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LGBTQ Resources Website at Middle School Removed Board Members Not Aware of Content

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Middle School website has had available for students and parents, resources on the Counseling and Guidance page where students can get help with career exploration, a program called Too Good for Drugs, tutoring, as well as LGBTQ resources.

Titled "Student-Centered LGBTQIA+ Allyship" the page is a collection of resources that students and parents can access which provides information on topics from terminology, ways to be an ally, and religious resources. The site specifically says, "This is an exclusively online project created by a queer educator, for queer students and their allies."

Under the "Students" link, information is available with links to support organizations, as well as such topics as binding, tucking, summer camps, and rebirth garments.

Many of the links take the child to a resource page provided by The Trevor Project with a handbook on coming out, navigating LGBTQ identities and religion, as well as a page specifically for friends and families that includes using pronouns, ways to provide support, and learning to accept children without conditions.

The Trevor Project is a non-profit organization run out of West Hollywood, California with an annual revenue stream of \$13 million dollars, employing 97 people. Billed as "The world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ young people," The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) young people. The website provides links to resources for crisis support, advocacy, research, and education. The site also asks for donations to help "save and change lives."

Also available on the website, is what The Trevor Project calls intentional spaces, or Affinity Groups, which allow youth to connect with each other through the website based around their different intersectional identities.

Rafter 3C Dedication Set for June 1



Mark your calendars for June 1 at 1 p.m. at the Churchill County Fairgrounds for the dedication event of the region's newest economic development facility: the Rafter 3C Arena.

Photo by Anne McMillin.

Many of the resources on the counseling site address how to support youth, including "best practices" and list of things parents and adults can do to be supportive, however, there are no resources available to address what parents may be going through in this situation.

A general search of resources for parents includes the Center for Disease Control and Prevention which has extensive resources where parents can learn how to support their child; Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG) also offers several resources for support and education, including a course on introspection about your biases; as well as the LGBT Resources at Johns Hopkins Medicine. The Johns Hopkins site does recognize that providing support may not be easy and there are "unique challenges that parents often feel unprepared to tackle," however, it also only offers ways to help support the child without addressing ways for the parent to process or understand the huge body of information that about LGBTQIA.

Kaylene Cole-Tudor is a counselor at the middle school who explained, "The LGBTQ

resource is a list of resources used to support students, which is also important to the district to ensure that we have reliable and accurate resources available for both students and families."

Carmen Schank, a School Board Trustee didn't know about the website, but said she had been contacted by a parent about the LGBTQ club that meets after school at the middle school. She said there is a push from the state to make sure kids feel safe and emotionally secure, and there is a focus on Social and Emotional Learning. "I want all kids to be safe, not just LGBTQ kids, but those kids who come from families whose parents believe marriage is between a man and a woman and they don't want their kids into all this LGBTQ things that are going on. Those children need to be just as safe as the students in the LGBTQ club."

Matt Hyde said he had heard about the LGBTQ club at the middle school but was not aware of the website. He did not know who put up the website, but after seeing some of

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Captain's Log -- Equipment Failure

If it isn't bunnies its Becky. Here we go again...

You may have noticed there were not staples and the print quality was off a bit in last week's paper. Becky decided on Thursday afternoon that she was going to strike, leaving us to print on David. We call him David because he's a little machine but he's mighty. He doesn't fold or staple, but he prints like a machine. Oh, yeah – he is a machine. It's funny how we personify our equipment around this joint. Maybe because we spend so much time with them or we rely on them so much.

Our OPI guys got her going on Friday morning, with 32 copies left to print. We were pretty late with our last batch of deliveries and I'm pretty sure the Senior Center never even got their papers. Growing pains. Let's go with that.

And then I was supposed to go to Vegas on the weekend to see my mom, but of course we got too late with the paper, so I decided not to go. Yesterday I took my truck in to the mechanic to see what the heck the noise is its been making and they said, "Rachel. You can't keep driving this, it's not safe."

I guess things do happen for a reason. I've been driving my printer, my truck, and myself into the ground. Time for a little rest.

We're pretty much done with layout, but once again, Jo had to remind me while she's proofing the paper to write the Captain's Log. We're waiting on me and one of the candidates to get his profile in and then we'll be set – let's hope Becky's ready too and then we'll get busy with...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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An Original Stillwater Family

By Jo Petteruti

Kathy Mort and Candy Peck remember some of the early days in Stillwater, and the five long-time Fallon families living out there. “The Kents, the deBragas, the Vieras and the Lawrences, and us, the Weishaupts. We all grew up together. Other families came and went, but these five stayed here, and we had fun out there.”

In 1914, grandparents Albert and Addie Weishaupt moved to Stillwater from Illinois, the first generation of their family to settle on a Stillwater ranch. At the time, Churchill County offered 40 and 80-acre parcels for free, as long as it was farmed, became the farmer’s residence for at least seven months each year for three years, and the farmer paid the irrigation fees. The Weishaupts acquired some of that land and raised five children there - Lola, Donald, Elmer, Marvin, and Karl. Marvin (Biggie) married Georgia Rose (Pat) Temple, and they raised four children of their own on the ranch - Roland (Randy), Kathy, Rodney, and Candis (Candy). Between those four children, the family has grown to include 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren so far.

Candy spoke of her family’s early days. “Dad worked for Chevron right out of high school. He farmed when he was younger, and when the war started, he was urged by the government to return to farming because of the food shortages. So, in 1943 Dad bought part of the Freeman Ranch. After working his ranch for two years, he sold off three-quarters of the land keeping just under 500 acres for his family. Later when his two sons wanted to ranch with him, he bought back some of the lands he had sold. He loved his farm out in Stillwater, using mule teams to farm the land just like everyone else did back then.”

Kathy added, “Dad’s younger brother Karl, who passed away recently, was the only family member to serve in the military. The rest of the family got married, and they took care of the farm. Mom and dad graduated from Churchill County High School together in 1938 and she was one year older than him. When they got married in 1940, she was 21 but he was only 20, and she had to sign for him so they could get married. Then dad bought his Fallon gas station that same year.”

After the Fallon Earthquake of 1954 happened, their mom Pat posed for a picture while sitting on the edge of a huge fissure that opened up in the mid-

dle of the road near Stillwater. That photograph was published in a San Francisco newspaper back then that the sisters still have a partial copy of.

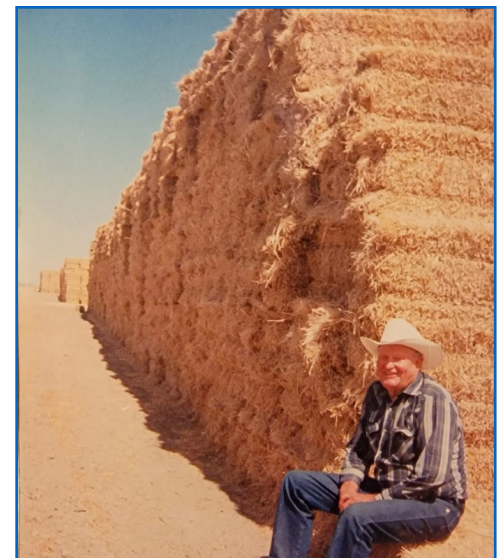
The sisters also shared memories of their dad’s haystacks. Candy said, “Dad had these huge haystacks, and in 1982 he had a haystack fire and no insurance. It was a form of farming insurance that he would put on during the farming season and then drop it at the end. Who would have thought the whole stack would go up from a lightning strike. Poor dad.”

The sisters enjoyed talking about their dad, and all that he was involved in. They said he was the President of the TCID Board for 30 years who had no compunction about standing up for the county’s fair share of water allocations from the Newlands Project. He was an ardent supporter of the 4H and a member of numerous local organizations such as the Cattlemen’s and the Hay Growers Associations.

Candy described her own family, saying “I had two girls, Elaine and Becky. I didn’t keep the four-child tradition going, I quit after two and didn’t give them nicknames. But I do have four grandchildren, 2 boys, and 2 girls, Coby, Dax, Cala, Cassie.”

Kathy said, “I did keep up the tradition going with four children some with nicknames. I had Marla who passed away last year, and she had two children, Delaney and Stanley. Marvin is the next child named after his grandfather. Then I had Lisa whose real name is Meredith, and she has one child, Kendra. Melinda was my fourth, but Lisa couldn’t say it so well, instead calling her Lenaday and that just stuck.”

The family ranch mostly grows alfalfa now, but back when their dad got it



Above: Marvin Weishaupt sitting with some of his hay bale stacks. Family photo. Top: photo of Pat Weishaupt sitting on the edge of a fissure in Stillwater caused by the 1954 earthquake printed in a San Francisco newspaper. Photo by Jo Petteruti

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Hearts of Gold Quilters' Incredible Creations

By Jo Petteruti

If you have never experienced a Heart of Gold quilt up close, you are missing out on some incredible artwork in quilting. According to Facebook, "Hearts of Gold Quilters in Fallon, Nevada is a service organization making and donating quilts to many people in our community. We welcome quilters of all skill levels to meet, socialize, learn, and teach quilting techniques."

Nancy Bradley, the group's point of contact and Facebook page administrator admits she's not a quilter, but she is really good at sewing. "This is a group of extremely talented, and hardworking ladies." These are the same ladies that make the Hearts of Gold quilt that is raffled off at the Cantaloupe Festival and County Fair every year. They start working on this one quilt well in advance, investing over 100 woman-hours to make the king-size quilt that has a unique themed design each year. Bradley said, "This year's quilt is of a Civil War theme, and it's quite different than anything we've ever done. Quite beautiful, and tickets are on sale now."

Bradley described the mission of the club. "The most important thing about our group is that we donate 50 to 80 quilts every year to various local non-profit organizations such as Rooms for Ruth and Domestic Violence Intervention. Plus, we also donate monies that we raise from the Hearts of Gold quilt raffle, too. The wonderful thing is typically we use our own fabrics, and the club pays for the batting and some of the backing. But a year or so ago, we received a donation of 20 to 25 boxes of fabrics. When we started opening those boxes, we were like kids in a candy store. All colors and designs, and that's what we are using now."

Bradley said the group started with 13 members and has now grown to about 32 members, "and they are at all stages from beginners to extremely advanced." The group currently has 20 to 25 of their quilts in a variety of sizes and styles from king-size bed quilts to table runners on display at WNC.

On Mondays, the group holds its member meetings and classes at Oasis Church, and Bradley said that the meetings are open to anyone who would like to visit. On the first Monday of each month, members start by sewing on their own, then hold their monthly meeting. On the second Monday, they gather to sew on their own and celebrate any members' birthdays that month. On the third Monday, one of the members will teach a class on a particular quilting method or topic. On the fourth Monday, they all work on a donation quilt, and if there's a fifth Monday in the month, they have a potluck.

Bradley said the Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival quilt is their moneymaker. "That's how we make money to buy donation quilt fabric and supplies. We also give money from the raffle to local non-profit groups such as CAPS so that we are true to the money. The winning raffle ticket is drawn on Sunday afternoon at the Cantaloupe Festival around 3 p.m. All of our quilts for sale are on display during the festival, along with all of the donation quilts."

The Hearts of Gold raffle quilt travels to



different locations in town during the spring and summer seasons. "It was at the Soroptimist Home and Garden Show, and I think it's currently at the credit union. Plus, there are four different places that allow us to display it and sell raffle tickets there, too."

Bradley's enthusiasm can be contagious when she talks about the club and its projects. "I probably jabber too much, but I really like

*One of the quilts made by members of the Hearts of Gold Quilters.
Photo by Nancy Bradley.*

Information on Housing Loans Available May 25 *Help with buying a home, qualifying for home repair loans, grants*

Courtesy of the U.S. Rural Development Office

Are you a homeowner with low income needing to make home repairs? Or looking to buy a home? If so, representatives from the USDA Rural Development Office will be at the William N. Pennington Life Center on May 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss qualifying for programs to allow you to make home repairs or buy a home.

Home Repair Loans and Grants

The USDA Rural Development's single family housing home repair loans and grants program provides 1% loans and \$10,000 grants to make home repairs or remove health and safety hazards in rural homes for those who qualify based on income. Includes installation and/or repair of sanitary water and wastewater disposal systems as part of a permanent residence.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Own a single-family dwelling located in a rural area that is in need of repair
- Meet the income limits based on family size for the area
- Personally occupy the dwelling
- Unable to obtain sufficient credit from another source
- Have adequate repayment ability
- Meet citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- Have acceptable credit history
- Possess legal capacity to incur the loan

Maximum loan amount is \$40,000 with a 20-year term for repayment. Top grant amount is \$10,000. Eligible applicants for grants must be 62 years of age and unable to repay a 20-year loan at 1% to qualify.

Home Purchase Program

The USDA Rural Development Office provides homeowner opportunities to low-in-

come rural families and individuals through financing with no down payment and at favorable rates and terms. Maximum loan amount for Churchill County is \$336,500 with term of 33 years.

Those who are interested in exploring either one of these programs may call the Rural Development Office in Carson City at (775)887-1222 or stop by the Life Center on May 25 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to discuss eligibility and options with Rural Development Office staff who will be on-site.



Armed Forces Day Celebration Planned in Fallon

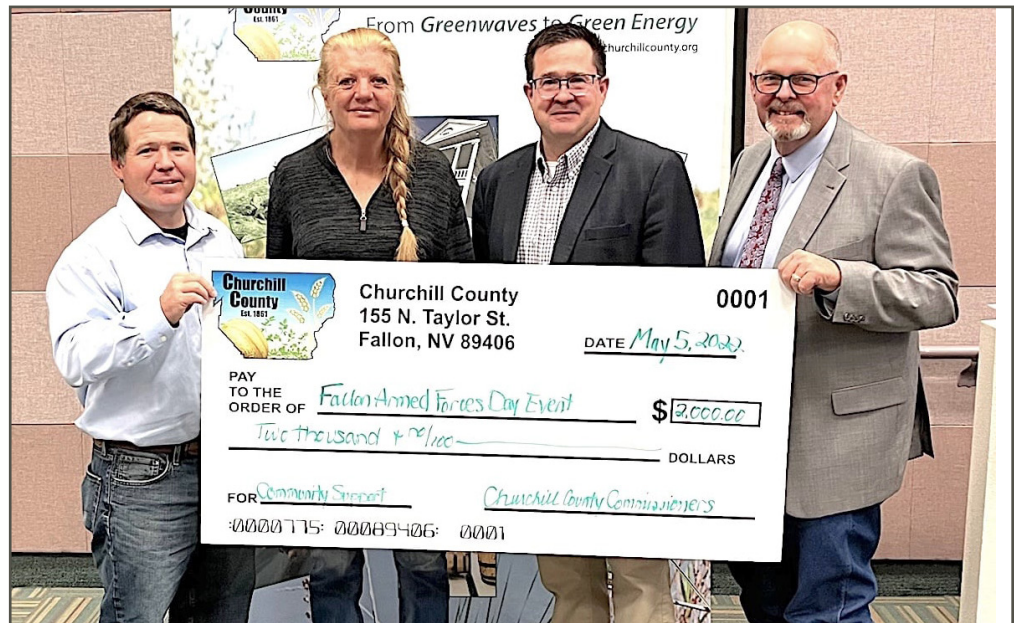
By Jo Petteruti

Armed Forces Day is a special day to pay tribute to our men and women who serve in the United States military. It is generally celebrated on the third Saturday in May, and this year's celebration is set for May 21 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Churchill County Fairgrounds. Fallon Community Events, a Nevada non-profit organization started by Essie Burriss, whose website states they have been "actively helping our local community since 2010," is organizing the festivities.

According to Burriss, this year's Armed Forces Day celebration is slated to be a jam-packed day of family fun and festivities, including special guest speaker US Senate candidate Captain Sam Brown (retired US Army), and Sheriff Richard Hickox who has volunteered to be in the Dunk Tank where one can have a chance at saying or singing, "I dunked the Sheriff", a la Eric Clapton. An honor garden is planned as a memorable military tribute. Emcee and Karaoke Master Davey Munoz will keep the crowd on their feet with his DJ selections. Kids will find fun in the Kids Zone which will include a bounce house, face painting, petting zoo, and games for all ages. Grown-ups can find fun too with the poker chip run, and other motorcycle games while enjoying a pint of beer. A Corn Hole Tournament will start at 2:30 p.m., and live music is also planned by bands "korner ston," "Beauty and the Beats," and "Repeat Offender."

"Last year was our first year doing this event. We were at the Convention Center, and we've outgrown that already. Moving to the fairgrounds will be great. Plenty of room, three bands, games, the petting zoo, first responders' equipment, and a car show and shine that will include race cars from Rattlesnake Raceway. We think it will be really fun, and I'm very excited," Burriss said enthusiastically. "Armed Forces is about giving back to our military, so we've tried to pack a lot into this special day in their honor." As a point of history, the first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950, and that proud tradition continues 72 years later.

She went on to say, "The City of Fallon has donated 850 pounds of meat that will be used to provide a free meal to the veterans, active or retired, doesn't matter. For anyone else, the cost will be \$5 per person. Suzie's BBQ will be cooking all of the meat as a donation to the event, and side dishes will be donated by community organizations such as the



Above: Commissioner Justin Heath, Essie Burriss, Commissioners Greg Koenig, and Pete Olsen. Churchill County is supporting the Armed Forces Day Celebration with a contribution of \$2,000. Photo by Anne McMillin

Pennington Life Center, the Wolf Center, and the Elks. Donations will also be accepted from members of the community, all to provide each person with two side servings per plate.

Burriss said one of the planned vendors is called Bees4Vets, a Nevada non-profit organization that teaches veterans and first responders with PTSD and/or TBI about honeybee management. Their website states that beekeeping can be a beneficial therapy because it teaches mindfulness and staying in the moment. The apiaries used in their program are located in Washoe County which keeps it local.

Fallon Community Events also hosts the Fallon Lights of Christmas Family Festival and Tree Auction in December, and the Christmas in July Craft Fair. Burriss said that in the short term, funds raised go toward things for veterans and

seniors such as paying for their utilities, bringing them bottled water in the summertime, and other forms of assistance. However, their long-term plan is to build a tiny homes and campsites community for veterans and seniors as an affordable housing option.

Burriss said the Fallon Community Events board is comprised of six people: herself, Pat Avery, Kevin Bowles, Serena Whisenhunt, Alison Fenimore, and Howard Fenimore. She said of her board's involvement, "They all help out with our events. We have one lady that makes jams and jellies which go out in the fall and winter with the Meals on Wheels deliveries."

More information about Fallon Community Events can be found on their website, <https://www.falloncommunity.com/>, and Bees4Vets on their website, <https://bees4vets.org>

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Forever: A True Story of Love and War
Author: Daniel Quinley

As a child, Daniel learned about his father through letters written between his father and his beloved, Margaret. As an adult, Dan used the notes to write, *Forever: A True Story of Love and War*, a story of an enduring love affair. Cecil Quinley, a bomber pilot, was shot down over Germany and became a prisoner of war, while his wife Margaret endured not knowing his fate. Told through epistolary, creative non-fiction, and memoir techniques, their life together is a living example of dedication, faith, and everlasting love.

Obituaries

LEONARD ERNEST MACKEDON

(May 13, 1974—November 16, 2021)



A celebration of Lem's life will be held on
June 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
at the Fallon Youth Club,
324 Pennington Circle, Fallon, Nevada.
Lunch will follow at the home of
Mike and Michon Mackedon,
1900 Manchester Circle, Fallon, Nevada.



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Bessie Lou (Shipler) Sayre

December 16, 1927 - April 27, 2022

She was born December 16, 1927, in Aline, Oklahoma, to Roscoe C. and Bertha Helen (Ayers) Shipler.

She and her high school sweetheart, Merlin Thomas Sayre, graduated from Aline High School in 1945. They were united in marriage on June 14, 1947, in Reno, Nevada. As a couple, they lived throughout the United States, due to his career. In 1967, they made Fallon their permanent home.

Lou, as she was known to many, retired from the Churchill County Road Department. She was also the Chair of the Supervisory Committee for the Churchill County Federal Credit Union. As a quilter, she was a member of the "Patchwork Piggies". She and her husband were Charter members of the Antique Automobile Club of Fallon and the Sierra

Nevada Classic Thunderbirds of Reno.

Besides her parents (Roscoe and Bertha) and husband (Merlin), she was preceded in death by her sister Jeane Ayers (Shipler) Nance and an infant sister, Mary Ann Shipler.

Bessie Lou is survived by daughter Anita Byrum (Rick) of Fallon and son Randall Sayre (Joell) of Washoe Valley; two grandchildren – Westie Carroll (Steve) of Liberal, Kansas and Jackson Sayre of Reno, Nevada; three great-grandchildren – Sierra Pilarski of Orange, California and Courtney and Clayton Carroll of Liberal, Kansas; two nephews, Larry and Rick Nance and niece Christee Jenlink, all of Oklahoma.

Funeral Services for Bessie Lou Sayre will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. Interment will immediately follow.



Martin J. Esko

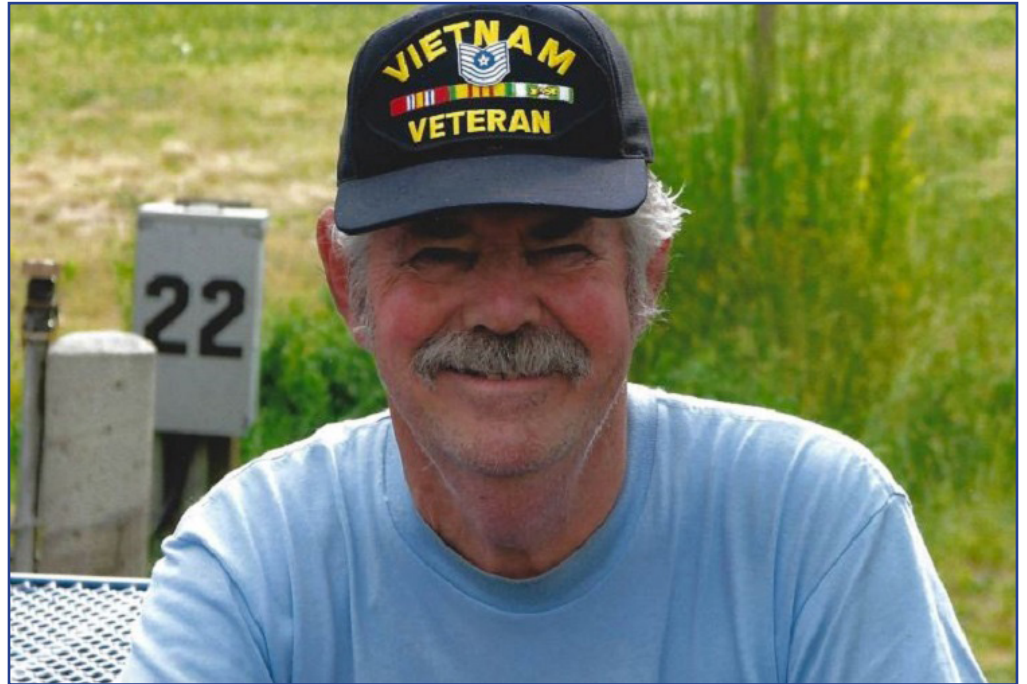
August 10, 1936 - February 15, 2022

Following a fall at his home in Fallon NV, Martin J. Esko (85) passed away on February 15, 2022, at Banner Churchill Hospital with his friend Lois Brady by his side. At the passing of his stepson Presley Tate (1957-2021), he had fulfilled his late wife's last wish and was eager to join her in Heaven.

Martin was born on August 10, 1936, to Raymond and Marion Esko in Yakima, WA. He and his sister Connie Manchester (1940 -) grew up on the family's mini-farm in Albion, WA (pop 206). He graduated from Pullman High School. After careful consideration and voluntarily, he joined the United States Air Force on November 14, 1956, a service that continued until he retired on July 29, 1979. His rank was Master Sergeant. He served in CA, MI, MO, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and Germany with pride, commitment, and a deep sense of patriotism that never diminished.

One morning in Japan he experienced one of the defining moments of his life when he and a fellow serviceman were scrambling to get to formation on time. Once in formation, his commanding officer asked for two volunteers to go to Vietnam. Unsurprisingly, no one volunteered so he asked the last two men to arrive at formation to step forward – thereby becoming the two “volunteers” and thus Martin found himself in Vietnam. He was proud of his service during that tour, coping with the difficult, the ugly, and terrifying aspects of that war with his fellow servicemen and women and working to ensure that critical supplies reached military units imbedded in the jungle. His subsequent tour in Germany provided a base to explore neighboring countries on weekends and during vacations.

A second defining moment in his life occurred when his commanding officer had a chat with him about his alcohol beverage consumption, and its' effect on his career and personal life; providing guidance on better choices Martin could make. Martin chose to never “touch” the



stuff again. And he never did. He liked his coffee strong, hot, and black and was seldom seen sitting without a cup nearby.

Family was very important to him. Martin married the first love of his life, Darline Marie Arndt (1941-2021) in Spokane, WA in 1960. Darline and Martin shared the adventure of raising two beautiful daughters Victoria Marie aka Vickie (1961-1990) and Elizabeth Anne aka Beth (1962). Subsequent to his second divorce from Darline, he met Charlotte June Wilfong Tate (1938-2015). They shared a passion for square dancing. Following their 1985 wedding ceremony, it was the featured entertainment at their reception in California. They traveled extensively in their small RV, dancing in competitions, exhibitions, and conventions wearing matching outfits. If her dress was pink gingham—he wore his pink gingham shirt proudly. Martin and Charlotte had adventures in property management and owning a bar. In managing property, Martin was the handyman, and Charlotte the rent collector.

In 2005, they purchased land in

Fallon, NV and installed a new mobile home, and built a garage on it. They both loved Fallon and enjoyed searching through thrift stores and garage sales for treasures. For a little spending money, Martin was a security guard for local casinos. There wasn't a person he met who was not a potential friend for Martin.

Martin Esko is survived by his daughter Beth Churchill Esko, his sister Connie Manchester (Art), nieces Debra Moore (Robert), Toni Shades (Dan), and nephew Jay Manchester (Wanda.)

Per Martin's wishes, there will be an Interment Ceremony with full military honors at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veteran's Way, Fernley, Nevada, 89408, on Tuesday, March 24th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. His friends are invited to join his family members at his favorite hang-out, The Slippery Bar and Grill, 30 E Center St, Fallon, Nevada, 89406 that evening at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate his life. Please be prepared to share your favorite memories of him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to an organization of your choice supporting United States Veterans.



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Local Government

Report from the Board of Health – Current COVID Update

By Rachel Dahl

During the Churchill County Board of Health's regular meeting on Monday, the members heard a report regarding the ongoing work to develop a Central Nevada Health District. Currently, the district will be led by Churchill County Social Services and formally includes Eureka, Mineral, and Pershing Counties.

Social Services Director Shannon Ernst said that information gathering from each community about what services a health district should include is ongoing as well as work to develop a budget that will be presented in June to all the different communities' boards. Ernst has been working to engage the communities. "We are scheduling our rural tour, as we're calling it, we'll be going around doing town hall meetings to explain what the health districts look like and obtain feedback on what they would like to see in their communities."

The date for the Churchill County town hall is scheduled for June 8 and more information will be forthcoming.

Part of the development of the Health District is the building of a satellite lab in Churchill County. Located in the County Annex Building at Taylor and B Street, Ernst has been working to get the lab up and running. She said there were issues with the first inspection in early April, but Dr. Pandori will be back this week to complete another walk-through before the final certifications are sent to the state. Ernst said within another month the lab can begin accepting samples beginning with COVID and flu. Once they can show the uploading and reporting is accurate, they will be testing all other samples. She is working with the State Lab to determine which hospital specimens will come to this lab to relieve the lab in Reno.

About the community response to COVID, Ernst said the state has become quite lax. "One of the things we're really maintaining here is that tracing for 65 and older and also the vaccine."

Over the past week, there were a total of five positives, and on Monday there were two active cases of COVID reported. So far there have been a total of 12,489 doses of vaccine administered in Churchill County. The Pfizer vaccine has been given to 619 12–17-year-olds

and 240 5–11-year-olds. "Why we track this separately is really for the school district and Oasis so as they develop their plans, they can know what the vaccination rates are and what the trends are."

Reports show that 91.5% of county residents over 70 years old have been fully vaccinated.

The test positivity rate is no longer reported to the state or CDC, so hospitalizations and deaths are now the reporting metric, with both being extremely low, according to the report. There was only one hospitalization in the past month. As of May 6, 2022, a total of 6,460 positive cases of COVID have been reported, with 6,345 recovered. Churchill County has had 110 deaths linked to COVID since May of 2020.

The county has partnered with the State of Nevada to provide therapeutic outreach, informing each positive case of therapeutic options and reference to a telehealth provider to prescribe treatment.

Other business included third-quarter reporting for projects funded with the \$88,000 marijuana tax revenue and the \$33,000 allocation from the social services' mental health budget. The Community Coalition and the Churchill County School District are both providing services with this grant funding to support community priorities focusing on preventing youth drug use and awareness of mental health services. Ernst said the school district partnership with UNR has provided counseling to 3,000 students this past year. New Frontier is also serving students at the Fallon Youth Club to provide programs.

An update was provided on the Behavioral Health Task Force activities. The Task Force is focusing on youth, adults, and education through subcommittees for each focus area. The coalition is leading the youth





subcommittee and working to evaluate school and community needs. The adult subcommittee is focusing on transportation for people in a mental health crisis to get them to facilities where they can get care. Ernst leads the education subcommittee which is focusing on getting information out to the community during May for Mental Health Awareness month.

A new program that has been pushed through legislation provides a contact number to be used for individuals in crisis. "Rather than a crisis for mental illness going to 911, there is a new 988 number. Really the strategy for this is so individuals can access crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it's not going through law enforcement," she said. "The challenging part of this is the crisis support we have available in rural areas. It's building the strategies for these teams. They'll be working with law enforcement so they can access services." There is a push to develop Mobile Outreach Safety Teams, a tool that was evaluated seven years ago. The 988 program is set to launch in July.

The Board of Health members are County Commissioners Justin Heath, Greg Koenig, and Pete Olsen as well as Sheriff Richard Hickox, and Public Health Officer Tedd McDonald. Social Services provides support for the board which meets quarterly. The next meeting will be held on August 8, at 9 a.m.

Green Cross Pharmacy
Fallon's Cannabis Dispensary
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Ceremony for Judge Pro Tem



Mayor Ken Tedford recently held a ceremony to administer the Oath of Office to Jared Dooley and Charlie Knittle for the position of Judge Pro Tem for the City of Fallon Municipal Court. Dooley and Knittle are lifelong residents of Fallon and have volunteered many hours to the community. Dooley is the current Fire Chief and Knittle is a Captain for the Fallon/Churchill Fire Department. They will support the current Municipal Court Judge, Mike Lister
Photo Courtesy City of Fallon.

Report from the County Commission

By Rachel Dahl

County Commissioners approved two community contributions last week at their regular meeting, one to the Fallon Armed Forces Day event scheduled for May 21 at the Churchill County Fairgrounds for \$2,000, and \$1,500 to the Fallon Bowmen for their 36th Annual River Animal Madness 3-D Archery Tournament scheduled for May 14 and 15.

The Haneva, LLC development located off Moody Lane was on the agenda as well, with commissioners approving a parcel map that creates four large parcels to begin implementing the villages in the Sky Ranch Planned Unit Development. The PUD was approved in 2018 with this 160-acre parcel phase providing the first four “villages.” The

creation of these villages and the development of the PUD will also establish the initial alignment of Wade Lane as it is extended into the development.

A parcel map for Andrew Doty dividing 58.28 acres into three lots and two home sites was approved, along with a request by Jess Reid to waive water right dedication requirements for six parcel maps to complete a Cluster Development at the intersection of Lone Tree Road and Solias Road. Commissioners also approved a performance agreement with Jess Reid to complete road construction improvements for the development project within one year.

Commissioners held a Public Hearing to consider an ordinance that authorizes the issuance of a Revenue Bond of \$9 million to finance a telecommunications project for CC

Communications.

They also approved a change order from their contract with A & K Earth Movers to upgrade Miners Road due to the traffic impact caused by the Churchill County Civic Center (Rafter 3C). The cost will be \$320,338 and will utilize Road Impact Fund fees to do the road work.

Also on the agenda was the approval of an agreement for professional services with Sue Chambers to serve as the Interim Director of the Churchill County Museum at the rate of \$2,000 per month. Director Teri Hedgpath resigned to take a position in New York.

The meeting ended with a closed personnel session to discuss negotiations with the Churchill County Sheriff's Deputies Association and Operating Engineers Local No. 3.



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Myles Getto: Candidate for County Commission District 2

Myles Getto is a fourth generation Fallon farmer, farming the same ground his great grandparents settled in 1911. A Churchill County High School graduate, Getto was actively involved in 4-H and Churchill County FFA and became vice president of CCFFA his senior year.

At age 19, Getto applied to be on the Churchill County Planning Commission and was selected to the position. He has spent the last two-and-a-half years working on Planning Commission learning and becoming fascinated with politics and local government. He now wants to expand his political career to help guide his generation's future.

1. Why should water be a priority for the Lahontan Valley?

Water is the lifeblood of Churchill County, whether it be used for agricultural purposes that fuels our thriving agricultural economy, recreation at Lake Lahontan, recharging our powerful aquifer, or used by the hundreds of species of animals that make us the Oasis of Nevada. With the power of the most important resources in the west comes huge responsibility, possibly the biggest responsibility that Churchill County has. Our water will constantly be under attack by outsiders that refuse to understand its importance to us. As urban area outside of Fallon grow, their appetite for water will grow tremendously, it will be the job of whoever is elected to ensure and protect the water that feeds Churchill County, and I am up for that challenge.

2. During the past five years, great steps have been taken to improve the quality of life in Churchill County. What do you envision for the next 5 years? 10 years?

I envision for the next 10 years to be full of improvements on our quality of life. I

would push for more agricultural conservations, a emphasize on water management and what we can do as a community to insure that we remain the Oasis of Nevada. Another very important part of our quality of life is insuring that we continue to expand and developed our economics in Churchill County, whether that be in the Hazen industrial park, the agricultural sector, or in Fallon itself.

3. What should be the relationship between the county and the Bureau of Land Management?

As we all know, the BLM is a large mass of slow moving paperwork, but is necessary in maintaining and controlling our public lands. Churchill County has been and always will be overlooked, as counties can be in Nevada. It is vital that we make our voices, concerns and thoughts heard, by maintaining a strong, healthy, present relationship with the BLM, that can be accomplished.

4. What issues facing Churchill County would you prioritize in the area of public health and safety?

As our population grows we will have to see an extension of our current services offered, these of course include the basics such as police force, the fire department, water systems and sewer systems. Each of the aforementioned items have their own challenges that they will face with growth, our police force and fire department will face finding qualified individuals to staff a growth phase. And our water and sewer system will, of course, face droughts and dry spells that we all have grown accustomed to. Churchill County also has additional boards and committees that will make appropriate recommendations in reaction to whatever the future may hold for Churchill County.

5. How should the county handle its relationship with the Navy due to the range expansion and modernization?

It is vital that the County Commissioners have an open and vocal relationship with NAS Fallon. NAS Fallon makes up a large part of the demographics of Churchill County. As similar with the BLM, it is vital that Churchill County Commissioners expresses their concerns, ideas and thoughts with NAS Fallon on the proposed range expansion that affects many different sectors and many families' way of life. It is very easy to get lost or left behind in these matters and they must be taken very seriously, and yet again I am up for that challenge.

6. Should the county approach growth as planned growth or full speed ahead?

Slow economic growth will be the most beneficial to Churchill County, that being said we are already behind. Corporations that have deeper pockets than all of us combined have set their eyes on Churchill County, and if you think they'll stop at city limits, you're lying to yourself. All the while undercutting our local businesses, contractors, builders and architects. They bring outside workers that don't care to see quality homes being built, that don't go home to a house here, or spend their money at our local businesses. While they are relieving housing pressure, I think they can do more in terms of supporting our local businesses. If elected I would like to work with these companies to be more willing to use our local business and companies to help produce these homes.

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Tom Riggins: Candidate for County Commission District 2

I have lived in Churchill County for over 40 years because I believe Churchill County is a great place to live. I am a graduate of University of Nevada, Reno with dual degrees in Animal Science and Education.

My background and experience is in real estate, finance, and agriculture. From those endeavors I have learned to gather and analyze information, make decisions based on fact rather than emotion, negotiate, and get along with unpleasant people to gain a desired result.

I have been an opinion columnist for the Lahontan Valley News for several years. My beliefs are archived there and haven't changed.

I have been an active supporter of rural youth. I served 12 years with the Nevada State Fair, both as a committee and board member. I currently serve on the Churchill County Board of Equalization.

My core belief is that government exists to serve the people, not the other way around. The government that governs best does so the least and most locally. I believe in the Constitution as written, including the amendments. It is not a living document.

1. Why should water be a priority for the Lahontan Valley?

As goes water, so goes agriculture. As

goes agriculture, so goes the lifeblood of Lahontan Valley. As western Nevada grows, pressures and demands on water will only increase. I believe a coalition or collaboration of municipal, agriculture, and other water users needs to be created to protect our resource. There is strength in numbers.

2. During the past five years, great steps have been taken to improve the quality of life in Churchill County. What do you envision for the next 5 years? 10 years?

Common sense management of growth will be a key factor. We have large agriculture areas that need to be protected. Open space such as parks, hiking trails, and river corridor access will become larger considerations. One factor that should be included in any new project consideration is inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle paths, from a safety and aesthetic standpoint.

3. What should be the relationship between the county and the Bureau of Land Management?

Open communication should remain with BLM officials. That said, BLM issues that directly or indirectly affect county or private property interests should be challenged.

4. What issues facing Churchill County would you prioritize in the area of public health and safety?

Growth and inflation are going to impact

law enforcement, fire protection, and public health agencies. There will be a need to expand services as growth occurs, compounded by budget constraints. Making sure there is enough funding to provide the services needed will be a challenge and concern.

5. How should the county handle its relationship with the Navy due to the range expansion and modernization?

The Navy has been and hopefully will continue to be a good neighbor. Range expansion is needed for national security, but I believe the proposals far exceeded need. Also, I fail to see the need to remove private property ownership, grazing, mining, and recreation access from much of the proposed area. These uses have been compatible with existing ranges, and I don't see a reason other than in some restricted areas that they can't continue to be compatible.

6. Should the county approach growth as planned growth or full speed ahead?

If growth is going to happen it will happen whether we want it or not. It is the county's duty to deal with and manage growth responsibly and with as little impact as possible on existing property owners. As a real estate professional I have seen communi-

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Tanya Freeman: Candidate for County Commission District 2

I was born and raised in California, but left in 1976 and never looked back. I joined the United States Army and served 2 years then was Honorably Discharged. From there I moved to Alabama having enjoyed my time stationed there. I lived in northeast Alabama for a few years, moved to Colorado and spent a number of years in the medical field, then changed directions and joined the Ironworkers Local 27 and completed their Journeyman program. I have lived in several western states and enjoy the rural lifestyle. I landed in Churchill County over 20 years ago and started my own business doing home repair and Water Treatment Distribution, licensed by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.

1. Why should water be a priority for the Lahontan Valley?

Water is the lifeblood of this community. Without water we have no ranching, no farming, no support industries.

2. During the past five years, great steps have been taken to improve the quality of life in Churchill County. What do you envision for the next 5 years? 10 years?

I haven't seen any "great steps". I have not seen an improvement to the quality of life of county residents in outlying areas. I want to see road improvement to support the expected increase in population. Our available

healthcare needs dramatic improvement. Our schools need major changes. Longer term, we need responsible expansion that will invite a diversity of businesses to Churchill County.

3. What should be the relationship between the county and the Bureau of Land Management?

The federal Bureau of Land Management owns or controls 81% of our state. I want to see the land opened up for more county use.

4. What issues facing Churchill County would you prioritize in the area of public health and safety?

We need to expand our public awareness through open meetings to discuss health and safety issues relating to our community. We need to get the community involved and educated. Our issues are diverse and include fire prevention and defensible space, teen pregnancy, STDs, and drug and alcohol abuse and addiction treatment resources.

5. How should the county handle its relationship with the Navy due to the range expansion and modernization?

Rather than the Navy expanding we should work together to refurbish and rebuild the existing range and modernize it.

6. Should the county approach growth as planned growth or full speed ahead?

Growth should be planned and with caution and public input at every step. Major changes to that plan should be voted on by the people.

7. How important (or not) is it for the county and WNC to work together?

It is important that the county work with the college to expand educational opportunities in technology especially as it applies to agricultural, and other Career & Technical Education subjects. Our children – and adults – deserve all the opportunities possible.

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

Churchill County and the City of Fallon need to work hand-in-hand even more than they currently are. We love living in our Oasis of Nevada but that also means we are somewhat isolated and need to work together for this area to constructively grow.

9. What do you see the future of the city and county working with the Churchill Entrepreneurial Development Association?

All three should be working together to attract a diversity of businesses in the area to give our young people a reason to return from educational opportunities elsewhere and build lives and businesses in our community.

Jim Wheeler, candidate for State Senate District 17

Senate District 17 candidate Jim Wheeler of Douglas County has spent the past 10 years as the Nevada State Assemblyman, District 39.

Wheeler is veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He is also a former law enforcement officer.

For the past 14 years, he has served as CEO of Powerdyne Automotive products. He was a former ranch owner and operator in Gardnerville and North Texas.

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

With Nevada as the driest state in the union, water storage is the biggest problem facing our rural areas currently. We have to increase storage capabilities to see us through the dry years. We also have to make sure that Southern Nevada is not allowed to divert water from our rural areas.

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

The biggest problem facing us in forestry and the management of fires, is not climate change, but poor forest management. We must allow some logging and dead vegetation removal from our forests and range lands to mitigate these fires. Rangeland fires can be mitigated by BLM opening up more areas to grazing.

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

AB321 in the last session was a recipe for disaster in our voting procedures. We must reverse this bill and require voter ID, get rid of blanket mail-in ballots and return ballot harvesting to a felony. This is the only way to ensure that our citizens can trust their ballots are counted properly and that each and every legal ballot counts.

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

As a veteran myself, I have always been active in these issues. I passed a bill that would exempt veterans disability pay from civil litigation in 2015, for example. My next bill will be to exempt disabled veterans from property taxes.

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

Since all affected lands are federal lands, the only thing the state can do is negotiate the terms of land usage. Your state senator must be able to act as an "Ambassador" between our local governments, tribes and others and bring those concerns to our federal representatives.

6. Northern Nevada has faced unparalleled growth during the past decade. What is

the Senate's role to ensure the area keeps its quality of life issues intact?

Most quality of life issues come down to zoning, open spaces and infrastructure. The Senate (Legislature) can, and does routinely, study and pass laws to ensure the Nevada way of life. One of the many things we have done in the rural areas in the past is work with the federal government to increase conservation easements.

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

Since the 1960s we have fallen for the misdirection that more funding equals better education outcomes. As we can see here in Nevada that is not necessarily the case. What other states have done that has shown promise and even dramatic results is to return the education of our children back to the direction of the parents. This is done through school choice, where the money follows the child and creates competition in the system.

8. More on education. Should Nevada follow the lead of other states in looking at CRT, library and classroom books and their content?

Yes. We need full disclosure of what our children are being taught and complete parental involvement in the process.

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Law & Order

District Court News

By Leanna Lehman

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 10, 2022, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

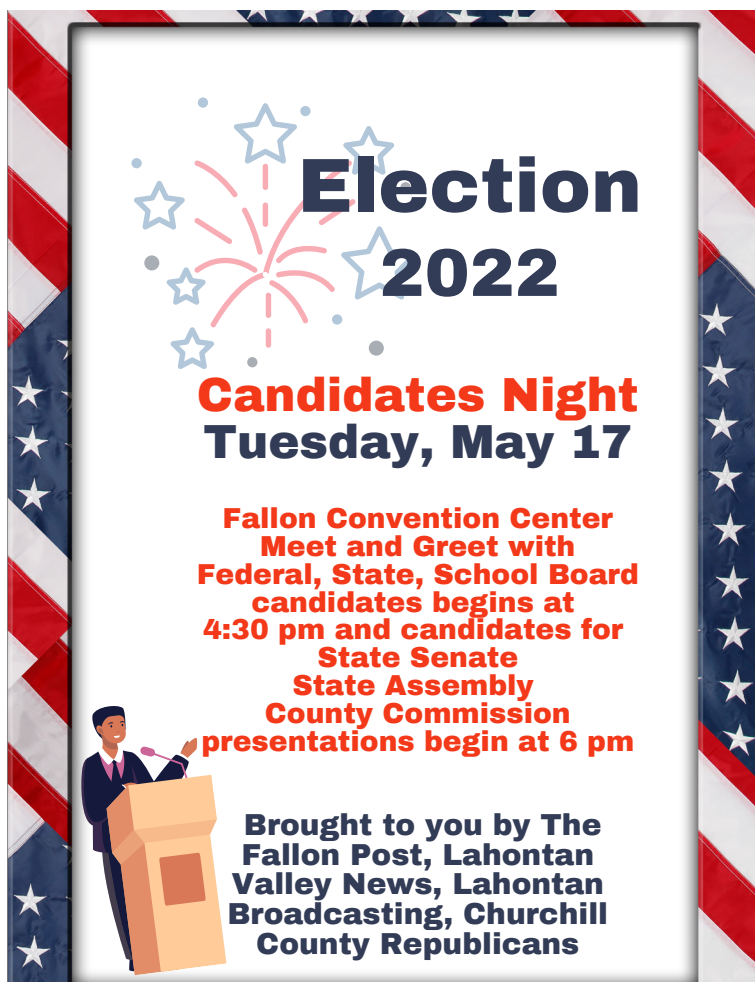
Jonathon Wayne Brown, in custody, appeared for a status hearing with his retained attorney, Steve Evenson, Esq. The matter was continued to May 17. Brown has been in custody on charges of (1) Kidnapping in the Second Degree, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison (2) Battery That Constitutes Domestic Violence Committed by Strangulation, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison, (3) Kidnapping in the Second Degree a Category B Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison, (4) False Imprisonment a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by 364 days in jail, (5) Coercion that Constitutes Domestic Violence a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. Counts one and three are continuation offenses that occurred on different days. Brown pled not guilty last August to all charges, after which Judge Stockard proposed a criminal settlement conference. A jury trial was scheduled to begin on March 2, 2022, but was continued. The outcome of the planned settlement conference has not been disclosed.

Billie Dale Keck, in custody, pled guilty to a charge of Using the Identifying Information of Another to Avoid Delaying Arrest or Prosecution, a Category C Felony punishable by

1-5 years in prison. According to Paul Yohey Esq., defense counsel for Keck, his client was stopped along the highway by law enforcement under the suspicion that the vehicle was stolen. At that time, Keck provided a false name to the arresting officers. Yohey verbally petitioned Judge Stockard to release Keck on his own recognizance, stating that Keck and his brother are long-standing community members. Also, his client has a lot to lose if he fails to comply with the requirements of a presentence release. Stockard informed Yohey that per the Nevada Supreme Court ruling, Valdez-Jimenez, bail requests made after the initial bail hearing must be made in writing; therefore, the request could not be granted. Yohey is free to make the motion in writing at another time. The court scheduled sentencing for August 2.

Larissa Eve Peterson appeared with her retained attorney, Steve Evenson, Esq., for sentencing on two DUI cases dating back to 2018, to which Peterson previously entered guilty pleas. According to Evenson, his client has had a very difficult and long-standing battle with alcohol, particularly for someone of her young age. Peterson completed the DUI program but soon fell under a friend's influence and faltered, getting another DUI last January. Evenson argued for minimum sentences of 2-6 years to run concurrently as Nevada statute requires a prison sentence of 2-15 years. Peterson addressed the court, apolo-

gizing for her actions, stating that she never thought she would be in this position again when she completed DUI Court. "I did get a taste of what sobriety was like and learned what my life could be like with it. I wish I would have protected myself more vigilantly after the program because that is when the work really truly began. I destroyed what it took me three years to build in three months." She apologized to family, friends, and the court, saying, "I can't express how sorry I am." Judge Stockard told Peterson, "These are some of the toughest cases I have to deal with because I have seen what you are capable of, both the good and bad. But I have to balance that against protecting our community. But I am very optimistic about your future." For the 2018 charge of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or other Intoxicating Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction, a Category B Felony, Stockard sentenced Peterson to 28-120 months in prison. On the 2022 charge of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or other Intoxicating Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction, Stockard sentenced Peterson to 28-120 months; however, the terms will run concurrently. She was granted credit for 92 days of time served and was remanded back into the custody of the Sheriff's office for imposition of sentence and will be transferred to the Nevada Department of Corrections.



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From the Farm Bureau -- It's Beef Month

Submitted by the Churchill County Farm Bureau

Even if you don't like "beef" as meat – raising beef cattle is a benefit for us all. May is "Beef Month" it's time to look at the whole picture of beef and maybe you'll enjoy a good nutritious dinner with some type of beef product.

Lately, there have been some vocal anti-beef people trying to give beef a bad rap and use a broad brush to cover both beef and dairy cattle. Beef, as meat, comes from both beef and dairy cattle.

Cattle are ruminates, along with at least 150 other species both wild and domestic animals. Ruminates also cover such animals as sheep, goats, giraffes, buffalo, antelope, deer, and elk. Because of the way that they digest the food they eat, they give off methane gas when belching while they chew their cud. This is one of the steps in the way their four-part stomach works.

Yes, ruminates and the methane gas coming from their digestive process contribute to greenhouse gasses. Cattle are only one of the ruminant animals who are digesting their food in this way and it should be pointed out that cattle also provide a lot of other benefits.

Beef cattle can thrive on foods that we as humans cannot. They can utilize and do well grazing on lands that are unsuitable for growing crops like rugged, rocky terrain or lands with shallow topsoil. Cow-calf pairs do well on high meadows that have short growing seasons.

To dairy and beef cattle, almond hulls are a nutritious treat along with by-products from processing other foods like canning fruits and vegetables or making drinks. This also helps reduce materials filling up our landfills. Grazing the fields after harvesting



A bull on the range ruminating over the lush feed - providing fire load control on public land. Photo courtesy of Sonya Johnson.

other crops saves the need to either burn or use equipment that when it is operating emits greenhouse gasses which stay in the atmosphere almost twice as long as the gasses from the ruminates which are part of the natural O2 cycle.

With properly managed grazing cattle on public and private lands, the fine-fuel fire loads can be lessened to reduce wildfires and make them more controllable. Ignoring the fire loads leads to more range fires which threaten buildings, equipment, wildlife, and human lives.

Most of the bad rap people either don't

have enough information to understand the full picture or are only pointing fingers to intentionally do damage.

Agriculture is one of the leading sectors of Nevada's economy. The sale of cattle and calves accounted for 45% of agricultural commodities making it number one in 2020. Since ag products are almost all sold out of state, they are considered an export that brings income to the state and helps Nevada's businesses.

Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken May 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
151,900 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen
430 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
521 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
608 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill
356 cfs

Water Levels May 12
2022 : 151,945 acre feet cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
2021 : 117,523 acre feet af - Acre Feet
2020 : 209,525 acre feet

Community Meetings

May 16 to 20

City of Fallon Council
May 17 at 9 a.m.
55 W. Williams Ave.

Liquor Board
May 18 at 2 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street

Regional Transportation Commission
May 18 at 9:30 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
May 19 at 12 noon
90 N. Maine Street

County Commission
May 18 at 1:15 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street

Social Services Advisory Board
May 20 at 12 noon
155 N. Taylor Street

Education

Major Award to Local Student Wade Cushing

By Kaitlin Ritchie

Churchill County High School Senior, Wade Cushing, was recognized by Gemini on Wednesday, April 6th. Director of Engineering for Gemini, Tom Toland, was in town visiting the Fallon plant and reached out to Principal Tim Spencer to see if he could come to the high school and personally recognize Cushing for being the winner of their \$100,000 scholarship.

“Tom reached out to me because he wanted a meeting while he was visiting the Fallon plant, to discuss the possibility of Gemini providing some financial support for CCHS to sponsor a robotics team or a program like that.” It was during that phone conversation that Toland also stated that a student at CCHS had applied for a scholarship they sponsored and had been chosen for the \$100,000 award. He wanted to tell Wade when he came in, but Spencer had something else in mind. “I thought we could do better than that, so I contacted his parents and leadership to see if we could put together a small surprise gathering in the library for Wade to surprise him. I was floored by what a huge accomplishment this was for this young man, and I did not want that to go unrecognized,” Spencer said.

On Wednesday, April 6th Wade was called to come to the Library not knowing what was waiting for him. Wade's Mother Verity Cushing was thrilled to be there to surprise her son. “It's funny because he was just telling the Bishop of our church last night that he was feeling frustrated and said he had not heard from anybody and did not know what was happening with any of the scholarships he applied for.” Wade had no idea he was chosen and was certainly surprised to walk into the library and see Tom, friends, family and leadership there to congratulate him on this incredible award.

Toland said they give away 1-2 scholarships to promising engineering students a

year. It started, because the founder of Gemini is an engineer. He really wanted to do something to give back to the community and focus on things that are going to help with the future of manufacturing in the US. As a result, he founded this scholarship and named it after Ross Wagner, a former board member of Gemini who passed away in 1992.

“We give away scholarships to engineering students, but we also have scholarships available for our employees' children to apply for,” said Toland. Gemini likes to partner with schools and with the high schools in the areas where there is a Gemini plant. “We have not really done a lot here in Fallon, which is why I reached out to Tim and we will begin that conversation after this gathering.”

Cushing was up against many other applicants throughout the country. The application process was extensive and included an interview portion about which Toland said, “I would not have been able to do at Wade's age.” Out of all the students who applied, Toland said the way Wade presented himself in the interview really stood out to him. “He did a great job, he was very mature. Without question he's got the grades, the ACT scores, and he chose to go to a great school!” However, what struck home with Toland the most was how he connected to Wade on a personal level, “I moved my family when my girls were in school and my oldest daughter was about the age Wade was when his parents moved him to Fallon from California. I know how hard it was for him because I know it was hard on my daughter, but he didn't lose focus. He kept at it and kept his grades up and kept focus on what he wanted to do.”



Right now Wade plans to go to Texas A&M. It is the school both his parents graduated from, and he said that it was a pretty easy choice due to its welcoming and interesting school culture.

Wade's father, Jason Cushing, said, “For Wade this is a life changing opportunity. That is the bottom line. I cannot thank you [Tom] enough for your consideration of him. As a young man, I was in Wade's position and looking at different schools elsewhere. Then I had an opportunity that allowed me to go to Texas A&M on a big scholarship and I am so excited for him to have this same opportunity.”

Wade reflected on how it was about three months ago that he was sitting right here in the library at a scholarship meeting when he found out about this scholarship. It had all come full circle and he could not have been more grateful for receiving such an incredible award.

CCHS Principal Tim Spencer is thrilled for Wade and cannot get over what a huge accomplishment this is for him. “This is just really something. I have goosebumps that have quite literally not gone away since Tom called me with the news last week. This is very exciting for him and his family. His future is bright.”

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Bite of Reality – Teaching Students about Personal Finance

By Rachel Dahl

Every day we deal with money and finances. But how many of us received any formal training in the daily management of our own personal finances? Keith Lund, a teacher at the high school takes that idea seriously and has been teaching personal finance for the past fifteen years. Each year for the past ten years he has partnered with Financial Horizon Credit Union to present the Bite of Reality program to his students.

This week his students were able to take part in the program and learn what it is to budget their monthly salary to meet the needs of housing, transportation, entertainment, and shopping.

Several administrators and school personnel along with volunteers from the community assist with the program by staffing the various tables and “selling” services and products to the students. Students are assigned a career, a family, a monthly salary, a credit card, and a credit score and then they have to go from table to table figuring out how to make their monthly salary stretch across all the requirements of a family.

Angela Guthrie is with Financial Horizons, she explained to the students their task was to figure out how to get through the month. “If you have less than a 700-credit score, you’ll see when you go to the car dealership that your monthly payment is going to be higher.”

In years past students would use paper and pencil, however, the program has evolved with the times and students now download an app that they use to complete the exercise.

One of the students who had been assigned to be a lawyer during the program decided to take his two-year-old for a walk rather than to the zoo because the walk was free. He also decided that \$1,000 for a trip to London was outside of his budget for the month.

Teri Pearson has been volunteering to help Lund for several years and loves the experience. “My very favorite line from a student was a couple of years ago when one of our girls said when she got home, she was going to tell her mom thanks because she had no idea how much went into running a family and how expensive it was.”

Above: Keith Lund (left) and Angela Guthrie with Financial Horizons Credit Union speak to students at the Bite of Reality presentation, Photos by Rachel Dahl



Bighorn Bulletin - Oasis Academy Update

Oasis Academy Closes on Purchase of Property

After over a decade of serving students in the Fallon community, Oasis Academy Charter School has purchased the building they call home (or is it school?) at 920 W. Williams Street. The building and property were once home to Walmart and currently house Oasis Academy, Big 5, and the Dollar Tree. The sale was finalized on April 25, 2022.

The expansion comes at a critical time as the school's slow growth model has led to three classes in grades K-5 for next year. Plans also include moving Oasis Academy College Prep to a section of the newly purchased property.

"This has been a long time coming! Purchasing this building puts the school in a better financial position as our mortgage is less than our monthly rent was. We plan to put that savings aside so that we can renovate the building into the space we want it to be. Oasis has a lot of long-term goals and spaces we want to see incorporated into the learning environment. This puts us one step closer to making that vision a reality," said Oasis CEO Melissa Mackedon.

The purchase would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of several groups, including financial partner, Nevada State Bank. The property was purchased from Old Fallon LLC.

"More than three years ago the board started to review sites for the construction of a new school. It became apparent with the high costs of site improvements when developing a vacant piece of land and the ever-increasing building construction costs we needed to look at new options. Fortunately, we were presented with the option of purchasing the building that Oasis Academy currently occupies," said Oasis Board Member Frank Woodliff. "The current location is great, and the building is served with City of Fallon utilities. The building is over 100,000 square feet which will allow Oasis Academy to grow and expand its offerings to students. The board is excited about working with all of Oasis Academy's stakeholders to develop the future improvement plans and enhance Oasis's goals of educational excellence."

"I am really excited to finally have what will be a permanent home for the school. I'm excited to start thinking about and firming up a design. Good things are in our future," said Mackedon.

Both Big 5 Sporting Goods and Dollar Tree will continue to lease their current locations.

Senior Spotlight: Trevor Halloran

Athletics have played a key role in Senior Trevor Halloran's time at Oasis. Whether on the court or the greens he's represented the Bighorns in every season during high school.

"My favorite memories at Oasis come from playing sports. From the times of traveling to places like Mammoth with the basketball team and playing in tournaments. But my favorite

memory would be our comeback against Coleville my sophomore year. We were down sixteen with three minutes to go, and we rallied back to win," said Halloran.

Highlights from his outstanding athletic career include highest scoring average in all Nevada 1A divisions, most points scored in Nevada 1A, team leader in steals and assists, leader for 3-point field goals made in Nevada 1A, highest free throw percentage in Nevada



1A, he won three golf tournaments and finished in second or third in five others. Most recently Halloran finished in first place in the Eastern Regional tournament at Toana Vista Golf Club in West

Wendover.

Halloran's success has not just been in athletics though. He will graduate this month with both his high school diploma and Associate of Arts from Western Nevada College.

"Physics was my favorite class, sophomore year. I was able to participate in many different projects with my friends," explained Halloran. "It was also the last in-person class that I've had since the covid pandemic began."

There is not just one teacher or counselor that Halloran feels influenced his Oasis career. He wanted to thank them all for their help and guidance.

This fall Halloran will continue his golf career playing at William Jessup University.

His advice for future students? "Do every assignment, because no matter how bad you think your grade will be on it, it's not going to be as bad as a 0."

Senior Spotlight: Evelin Gomez

Senior Evelin Gomez is graduating this month with both her high school diploma and Associate of Arts from Western Nevada College. This outstanding academic achievement means a lot but along with it came growth in other ways as well.

"My time at Oasis was great, and I gained knowledge out of each teacher. My experience at Oasis also taught me to be more mature and responsible," explained Gomez.

It also led her to the advice she has for



future students. "I would tell them not to put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Gomez has a few people she'd like to thank for helping her along her high school dual-enrollment journey. "I'd like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Venturacci who has been with me since the beginning of Oasis Academy. She

was always willing to assist me with whatever issue I had," said Gomez. "I'd also like to thank Mr. Lewis for his patience and kindness in making me feel welcome and comfortable in his class. If I had to pick a favorite class, it would be Mr. Lewis."

As she moves on to her next journey, Gomez will cherish the memories and friendships during her time at Oasis. "My friends are my favorite memories from this school year since they made school more enjoyable and fun."

After graduation Gomez intends to enroll in a real estate program while continuing her education at UNR to become a preschool teacher.

Math Class Finishes Second in the World for IXL

Mr. Evan Brandt's second-period Algebra II Math class has finished second in the world for the IXL Spring Learning Showdown 2022. The second-place finish includes a \$250 gift certificate.

"I was very impressed that a class from a small school in a small town was able to lead the nation and get 2nd place worldwide in the IXL Spring Showdown. Over 33,000 classes participated in the competition," said Brandt. "All of the students pitched in and worked hard to win the contest, but a few students lead the way Thanh Nguyen, Aubrey Vaughn, Keenan Waller, Natalie Jaques, and Shelbi Bracken."

IXL is a subscription-based international online comprehensive learning site for K-12 with individualized guidance that meets the unique needs of each student.

Boys Golf Heads to State

Oasis Academy Boys Golf is headed to the state tournament in Las Vegas. David Halloran coaches the team that includes Trevor Halloran, Connor Ocegüera, Fenn Mackedon, Tyler Siebecker, and Andrew Catlin.

Senior Trevor Halloran won the regional tournament last weekend in Wendover with the team finishing second. This is the first trip for the Bighorns to state. The team has been impressive and had constant improvement throughout the season.

"I'm very proud of the Oasis golf team. They persevered through cold, windy, and snowy conditions to take second place in the East Region on the challenging Toana Vista Golf Course amongst eight teams. Even more impressive is that we improved our cumulative team score by twenty-two strokes from when we played there earlier in the year," said Coach David Halloran. "I tip my hat to the entire team for their dedication to improving their golf game. A special congratulations to Trevor for dominating the field with a five-stroke victory, and for beating the East Region's defending Champion on his home course."

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Editor:

In the interests of full disclosure, the individual mentioned throughout this letter is a relative. I am writing in regards to Myles Getto currently running for County Commissioner. The voters in Churchill County have a very rare opportunity in electing this young man to the commission as he represents a younger generation in which public purpose and work ethic rarely rival those of the previous generations. The average age of the American farmer today is 57.5 years old. Myles was raised in an agricultural family where his great grandfather, an Italian immigrant, homesteaded the family farm. He grew up working alongside of his father absorbing the values of family imbedded in the land. He understands the critical nature of water in the desert and yet at an amazingly young age he was able to discern the balance of growth within the sustainability of agriculture within Churchill County. He was the youngest member, at age nineteen, appointed to the Planning Commission. He found himself making decisions that often yielded controversy but always reflected his ability to cast a vote in the best interests of the overall population, which sometimes seemed to bely his agricultural roots. Myles is a deep thinker and a creative soul all contained within such a young life. I encourage the voting population of Churchill County to recognize the extraordinary opportunity at their hands to elect Myles Getto to the Churchill County Commission.

— Andrea Caldwell

Editor:

As someone who has worked with youth, including LGBTQA youth, for over nine years, I'm concerned not only with the decision to remove links to LGBTQA resources from the middle school website, but also with the way the decision was presented in the paper.

Other than the brief comment from the counselor, there was no explanation of why such resources are a positive thing for young people and families to have access to. Nor was there mention of the fact that schools in Nevada need to tread carefully when it comes to remove resources for LGBTQA students or forbidding things like after school clubs for them; Nevada has multiple laws in place preventing discrimination or targeting of LGBTQA students.

Worse still, there was no commentary from youth in the school, who are the people most affected by these changes and the beliefs behind them. There were assumptions made that straight or cisgender students would feel "unsafe," which is rarely the reality. In my considerable experience, young people are far less bothered by the existence of those who are different than them than adults are. So not only were adults allowed to put their own concerns into the mouths of hypothetical children, but no young people were actually able to speak on the issue. Then again, perhaps LGBTQA students would be reluctant to do so, as several adults charged with the oversight of their school made it

clear they think them less deserving of support and resources than their peers.

In the event the Post, or anyone else, continues reporting on this issue, I also urge you to press back on people like Matt Hyde and Tricia Strasdin, who insist they're not against LGBTQA students, that they believe in their well-being but not in THAT way. What way do they mean? A way that acknowledges they face unique challenges at times, or that their parents may need help supporting or understanding their child? A collection of some of the least offensive, well-sourced resources on the topic? A way that says to LGBTQA students, a population a considerably higher risk for bullying, harassment, and self-harm than average, "you belong in this school?"

And what way would they prefer? That those students exist but not make any need or issue related to their sexual orientation or gender identity known? That in exchange for keeping the accurate, affirming information the school also provide links to places that insist LGBTQA children are broken, misguided, or confused, things all rejected by years and years of research? How does it promote social-emotional learning to not be able to find information about yourself when you need it?

To the school and school board: do better. Support all the young people in your care, even if you personally don't understand or agree with their identities.

To the parents: Be allies to the LGBTQA youth in our community. Even if they're not you're own. I cannot tell you the number of times I have seen one supportive adult be the difference between surviving and giving up.

To LGBTQA Youth: While some adults seem to panic at any mention of your existence or needs, I promise you there are many more of us who can, and do, affirm and support your right to live as you are.

— Sam Wall, LSW

Editor:

I recently read that some resources for LGBTQ youth were removed for Fallon Middle Schoolers. I have so many questions. I can't see all the resources that were available, but from what I have been able to see, some were entirely inappropriate for Middle School, i.e. 12 year olds. Aside from telling young kids how to bind breasts, tuck penises and browse gender rebirth clothing, children were directed to the Trevor Project.

A quick visit to the Project website is enough to make a parent go on edge. Not just because they awarded Lil Nas X their prestigious Suicide Prevention Advocate award (if you don't recognize that name, a YouTube search is in order because some things you just have to see to grasp the absolute absurdity and betrayal that that kind of influence gets elevated as a role model from a school supplied resource.) And it's not just because children are paired up with counselors you can't see or verify but can only hope are trustworthy. And it's not just the chat room where 13-year-old children bond with adults who are up to 24 years old discussing what

you hope is wholesome, but your entire online experience suggests otherwise. It is because within moments of arriving at the site, a visitor is told to triple tap anywhere at any time to close the browser and erase the browser history. What exactly is that function for? I'm told harrowing tales of good intentions but in practice I can only see it as excluding parents and removing the best advocate a child can ever have.

I don't care how cool or empathizing someone might be, NO one can love or support my child more than I do. Anyone who postures in any way to leave me out or cut me off from being my child's advocate does not have their best interest in mind and should not have any legitimacy from a school. And frankly I'm not haughty enough to suppose that other parents don't feel the same for their own precious children.

The resources are currently down, but I doubt permanently.

To those supposing my approval of removing THESE resources means I don't support youth; you can love and support children in many ways without handing them matches and gasoline and saying "we love you and support you and trust you can use these appropriately." When a school supplies resources, people [kids] naturally assume those to be safe and acceptable. Giving kids at such a young age school-facilitated access to sites that encourage and enable hiding life-altering information from parents is wrong. Full stop.

To those who view themselves the silent majority - why are we silent? Do you take comfort in supposing you're politely correct, but your values aren't worth your voice? These are your children. Regardless of the names or accusations that may come your way, they are worth it to stand up for what is true. This just serves as a reminder that no matter how small or conservative you think your town is, no leash is too short when it comes to those who can come between you and your children. Your attention, effort, voice, and presence need to stand as your child's vigil.

— Kate Morris, Fallon

Editor:

Thank You to Tom Riggins for supporting youth in Agriculture at the 83rd Nevada Junior Livestock Show. Your generous support helps youth gain knowledge and skills in the agricultural industry and individuals like you allow for the continued growth and knowledge in the livestock industry.

— Nala Jones Churchill County 4-H Club



Local Columnist

High Desert Dirt -- The Raven's Rant

Even if we don't love them, a healthy garden is a home to a great number of insects. They are an integral part of the full ecosystem in your yard. This year my healthy garden is hosting a few more unwelcome bugs than I care to admit. I had leaf miners show up early spring in force and now the aphids are here, and they brought all their friends. Thanks in part to social media good bug campaigns and the great work schoolteachers and nursery owners do, we all know ladybugs, lacewings and parasitoid wasps are voracious aphid eaters, we should also remember the soft-bodied insects are food for birds too. As I'm writing this, a goldfinch is having an aphid breakfast off of one of my rose bushes. In my own yard, I strive for a balance but sometimes for a whole host of reasons, things get out of whack.

There are about 5,000 species of identified aphids. They are a successful genus; tiny sapsucker fossils have even been found preserved in ancient Baltic amber. Funny side story, there was a Royal Navy insect-class gunboat that was commissioned in 1915 called the HMS Aphid. Sister ships included no kidding, the Bee, Ladybird, and Scarab. Sometimes called plant louse or my favorite name ant cows. You might see them also called greenflies or blackflies, although they come in other colors like pink, yellow and brown as well. Then there are woolly aphids that look sort of like a small cotton ball of white fluff, you might see them between branches on your crabapple trees or especially on new shoot suckers found at the base of trees.

Woolies are one of a few hundred aphids that torment farmers and gardeners world-

wide. Interestingly, these tiny bugs are found mainly in temperate zones. There are pea aphids, cabbage aphids, spruce aphids, green peach aphids, corn root aphids, potato aphids and rose aphids to name just a few. There are several species that affect alfalfa as well, like the blue alfalfa aphid or the spotted alfalfa aphid.

Their lifecycle is complicated and frankly a little science fiction sounding. Let me share a few "highlights" from a common aphid. Stem mothers are flightless aphids that reproduce without fertilization through the summer. On a single plant, the stem mother lays many live babies (instead of eggs like many other insects). When her plant gets overcrowded, some of the sapsuckers will develop into mature adults that fly to another plant they can chow on. In late summer males and females are produced that mate and overwinter in the ground. There are even some aphids that have ant bodyguards. The ants stroke the aphids' underbelly and collect an excreted honeydew - the shiny stuff you might see on leaves alerting you to their presence. In this mutualistic relationship, ants reportedly will even move their aphids to healthier plants. Some aphids cause galls, you might notice marble-sized round green balls that look out of place on your cottonwood leaves for example. Also on cottonwoods, a red brain shape you might notice more after autumn leaf fall is created by the poplar vag-abond aphid, who also wins the best-named aphid award. Check out the USDA website and the articles on, "Petiolegall Aphids" for more exciting late-night reading. The good

news is in this case, usually, the damage is only unsightly and superficial.

Aphids use piercing mouthparts to feed on the sap of the phloem vessels in many different plants. You might remember the terms, xylem and phloem from biology class when discussing the vascular system of plants vs non-vascular plants like mosses and algae. A quick refresher, the xylem moves water and minerals up from roots and out to the leaves. Phloem takes food produced in the leaves from photosynthesis downward to roots and stems. This part of my column I should say was interrupted by a random snow shower. I ran outside and brought all my pepper and tomato starts in and now twenty minutes later it is bright and sunny again. Ah, Nevada springtime!

Aphids can cause sooty mold fungus, bacteria, and some viruses. I read some people are actually allergic to the insects in large doses.

Physical controls include handpicking, pruning, and spraying. A strong stream of water can be an effective control early on in an infestation. Also, a few teaspoons of liquid dish soap mixed with a quart of water sprayed on the leaves can help as well. Pay special attention to the undersides of the leaves. You might need to do this treatment every few days for a few weeks. Nurseries sell commercial insecticidal soaps or neem if you'd rather.

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

Horoscope Hideout - May 13 to 19

Friday the 13th is followed by a total Lunar Eclipse this Sunday evening. Cool right? This is in addition to Mercury in retrograde which lasts through June 3rd, the last day of our school year. A little responsible communication could go a long way for all of us.

Aries: If you have found yourself struggling to get the right words out, that may get a bit easier as the week progresses after the eclipse. Your confidence and sense of initiative and determination may also increase.

Taurus: One foot in front of the other, friend. This week may be a trying one, and relationships could feel more difficult to navigate, due to shorter patience on your end. Think twice speak once. Spare those around you.

Gemini: Your eclipse season started with mapping out new directions, and your lunar eclipse brings more action on your end to ensure routes traveled. Your flexible intelligence makes this a great period to continue setting career goals for your next solar year.

Cancer: Careful is your middle name when it comes to matters of the heart, Cancer, and the Lunar eclipse may intensify your feelings. Good or bad, sit on them, and try to be kind with your words and kind to yourself.

Leo: This weekend comes with some

sudden changes, but maybe they are needed because up until then there may have been no pleasing you anyways. Your "if you want something done you have to do it yourself" attitude will be helpful when it comes time.

Virgo: With Mercury, your ruling planet being retrograde, you may see more delays or setbacks than expected. Take caution this weekend when it comes to confrontation. After the eclipse, communication restraints will ease.

Libra: Balance is key; however, it may be difficult to maintain this week. An emotional argument seems to be a possibility in many interactions. Might be a good time to dissociate into a good book or study topic. Introspection is always a nice option as well.

Scorpio: Mars has you feeling potentially argumentative, and the tried-and-true ways of dealing with things just don't seem to be cutting it this week. Time spent with the youth can be inspiring and this Jupiter transit brings more focus on yourself and what you need to improve your circumstances.

Sagittarius: It is in your nature to be a "yes, man," but you've got to start saying yes to your self-care. Juggling your work/life balance may be difficult, but if you've been overburdening yourself, the eclipse may force some rest.

Capricorn: Jupiter is hanging out in your 4th house, causing you to feel more idealistic about your home life, and their relationships. Hint for this Mercury retrograde: being happy is better than being right.

Aquarius: Frustrations may be running high leading up to the eclipse, and with its arrival perhaps additional challenges. Teamwork makes the dream work. The following week may bring opportunity for you to shine in the workplace.

Pisces: Sometimes things are just okay, and you don't need to worry about anything. Enjoy the joy, without waiting for the other shoe to drop. Understanding your triggers can keep you from backsliding and prepare to be tempted all month.



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

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

While central Nevada and Fallon communities are bemoaning mid-May snow flurries, I am revisiting the sunny skies and ocean breezes in Point Loma, California. Neil and I hit the road last weekend to celebrate the life of his mentor and our dear friend, Robert Young who passed away last February. We are re-connecting with Neil's shipmates from the first boat in his naval career and visiting places that were significant to us in the early days of our relationship.

The memorial kicked off with an emotional military ceremony at Fort Rosecrans on the top of Point Loma overlooking the Pacific Ocean. There was a bagpiper, an honor guard, and the most soulful rendition of taps played by a young active-duty woman on the bugle. After wrapping up the formal ceremony, our large party made our way south to Chula Vista for a luau-themed celebration of life. Bob was a huge believer in the Hawaiian concept of Ohana—a word that directly translates to “family” but means family by choice in addition to the family by birth. Bob's Ohana gathered together to shepherd his soul into the universe with Hawaiian shirts and leis, tears and smiles, ukuleles, and hula dancing. It was beautiful, uplifting, and heartbreaking.

You can enjoy the tastes of a Hawaiian luau with your Ohana with the help of a slow-cooker and some creativity, rather than the trouble of burying a whole pig.

Kalua Pork with Cabbage Slaw

Recipe by: Jennifer Olvera

INGREDIENTS:

For the Pork:

1 whole pork butt, 5 to 6 pounds
Kosher salt
1 T liquid smoke
2 T soy sauce
1 cup water

For the Slaw:

1 small head purple cabbage, cored and thinly sliced
1 small onion, peeled and thinly sliced
1 T sesame oil
½ T rice wine vinegar
Freshly ground black pepper

For Serving:

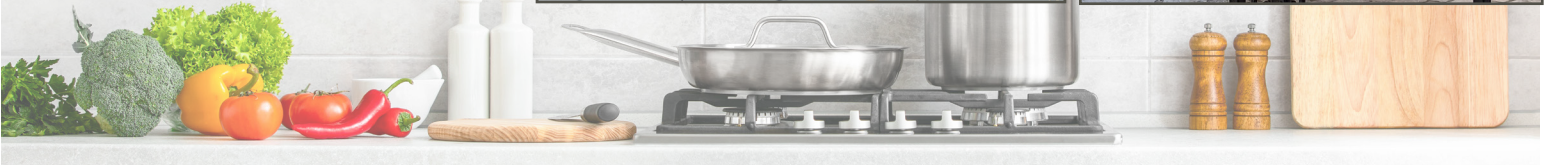
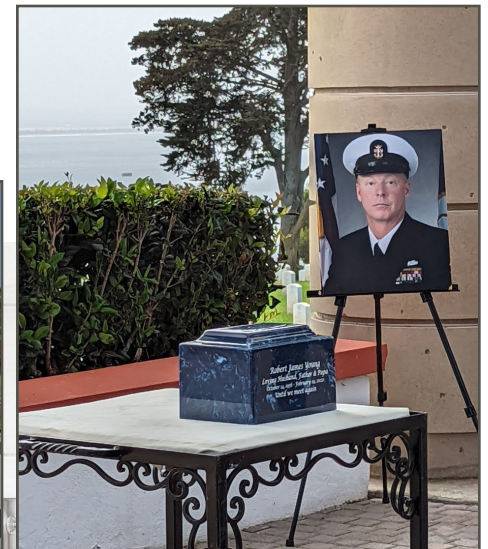
1 package Hawaiian bread rolls

DIRECTIONS:

1. For the Pork: Place pork in a slow cooker and pierce all over with a fork. Rub with salt, liquid smoke, and soy sauce. Add water. Cover and cook on low for 18 hours, turning once.

2. For the Slaw: Combine cabbage, onion, sesame oil, and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine and refrigerate until ready to use, at least one hour and up to overnight.

3. Remove pork from the slow cooker and shred meat. Mix with juices to moisten and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve pork tucked into rolls, topped with slaw.



Maliah's Minute -- School Vandalism

Throughout the past school year, there has been a lot of vandalism.

Most of the ideas have come from TikTok, which claims it is kid-friendly. Since TikTok has gone viral more and more kids are being influenced to do stupid and dangerous things.

The first-ever TikTok challenge was the dropkick, it is not only dangerous but bullying. People would tell their friends to jump and as they jumped two people would kick their feet from underneath them. This caused many people to get injured, including concussions. The students who participated in injuring the student were most of the time punished. I did not see many people doing this at my school in the past, but just this morning I saw it happen twice so the

challenge might be coming back.

Vandalism was the most common challenge done at my school. The bathrooms were the main targets as students would rip the soap dispensers off the wall and take them home. The challenge grew and people were vandalizing more supplies. As it grew, bathroom stalls in the boys' bathrooms were being torn apart and one toilet seat was disconnected from the wall. In the girls' bathroom the same thing was happening but not as bad, every once in a while, a soap dispenser would disappear. As the challenge grew, girls were taking the mirrors off the wall, and in two bathrooms we only have one mirror.

You're probably thinking what do the kids get out of this except for getting

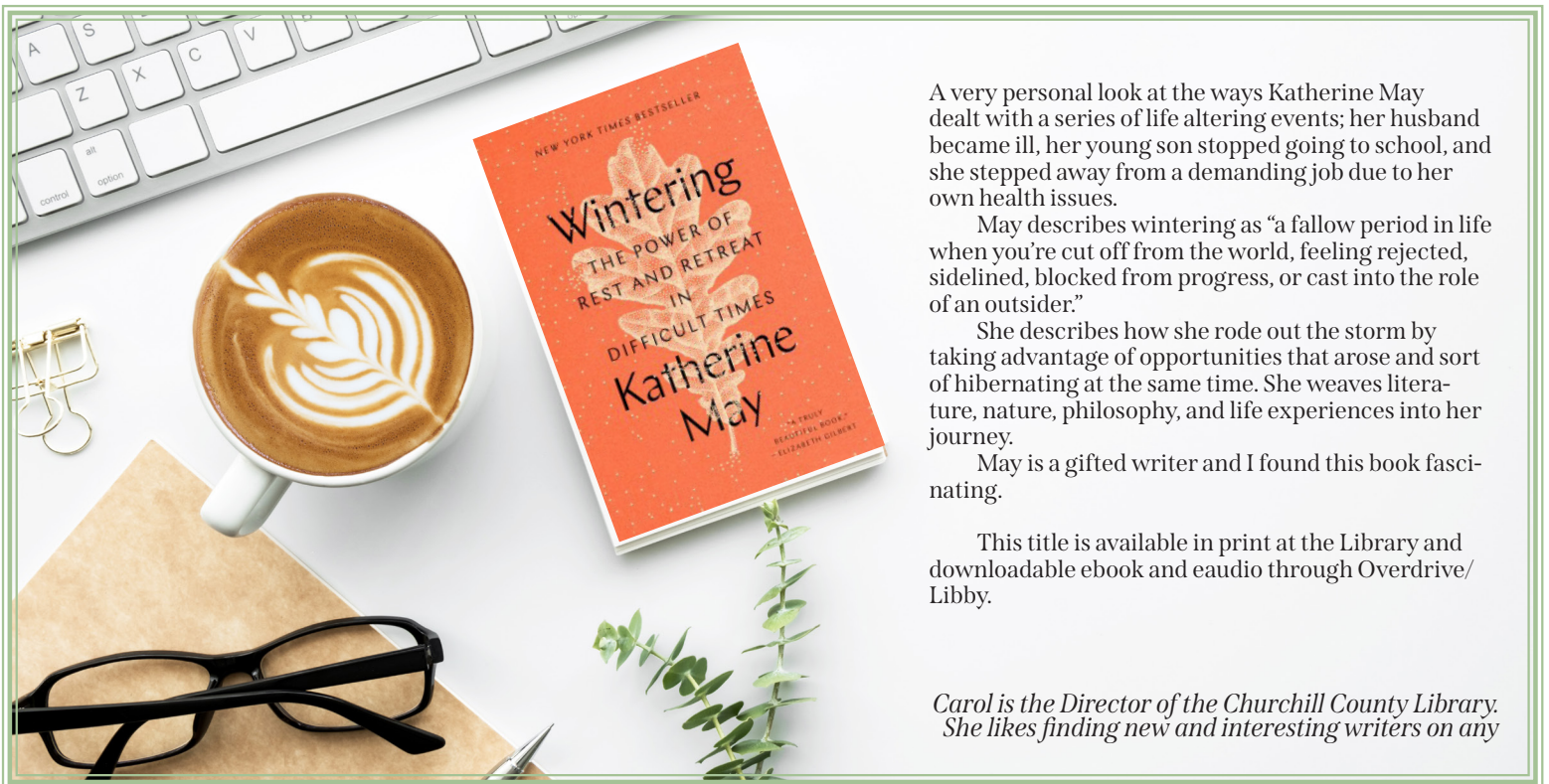
expelled, well that's the thing. They are influenced by other people that did this trend on TikTok. They were told if they did this trend and posted it, they too would go viral, but that never happened. The only thing that happened was the students got expelled for their actions. The school administration said that all students that participated in these challenges would be expelled or suspended, but that didn't stop kids at my school.

As school is coming to end, kids are finally learning why not to do it.

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

Entertainment

Carol's Book Report - *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*



A very personal look at the ways Katherine May dealt with a series of life altering events; her husband became ill, her young son stopped going to school, and she stepped away from a demanding job due to her own health issues.

May describes wintering as “a fallow period in life when you’re cut off from the world, feeling rejected, sidelined, blocked from progress, or cast into the role of an outsider.”

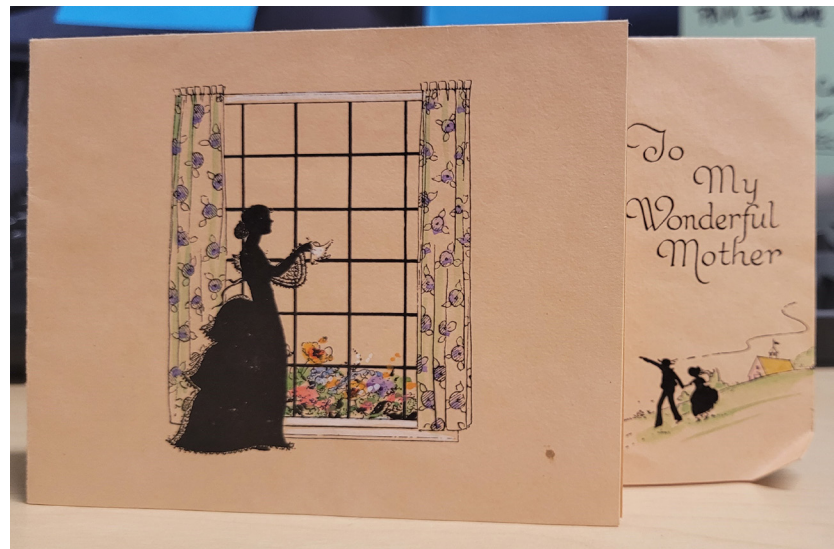
She describes how she rode out the storm by taking advantage of opportunities that arose and sort of hibernating at the same time. She weaves literature, nature, philosophy, and life experiences into her journey.

May is a gifted writer and I found this book fascinating.

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

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She likes finding new and interesting writers on any

Museum Treasures - *Again, For Mother's Day*



The Churchill County Museum would like to wish all the mothers in Fallon a belated Mother's Day.

The card shown above is one of a few Mother's Day cards that we have in our collection at the Museum. On the inside of the card is a lovely poem that reads:

*“What a wonderful Mother I have in you;
Always so patient, loving and true;
From school-days on, wherever I roam, I gladly return to You and home.”*

We hope that every mother had a fantastic Mother's Day.

Movies & More

At Your Community-Owned and Operated Fallon Theatre

Yes, that is a new marquee going up & hopefully finished by the time you read this. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our community who donated to make this a reality.

Our movies this week, starting Friday May 20th at 6:30, begin with the hilarious 1987 Mel Brook's film Spaceballs. The film is primarily a parody of the original Star Wars trilogy - a star-pilot for hire and his trusty sidekick must come to the rescue of a princess and save Planet Druidia from the clutches of the evil Spaceballs. Starring Mel Brooks, John Candy, Rick Moranis, Bill Pullman and Daphne Zuniga.

Saturday nights movies start at 6:00 with the classic 1954 film Suddenly starring Frank Sinatra, Sterling Hayden and Nancy Gates. In post war America, a train carrying the president of the United States is scheduled to make a stop in the town of Suddenly. Claiming to be FBI agents checking on security before the president's arrival, three men arrive at the home of the Bensons. It soon becomes clear the three men are assassins and take the family hostage, planning to shoot the President from a window in the home. Playing at 6:30 is the 2009 animated family comedy Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. When Flint Lockwood's latest contraption accidentally destroys the town square and rockets up into the clouds, he thinks his inventing career is over. Then something amazing happens.... Featuring the voices of Bill Hader, Anna Faris, Andy Samberg, and James Caan.

Mark your calendars - coming to our historic stage June 17th will be the album release party and concert by THE WILL SHAMBERGER BAND for their new album MONDEGREENS! Tickets are \$10 and doors open at 6:00 PM. Coming July 16, the Reno band DUSTY MILES and THE CRYING SHAME will be taking our stage.

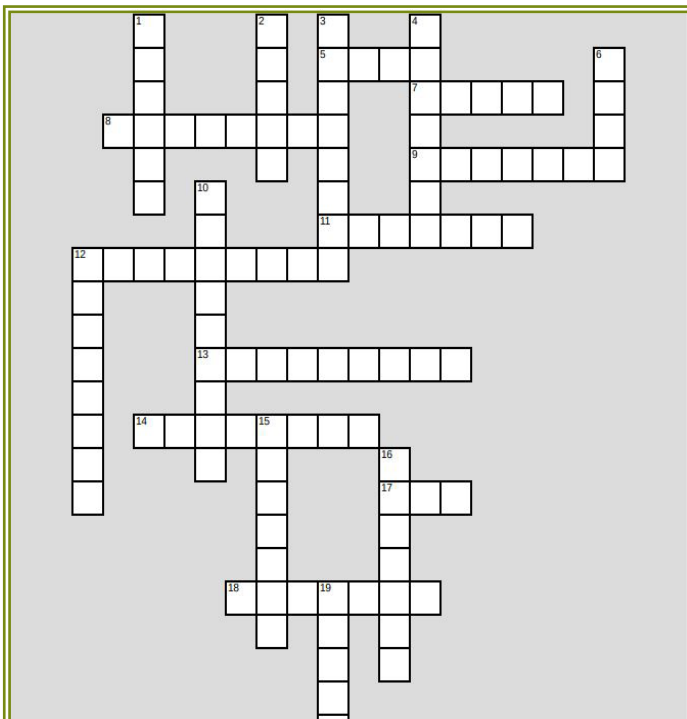
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MAY MOVIES

<p>Friday PEO Fundraiser 5/6 @ 6:30pm \$10</p> 	 	<p>Saturday 5/7 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
<p>Friday 5/13 @ 6:30pm</p> 	 	<p>Saturday 5/14 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
<p>Friday 5/20 @ 6:30pm</p> 	 	<p>Saturday 5/21 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
<p>Friday 5/27 @ 6:30pm</p> 	 	<p>Saturday 5/28 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>

ALL MOVIES ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED!

Crossword - What do you want on you hamburger?



Across

- 5 Cheese
- 7 Cheese
- 8 Cherry, Roma
- 9 Haas
- 11 Cheese
- 12 Hawaiian
- 13 Portobello
- 14 Hot pepper
- 17 Over easy
- 18 Heinz, Hunts

Down

- 1 Pungent rings
- 2 Smoked pork sidemeat
- 3 Sweet Baby Ray's
- 4 French's
- 6 Best Foods, Hellmans
- 10 Avocado salsa
- 12 Cured brisket
- 15 Dill or sweet
- 16 Iceberg
- 19 Hormel, Dennison

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the materials available to students on the site he said, "I'm not against those students or supporting them but not with a website like that."

When Tricia Strasdin was made aware of the LGBTQIA+ Ally website she sent the following statement, "I had no idea it was there. And although I support EVERY student's well-being, I believe there is a right way and a wrong way to do that."

Fred Buckmaster also said he had no idea about the website and wondered who had approved making the information available.

On Tuesday morning, May 10, the link on the middle school website to the LGBTQ Resources, which was located on the counseling website under resourced below Too Good for Drugs and above Tutoring LGBTQ resources, was no longer on the website and the link was gone.

Stephens responded Tuesday to an email request that was sent Monday, saying, "There is not LGBTQ club at the middle school. I would also add that the website, which does have very good resources for our students, is currently undergoing vetting and is offline at this time – resources for students are currently available with the counseling office."

The address for the website was found at: <https://sites.google.com/churchillcsd.com/student-centered-allyship/home?authuser=0>

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started, the family grew sugar beets. Neither sister recalled raising the beets, but Kathy does remember the cows and the sheep. "I remember when we had the chicken house, and we had a bunkhouse for the ranch hands."

Kathy went on to say, "We lived closer to town and didn't move back to the ranch until after mom and dad both passed away in 2002. And then my husband passed away the following year." After a pause, Candy teased her about moving back by saying, "Yeah, and I had to teach her how to irrigate and everything when she moved back. I knew how to run all of the equipment and had to teach her all that too." Kathy still lives in Stillwater on the family ranch, and conversely, Candy now lives closer to town in the Lovelock Highway area. Life does have a way of switching things up sometimes.

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While they are relieving housing pressure, I think they can do more in terms of supporting our local businesses. If elected I would like to work with these companies to be more willing to use our local business and companies to help produce these homes.

7. How important (or not) is it for the county and Western Nevada College to work together?

I believe that it's very important that the county maintains a working relationship with WNC, granted I would like to see WNC include more applicable classes that are current and relevant to our economy, those would include but not limited to, mechanics, agricultural related degrees, defense industry

degrees, etc.

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

We all consider ourselves Fallonites whether we live in city limits or not. We're one body with two arms that have to move and work together to accomplish anything. It's important that the city and county communicate with each other on plans and action that may be taken. If they don't, it will cause disarray that will split our small town. We are all in this together and the relationship should reflect that.

9. What do you see the future of the city and county working with the Churchill Entrepreneurial Development Association?

CEDA has done an excellent job promoting and highlighting Fallon as the amazing place it is. CEDA needs Churchill County and the city for relevant factual information about where the county is moving towards and the county and city needs CEDA to show people what an amazing place Fallon is. I hope to see in the future more local businesses that are centered into our current economies such as renewable resources, diversified agriculture and manufacturing.

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ties that weren't prepared for or have tried to stop growth. That doesn't work. If growth is coming, it must be accepted and dealt with at whatever pace demand dictates.

I would also like to explore the feasibility of business parks or business districts in order to more economically provide county sewer and water service. This would allow sites to be sized to suit the needs of a business rather than the current one acre or more minimum size needed for a county business site.

7. How important (or not) is it for the county and Western Nevada College to work together?

WNC is an important part of the community. Unfortunately, its response to local needs diminished when management shifted to Carson City. I would like to see the college move back toward local management and local needs.

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

The city and county have historically had a good working relationship with many functions and facilities shared. That should

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9. Taxes are always an issue during the legislative season. Is it time to implement a state income tax to fund priorities such as education, public safety, etc. Why or Why not?

It is written in our State Constitution that there shall be no personal income tax in Nevada. It would take a vote of the people to change this. I see absolutely no need to implement a state income tax as our budget has been operating with a surplus for years now. There are also new programs that our current Governor has implemented that are totally unnecessary that can be cut from the budget. We need to control state spending.

I have also signed the taxpayer protection pledge, guaranteeing will not vote for any new taxes.

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

Rural healthcare concerns in Nevada comes down to access and cost. These can be controlled by lowering the regulation burden the state imposes on healthcare providers. As our population ages, we must also make sure that the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements are kept to a level that our rural hospitals can sustain.



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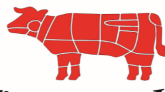
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