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## First Fruits Farms – Sustainable and Regenerative



Photo provided by First Fruits Sustainable Farms.

Story by Leanna Lehman

Agriculture in Fallon is nothing new; however, there are new (or perhaps very old) agriculture methods being developed, keeping our community at the forefront of innovation.

Bucking the tide of conventional produce and crop growing methods, the Coverston family is learning new ways to grow healthier crops with higher yields, all while interfering with the soil as little as possible. How exactly? Magic. Or that is what Tim Coverston will tell you. And after that, he will tell you all the magic happens in the soil.

The Coverstons, owners of First Fruits Sustainable Farms, have spent the last few years making mistakes, learning what not to do, and stumbling headlong into ideas and methods that have changed the way they cultivate their crops and organic produce. What first appeared to fit the bill as “sustainable” growing practices has developed into something even better – regenerative agriculture.

A regenerative agriculture system is one that improves year after year, with minimal (or no) outside input from man. Sound far-fetched? In the ways of modern farming, it is. But not in the ways of mother nature.

“Sustaining anything in a degraded state is status quo,” says Coverston, “our goal is to improve the resources, wherever

you are that day, and make it better for the next generation than we found it.” From the construction field where Coverston got his start building houses, to actual fields, Coverston takes this mission very seriously and says sustainability just is not enough.

In a not-so-quick lesson on soil biology, Coverston explained the core concept behind regenerative agriculture. “There are five tenants to soil health,” he stated, “Soil must have a covering, it must have more than one thing growing in it, living roots should stay in the ground as long as possible, livestock integration, and there must be minimal mineral or mechanical disturbance.”

Most of these concepts are contrary to modern farming and even modern gardening. Both in the cornfield or the backyard garden, it is uncommon to see the ground covered. All roots and remaining vegetation from the last harvest are pulled from the ground, and the soil is turned over, often several times. Usually, some form of chemical fertilizer or weed control has been applied. In the case of cover crops (alfalfa, wheat, triticale, grasses, etc.), they are grown as mono crops. Some farmers will rotate fields or grow winter wheat then plant corn for a fall harvest, but they rarely have multiple plant types combined.

According to Coverston, mono crops are not found in nature.

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## Community Gardens at Pennington Life Center



The new Community Gardens area at the Pennington Life Center

Story and photos by Jo Petteruti

The William N. Pennington (WNP) Life Center is truly a place centered on life and the many aspects of it. The Center offers a number of services to the community, and this year they are introducing a new outdoor program called the Community Gardens. The new garden area is located on the south side of the WNP building, delineated by a mid-height block wall and is nicely groomed, well-organized and even has its own mailbox.

WNP recently brought in Anita Lamb as their Garden Educator for this new growth opportunity that is already blooming at the Center. The Community Gardens are part of a three-prong program by WNP called Healthy Aging that also includes cooking and exercise instruction. The garden program is funded by a UNR Cooperative Extension grant along with some funding received from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education that invests in healthy aging programs. Lisa Erquiaga, Executive Director of the WNP Life Center said, “Senior centers are at the hub of the community wheel, but we want to bring all other ages in too so that there’s a mixture here, and what better place to mix things up but in the dirt.”

Lamb, also known as the Center’s Garden Goddess, has set up the new garden area with Harveks Garden Towers and Cubes. They include 14 two-sided six-foot tall tower stations and four four-foot-wide cube planter stations.

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# From the Publisher

*Captain's log... Row, row, row the boat...*

We are having THE best time ever.

These girls. And Vic. Yes, someone busted our chops the other day because we have no boys on our staff. But we do have Vic and believe me he is more than happy to be the token male for this hilarious batch of girls.

It's amazing how much is going on in our little town and how much more we could be covering. I think our paper for next week is almost full with stuff we had to hold and push out from this week that just didn't fit in this edition. So exciting.

We did a push for the Business Directory this week and are adding a couple more businesses to that. We are hoping that it grows legs and becomes a great resource for the whole community. If you would like to add your business or service to the directory, contact Alicia at [adsales@thefallonpost.org](mailto:adsales@thefallonpost.org).

We also want to thank our new advertisers – SO much. Everyone thanks you, to be perfectly honest. Advertising is what is going to make this whole experiment work and we are beyond grateful to Desert Oasis Teff, Western Nevada College, Telegraph Coffee & Tap, and Community Chest of Nevada for coming on board and letting us help get their word out.

Mostly today I am grateful for this scrappy little staff and all the work and dedication they give to the paper. These girls (and Vic) are amazing, and it is so fun to watch them work, to pick up on the subtleties of all we're doing, to watch them make connections and see what needs to be done next. I love that they're at least a half a step ahead of me all the time and that they love this community and this paper like I do.

How lucky are we?!?

Keeping you posted,

Rachel

*Rhett quote of the week: Sloan got an Alexa for her birthday and Rhett had the best time learning how that works – "Alexa, play music," "Alexa, turn up the music," "Alexa, make a cat sound." At one point he couldn't find Sloan and ran into her room hollering, "Alexa, where's Sloan?"*

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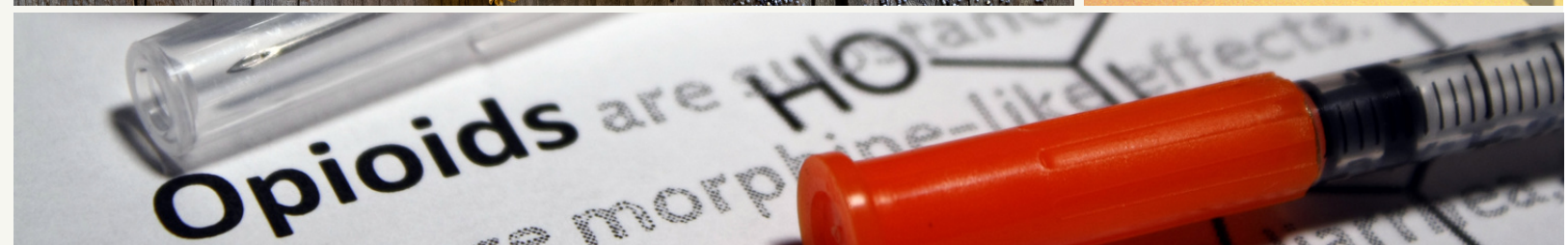
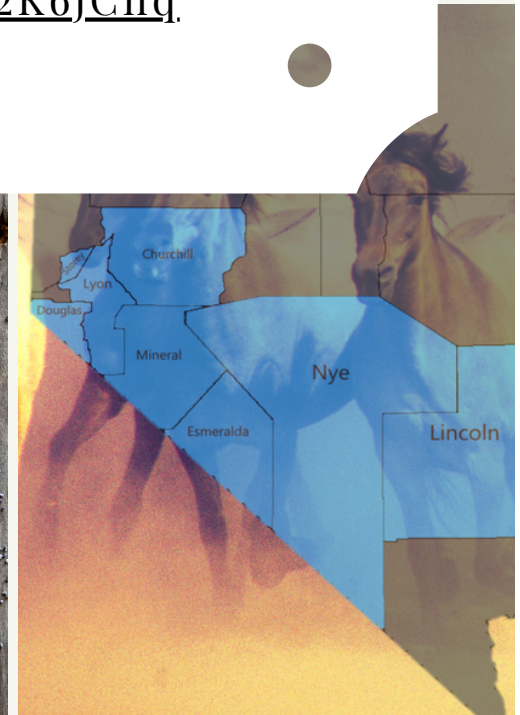
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# Features

## Innovation Zones: A Dickey Proposal for Nevada



Story by Leanna Lehman

For legislation scarcely to hit the halls of the Nevada Legislature, the Bill Draft Request for Innovation Zones (BDR 1109) is getting a lot of attention in northern Nevada. And not all of it is good.

In his 2021 State of the State Address, Governor Steve Sisolak unveiled the proposed Innovation Zones legislation. “New companies creating groundbreaking technologies can come to Nevada to develop their industries. This will be done without tax abatements or public financing,” stated Sisolak. “Following passage of my Innovation Zone legislation, Blockchains, LLC has committed to make an unprecedented investment in our state to create a smart city in northern Nevada – making Nevada the epicenter of this emerging industry and creating the high paying jobs and revenue that goes with it.”

During an Innovation Zones Roundtable discussion on February 25, Sisolak and Michael Brown, director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, and Jeremy Aguero, principal analyst at Applied Analysis, shed some light on what the proposed legislation will include. On the surface, Innovations Zones sound like an episode of *The Jetsons*, in which the characters cross the galaxy to live in a “smart city” in Storey County, home of the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center – a city entirely driven by innovative, groundbreaking technologies. Once in residence, George Jetson develops technology that harnesses electrical energy from brainpower, making fossil fuels a thing of the past and saving all of Earth’s renewable resources. All made possible by Innovation Zones and brought to you by Blockchains, LLC.

If it sounds a little futuristic, it is. At least the electric brain power technology.

Aside from the limitless technological possibilities that Innovation Zones could inspire, one piece of the proposed legislation has many residents concerned – tech companies creating new political subdivisions within the state of Nevada.

Innovation Zones would allow corporations to create their own independent governments. According to Sisolak, during the initial building, zoning, and developing infrastructure, the governor would appoint a three-member supervisory board. That board would have the same authority as county commissioners and would operate similarly. “An Innovation Zone is a self-governing community, organized much like a traditional city or county, but wholly focused on the development of innovative and advanced technologies,” stated the governor, “And can evolve at the speed of these technologies while integrating them into the function and needs of the community.” Innovation Zones would have their own school district, utilities, services, law enforcement, etc. According

to Aguero, these communities would become independent of the host jurisdiction or host county.” While this may sound a lot like the company towns of old, Sisolak says no. “It is not a ‘company town’ – that is not what it is.”

To be an Innovation Zone, the applicant must meet other legislative requirements. The applicant (tech company) must own or purchase at least 50,000 acres of privately owned, undeveloped land. They must also make an immediate \$250 million contribution to the development project and commit to investing an additional \$1 billion over the next ten years. An industry-specific tax would then be levied on the Zone/city along with all existing taxes that apply to Nevada residents and businesses.

But that is only part of the story. Blockchains LLC, now based in Sparks, has purchased 67,000 acres in Storey County, with 20,000 acres slated for a smart city if the legislation is approved. What looks like a futuristic concept is already underway. Last week Storey County Commissioners and their Water District voted in opposition to “separatist governing control.” According to the county manager, Austin Osborne, “This would carve out a part of Storey County and create another county.”

The potential legislation also has the Nevada Chiefs’ and Sheriffs’ Association concerned. “We’ve been watching the ridiculousness that is the planned communities within the counties,” said Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox at a recent county meeting, discussing the legislative activities of the association.

County Manager Jim Barbee reported that Nevada Association of Counties has been in discussions with counties and has concerns on how this legislation would play out. NACO and the county managers will continue to watch the issue. Chairman Pete Olsen said the Churchill County Commissioners will hold a discussion in an upcoming meeting and to consider the possibility of a resolution.

Barbee said, “It was pointed out that several of the things they want to do with the Innovations Zones, Osborne said they could do now through the county as it exists by just making the request.”

The conversation, and possible controversy, have only just begun. Jeffery Berns, through his company, Blockchains, LLC, has many revolutionary ideas. There is no doubt Nevada could benefit from what big tech companies could bring to the state in the form of jobs and revenue. However, it may take a lot more than promises before northern Nevadans get behind the idea of tech companies establishing their own governments. There is a lot of ground to be covered and costs to be weighed against any innovative benefits.

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There are always a variety of plants growing very closely together at the same time. Also, most nutrient-dense soil will have a covering. “Think of the rich black soil up in the Sierra’s,” Coverston explained, “it is covered with pine needles and leaves, which deliver minerals to the soil. Soil without minerals is dirt – which is a lot of what we have here.”

No matter how hard man tries to exact the science, he cannot replicate nature. So, Coverston has decided to let nature do what it does best. By using the basic principles of regenerative agriculture and following in the footsteps of pioneers in the field, Coverston and his family are seeing astounding results. They are planting blueberries next to cucumbers, combining legumes and wheat in the same field, and watching life spring forth in dirt, now soil, that had been dormant for over 30 years.

“Healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy people,” says Coverston.

The Coverstons in their First Fruits operation do not believe in babying their crops. “They’ve got to make it on own their own,” says Coverston. “Sometimes it is accidental success, but most of the time we are responding to what God puts before us.” They are currently farming a total of 59 acres and growing both produce and cover crops. They also are one of two licensed chicken growers in Nevada, are USDA certified beef and pork sellers, sell farm-fresh eggs and their own honey. The family operation hit nine farmer’s markets a week during the summer season last year, all while doing their own harvesting. This year, they are taking on a few interns and are looking forward to the first harvest of produce in June.

Coverston loves sharing what is working for First Fruits, even though he admits there is a lot left to learn. Pointing others in the direction of regenerative agriculture, he suggests looking into what leaders in the area are doing, specifically Gabe Brown, Dan Kittridge, and Ray Archuleta, and recommends the film, *Kiss the Ground*.

The Coverstons’ methods might not be orthodox. But between learning what not to do, winging it, a lot of hard work, and no small amount of faith, they are well on their way to leaving the Lahontan Valley better than they found it.

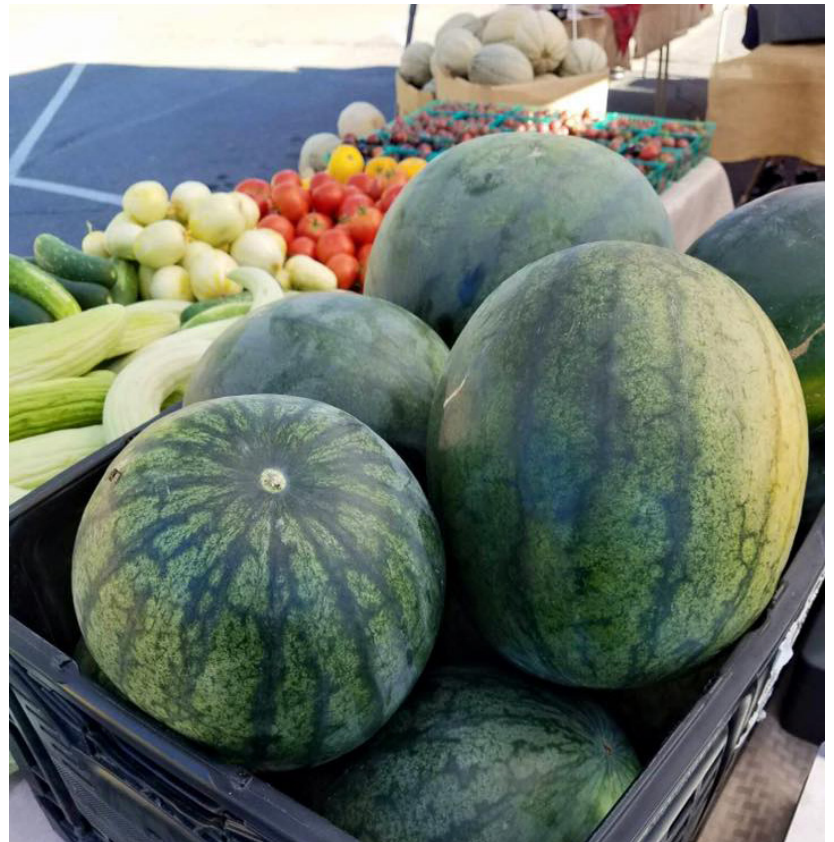


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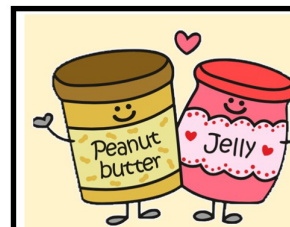


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Kent's Real Estate Development, 55 E. Center St.

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MCM Realty, LLC., 310 W. Williams Ave. #A.

Transcendence Health & Wellness, 83 S. Maine St. Closed Business

Empire Solar Group LLC., Abigail Buchmiller, Solar Installation, 341 S. Maine St. Suite 100 Salt Lake City, UT.

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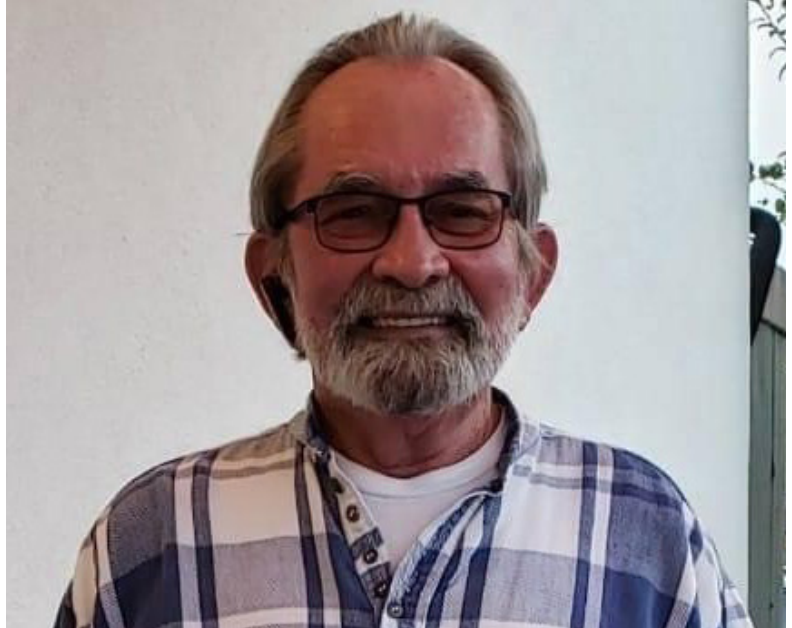
Sitesol, Peter Gaeser, General Contractor, Long Beach, CA.

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Turnbow Welding LLC., Robert Turnbow, Light Welding Shop, 425 Winchester Rd.

## Marcus Lowe Lambright



**Marcus Lowe Lambright**, 69, passed away in his home on February 3, 2021. This unexpected passing has left his family devastated.

This larger-than-life character captivated all who met him. He never met a stranger, and knowing Marcus, you had your own nickname. Marcus told stories of his life that kept you entertained all night wanting more. His love for life and people was never ending.

Carpenter, musician, nuclear inspector, rodeo clown, farmer, and miner just to name a few, Marcus played football in high school with his best friend Eddie Erb, while charming all the girls.

Son, father, brother, Uncle, and friend, Marcus, again, larger than life, was a hero to most, especially his great nieces Hannah Maria Lowe, and Isabel Naomi Lowe.

Marcus was proud to have served his country, adding "Veteran" to all his accomplishments is an honor of which we are extremely proud.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Lenton Leo Lambright; Mother, Naomi Lambright Cihlar; Step-father, Donald Robert Cihlar; Wife, Alma Jean; Son, Gabe.

Marcus is survived by his daughters Tiffani Lynn Lambright Oberhansli, Cameo Deann Lambright Cash,

Amanda Jean Kennedy; granddaughters Mariah Jean'a Kennedy and Aja Elizabeth Kennedy; brothers Lenton LeMar Lambright, and Jeffery Dee Lambright; sisters Lynnnda Lambright Mills and Julie Lambright Hayes; Step-brother Donny Cihlar; nieces and nephews who were his life; Mariah Shea Lowe, Jacquelyn Dee Rieser, Roy Alan Mills, Christy Sue Hugh, Tynne William Lambright, Matthew Dee Lambright, Robert William Lambright, Braden Lenton Lambright, and McKenzie Ruth Lambright Jones.

Through his life Eddie Erbs' family meant a lot to Marcus and he considered them family as well. Marcus NEVER forgot any of you.

Our brother, Our Cowboy, Our Wolfie – we will miss your spirit, your smile, your laugh, and your larger-than-life way of being you.

Rest with God, Rest in Love, Rest in Peace.

Until we see you again,

WLYB

Marcus's ashes will be spread on Eddie Erb's grave and interred at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley.

## District Court from March 9



Photo provided by Churchill County Sheriff's Department

Story by Alicia Parsons

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened March 9, with Judge Robert E. Estes presiding.

Francis Keana Akau pled guilty to one count of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a first offense, a Class B Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison. The allegations state that on October 7, he sold methamphetamines. Sentencing is scheduled for June 1.

Cassandra Gail Davis (in custody) pled guilty to (1) Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by 364 days in jail, (2) Attempt to Fail to Stop at the Signal of Police Officer While Under the Influence, either a felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison or a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 in jail. The allegations state that on February 1, Davis willfully drove while under the influence. At the time, she had a 12-year old and a 14-year-old in the vehicle. She also refused to bring her vehicle to a stop or attempted to flee. Attorney Wright Noel of

the Churchill County Public Defender's (CCPD) office requested a re-release on her own recognizance (OR), with court services monitoring or bail reduction. Judge Estes granted the OR. Sentencing is scheduled for June 1.

Dylan Joseph Fink (in custody) pled no contest to Battery by a Prisoner in Lawful Custody, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. The allegations state that while in custody pending court, he struck another inmate with his fist. Sentencing is scheduled for April 20.

Scott Kevin Greene pled guilty to the Sale of a Controlled I or II Controlled Substance, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison. The allegations state that on October 9, he sold his oxycodone prescription to another individual. Sentencing is set for June 1.

Lucas William McCamy (in custody) pled guilty to an Attempt to Make Threats or Conveying False Information Concerning Acts of Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Lethal Agents or Toxins, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-10 years in prison. The allegations state that on December 24, he did state to another that he was going to shoot all cops and rape their daughters and pick their eyes out. CCPD Wright Noel stated that his client was not taking his medications, and his client does not recall making the statements (which were recorded). Noel asked for a reduction of bail for his client; District Attorney Lane Mills vehemently opposed the reduction due to his behavior pattern, stating he is a danger and apparent flight risk. Judges Estes ordered the bail remain in effect. Sentencing is set for June 1.

Rikki Jo Nuesmeyer was present via Zoom. She was not present in the courtroom because she was awaiting the results of a pending COVID test. CCPD Wright Noel asked for another one-week continuance stating that his client had been extremely ill for the past two weeks. Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Chelsea Sanford asked that a HIPPA waiver be issued so the state could verify that she was not

taking advantage of COVID requirements and trying to put this case off unjustly. Last week Judge Stockard was explicit in his demands that she maintain court services contact and appear in court. Judge Estes continued the case for one week.

Elijah Chris Plowden pled guilty to three firearms-related charges. (1) Burglary with Possession of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison, (2) Extortion with Use of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-10 years in prison, and (3) being an Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. Due to the nature of the offense, sentencing is enhanced by Nevada statute and requires the sentences to be served consecutively. The allegations state that on December 5, Plowden entered Safeway with the intent to commit an assault or battery while in possession of a firearm. He told one individual "to pay \$500 by Friday or else" and pulled out a handgun, chambered a round, and held the gun to the head of another. Sentencing is set for June 1.

Sean Jacob Renfro (in custody) pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or Second Offense, a Class E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Allegations state that on February 8, he was in possession of methamphetamines. Judge Estes told Renfro that he has run out of chances, but the court must grant probation due to new sentencing laws. He received probation on a suspended sentence of 12-36 months in prison and must complete the Western Regional Drug Court program. Failure to complete probation will result in a felony, and the underlying sentence will be imposed.

Misty Rose Warren (in custody) was sentenced to 12-32 months in prison after violating the terms of her probation, failing to report as required, using drugs and alcohol, failing to complete Western Nevada Regional Drug Court, and failing to meet her financial obligations to the state.

## Evaluation Ordered for Murillo in Murder Case



Photo provided by Churchill County Sheriff's Department

### Staff Report

Ofelia Murillo appeared before Judge Benjamin Trotter last Friday in New River Township Justice Court. A competency evaluation for Murillo was ordered, which could take several weeks to complete. All preliminary hearings were vacated pending the outcome of the evaluation, which is to take place at Lakes Crossing forensic hospital in Sparks.

During her arraignment in November, Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills, stated that Murillo conspired with Fabian Abello to lie in wait for her ex-husband Caesar Alvarado-Jauregui, to kill him. Alvarado-Jauregui was shot several times with a 9mm handgun on September 23, 2020.

Murillo is charged with Open Murder (First Degree Murder), Use of Deadly Weapon in the Commission of a Crime, being a Principal to the Commission of a Felony by direct or indirect involvement, Criminal Conspiracy, and Destroying Evidence. Her bail is currently set at \$1 million.

## Charges Dropped against Taylor



### Staff Report

On October 3, 2020, Tyler Cody Taylor was arrested and charged via citation with Battery that Constituted Domestic Violence, a First Offense misdemeanor charge that carries up to 364 days in jail. Represented by Sean Neahusan, Esq., Taylor entered a plea of not guilty later that month.

Following a pre-trial hearing held on February 4, the matter was set for trial and scheduled for March 10.

According to Nevada statute, a prosecuting attorney may voluntarily dismiss a complaint, without prejudice, before the trial if the crime with which the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor. In the interim between hearings, all charges against Taylor were dropped. Taylor maintained since his arrest that he was not guilty of battery and refused to enter into plea negotiations with the state.



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## Update from County Commission Meeting



Story by Rachel Dahl

County Commissioners met last week and approved the ongoing Interlocal Contracts for the temporary housing of Mineral and Pershing County juveniles at the Churchill County Juvenile Justice Center, Teurman Hall.

Chief Motulalo Otuafi, of the Juvenile Probation Department, reported that Churchill County has contracted with other jurisdictions to house juveniles at Teurman Hall, which has helped to generate revenue and help off-set the costs for operating the Juvenile Justice Center. Churchill County will provide Mineral County and Pershing County with temporary detention services for youth who are determined to be a danger to themselves or to the community and who meet the detention criteria.

Churchill County reserves the right to refuse admittance of

any juvenile, and Mineral and Pershing Counties agree to pay Churchill County \$300 per day for each juvenile under their jurisdiction who is housed at Teurman Hall.

Otuafi said that the detention center has served seven juveniles from Mineral and Nye Counties just since January.

"We remember what it was like when we didn't have a detention facility and what we had to do to take care of these kids," said Otuafi in response to criticism from Geof Knell regarding the sharing of services between counties. "When counties who don't have a detention facility reach out, we would like to help those counties out when we're able to."

Chairman Pete Olsen agreed, "We were in a bad way when we didn't have our own, and there are other communities that can't afford their own and we provide the one place that they can get good access to a facility that's good for their kids," he said.

Commissioners also heard a presentation from Richard Gent, Team Leader for Nevada Rail Auxiliary Teams, who made an informational presentation how a successful rail public safety program can support the proposed Nevada 2021 State Rail Plan. Gent also expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and Road Department in keeping residents safe and secure around railroad operations.

Contracts for the Churchill County Civic Center were awarded to Fallon Glass & Sign for doors and windows at the cost of \$168,000 and to One Horse Overhead Door for rolling doors in the amount of \$89,747.

Commissioners tentatively set a hearing for the appeal of a Planning Commission decision to deny a Special Use Permit to Ralph Countryman for a home-based business for garbage collection at 8885 Ara Lane, in Fallon, provided that the application fee of \$250 is made by 5:00 p.m. on March 15.

The County Commission meets on the first Thursday at 8:15 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. each month. The agendas are available at [churchillcountynv.gov/37/Agendas-Minutes](http://churchillcountynv.gov/37/Agendas-Minutes).

## Water Right Owners Approve BOR Contract

Story by Rachel Dahl

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District held a special election Tuesday to approve the contract between the District and the Bureau of Reclamation, providing for the operation and maintenance of the Newlands Project.

There was a total of 1,561 votes cast from all voting districts, with 1,554 votes yes, and 7 votes opposing the proposed contract.

Votes are based, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute, on the number of water-righted acres owned by each elector. An elector with ten acres or less gets one vote; each additional 10 acres, up to 200 acres qualifies the elector for one more vote; each additional 100 acres above 200 acres provides for one more vote.

Volunteering their time as election workers were mother-daughter duo Nancy Ward and Kim Klenakis who have been working elections in Churchill County for over 20 years. In addition to helping out at TCID, they have volunteered during regular elections for both Churchill County and the City of Fallon.

Although board member Bob Oakden serves as the Secretary of the Board and the election activities fall under his direction, General Manager Rusty Jardine recognized Ida Adams for her work to make the TCID election successful. "The superstar of this symphony is Ida, she really puts her heart and soul into this. We have these sites here and in Fernley, and she has coordinated all this. She is the election guru."

Jardine said there were 51 early votes cast, and the election was canvassed Thursday morning.

"Needless to say," said Jardine, "the yes vote was overwhelm-



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ing; however, I am disappointed that we had any no votes."

Jardine will now file a petition for judicial confirmation of the election in the 10th Judicial District Court, while the BOR takes the contract through the federal process for approval. The contract will go into effect January 2022.

## New Democratic Officers

Staff Report

The Churchill County Democrats have announced the election of the new officers who will serve the local party organization for the next two years.

- Chair: Larry Jackson
- Vice-Chair: Tracy Swanson
- Secretary: Sylvia Bowles
- Treasure: Edith Isidoro
- At Large Member: Jeannette Strong

The local Democrats meet by monthly by Zoom Virtual Meeting on the Second Thursday of each month, and the organization can be found online at churchilldems.com.

Chair Jackson also announced a congratulations to the newly elected Nevada State Democrats elected officers at the state level:

Chair Judith Whitmer, First Vice-chair Jacob Allen, Second Vice-chair Zaffar Iqbal, Secretary Ahmad Ade, Treasurer Howard Beckerman.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Churchill County Business Owners' Alliance, a coalition of over 55 local business owners, strongly supports Oasis Academy's resolution to send the students back to school full time. We understand that this will be difficult for the teachers and staff, but we appreciate Oasis for putting the overall needs of the students first.

The CCBOA also urges the Churchill County School District to do the same and allow all community students to receive the benefit of a full day of instruction.

Sincerely,

Jesse Segura and Paul Picotte, President and Vice President

## Local Republicans Host State Officers

Story by Rachel Dahl

State Republican leaders were in Fallon last week preaching to the choir at a gathering of true believers, rallying the troops and rattling the saber in an effort to gain support in a rebuilding effort for the 2022 election cycle.

Vice President of the state party, James Hindle, welcomed 20 local republican central committee members, discussing the results of the 2020 election and plans for 2022. He was joined by National Committeeman Jim DeGraffenreid and former State Treasurer, Dan Schwartz, who both spoke to the group.

Hindle introduced the state party staff who had compiled a presentation documenting nearly 123,000 illegal issues identified by the party in relation to the 2020 election. "We want to go into '22 with confidence," he said.

Former Assemblyman Jim Marchant also spoke, announcing his candidacy for Secretary of State, and saying he was also a victim of voter fraud. "If the election system isn't fixed, how will we ever win another election," he asked. He had plans to meet with Colonel Phil Waldron and Sydney Powell in Texas last weekend to discuss election integrity issues.

Schwartz encouraged Republicans to focus on establishing a platform and direction. "We are not being heard," he said. Republicans need to talk about issues; jobs, diversifying the economy, health care, COVID and why it was mishandled, and education," said Schwartz. "We need a platform that stands for issues that matter to people and we need people to know that we can get those things done. If we don't, we will become extinct." Schwartz also said criticizing the media is just another excuse and Republicans need to stop being the victim.

Announcing his candidacy for State Treasurer, Manny Kess said in spite of the voter fraud issues, Republicans need to move on and get votes. He talked about the proposal at the legislature to increase taxes including talk of raising sales tax to 9% and some talk about a state income tax.

Local Republicans Bus Scharmann and Tom Riggins introduced their work on the MAGA Committee, a subcommittee of the central committee aimed at getting out the word of the accomplishments of the Trump administration and supporting candidates who support those accomplishments. Scharmann said there is a list circulating of the good things done by the last president, and in a matter of weeks the new president is taking apart the successes of the past four years. The committee members intend to focus on voter registration and candidate recruitment and will continue working on their organization efforts.

There are also similar MAGA Committees being established in several other rural counties, including Elko and Douglas.

## Letter to the Editor

I read with disappointment the opinion piece by Jeanette Strong. I was disappointed for two reasons - first, I think our local newspaper should be about local stuff, including letters to the editor. We get barraged enough about national issues in a variety of other places so let's not pollute our fledgling local paper with national stuff unless it has some direct bearing on local issues. I would much rather see letters expressing viewpoints on bird cannons for instance. By the way, the article by Leanna Lehman was very well written and I thought fairly balanced. I live near a dairy and have no problem with efforts to get rid of starlings.

The second reason I was disappointed with the opinion piece by Ms. Strong is that it appears she has very selective theology when it comes to Christian teachings. Her opinions express what seemed to me to be judgmental attitudes and bias. It really seemed more about bashing our former president and republicans in general than it was about loving our neighbors. I would ask Ms. Strong to consider Jesus words in *Matthew 7:1-5* "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye..."

If we want to promote loving our neighbor as our self, let's start with ourselves. Are republicans sinners? Yes. Are democrats sinners? Yes. Are non-partisans sinners? Yes. In fact the Bible teaches that every man, woman, and child every born is a sinner. We all fail to live up to God's standards. We all need His loving kindness and saving grace. We are not going to solve our nation's problems by blaming a particular person, political party, or group. If we have any hope of erasing hatred, bias, racism, and all the other woes in this world, we need to begin with a strong dose of humility toward God and then listening patiently to one another.

I have strong respect for people who serve in public office at whatever level if they are truly serving others for the greater good, but I agree that it is hard not to despise leaders of whatever part if they are clearly serving out of selfish motives for pride, power, or fame (and sometimes money). I really pray for more people to read the Bible, and fear God. The Bible says that fearing God is the beginning of wisdom.

Dale White

## Up in Arms – Proposed Gun Control Legislation



Locals standing on Maine Street during Black Lives Matter protests last June.

Story and photo by Leanna Lehman

Whether it is on a state level or a federal one, gun legislation never fails to make its way into the hands of divided lawmakers. After a year of nationwide uncertainty, economic instability, and escalating violence, Americans are more concerned for their safety than ever. Amidst protests, riots, and calls to “defund the police,” more than 8.4 million citizens purchased guns for the first time in 2020. Last year, over 21 million background checks were completed and ammunition flew off the shelves in record numbers.

As a result, the hotly contested issue of gun control has only sparked more controversy. Two new federal gun reform bills are dividing an already splintered populous, and the Nevada Legislature is facing a host of proposed changes to existing statutes.

Nevada’s U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen (U.S. House Representatives) joined together with several other lawmakers to reintroduce the federal *Background Extension Act* (HR 8). The bill’s purpose is to require buyer background checks on virtually all guns sold in the U.S., both publicly and privately.

Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) also introduced the *Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act* (HR 127) which would establish a licensing and registration process for all firearms through the Department of Justice (DOJ). It also would prohibit the possession of certain ammunition and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices. As such, it also penalizes individuals that do not comply with licensing and registration provisions that require individuals to be 21 years or older, submit to a psychological evaluation and criminal background check, complete a certified training course, and have an insurance policy. Further, it prohibits the sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition to an unlicensed

person. Finally, it restricts and penalizes the possession of ammunition that is 0.50 caliber or greater and the possession of a large capacity ammunition feed device.

President Joe Biden has made known his support for the proposed changes to gun legislation. “I am calling on Congress to enact common sense gun law reforms,” stated Biden, “including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.”

Opponents to HR 127 state that guns like the Modern Sporting Rifle (MSR) would be considered “assault weapons” or “weapons of war” and thus be banned. There are over 20 million of these in circulation today, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). They state that MSRs are used for legal purposes like hunting, sport target shooting, and personal protection.

Two years ago, Nevada passed SB143, legislation similar to the *Background Extension Act*, which prohibits an unlicensed person from selling or transferring a firearm to another unlicensed person unless a licensed dealer first conducts a background check on the buyer. Like H.R.8, Nevada’s law includes exemptions like gun sales and transfers to law enforcement officers, transfers to immediate family members as gifts or inheritance, transfers in cases that may require self-defense, or during hunting or sport shooting events. The text of H.R.8 does not specify if violating the act would constitute a federal crime. However, Nevada’s SB143 clearly states that selling a gun to an unlicensed buyer is a crime. A first offense is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense is a class C felony, on par with crimes such as assault with a deadly weapon, grand larceny, and third offense domestic battery.

Second amendment supporters are opposed to this kind of legislation, citing DOJ statistics that state 75% of incarcerated individuals that were in possession of a firearm during the commission of their crimes reported they acquired it through theft or a family member/ friend, with less than 1% of weapons acquired through a dealer or at a gun show. They fear the change will impact law-abiding gun owners and not those most likely to commit gun violence.

The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature is set to vote on several firearms-related bills, including five bills that could impact licensing and purchasing, expand prohibitions to possess firearms by certain individuals, and change concealed carry prohibitions in certain circumstances. Though they have not yet been introduced, other gun policy legislation is expected and includes:

- Reclassifying businesses that sell firearms as “non-essential.”
- Prohibiting a person convicted of any charge with a hate crime enhancement from owning guns.

- Banning the sale of “ghost guns,” which are gun kits that are partially disassembled to get around serial number tracing.

- To loosen the state’s firearm preemption law, which would allow local governments discretion in limiting gun carrying in certain situations.

- Banning assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.

On either side of the legislative aisle, no one appears to be against keeping citizens safe from gun violence. However, those rallying against more gun legislation express concerns that federal and state governments seek to criminalize law-abiding citizens and fear punishments for these crimes will largely exclude the criminals who illegally purchase guns and use them for illegal purposes.

*The Fallon Post* is interested in your views on the proposed legislative changes regarding gun control, both in Washington D.C. and here at home.

# Public Health

## COVID Update



Story by Rachel Dahl

Churchill County Manager Jim Barbee provided a COVID-19 update to County Commissioners during their Wednesday meeting. According to Barbee, a total of 1,932 positive cases have been reported since last March. Since January, there has been a continuing decline in positive cases, with the positivity rate hovering around 6%. According to Barbee, the test rate is not lower because there have been fewer tests administered, and the current focus is on providing vaccinations to the community.

The county Health Response staff has opened the new vaccine POD at the Fairgrounds this week, moving from the Sheckler Road parking lot to the 40 acres near Miners Road on the south side of the large parking lot.

To date, the county has administered over 4,000 first-round vaccines and nearly 2,500 second-dose booster shots. Additionally, Banner Hospital, Walmart, Safeway, Walgreens, and CVS pharmacies have been administering the vaccine to local residents. The new vaccination POD can accommodate more people, delivering vaccines up to 300 people per hour. However, the county continues to experience difficulties receiving vaccines from the state.

Barbee also updated commissioners on the upcoming transition of authority from the state to the county for COVID mitigation management. “We have worked closely through this COVID situation to make sure businesses were limited in the grief with OSHA coming into the community,” said Barbee. He said the Governor has announced the state will be turning over the COVID response to local authorities on May 1. According to Barbee the county has received the local authority plan, which bluntly states, “We’re going let you develop a plan based on the plan we’re going to provide you, then we’re going to have several outside groups review your plan and then your health board can approve your plan and then your commission can review your plan and if we approve your plan, then you’ll have your own plan, it was a little bit insulting,” said Barbee. He is scheduled to meet with staff from other rural counties to see how this will be addressed. “We are all of a like mind that we need to move on and get things open and get as much as we can to normal while maintaining safety in the community. Your county and city leadership are dedicated to get closer to normal as soon as we can.”

Churchill County	As of Feb. 23rd	As of Mar. 3rd	As of Mar. 10th
<b>Active Positive Cases</b>	20	27	24
<b>Tests Administered since March</b>	20,977	21,373	21,779
<b>Recovered Individuals</b>	1,823	1,828	1,859
<b>Currently Hospitalized</b>	0	1	0
<b>Total Deaths</b>	49	49	49
<b>Total Positive Cases since March</b>	1,892	1,916	1,932
<b>Asymptomatic Positives Since March</b>	*124	*124	*129
<b>Vaccines administered (1st and 2nd doses)</b>	5,201	6,871	8,066
<b>New Positive Cases</b>	2	3	2
<b>Positivity Rate</b>	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%

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## The Twisted Branch – Twisting into Spring



(above) One of the more cozy outdoor seating areas. (below) A popular nighttime seating area for Twisted Branch events.

Story and photos by Jo Petteruti

When Megan Parrish was a little girl, she loved to play “pretend store” while cleaning her room. As a kindergartner she bought a cash register at a yard sale, set it up in her room and rang up charges every time she cleaned something in her room. She even printed her own business cards, and when she posed for her class picture, she showed up with a briefcase and clipboard.

That was then. Now Parrish owns a real store, the Twisted Branch located at 111 South Taylor Street. She’s always wanted to run a business of her own, especially after working with her relatives at Bassham Furniture. She realized then how important owning a small business is to a town, and the importance of having family to help out. Her original idea for the Twisted Branch was to host special events and then the gift shop and nursery ideas came into the picture too. She said, “I loved the idea of having drinks amid the flowers in a city nursery setting.”

The name was chosen because Parrish had so many ideas for what she wanted to offer at the shop that they all began to twist together, so she said, “We should twist all of these ideas together with a branch for the nursery.” So, in June of 2017, she opened the gift shop then started adding the nursery items. Parrish wants to add trees and shrubs to her nursery offerings this year with plans to temporarily expand the fenced garden area for the new inventory without reducing the existing outdoor seating areas.

The Twisted Branch has continued to grow with the June 2019 addition of the events building next door, in the old mortuary building. It was a big undertaking, especially given that 2020 was the worst year to have an event hall. The space can comfortably seat 50 and has its own bar and rest rooms. Some walls were removed to maximize the interior space, and an area was created in the rear for the refrigerators and other event equipment. When there was a question about being able to bring in the bigger equipment pieces Parrish said, “It won’t be a problem. The door was big enough for the caskets, so it should be fine.” And, it was.

Her girls are part of the business now too. Reygan is the younger sister and she loves to help people pick out flowers.

Charissa, the older sister, can ring up sales and even has her own timecard. Running the business has become a family affair. Her mom Paula runs the shop on Thursdays and Parrish likes to say, “My mom’s not the bartender, but she can sell you some antiques!” Her dad Mike comes down too and loves to talk with the customers. Parrish said her family is very supportive and she couldn’t have done this without them. She’s also not shy about asking her fiancé, Brad Dolan to help out either.

Parrish discussed the importance of loyal customers to her business. They continued shopping last year, buying more items or gift certificates and that kept the business going. Some of the best friends she has now started out by being customers who she now considers part of the family. People think of the Twisted Branch as a place where close-knit friends can gather and enjoy each other’s company. Parrish is proud of having developed a place where friends can come together like that.

Parrish is excited about this year. Her flowers will be in by the end of April and the first event of the season is being planned for Saturday May 8 from 10 am until 2 pm, one day before Mother’s Day. Parrish said it will be a great opportunity to shop for mom (maybe some nice flowers?), listen to live music by Steve Christie and enjoy a snack or a specialty beverage. Additional events being planned for this summer include bringing in some unique performers from other areas, weekend bands, post-parade events, vendor-related events and smaller events such as painting and crafts.

Specialty coffees and lattes may also be on the horizon for the Twisted Branch, but Parrish acknowledges that she doesn’t have any barista talents, so that may be a recruitment opportunity. An outdoor check-out station for nursery purchases is being added this year to avoid bringing those items into the gift shop. At a minimum, she will need at least one person working outside and one working inside.

Parrish said, “You learn what works and what doesn’t, and what you want to be a part of versus what you don’t want to be part of.” Developing that knowledge helps drive the business in the right direction. All in all, Parrish is very excited about this season and being outside. “We made it another year and are really looking forward to a much better year than 2020.”







One side of a tall tower station.

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Each tower will be assigned to one or two people or families (one person or family per side). The cube planters will be assigned one per family. Three towers are still available along with the four family cubes. Lamb said that new gardeners get excited when they have something to show already, so she has pre-filled the assigned garden stations with some basic cold weather vegetables like peas, arugula, lettuce and swiss chard. These plants along with the beets, bok choy, lettuce and kale are already growing well in the planters.

There is also a series of community planters that are being maintained by WNP, and the produce from those will be shared with the gardeners. Cherry, Roma and Beefsteak tomato plants have been started inside walls-of-water planters that look like orange road cones. Lamb said, "These planters hold three gallons of water, and that would all have to freeze before the cold will hit the plant." There are several elevated tub planters that are being used for plants that would get too big for the towers or cubes. Beets, carrots and four types of climbing cucumbers are growing in one tub, and three types of zucchinis are in another. Then there are these cool looking covered elevated tubs that are reminiscent of mini covered wagons, minus the wheels. They contain a variety of herbs, cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage plants, and have already sustained temperatures below 16 degrees. Various lettuce plants are growing in another covered tub, but it gets picked as soon as it grows. Lamb said, "I had to put everyone on hold this week because the plants should be much bigger but they keep picking them." Plants were put in these covered planters only about three weeks ago and they are already producing. There is also a covered cube filled with strawberries plants that are growing like crazy.

Lamb also has four AeroGarden seed

starters inside. These little machines have their own grow lights and the seeds are started in cone-shaped biodegradable sponges with water circulating below that keeps the sponges moist. Each machine has about nine sprouts growing at a time. She has also started potato plants in toilet paper rolls and those are sprouting too. All sprouts will get transferred outside soon.

The grant requires that gardeners document their time spent in their garden, so on each visit, the gardeners fill out a small form and leave it in the mailbox. This also provides the Center with a way to keep track of who is coming in and when. Everything needed for growing is included in the program and there is no fee, so the gardeners just have to visit, water their own plants and enjoy the results. A gardener will lose their garden if it becomes neglected, so the only requirement is to "mind your own piece," said Erquiaga. Garden stations are assigned on a first come basis, so a person just has to sign up and care for it, that's it. For more information on signing up, contact the Life Center at 423-7096.

On March 24 WNP will hold a new virtual event via Zoom featuring the three segments of their Healthy Aging program: Peek Into Our Garden Project will be about the Community Gardens, a cooking class called Seniors Eating Well will be presented and an exercise class called Bingocize will also be demonstrated. The Center's service offerings have grown beyond the lunches it still serves every day, even though COVID has caused them to only offer them by drive-up pick-up service. They do also still run the Meals on Wheels home delivery food program, provide monthly activities and caregiving support in addition to the gardening, cooking and exercise classes. The Center even offers free tax help through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Yes indeed, the WNP Life Center really is a place that is centered on life and the many aspects of it.

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# Organizations

## Progress on the New CC Communications Building



CC Communications new location under construction on S. Maine Street due to finish construction on December 2021.

### Staff Report

CC Communications is open for business as usual at the 1750 W. Williams location, patiently waiting on the construction process for the new facility under construction on south Maine Street. That building is scheduled for completion by December 2021 with move-in dates scheduled for January of 2022.

Until then, the last county-owned phone company in the country will continue renting their current office space and customer service center at 1750 W. Williams, from Ed Louie.

“Ed is being very accommodating with the move out date,” said General Manager of CC Comm, Mark Feest, “so when he asked to place a “For Lease” banner on the 1750 W. Williams building,” Feest readily agreed.

In spite of an aggressive messaging campaign, with several newspaper articles and social media posts, the lease sign caused confusion for some customers who worried the company was closing or had already moved.

The phone company is still open on W. Williams and will continue to serve customers at that location. In addition, updates will be continued on the company website at CCCOMM.NET, the CC Comm Facebook page, and on billing statements.

Community members will soon be seeing new banners at the west Williams location, assuring members CC Comm is open, they are moving to S. Maine street in winter 2021, and Ed Louie’s building will be available for rent after they move.

CC Communications provides high-speed internet, digital television, telephone, and repair services to the community. The company was also one of the first in the nation to bring gig-internet to the community, providing the community an attractive economic development tool.

For any questions, CC Comm staff can be reached at 775-423-7171.

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# Oasis Academy Returns to Full Time Instruction

Staff Report

The Oasis Academy School Board met last night and agreed to return students back to full-time learning effective March 29th. Because students have spring break the week of March 22nd, that gives teachers two weeks to make preparations.

K-8th grade students will be in class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. High school schedules will remain flexible depending on the individualized scheduling for their classes.

Most public comment at the board meeting centered around students being required

to wear the mask for seven hours. Several parents expressed concern over another schedule change this year. Most parents were excited about the opportunity for their children to go back to school.

School Board member, Samantha Gomes said she is pleased students will return to full time instruction. "I'm so glad to see our kids going back to school and that we can provide them with learning opportunities, while still giving the families who want to continue with online learning that opportunity."

Oasis Academy released the following details regarding the return to in-person

learning, which begins on March 29, after spring break, for k-8 students and March 15 for high school students. K-8 students will attend school from 8-3 Monday-Thursday and High school students will start to return to a daily schedule on Monday.

Those families who want to remain fully virtual can do so for the remainder of this year. "We look forward to getting our students back in person under a more typical schedule so we can start to build their stamina for school and increase instructional minutes," said Melissa Mackedon, Oasis Academy Chief Executive Officer.

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# Education

## Student Work



All photos provided by Logos Christian Academy.  
Staff report

Logos Christian Academy students participated in "Science Matters" by completing science projects using the scientific method for their science fair. Students in PreK-2 grade completed class projects, while students in 3-8 grade presented individual science experiments. A family night was held on Friday evening, February 27, where all projects were on display. Winners in 3-8 grade include:

- 3 Grade:  
1st - Payton Sowersby: Does a plant grow better with milk or water?  
2nd - Austin Mills: How does omitting an ingredient affect the taste of a cookie?  
3rd - Gary Over: Will sugar help roses grow?

- 4 Grade:  
1st - Zoey Lougheed: Do sugar crystals grow faster in tap water, distilled water, or Dr. Pepper?  
2nd - Nate Nuckolls: Does boiling eggs in different liquid affect the flavor of the egg?  
3rd - Jace Slentz: Which brand of diapers hold the most water?

- 5 Grade:  
1st - Ben Hallquist: Which egg drop method is the most survivable?  
2nd - Issac Frederick: With the explosion of flat earth theories on the internet, is the earth flat or round?  
3rd - Allee MacKay: How do you make a magnet with a battery?

- 6 Grade  
1st - Taylor Sowersby: Which coin works best

as an electrical conductor- a penny or silver dollar?

- 2nd - Ava Bunyard: Which burger will mold the fastest between McDonalds, Burger King, or Jack in the Box  
3rd - Abigail Gilman: What temperature and fat base will make the best cookies?

- 7 Grade  
1st - Talon Johnson: Will mass overcome aerodynamics in a derby car?  
2nd - Austin Thibodaux: What are the effect of different liquid on the rate of which candy dissolves?  
3rd - Will a carnation, rose or daisy absorb color the best if dye is added to water?

- 8 Grade  
1st - Mason Storm: Which mask is most effective in blocking pollutants?

## Fallon Girls' Pitching Clinic – An Example of Succession Planning



Story by Jo Petteruti

By day, Tammie Shemenski is the Grant Coordinator for Churchill County Coalition, but by night she becomes Fallon's fast pitch pitching clinic instructor. Shemenski contracts with the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Department (Parks and Rec) to run the clinic at the City/County Gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm.

Under normal circumstances, the clinic runs from November through January, wrapping up in time for the start of Churchill County Youth Softball Association (CCYSA) softball team try-outs in February. This year, the clinic started in January and will run through the end of March. Shemenski is hoping that the CCYSA softball try-outs will start in April.

Generally, girls from 8 to 18 years old attend the clinic, but Shemenski has had girls as young as five in attendance. She says, "The clinic is not just for the game; it also teaches respect, integrity and the concept of team." Registration starts about one month before the clinic starts and is done through Parks and Rec. There is a \$50 sign-up fee, and a waiver must also be signed. Each registrant must have their own glove and their own catcher. There are not enough catchers to provide one for each of the 30 girls enrolled so each participant must bring their own. Parents or siblings are good catcher candidates.

Shemenski opens each clinic by telling the kids, "We're here to support each other, not to break each other down. No matter what, you should wish the best for your opponent. You want to beat them, sure, but you still wish them success." Each session starts with warm-ups because stretching properly and getting the heart rates going before starting to exercise is the best way to avoid injury. Pitching instructions continually emphasize throwing overhand so that the pitcher's arm is not hurt. The focus of the clinic is on fast-pitch pitching, the different types of pitches, their placement and framing.

Each clinic always ends with a big Greenwave cheer, and what the kids should work on at home. Shemenski does give them homework too. They are taught how to practice without a catcher at home by throwing a balled-up sock into a pillow. They can also work on their techniques and movements in front of a mirror to see what they are actually doing. Shemenski said she will ask the girls "Did you do your homework? They are very honest, some will say yes but others will say they did not - and I can tell which ones did not." It's helpful for the parents to also learn the lessons taught at the clinic so they can practice with their kids at home.

Shemenski is grateful for those who help out with coaching, many of the girls who came up through the pitching clinic them-

selves; Louie Mori and his daughter Frannie who is now a CCHS junior who plays softball for the Greenwave, Trinity Helton also a CCHS junior and Greenwave player, and CCHS Junior Varsity (JV) Coach Rhianne Thorn and her daughter Canbri, a CCHS sophomore. The two coaches from Oasis Academy, Rachel Casey Payne and Brandon Bird encourage their team pitchers to assist with coaching as well. There are also many other volunteers who help with training the kids, showing them the mechanics and techniques of fast-pitch softball pitching, such as Richie Smith.

Dale Jensen and Laurie Mookini originally started the clinic with Davey Miller who was Shemenski's original pitching coach. It was because of the three of them, Shemenski said, that she became interested in softball. When Jensen and Mookini were no longer able to run the clinic, Shemenski took on the responsibility.

Shemenski said she's been pitching since she was 13 years old, "a long time!" she laughed.

She went on to pitch at Columbia College in Missouri, earning a full-ride scholarship where she received her BA in Education, and where Payne was her catcher. She played in the National Championships as a pitcher all four years and made All-American three of those four years.

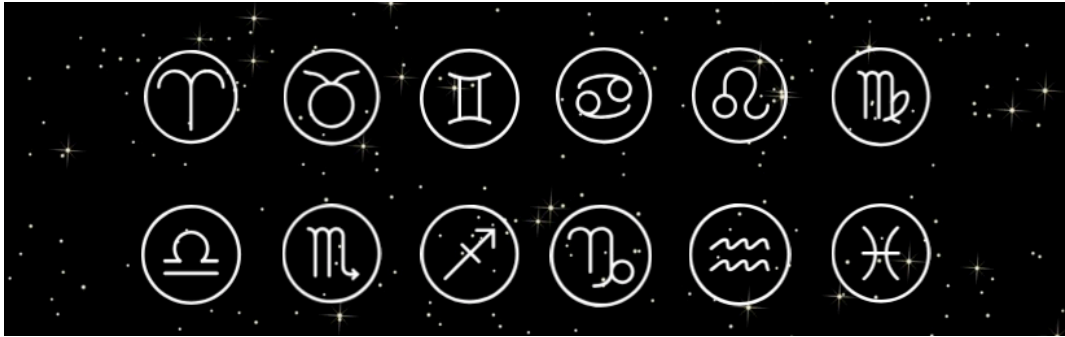
In 1994, she tried out for the Olympics and although she didn't make the final team, she got close. She said it was a privilege and honor for her to stand next to Michelle Smith and Lisa Fernandes, two of the greatest softball pitchers, and also a very humbling experience. "After making it through those first two trials and then not making the final cut," Shemenski said, "that was so very hard. I learned to deal with defeat that time - and that was a big one."

She talked about the awesome support for sports programs in this town. "The parents and other people who come out to help, it's just amazing. I don't think we could have a better town when it comes to supporting the sports programs, and softball is one of the most popular." She summed things up by saying, "All in all, we have great kids, great parents and a great community."



(left above) Tiffany Shemenski with youth coach Franny Mori and the older group of girls in the pitching clinic. (above) Dale Jensen started the pitching clinic and coached Tammie Shemenski who later coached Franny Mori who is now assisting with coaching duties with the younger group of girls. Photos provided by Fallon Girls' Softball.

## The Feral Housewife's Weekly Horoscopes



### Capricorn- December 22 - January 19

Rainbows and unicorns? Pretty much. There is a syrupy warmth to you this week, sweet and thick. You have opportunities headed your way, so keep your eyes open for them. Broadening your horizons in travel or studies help with the overall outlook on life. With feelings of love and kindness in full swing, you can't go wrong sharing the love.

### Aquarius- January 20 - February 19

Heightened emotions are not a bad thing right now. You will find yourself receptive to love and attachment, even making new friends along the way. With these emotions swirling, do not be surprised to find that you have a longing for tenderness and relaxation. Make yourself of service to others; you have so much to offer. Keep yourself grounded, and don't get distracted.

### Pisces-February 20 - March 20

With uplifting energy, there could be a great surprise in store for you. Bask in the connection that you feel to others right now. The empathy you are feeling can be a sign to dive into the world of spiritual enlightenment. Friendship and that special someone will love the affection and focus you shine on them, bringing you to a higher connection.

### Aries- March 21 - April 10

If your happy and you know it, share the love. There is a deep and emotional current running within you this week; take advantage of it and be of service to those around you. Relationships will flourish in this light where you are floating. Lately, you can build deep, lasting connections. Stick to tried-and-true traditions in business and money, or you risk losing it all.

### Taurus- April 21 - May 20

The perfect balance between intentions and thoughts makes you the ideal negotiator or mediator. You can smooth over any prickly situation that comes along. Use this balance to attract someone special into your life. It won't be the average relationship you usually find. This balance extends itself into all aspects of life. For you, take advantage of the perfect yin and yang.

### Gemini- May 21 - June 20

Whatever goals have been lingering will be conquered this week. As the pressure starts to settle on you, trust that it is a blessing, you will knock it out of the park. Take time to resolve relationship troubles this week. You have a deep intuition for non-verbal cues. An extraordinary woman will help you make peace with something troubling you, possibly a mother-like figure.

### Cancer- June 21 - July 22

You feel extra sensitive, but you will gain a much deeper understanding of where you fit in this world. You must achieve all your goals before you can save others. Enjoy the good luck and fortune that is coming your way in many different forms. When a special event arises on your social calendar, make sure to go.

### Leo-July 22 - August 22

Strong fences make happy neighbors. You need to figure out what you expect from those around you and communicate that need with appropriate boundaries. A total sense of self is leading the way, and you should take advantage of that. If you want greatness, you need to put yourself out there to receive it. Those around you appreciate your efforts so keep it up.

### Virgo- August 23 - September 22

Everything seems to be going swimmingly, don't bask in the glory of it too long. Push forward and grab the opportunities before you. Learning something mysterious will bring you bounty, investigate learning the art of psychology, and gaining a deeper understanding of the human mind. It will even bring someone into your realm that will return the investment.

### Libra-September 23 - October 22

Senses are on a high, but communication is vital. You are sensing the emotional vibrations of those around you, making you remarkably in-tune with their needs. Let your inner artist out. She is screaming to create, so let her. Love and money are in the cards this weekend. You would be surprised how far negotiations and a simple hug can go. Make sure to put your foot down and hold your bottom line.

### Scorpio- October 23 - November 22

There is a struggle going on between right and wrong within you. The simple answer to the complicated question of what is right is that you hold the answers, and you already know them. Communication is flowing beautifully; you can express yourself with greatness, and plans begin to develop. This is the perfect weekend to indulge in a hobby, movie, or even music as long as you see beauty, beware of cruel things.

### Sagittarius- November 23 - December 21

While things seem to be up in the air, try not to force a solution that will only make it worse. You are swimming in sentiment and memories. Try to meet new people and let that sense of people lead the way here; it won't be wrong. Negotiating will be a strength at the end of the week. If you have been eying that new car, run to the dealership and work your magic.

*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



Cooking is my love language. When I care about someone, more than anything else, I want to cook them a meal. I want to make them something that will cause their body to curl unconsciously around their plate. I want them to try a bite, raise their eyebrows, and look up in wonder. This is probably why I became a chef. The problem that I have is that food and love are inextricably tied together. So, cooking for strangers means extending love to strangers. Not inherently a bad thing—but it can be emotionally overwhelming.

Though it wasn't planned intentionally, I spent the one-year anniversary of COVID with my sister and her family in Brooklyn. They all suffered from the coronavirus in March of 2020—my little nephews falling first with stomach upset and pseudo-hashimotos, followed by my sister, and finally my brother-in-law near the end of March. The virus ran rampant through their building, they lost friends and neighbors. And, of course, we all lost time. This last year has felt on hold. We have all been in a liminal space, neither here nor there. There have not been any "good" decisions. We have spent time denying, raging, mourning, and perhaps accepting—but it hasn't really felt like progressing. My visit to New York felt like a transition—a mark in time that indicated that I was now moving forward again. And how better to celebrate the end of stagnation and suffering with an eyebrow raising meal consumed with some of the most important people in the whole world.

I cook a lot when I visit Brooklyn. It is a skillset that is one of my strengths (and passions) that is not really shared with my sister. She gets by in the kitchen. Also, she once burned spaghetti noodles after leaving them on the stove so long that the water evaporated. Cooking delicious food is something that I can do when I am staying on their couch that elevates the visit and makes life a little easier for everyone around me. Plus, my nephews associate "Auntie Tia" with home-baked cookies—some baked today, some dough left for tomorrow, and a roll in the freezer for when they miss me.

This weeks' recipes constitute a simple, but oh-so-satisfying meal that I cooked while in my sister's kitchen. It features a number of local (New York) ingredients that we found at their year-round farmers market including leeks, carrots, potatoes, and a heritage chicken. I hope that you consider how cooking can be more than satisfying a basic need—it can be an expression of love. And maybe next time you think about showing someone that you love them, you consider roasting a chicken.

### Simple Roast Chicken and Root Vegetables

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 whole chicken
- 1 stick unsalted butter - room temperature
- Fresh herbs (rosemary, thyme, oregano, mint, marjoram, etc.) - fine chopped
- 1 bunch of leeks - cleaned and sliced every 1"
- 1 bunch of carrots - peeled and cut into large chunks
- 8-10 new potatoes - scrubbed and cut in half or quarters if they are large
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and Pepper to taste

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Rinse and pat chicken dry. Combine butter, and herbs then season to taste with salt and pepper. Loosen chicken skin from the meat. Rub the chicken all over with herb butter including a layer between the skin and meat.
3. Place chopped root vegetables on a parchment lined sheet pan. Drizzle with olive oil and lightly season with salt and pepper. Place butter-coated chicken on top of the root vegetables.
4. Roast in the oven for around 40 minutes until the temperature (at the thigh) is 155 degrees. Remove from oven and let rest for 10-15 minutes. The temperature should carryover to 165 degrees during this rest.

### White Beans with Mushrooms and Leeks (You had to know I was going to cook them beans!!!)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. of dry white beans (I used Marcellas from Rancho Gordo)
- 1 yellow onion - peeled and cut in half with root intact.
- 3-5 bay leaves
- 3-5 garlic cloves - peeled
- 4 T unsalted butter
- 1 leek - cleaned and sliced super thing
- 12 ounces assorted mushrooms (crimini, shitake, wood ear, etc) - sliced
- Salt and Pepper

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Clean beans. In a large pan cover beans with a few inches of water, add onion halves, bay leaves, and garlic cloves. Cook over medium-high heat until you reach a boil. Boil

for 5 minutes then reduce heat to maintain a medium simmer. Cook until the beans are done, adding water as necessary.

2. When beans are approaching done, stop adding more water and reduce liquid til fairly thick. Remove and discard onion halves, bay leaves, and garlic cloves (if you miss a couple of cloves of garlic NOTHING BAD will happen)!

*NOTE: Yes - I packed 2 pounds of my "special beans" in my luggage and I don't feel like there is ANYTHING weird about that.*

3. In a separate pot, melt butter until foaming subsides. Add thinly sliced leeks and cook over medium heat until they are melty and soft. Add in sliced mushrooms and cook until they too are soft.

4. Combine beans with pot liquor with leeks and shallots. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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

Anyone who's a chef, who loves food, ultimately knows that all that matters is: 'Is it good? Does it give pleasure?'

—

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## Biggie: I Got a Story to Tell



Biggie Smalls, The Notorious B.I.G., or Christopher Wallace. He changed the genre of hip-hop while leading a life of excess. I anticipated this documentary to be about Biggie Small's rap career and how it changed the industry. Instead, I got something far more interesting. The documentary uses accounts of Christopher Wallace – the man, with much of the story coming from accounts of Wallace's life from his mother and childhood friends.

While I assumed a documentary would be a series of other musicians talking about the inspi-

ration of Biggie to all of hip-hop, it was a nice story about a boy who started down a path he was not ready for. He found a way to make the world happy and a brighter place with his music, and it is an interesting story about Christopher Wallace not just Biggie Smalls.

## Silk Sonic



Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak teamed-up and gave us a taste of their future collaboration in their new single "Silk Sonic." Take the voice of Bruno Mars with his soul and disco background and add Anderson Paak's vocals with his Motown background. Together they make a silky, nostalgic soul and funk sound that I cannot wait to get more of.

The duo announced their partnership and single hours before the official drop, and I can see why they wanted to keep it a secret. This new partnership is just in time for songs of the summer and I cannot wait to see what they release next.

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## Unorthodox



This week I experienced a lot of entertainment about cultures outside of my own. This series is one of the best about a culture I find is not spoken about enough. *Unorthodox* is based on a memoir by Debora

Feldman. The series follows a young woman born and raised in the Orthodox Jewish community within Williamsburg, New York. As she turns nineteen, she flees to Berlin, Germany.

This series follows Etsy through her journey both inside and outside of the community, which I found to be the most interesting part. Not only is the series a learning experience of a culture, but a document of someone's trauma that is both respectful and not overdramatic. While there is the stereotype of a large Jewish community being present in Hollywood, there are a few actual representations of any part of the Jewish community. This series is a highly recommend on my list.

## Murder Among the Mormons



I always love to learn some history, but I am not as dedicated as some. Another true crime series on

Netflix, *Murder Among the Mormons* follows a single man's journey through history, greed, and all-around lies.

It is very hard to tell you about the series and how well done it is without giving everything away, but what I can tell you is how truly unique the story is. This documentary doesn't cover a well-known or popularly reported crime, but it is just as riveting as *Tiger King* was this time last year.

*Viviane Ugalde is a recent University of Nevada grad who is from Fallon. She is a staff writer, and our 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.*

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March 18th  
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March 20th  
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March 27th  
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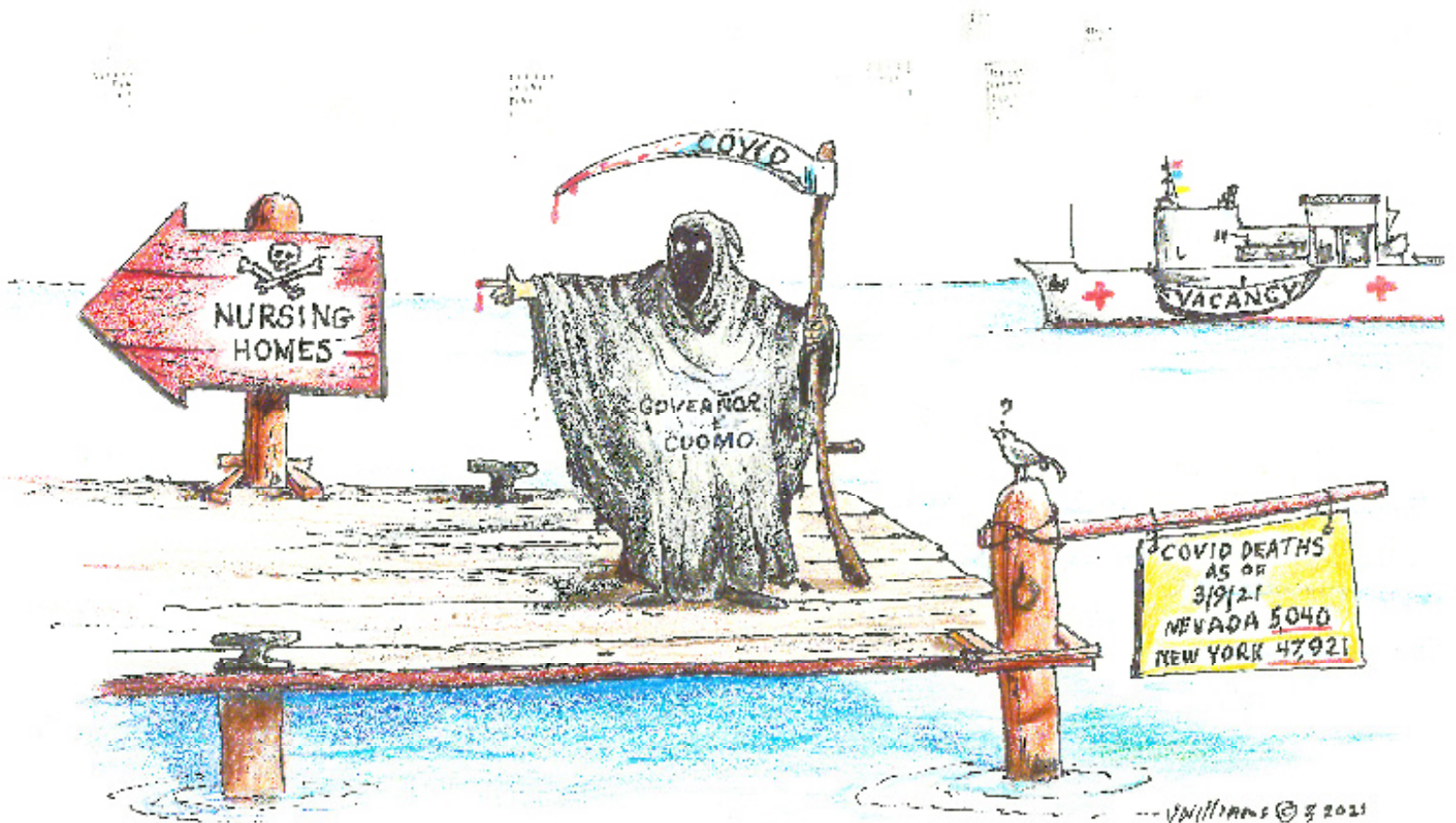
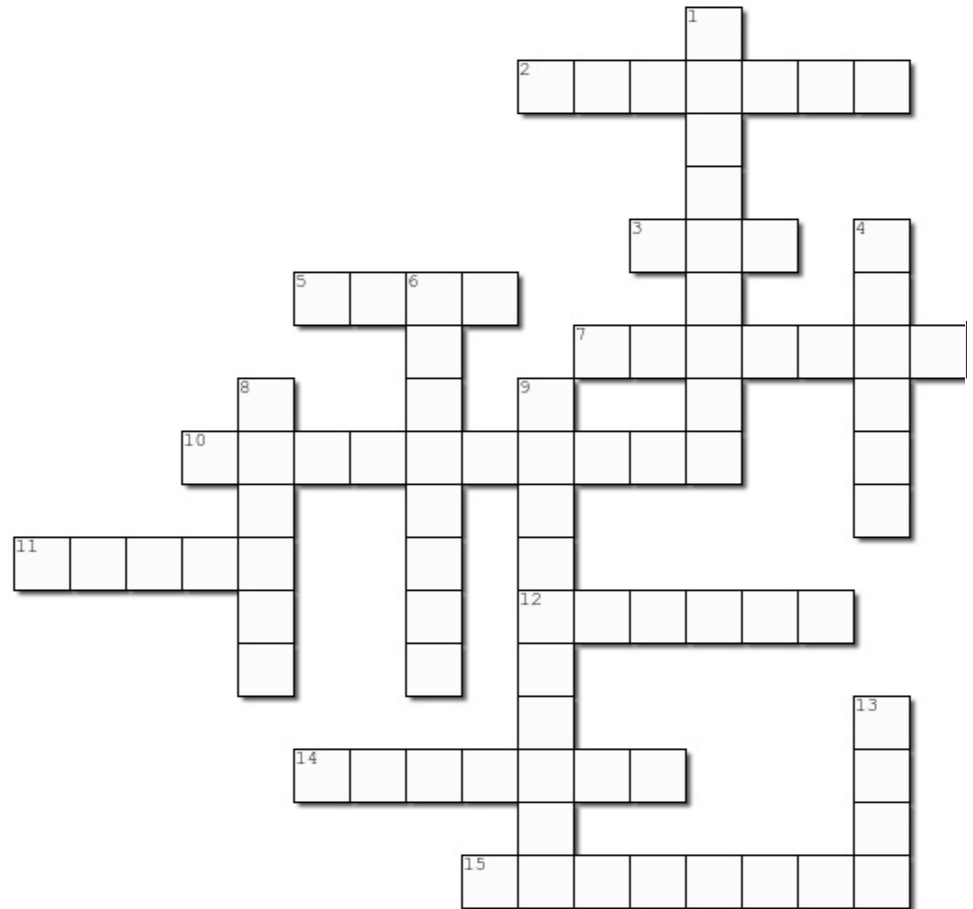
# Entertainment

## Across

- 2. Amusing and harmless nonsense
- 3. A lively dance with leaping movements
- 5. A yellow precious metal, used in jewelry and coins
- 7. An arch of colors formed in the sky
- 10. A small mischievous sprite; Lucky Charms mascot
- 11. A person acknowledged as holy or virtuous
- 12. A traditional story sometimes popularly regarded as history
- 14. A bright green precious stone
- 15. A low-growing clover-like plant with three-lobed leaves

## Down

- 1. The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation
- 4. A herbaceous plant of the pea family that has leaves typically three-lobed
- 6. A humorous verse of three long and two short lines
- 8. Indo-European family that includes Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, Breton, Manx, Cornish, etc.
- 9. A thick stick of oak used in Ireland
- 13. Success or failure apparently brought by chance rather than through your own actions





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**Community Meetings**

March 13th-March 19th

**Fallon City Council**  
 3/15 - 9:00 AM

**Churchill County Library Association**  
 3/15 - 4:00 PM

**County Regional Transportation Committee**  
 3/17 - 9:30 AM

**Board of County Commissioners**  
 3/17 - 1:15 PM

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 3/17 - 7:00 PM

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In the Matter of the Estate of MONA RAE VEIL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada on January 26, 2021 as Personal Representative of the Estate of MONA RAE VEIL, Deceased.

All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file the claims with the Clerk of the Court within sixty (60) days after the mailing or the first publication of this Notice.

DATED: This 23rd day of February, 2021.

TIMOTHY C. VEIL  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Mona  
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## NOTICE OF AVAILABLE APPOINTIVE POSITION

The Board of Churchill County Commissioners is seeking the names of public-spirited citizens who are willing to serve as an alternate member of the Board of Equalization.

The Board of Equalization is a board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, authorized and directed to determine the valuation of any property assessed by the County Assessor and to change and correct valuation found to be incorrect, either by adding thereto or by deducting therefrom such sum as is necessary to make it conform to the taxable value of the property assessed, and any other matters properly relating thereto. The board shall hold such number of meetings as may be necessary to care for the business of equalization presented to it. The board is seeking to fill one alternate position with an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2023. Persons having real estate or appraisal experience will be given preference in the selection process. General knowledge of computers is required because board packets will be submitted in electronic format. For more details, interested persons may obtain an application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 155, Fallon, Nevada 89406. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address **not later than 3:00 PM on March 24, 2021.**

Linda Rothery  
Clerk of the Board

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## Newlands Project Water Levels

*Measurements taken March 10 at 5:30 p.m.*

**Lahontan Reservoir  
115,300 af**

**Truckee Canal at Hazen  
261 cfs**

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth  
274 cfs**

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1.71 cfs**

**Carson River at Ft. Churchill  
138 cfs**

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