fallon Theatre

February Movies

February 4th
GHOST

February 6th
DIRTY DANCING

February 11th
ROMEO + JULIET

February 13th
FROZEN I & II - 6:00pm
TITANIC - 6:30pm

TITANIC - 6:30pm

February 18th
LOVE STORY

February 20th
A STAR IS BORN

February 25th
SIXTEEN CANDLES

February 27th
BREAKFAST CLUB

All movies are free and begin at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

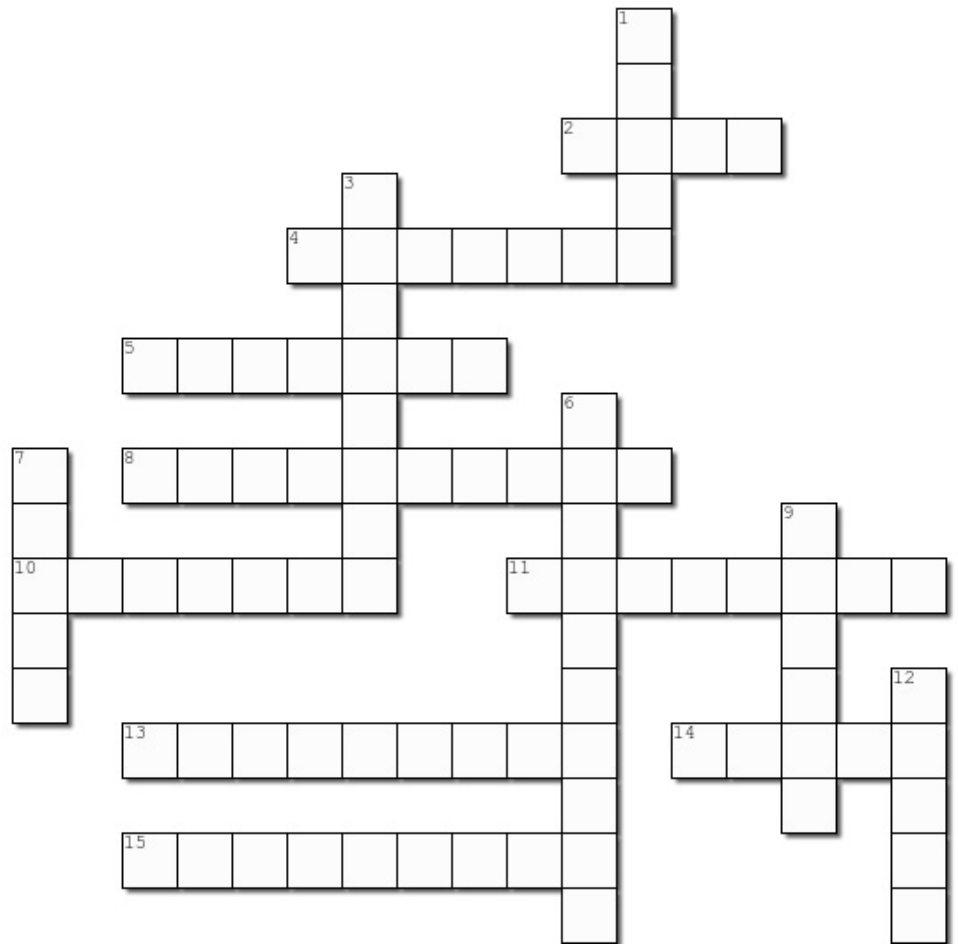
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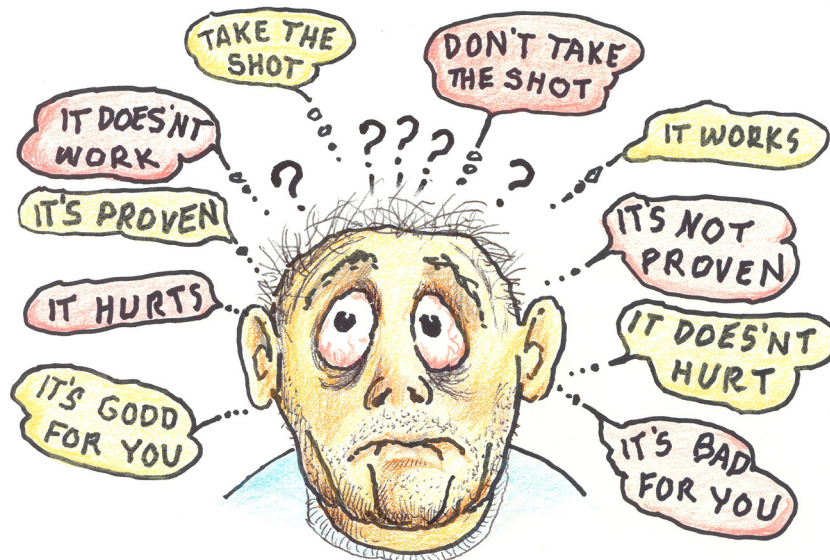
- 2. To touch with lips as sign of love
- 4. An attractively arranged bunch of flowers as a gift
- 5. 16th President of the United States
- 8. 1st President of the United States
- 10. A person who supports their country and is prepared to defend it against detractors
- 11. The second month of the year
- 13. The elected head of a republic, society, council, or other organization
- 14. To love and respect someone very deeply
- 15. A card sent to a person one loves

Down

- 1. To behave as though attracted or trying to attract someone
- 3. A settler or inhabitant of an area
- 6. A member of past generations who can be a precursor of a particular movement
- 7. A god of attraction or love, often portrayed as a baby
- 9. A large body of people united by common descent, history, culture, language, or a particular territory
- 12. A organ that pumps blood



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February 12th -February 19th

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2/15**

**City Council
2/16 - 9:00 AM**

**Insurance Advisory Board
2/16 - 1:30 PM**

**Regional Transportation Commission
2/17 - 9:30 AM**

**Board of County Commissioners
2/17 - 1:15 PM**

**Debt Management Commission
2/18 - 4:00 PM**

**Board of County Commissioners
Budget Hearing Day 1
2/19 - 8:10 AM**

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