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## Parks, Libraries, and Museums – Local Partnerships at Work

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Library will be featuring a display curated by the Churchill County Museum in partnership with the Nevada State Park's "Library Park Pass Program."

State Parks launched the program on the first of the year, which allows Nevadans with a public library card to gain free entry into all 27 state parks across the state. Each pass will cover the day-use entrance fee for one passenger vehicle with a capacity of eight people or less. Park fees may be assessed for boating, camping, or other specific fees including special programs or tours.

Library cardholders can check out the pass for one week at their local public library and the pass is valid at all 27 Nevada State Parks. A list of the parks is available at [parks.nv.gov/parks](https://parks.nv.gov/parks) and includes Lahontan State Park, Buckland Station, Berlin-Ichthyosaur, Fort Churchill, and Rye Patch, all relatively close to Churchill County.

Passes can be reserved at the library or online at <https://t.co/xjHxRLuGxW> and specific checkout and return procedures are available there.

The goal of the program is to make Nevada's parks as accessible as possible by providing an opportunity for all residents to access and experience a state park at no cost. The program is currently funded by the Nevada State Parks Gift Shop Grant Program, which allocates the proceeds from all park gift shop sales to educational and interpretive programs in the state parks.

Carol Lloyd, Churchill County Librarian said that she appreciates working with her counterparts at the Churchill County Museum and is looking forward to hosting their exhibit at the library. "Photographs of state parks from the Churchill County Museum collection be will on display in the library from February through May in support of the Library Park Pass program. It's a great collaboration to highlight the beautiful Nevada State Parks."



Use your Churchill County Library Card to "check out" a Nevada State Parks pass. File photo courtesy State Parks.

## Sagebrush League Champs



Congratulations to the Churchill County Middle School 8th grade Sagebrush League Boys Basketball champions who dyed the fountain today with Mayor Ken Tedford, Councilwoman Frost, and Councilman Harmon. Photo courtesy City of Fallon

# From the Publisher

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## Captain's Log – *The Idea Bin*

It turns out Kelli's Blank Page Syndrome (page 21) may be contagious. Or at least the fear of it is. After reading her What's Cooking column it got me thinking and I sat down here a bit ago and really did just stare at this white square.

But when has it actually happened that I have nothing to say?

There used to be a file on my desk, a manila file folder, a long time ago when I worked for Anne at the *Fallon Star Press*, and she let me write the "Losing it" column. All week long as life went about happening there would be moments of clarity watching a conversation play out or a situation present itself when it was absolutely clear, "That's a column."

It became a catchphrase with my kids and me and some of my sisters. "That goes in the column." Even driving through town, when all the really good ideas happen, it wasn't unheard of to rustle around for the nearest writing surface and scribble a note that got thrown in the Idea Bin for future columns.

Every Wednesday morning at 3 a.m. (because you know that thing was due Tuesday night and if I got to Anne's email before she turned on her computer Wednesday morning I was ok) I would get up in the still of the pre-dawn in the perfect writing conditions, when you're still somewhere between sleep and awake and the inner critic hasn't had her coffee, and I would dig through the Idea Bin and find the one that resonated at that moment.

With the evolution of smartphones, that concept has morphed into a note file on my phone. And what's even cooler is you can have as many idea files as you want in that thing and they're always in there for when you get overcome by the writing spirit and you can sit down and just pound out your book. 'Cause not only is there an Idea Bin for the Captain's Log, but there's also one for Novels that are Brewing, another for Fabulous Book Titles, and one for Famous First Lines. I love that one, it's the "It was a dark and stormy night..." file, "Call me Ishmael," so to speak.

These files are the investment made in preventing Blank Page Syndrome. Insurance, if you will.

This is funny, I just went through one of the idea lists and realized I may have written a Captain's Log with this same theme a while back. Even with the file there, sometimes an idea will keep circling back all on its own. I take that as an indicator there is something in that file that wants to be written.

So, while I get the critic her coffee and rustle through the bin to figure out which one of those things is resonating, I'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.  
Rach

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## Hometown Boy Does Good for Community Organizations

By Rachel Dahl

Three local non-profit organizations were given a hefty boost this past week when Eric Koenig returned home for the holidays to Fallon, where he grew up. Fallon Daily Bread, Domestic Violence Intervention, and the Recovery Ranch all received generous contributions from the Roger & Sybil Ferguson Charitable Foundation which Koenig, who now lives in Utah, is responsible for assisting to disburse each year.

“For my portion this year,” said Koenig, “I just thought it would be nice to do something to help my hometown and something that would really make a difference.”

Koenig’s wife Rissa is the granddaughter of the Fergusons who were business entrepreneurs in Idaho who enjoyed financial success over the course of their lives. According to the letter that accompanied the donations, the Fergusons, “created a legacy of goodness and generosity that has continued beyond their lives through the establishment of their foundation.” The mission of the foundation is to provide funds to provide for those in need.

Each of the current family members is designated a certain amount each year that they can then donate to causes that specifically interest them. Koenig wanted to give to local Fallon organizations that provide needed services to the community and where the contribution would make a significant difference.

“This donation means so very much,” said Glenda Dockery, a board member of DVI. “It means DVI can operate better while waiting for reimbursements from all the grants that run the non-profit.” Colleen Beam is an advocate with DVI who met Koenig to receive the check. She was in tears when she opened the envelope, “you have no idea what this means to our program,” she said.

June Young is the bookkeeper for Fallon Daily Bread who met Koenig to receive their check. She explained that the organization has been exploring ways to reach out to more folks who need assistance, “everything from possible food delivery to just getting the word out that we’re there, maybe expanding into a “carry out” program. It all takes money, though.” In addition, she said that last year Daily Bread spent \$5000 more than they took in. “We have wonderful regular donors who give us money every month, and have for years, but with the price of food it just wasn’t enough. We were just discussing possible fundraisers when we



*Above: June Young with Fallon Daily Bread receives a contribution from Eric Koenig, representing the Roger & Sybil Ferguson Charitable Foundation. Below: Coleen Beam with Domestic Violence Intervention with Koenig. Photos by Rachel Dahl.*



got this, it really was perfect timing.”  
Altogether, Fallon Daily Bread received \$19,000, Recovery Ranch received \$18,000, and DVI received

\$13,000 from Koenig through the Ferguson Foundation and each expressed their surprise and appreciation for the support.

# Community

## The First Baby of the Year - 2023

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the world

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*Desmond James Casper*

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## Foster Kids' Christmas 2022 -- a Community Thank You

By Carry Thibaut

Christmas was a complete success for our local foster care kids this season. In the last two months, hundreds of toys were donated, over 165 gifts were wrapped, and over 45 kids had their personal wish lists fulfilled. It is a truly amazing thing each year to watch the individuals in our community step up and help to make our local foster kids' toy wishes come true.

A huge thank you to the local motorcycle clubs who continued their tradition of the Christmas Toy Run and many other community members' generosity that helped fulfill many Christmas wishes and fill up the Mary Sauer Memorial Foster Kids Toy Closet for the upcoming year. This year received donations from the Hearts of Gold Quilters, Alpha Theta Beta Sigma Phi, Barb Murray, Sharon Peters, Terra Koenig, Judy Woods, Starr Friedenthal, Naomi Reeves, Kim Wadsworth, Mary Sorenson, Bailey Barton, Kennedy Brown, Ann Bloomfield, Lonnie Boester, Vonda Norcutt, Bernadette & Bob Francke and many Fitness for \$10 gym members who donated coats and pajamas.

Year-round we take new toy donations for ages 1 month - 17 years. The pop-



ular toys are ones we have all loved like Legos, Lincoln Logs, jewelry kits, board games, and art kits. Stay tuned to The Fallon Post for future events for foster kids and families along with fundraising

opportunities.

For more information contact Carry at [carrythibaut@gmail.com](mailto:carrythibaut@gmail.com) or Devere at [DeVereruthKarlson@gmail.com](mailto:DeVereruthKarlson@gmail.com)

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& try a full class of your choice.

You will also be entered into a Raffle Drawing for Full Passes.

# Obituaries

## Craig Steven Sturman

Craig Steven Sturman died on December 27, 2022, unexpectedly due to complications with the flu.

Craig was welcomed a week late to this world on October 15, 1992, to his parents Robert Sturman and Denise Edgmon-Sturman who were both serving in their respective roles in the military. Craig came a week late, on his own time frame. His mom is sure it was to accommodate his dad's hunting schedule.

At four days old, Craig was diagnosed with CAH7 which is the reason newborns are screened today at birth for this genetic disorder. He didn't talk about it as always, because he was private, but he had been saving countless lives from the day he was born. He never thought of himself as a miracle or as sick, he just worked around it. He lived life in a big way.

Craig had a mind for all things. Just ask him anything, and he could tell you about it. He had a sarcastic wit that was as quick as his knife skills in the kitchen, he loved to cook. He was both loud and gregarious but could be a serious, straightforward, and sound advisor. He had a great mind. He was proud that he worked with his hands. You could always count on him having a wrench or guitar pick in his pocket. His mom washed more than she could count.

Craig would play his guitar in the late hours of the night to calm his troubles and he could sing. He was partial to the old crooners. He read everything he could get his hand on and had a mind full of random science, philosophy, astron-

omy, the supernatural, you name it, he knew it.

On the topic of the supernatural, what a beard. It was a wonder all its own. He had been growing it since he was in sixth grade, and he was proud of it!

He had dreams and he was achieving them. He finally got his dream job working with Top Gun. Ironically, he couldn't think of many people who would give him a character reference for his security clearance, so it took a while to get it. Boy, if he could see the outpouring of love now. Of course, he was private about his job, he would say, "I just do data entry," (so not true).

This small-town kid who came to Fallon at 2 1/2 years old made roots here. He had family, picked family, made amazing friends, and became the go-to guy for his customers at Louie's. He single-handedly built the stage at Alienstock and "I got paid to do it," he'd say. Something he was so proud of!

Everyone who knew him, there are so many who have great stories, love him, and now have a human size hole in their lives. We are so sorry for your loss. He was so loved and that is so comforting to us who are left behind, his mother Denise Edgmon-Strong (Jon Gilbaugh), his father Robert Sturman (Mary Sturman), brother Logan Strong, grandparents Jerry and Georgia Edgmon, stepfather Nathan Strong "Hippie," Uncle Craig Edgmon (Setsuko), and his stepbrothers Michael and Scott.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother Florence Edgmon,



great-grandfather and great-grandmother George and Velma Beaver, grandmother Alicia Golouke, and Uncle Jerry Don Edgmon.

A celebration of life will be planned for closer to this summer at The Twisted Branch to allow his numerous family and friends to come together and enjoy whiskey, craft beer, and music from his favorite band, the Will Shamberger Band, and to s\*\*t talk about Craig just like he'd expect.

## Steven J. "Steve" Birtzer

Steven J. "Steve" Birtzer, age 80 of Fallon, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 5, 2023, surrounded by his family.

He was born on May 22, 1942 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the son of Loren and Beverly (McLaughlin) Birtzer. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy. He was a man of many trades; opened a service station with his dad, drove tractor-trailers, and was a mechanic at NAS Fallon, Nevada, where he retired.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed cold beer, watching football, and lifting weights. He was quite the ladies' man.

He will be sadly missed by his siblings, Lynn (John) Leirmo; Mike Birtzer, Roxanne (Rick) Staggs; children, Teri Lynn Birtzer; Tanya (Jamie) Crawford their children, Montana and Lance;

Tracey (Dan) Olson and their children, Boe and Cordel; Mandy (Ron) Brough and their daughter, Darian; Jess Birtzer; Melissa (Christian) West and their children, Carl, Wyatt, Christina, Lillian, and Brenton and many lifelong friends and many others that called him dad.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Terry and Vic, and his son, Daniel.

A Gathering to Celebrate Steve's life will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the American Legion in Fallon, Nevada at 90 North Ada Street from 3 p.m. until the doors close. It will be a potluck.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, 775-423-8928.



## Dee Dee Howell (Aja)

Dee Dee Howell (Aja) was born March 14, 1952 and departed this earth smoking a cigarette in her high heels and hairspray, on January 6, 2023. She was the only girl, the youngest to five brothers who preceded her in death; Babe, Ben, Augie, Mel, and Pete.

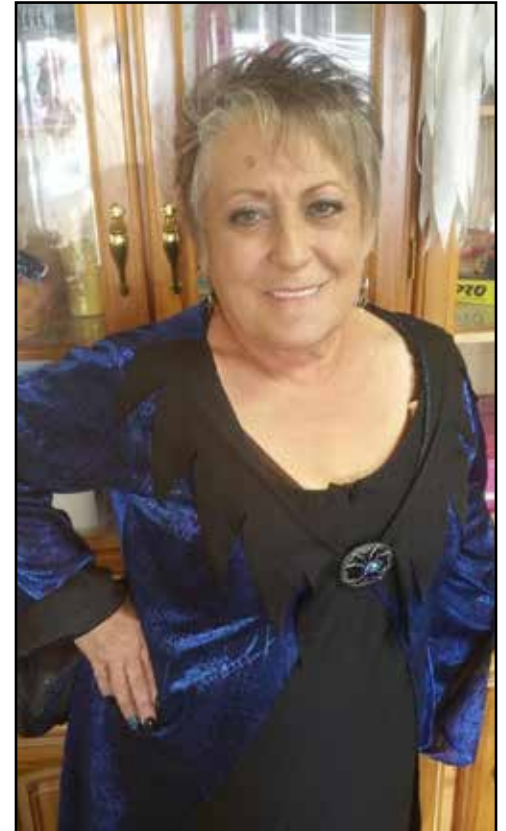
Dee Dee's life began in Gardnerville, Nv. Her father Valentin Aja, and mother Theresa Sizuella Aja, owned the Richford Hotel Bar and Basque Restaurant. She cleaned the rooms and tended the patrons; this is where she learned her entrepreneurial and car salesman techniques. She found herself in Fallon as a young adult, waitressing at the Nugget where she met the love of her life, Troy Howell. He was new in town, fresh off the boat. They were soon married, and the family began.

Shortly after, they purchased The Hair Affair. The salon was so successful that they decided to add a costume rental. Eventually the Cantaloupe Daquiri was born. Some may call her a Matriarch.

DeeDee was survived by her two daughters: Niki Mayer and husband Bill Mayer, Angie Larramendy and husband Gary Larramendy; Granddaughter/Daughter, Whytnee Fain and husband Erik Fain; Nephew/Son, Tony Aja and partner Tammee Anaya; Son-in-law, Michael Parrott; Grandchildren, Tristan Parrott, Kennedee Parrott (Lantus) and husband Dylan Lantus, MacKenzie Fulks, Shaylee Davis, Joshua Fulks, and Carter Larramendy; Great grandson, Greyson Fain; and numerous members of extended family.

We are celebrating Dee Dee's life at The Gardens at 11 am on Saturday, January 21, with a Costume - Karaoke party to follow at The Dry Gulch at 2 p.m.

If you want, come dressed in costume and be ready to sing, that was her idea of a good time. Potluck style, bring a dish that you wish. We will have beer and a few mixers, so feel free to BYOB.



## Nathalie "Ann" Ruiz Rebar Matuska Pullens

On December 19, 2022, in Fallon, Nevada, Ann Pullens went home to the Lord. Ann was 83 years old.

Ann was born on September 28, 1939, in New Orleans, Louisiana. During her childhood, Ann lived at the Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum (now, Cabrini High School), during the turbulent years of her parents' marriage. There, she found love and independence through Mother Cabrini, her Patron Saint. Into her adulthood, Ann married her first husband, the love of her life, Fred Rebar. During her second marriage to Stanley Rebar, she traveled across the United States and abroad, learning more about the world. Ann then lived in Hawaii during her third marriage to Ronald E. Matuska. Later, Ann found understanding and ease during her fourth and current marriage to Jerry Pullens and settled in Northern California where she worked as a public middle school teacher in San Francisco, CA. In their retirement, Ann and Jerry enjoyed traveling in their motorhome to visit family and friends, eventually relocating to Fallon, Nevada, where they lived for the remainder Ann's life.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents Felix Ruiz (F), Eola Lege Ruiz Mohr (M) and Stepfather John Mohr; her

siblings Felix Ruiz, Vincent Ruiz, Ronald Ruiz, Thomas Ruiz, Eola Mohr Rizzuto Boudoin; and her children Frederick Anthony Rebar, Jr. and Stanley Philip Rebar, Jr.

Ann is survived by her husband Jerry Pullens; her children John F.M. Rebar (Shereen), Angela Rebar Roy (Ronald), Ronald E. D. Matuska; her sister Aleasia Mohr Wust (Alan); her grandchildren Brandy Rebar Watford (Steven), Leslie Rebar Smith (Jeffrey), Ryan Roy (Stacy), Jesica Ann Rebar, Emery Matuska, Caleb Rebar, Jacob Rebar, Nina Grace Rebar, Caitlyn Nathalie Matuska, and nine great grandchildren.

Ann is remembered as a "remarkable woman" by her tenacious spirit and stern yet silly personality -- her laughter was unmistakable. Despite great loss and difficult circumstances, Ann was fierce in her perseverance and always found another way to reach her goals. When Ann walked into a room, you could feel her larger-than-life presence; she always brought joy and love to her family and friends. She enjoyed craft sewing, gardening, baking, and singing along to her favorite country music songs. Her legacy will remain as we mourn her passing. In the words of Ann herself, "Good show, say Bye!"



A special thank you to Highland Village & Highland Manor Skilled Nursing of Fallon, Nevada for providing safety and comfort to Ann in her last years.

In lieu of flowers, if you'd like to make a donation in Ann's memory, the family recommends the Dementia Society of America.

# Local Government

## A Fond Community Farewell to Retiring Commissioners

By Rachel Dahl

Outgoing County Commissioners Assemblyman Greg Koenig and retiring Pete Olsen were honored this week with a community gathering complete with speeches, memorabilia, and food and drink served by Maine Street Café and the Rusty Canteen.

Wednesday night, County Manager Jim Barbee made remarks about his experiences working with the commissioners, mentioning several memorable events that took place during the commissioners' terms. The Big Dig, COVID, and the Navy Expansion topped the list, with Barbee commenting that in the nearly five years he has been in his position and a member of the community, it had been an honor to work with both men.

Mayor Ken Tedford also spoke, presenting plaques of recognition to the commissioners and thanking them for the good working relationship between the City and the County. "Not all communities get along like we do. We are lucky to have one city and one county, like some communities have several cities or general improvement districts which will complicate relationships and often leads to conflict. We are blessed to have this relationship and to work so well together," said Tedford. "I have prayed with these men for our community and our families, and I will count them as friends always."

Barbee presented Koenig and his wife Terra with flowers and a framed photo of the Rafter 3C for his legislative office. Olsen and his wife, Tami were presented with flowers and a framed photo by Marie Nygren of Wonder Peak in remembrance of his leadership during the Fallon Range Training Complex expansion and the work he has done over the past 12 years.



*Above: City Councilwoman Kelly Frost, Mayor Ken Tedford, Assemblyman Greg Koenig, retired Chairman Pete Olsen, and County Manager Jim Barbee. Below right, Jim Barbee, Terra and Greg Koenig, and bottom left, Barbee, Tami and Pete Olsen, center: Mayor Tedford with Commissioner Olsen. Photos by Rachel Dahl.*





## Planning Commission January Meeting Summary

By Jo Petteruti

During their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 11 the Planning Commission elected new officers, then approved five requests, denied one, and tabled two others.

Incumbent member Eric Blakey is now Chairman with new member Scott Nelson, Vice Chairman. New members Mark Hyde and Jeff Goings along with incumbent commissioners Zach Bunyard, Paul Picotte, and Deanna Diehl round out the panel.

The first item was a temporary use permit submitted by Ruth Miller to allow friends of hers to live in an existing RV on her property at 4810 Schindler Road. Public Works Director Chris Spross said, "The proposed temporary quarters are not similar to one of the other allowed TUPs. The closest would be a hardship caretaker however the caretaker relationship is not with the homeowner. The proposal is really to allow a location for RV living, possibly as an income opportunity, which is not allowed." The commission concurred and denied her request.

The commission then approved a TUP request submitted by Philip Regli for farm labor housing for the Regli Dairy located at 1240 Soda Lake Road. The applicant stated that farm labor was needed to assist with tending to their 500 dairy cows.

Two special use permits were considered and approved next. The first was for Chase Mills for a home-based firearms business at 4675 Sheckler Road where special-order parts, assembly, and sales of firearms would be conducted. The second was for a multi-tenant facility business submitted by Paula Gilmore for her property at 4175 Reno Highway, who proposed allowing other businesses to lease operating space at her location. The plan she submitted showed approximately 8,500 square feet of retail space, 25 gravel parking spaces, and one paved handicapped parking space.

A special use permit was submitted by Churchill County POBOB motorcycle club for a private gathering facility located at 2170 Reno Highway to establish their club with alcohol service for occasional club events. According to



*The newly composed Planning Commission, Zach Bunyard, Paul Picotte, Deanna Diehl, Mark Hyde, Eric Blakey, Jeff Goings, and Scott Nelson, with Assistant District Attorney Joe Sanford (center). Photo by Jo Petteruti.*

the Planning Department's staff report, "The applicant is the Churchill County Chapter of POBOB MC. According to the website (using a simple internet search) for the mother/originating chapter of the organization, the initials stand for the 'Pissed Off Bastards Of Berdoo Motorcycle Club' or sometimes 'of Bloomington'. According to multiple sources, "the PO-BOBs pride themselves on being 1%-ers, meaning they are not among the 99% of motorcyclists that are law abiding citizens as once described by the American Motorcycle Association." Spross recommended that the application be continued to the next meeting to allow more time to gather documentation, and the commission approved tabling the item.

A variance request was submitted by Lizette Kroepelin for her property located at 125 Clover Drive where a garage is being constructed. The setback for the building was to be 30 feet from the property line, however, the applicant was given an incorrect setback requirement by the county building department causing the garage to be placed only 21.5 feet from the property line. As a result, the variance from the setback requirement was sought and the commission approved it.

A special use permit and associated variances submitted by Ed Erxleben for his Out West Buildings business located at 7450 and 7490 Reno Highway were tabled until a future meeting due to

numerous unanswered questions, one of which was whether an existing SUP was already on file.

The last review of the evening was of a variance request submitted by Michael Rodzinski for Northern Nevada Research Company LLC for their property located at 7162 California Avenue. The applicant requested a five-foot setback reduction from the 20-foot requirement to construct a new building on the 100-acre industrial-zoned parcel which would allow more room for forklifts to operate between the buildings. The staff report provided some background for the request. "NNRC receive a Special Use Permit in November 2021 and have been working to implement the project. They had been operating without a Special Use Permit since about 2012 and underwent multiple expansions. Following a fire incident, the lack of a Special Use Permit was discovered, and the company submitted the application. The approved application included a new testing area, and conditions of approval required installation of an office and restrooms for employees. The proposed variance is to accommodate a slightly larger building that will be close to the property line." The commission approved the variance, noting that it would expire one year from the final decision date and that construction of the new building must begin before the variance expires.

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## News from District Court

By Teresa Moon

Susan Lynn Girolamo admitted to a non-technical probation violation. ADA Lane Mills told the Court that when the defendant was granted the diversion program, “she was a train wreck in that program.” The State asked for a suspended sentence of 12-36 months in Nevada State Prison, probation with standard conditions. Public Defender Jacob Sommer said his client “understands that she squandered the opportunity for diversion.” He stated they do not object to the state’s position. The judge rescinded Diversion and sentenced Girolamo on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine). She was sentenced to 12-36 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and placed on probation for 13-18 months with standard conditions. She was ordered to get a substance abuse evaluation and a mental health evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluations. Fines and fees were imposed.

DeShawn Marquis Williams pled guilty to a Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, which is punishable by 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for April 4.

Troy Michaels Jock did not appear for a Sentencing Violation as he is currently in custody to Winnemucca. Status Hearing was set for February 28.

Nicholas Pierre Ashley pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Assault on an Officer which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000, and guilty to a Category D Felony of Convicted Sex Offender Violating Provisions, which carries a possible penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for April 4.

Anthony Bona Alandy appeared for arraignment on 3 charges. Following some discussion between his attorney, Charles Woodman, and ADA Mills, a brief sidebar with Judge Stockard and the attorneys, he pled no contest to a Category C Felony of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, a Category D Felony of Burglary of a Structure, and a Category D Felony of Obtaining or Negotiating Document of Title for Goods with Intent to Defraud. When asked by the judge if Alandy had

had the chance to go over the evidence with his attorney, the defendant replied “So-so.” Upon further discussion between Alandy and Stockard, Alandy said he feels rushed, and he requested another continuance. The judge denied the request, stating the case has already been continued three times and asked the defendant if he feels the plea is in his best interest. Alandy replied, “I would say no, your honor.” The judge stated he is entering a not guilty plea and set a jury trial for March 6. ADA Priscilla Baker told the court the state will be filing an amended information to include all six original charges. Arraignment for the amended information was set for January 17.

Lizet Ruiz-Jauegui pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Commit Bribery of a Public Officer, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Following a brief discussion between PD Sommer and ADA Lane Mills, Sommer requested a 2 week continuance. The judge granted a continuance until February 7.

Daniel Lee Williams appeared for sentencing on a Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales, which is punishable by 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000; and a Category B Felony of Trafficking a Controlled Substance, which carries a potential penalty of 2-20 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$100,000. ADA Chelsea Sanford told the court, “In the state’s opinion, there is nothing more dangerous to this community than a drug dealer.” The state asked \$1,580 in restitution to the task force, 12-34 months on the Possession charge, and 36-120 months on the Trafficking charge, to be served consecutively. Sanford also asked the money seized during this investigation be forfeited to the county. PD Sommer stated the defendant is gainfully employed, is involved in counseling, has stable housing, and has completed a substance abuse evaluation with New Frontier Treatment Center and asked for probation. Williams apologized to the court and to the community. He said he is no longer living a lie and he is no longer the same man who committed these crimes. Williams was sentenced to 12-34 months in Nevada State Prison on the Possession charge, 96-240 months on the Trafficking charge. The sentences to run consecutively which is an aggregate sentence of 108-274 months. Both sentences were suspended, and Williams was placed on probation for

36 months with the standard conditions attached. Restitution was ordered, the money seized was forfeited, Williams was ordered to follow the recommendations of the substance abuse evaluation, and the judge ordered no contact with the defendant’s former girlfriend Jessica Moana. Credit was given for 252 days time served.

Scott Michael Loewe admitted to a technical violation of probation, to wit, Loewe was ordered to serve 120 days in Churchill County Jail over a period of 12 months at a rate of 10 days a month and he has not done so. The judge temporarily revoked Loewe’s probation, ordered him to serve 30 days in Churchill County Jail, that any good time be forfeited, and that the defendant start serving weekends as soon as he is released. The 30 days will not count toward the jail time previously sentenced. The judge told the defendant, “You say you take it serious, there’s some evidence to the contrary.” Loewe was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for execution of the sentence.

Kurt Arne-Henning Carlson, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing regarding trial is set in February. PD Woodman told the court they had an unproductive settlement conference last Friday. He stated he will not be prepared for trial in February as he needs to do more investigation. Woodman then said that after Friday’s settlement conference he “has no choice but to ask that my client be sent for a competency evaluation.” Neither the state nor Carlson objected to a continuance. The judge vacated the February date, ordered a competency evaluation, and suspended proceedings until the competency evaluation is completed.

Darren Scott Evans appeared for sentencing on a Category C Felony of Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Crime Under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act. Fees were imposed. Evans received a sentence of 19-48 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, credit for 3 days served. He was placed on probation for 24 months with standard conditions. He was ordered to pay restitution of \$40, fined \$1,000 to be paid at no less than \$100 a month, and was ordered to have no contact with co-defendant John King.

Zackary Keith Bulmer, in custody, was granted a one-week continuance.

Tahkoah Nez Smith, in custody, pled guilty to a Category C Felony of Burglary

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## Final Financial Disclosures for Churchill County Candidates

Staff Report

The final numbers are in at Aurora, the Nevada Secretary of State's Financial Disclosure site and the results are as follows.

For the school board trustees race: Amber Casey Getto reported no contributions and \$584.72 in expenditures; Julie Guerrero Goetsch reported no contributions and \$650.42 in expenditures; Walter Henderson reported no contributions and \$395 in expenditures; Matt Hyde reported no expenditures or contributions; Joe McFadden reported

\$1969 in contributions and \$925.69 in expenditures; Bill Post reported \$2391.26 in contributions and \$2391.26 in expenditures; Ivy Ward reported \$558.54 in contributions and no expenditures.

County Commission candidates raised and spent, respectively; Myles Getto, \$1,465.75 and \$1,465.75, Tanya Freeman, \$0 and \$70; Ken Harmon, \$0 and \$0; Tom Riggins, \$3,416 and \$3,416.

City Council candidates raised and spent: Paul Harmon, \$1,300 and \$350; Geoff Knell, \$0 and \$0.

Sheriff Richard Hickox raised \$40

and spent \$1,470.61.

All candidates for statewide, county, and local elected office in Nevada are required by law to file Campaign Contributions and Expenses (C&E) reports electronically with the Secretary of State. C&E Reports are filed four times per election cycle during election years and annually for seated officials. Though there are no requirements to report the source of contributions nor the source of expenditures.

## Republican Central Committee Elects Officers

Staff Report

On Wednesday noon the Churchill County Republicans held their monthly meeting at the Depot. This meeting was punctuated by the biennial election of new officers.

Elected at the meeting were: Gary Smith, Chairman; Lane Mills, First Vice

Chair; Lynn Hartung, Second Vice Chair; Robert Johnson, Secretary; and Tom Riggins, Treasurer.

Guest speaker Churchill County Manager Jim Barbee spoke about the changes in the county related to the agreement with the Navy to expand their bombing ranges. He presented a map and described the areas that will be affected

and the consequences. Barbee also discussed the proposed Interstate 11 routes through Churchill County.



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of a Business. Smith was sentenced to 18-60 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended, and placed on probation for 24 months with standard conditions. He was also ordered to enter and complete the Western Regional Specialty Program, get a substance abuse evaluation, and a mental health evaluation, and follow the recommendations of the evaluations. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$25.99 and to not enter Walgreens. He received credit for 132 days time served.

Charles Christopher Franklin Wells, in custody, was granted a two-week continuance.

Richard Lee Owens, in custody, admitted to a non-technical probation violation. The judge revoked his probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 19-48 months in Nevada State Prison, all the previous fees, and credit for 145 days time served was given.

Don Allen Lewis, in custody, admitted to a non-technical probation violation. ADA Aaron Thomas speaking for the state asked for revocation of probation. Lewis's probation was revoked and the underlying sentence was imposed.





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# Education

## Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

### Seniors Receive Weekly Scholarship Application Assistance

Starting Wednesday, January 18 graduating Oasis Academy seniors will receive weekly help from Oasis Counselor Andy Lenon on scholarship applications. During senior weekly meetings, Mr. Lenon and students will review scholarships students are eligible for, check progress on applications, and receive assistance in writing scholarship essays



and personal statements.

Last year the Oasis Senior Graduating class was awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships from national, state, and local levels. "Our generous local donors are so vital for our students continuing their higher education. I enjoy educating and helping our students and parents navigate scholarships because there is so much money out there for students to receive. The goal for our seniors is to leave here with a plan and scholarship money," said Counselor Andy Lenon.

The Swan family knows first-hand the value of the commitment both the students and Mr. Lenon put into the applications. "We are eternally grateful for all the time and support Mr. Lenon, OACP Counselor, assisted Maiya Swan while applying for scholarships last year. The cost to attend the University of Arizona is \$54,800 and as parents, we paid \$0. Maiya actually received a refund of \$3,688.32 from an overage of scholarship funds to apply towards additional expenses," said Lisa Swan.

### Mini Session Classes Start

Oasis Seniors were back in the classroom on January 3 to start their Personal Finance Class through Western Nevada College. The critical skill, three-week class, is being taught by Mrs. Julia Steverson and introduces students to personal financial planning, budgeting, obtaining credit, making sound buying decisions for a home or auto, and also covers investment decisions and retirement planning.

Along with practical real-world information, the class allows the students



to gain credit in a condensed period, and to help ease their academic loads during the regular semesters. It also ensures they are on the correct path toward receiving an associate's degree from Western Nevada College when they graduate.

Juniors also started the semester early with an ACT Prep three-week class. Students will complete practice tests and sections to become familiar with the types and phrasing of ACT questions as well as proven strategies that help them improve their standardized test understanding and performance. All Juniors will be taking the ACT on March 7.

"One of the school improvement goals this year is for the school's average to meet the national average on the ACT, a target which is well above and beyond Nevada's benchmark. This class is one of the action steps that will help us realize this goal," said Oasis CEO Melissa Mackedon.

### Spelling Bee Competitors move to Regional Competition

On January 10, the 3rd Annual Oasis Academy Spelling Bee was held for fifth through eighth-grade students. The competition had forty-two students participating.

This year's winner was eighth grader, Sophie Bake, second place was seventh grader, Preslee Merritt, and sixth grader, Ezra Acomb finished in third. All students who finished in the top four for each grade level will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee at Churchill County Middle School on January 26, 2023, in the Old High School Building.



Ms. Kelly, the Spelling Bee advisor shared, "It was another great spelling competition here at Oasis, where students showed off their academic skills. I am proud of all the participants who were willing to have the courage to try something hard. I look forward to seeing the twelve Oasis students represent the school at the upcoming Regional Spelling Bee."

Submitted by Angela Viera



## Highlights from the Churchill County School District

### CCHS

CCHS had a welcome-back assembly and celebrated Greenwave students who made the honor roll and those who had perfect attendance for the fall semester. Learning is not easy, especially with everything students deal with, such as social media, cell phones, and the daily drama of being a teen. “These students decided to put those factors to the wayside and focus on their path and things that benefit them. These are the



students that show up every day and reap the benefits of learning opportunities. Things are hard, and our students continue to prove that they too, can do hard things,” said Vice Principal Reema Pulsifer. CCHS challenges their students to push themselves - whatever that looks like. Whether it is coming to school every day, turning in homework, participating, or studying. “We ask our students to just set a goal and keep working on it, no matter if they fail or mess up one day - the next day is a new beginning to get back up and keep moving forward,” said Pulsifer. CCHS admin and staff truly believe in all of their students, but they need the students to believe even more in themselves. “We want our students to fully understand that becoming a lifelong learner is a treasure that no one can take from them, it will follow them wherever they go, and now is the time for them to take full control of their future,” said Pulsifer.

### CCMS

Students in Courtney Aguilera’s classes have been enjoying the use of flexible seating. “It is great because you are comfortable while you work. You also get to work with your friends and engage in academic discourse,” said student Shaylee Wilson. Flexible seating options not only get students moving but also helps them build ownership of their education by empowering them to make positive choices for their learning. “The flexible seating options in my classroom have helped my students remain focused during instruction. They also enjoy that

I am allowing them to own their learning experience and allowing student choice when it comes to seating. It has also created the opportunity for comfort within our classroom environment,” said Aguilera. Student Brady Sydney



echoed this and said having the choice has helped him stay on task. “We get to sit wherever we want and that makes our learning experience more comfortable and enjoyable.”

### Numa

Students in Kristina McFadden’s class earned an indoor snowball fight for following Numa’s SOAR motto, (Safe school, Outstanding character, Academic



achievement, and Respect for ourselves and others) and for going above and beyond in their actions and behavior. “They had so much fun with this and at the end of their time, they got to take turns tossing the snowballs into a box to earn additional Tribe points,” said McFadden. Student Weston Garcia said, “I liked the snowball fight because it was similar to dodgeball. I enjoyed the activity and would like to work hard to earn more duck bucks to do more activities like this.”

### E.C. Best

Physical Education teacher, Christine Mori, has started the badminton unit with students. The goal of this unit is participation, skill acquisition, strategy, and cognitive retention. “It is a really fun game to share with young students, especially since many are not familiar with the game. It is also a great unit because usually, students are able to get a handle on the fundamental skills quickly and then get to spend more time just playing,” said Mori. Third-grade student Travis Henning enjoyed this unit and liked that it was a sport he was not familiar with. “I



think badminton is really fun. I have never played before Mrs. Mori taught us. I like a lot of sports, so it was great to learn a new one. Everyone should try it out.”

### Lahontan

Kindergarten students in Traci Ledesma and Monica Frank’s class got to go outside last Thursday and enjoy some fun in the snow. Ledesma thought it was important to allow her students time to play in the snow because it was the first time Fallon has had a big snowstorm like this in years. Ledesma said that from the time students arrived that morning it was clear they wanted to be outside playing. “They were super excited, so I decided to use it as an initiative to work hard for the day - it was also a great springboard for our unit on snow,” said Ledesma. Students chose to spend their time in the snow a little differently. Student Laycee Bell said she had an amazing time in the snow. “We got to make snow angels, a snowman and we even got to eat it.”



# Education

## Logos -- VFW Patriot's Pen Winners



Logos Christian Academy had five students presented with an award for participating in the Patriot's Pen Essay with the VFW. 8th graders Logan Casey and Emily Dunkin, and 7th graders Amberlyn Casey, Tyler Clark, and Ben Hallquist. Photo courtesy Logos.



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## WNC Announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

Western Nevada College is pleased to announce that 461 students are on the college's Fall 2022 Dean's List.

To earn the distinction of making WNC's Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 units during the semester and accumulate a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Honorees from the Fallon Campus for fall semester include:

Serenity Achurra, Lexey Akins, Daniel Andersen, Yasmine Barnes, Lydia

Bergman, Emily Bird, Shelbi Bracken, Rafe Brown, Ky Brown, Michelle Brown, Daunte Ceresola, Dario Ceresola, Matthew Christopherson, Cameron Christy, Gracie Cosman, Sebastian Escartin, Corel Escartin, Halle Feest, Holden Feest, Jennifer Fisher, Samantha Flowers, Paige Green, Johnanthony Hallberg, Addison Hollister, Sergio Honcoop, Camryn Hook, Reece Hutchings, Lainey Hyde, Kennadee Irving, Natalie Jaques, Jaren Jaquez, Kelli Kelly, Rayna King, Ron Lee,

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## Current, Prospective WNC Students Encouraged to Apply for

Staff Report

Students currently enrolled at Western Nevada College, as well as prospective students, are encouraged to apply for scholarship funding through WNC Foundation.

WNC Foundation has more than \$800,000 in scholarship funding available for the 2023-24 academic year, helping make higher education possible for more students.

The Foundation is able to provide scholarship funding to students because of the generosity of donors from the college, community, corporations and private donations, as well as fundraising events such as the Reach for the Stars Gala and Golf for Education.

The only requirements are that students be enrolled in at least six units, have a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 and complete the application by April 1.

When students complete the 30-minute application, they will be considered for several hundred scholarships. Students can fill out the form at [wnc.edu/scholarships](http://wnc.edu/scholarships).

"Just by taking a little time out of your day to complete the application, you can receive the financial support that could change your life," said WNC Foundation Executive Director Niki Gladys.

Some scholarships require financial need, which means that students should make sure to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, there are many scholarships that do not require a financial need and are awarded based on other factors including community service, military service, academic achievement and career plans. For this reason, all students are encouraged to apply regardless of financial need or past academic performance.

Students who are training or

planning to pursue a career in a technology-driven career are also encouraged to apply for the William N. Pennington Foundation Career and Technical Scholarship. WNC offers the scholarship – until funding is exhausted – to students pursuing meaningful careers in fields such as computer information technology/cybersecurity, fire science, welding,

automotive, machine tool technology, manufacturing, construction, truck driving, phlebotomy, nursing assistant and emergency medical services careers. Apply at [wnc.edu/scholarships](http://wnc.edu/scholarships).

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# Sports

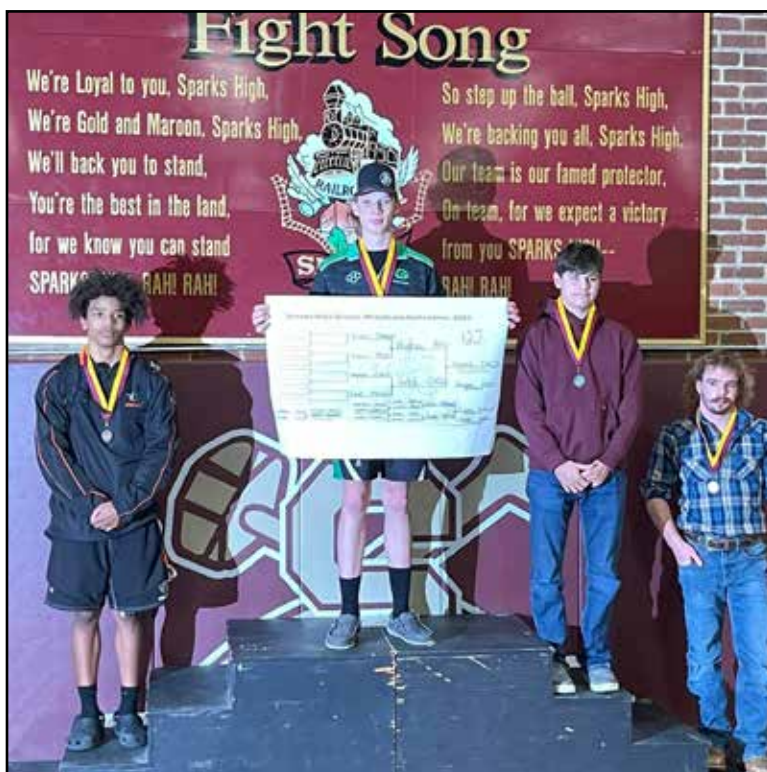
## Outlaw Wrestlers - Carrying on the community tradition



*The Outlaws were back at it last weekend, with 23 wrestlers attending their tournament and enjoying some success, including a few wrestlers who beat their rivals for the first time this season. There was a win against the wrestler who took home the Outstanding Wrestler award. There was a lot to be proud of and a lot more work to do in the practice room. Great job Outlaws!!!  
Photos courtesy of the Outlaws.*



## CCHS Varsity Wrestling from Sparks Invitational



*Congratulations on the team finishing in 2nd Place, Tournament Champions were Carson Melendy 120 lbs, Thayne Hatch 157 lbs, Second place Finish Jaiden McFadden 126 lbs, Third Place Finish Jeramiah Prinz 138 lbs, Caden McKnight 150 lbs, Fourth Place Finish Andre Green 113 lbs, Nathaniel Zackery 126 lbs, Isaiah Diaz 144 lbs, Fifth Place Finish Quintin Hornbeak 150 lbs, Colton Blankenship 175 lbs, Sixth Place Finish Manuel Barros 106 lbs, Lonnie Adams 132 lbs.  
Photos courtesy CCHS.*

# Local Columnists

## Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: January 13 – 19

*The week ahead we face a closer look into our relationships, of all types. It's a good time for assessment, realization, and balancing. We can gather valuable insights on how we fit in, what our roles are, and is there healthy reciprocity in our relationships. We ask: do I feel I can honor myself and still belong in this group or relationship? Am I contributing or withholding?*

**Aries:** freedom comes from facing your fear and working to release yourself from circular thinking. You may be stuck in a mental loop, becoming aware of this is the thing to focus on. Here you will find your strength to overcome the hesitancy that is holding you back. A little attitude adjustment and you'll be ready to sit down at the table and work things out.

**Taurus:** the end point is reliability, the way to get there begins with your focus of the week: try again. You might be going through false starts that keep bringing you back to the beginning and having to try again. It can dampen your mojo for sure, but the next step will be communication, then seeing eye to eye, moving forward and alas you reach a sense of stability, reliability, and commitment. The obstacle is getting over whatever hurt you suffered.

**Gemini:** there is time to pull away and take care of yourself and your interests, but it crosses the line into withholding from another if you are waiting for justice. If you can release your need for justice, you'll have the strength to tell the difference. You can move forward with communication even if you don't completely understand how you feel about the situation. The remedy to withholding, is of course, to engage.

**Cancer:** rather than holding onto a grudge, you have the strength to face your fears and choose a different path. Instead of just walking away and leaving it unresolved, you're able to find your inner strength to truly leave it all behind. Where you may have thought – what's the point? – now you can stay on point and successfully navigate out of troubled waters, leaving the conflict behind. With

this new triumph over fear, it's smooth sailing ahead.

**Leo:** your strength this week is being able to leave behind something you know you can't commit to. Someone may try to charm you back into the relationship or situation with expressions of emotion, or even bearing gifts, or offers to sweeten the deal. But it is a lop-sided deal no matter how much you may entertain it. It just isn't fair. This is what you'll have to let go of in order to move on. Your mind will take care of your heart.

**Virgo:** focus on bringing an end to a situation by making the necessary sacrifice and you will find your strength to start something new. To move forward, to be free, to follow your passion all take the same thing: letting go of the old. Something has to give. Lack of faith or trust may be what is holding you back, but this week opens the way for new opportunities, new starts, and pursuing what truly makes you happy.

**Libra:** you may have a wall up for good reason, it looks like you've been through a rough patch. But don't allow images of the worst-case scenario to boss you around. This week you will be able to knock down a wall or two and stay the course. Mantra for your week: I have what I need and am grateful. Expect a happy ending or a successful outcome – once those walls come down.

**Scorpio:** it is through withdrawal, solitude, and facing the unknown that you find your strength to heal the hurt and move through whatever pain or suffering you have been dealing with. Through this process you recognize that you can't change anyone, but perhaps you can learn to accept them for who they are. And as soon as you release the pain and struggle, naturally, this brings about a new surge of energy for you to get up and get going again.

**Sagittarius:** fulfillment and happiness is in store for your week. This strength is fueled by influences that create a willingness to give, to be your best self, and make concessions to end any ongoing

unresolved conflicts. There is a strong supportive energy present. But be aware of the shadow side and let go of needing to control the situation or be the boss of everything or everyone. Enjoy your moment in the sun.

**Capricorn:** Enjoy life – that's the ticket this week. A little ego obstacle to be aware of, but once that is surrendered, you'll have energy to invest into something you may have put out of sight, out of mind for a while. Good change is coming, stability in home life and/or marriage. If you're ready to do what you love for a living, the strength to get it going is also present. The obstacle is the waiting game. But the desire to face your fear to bring about change is strong.

**Aquarius:** you may not see your shadow which could be a lack of trust. This is holding you back and keeping you disconnected in your relationship (friend, co-worker or spouse). Your strength is being able to quiet your mind and not think about it. But eventually you'll have to come out of isolation if you want to get back on the same page with your person again.

**Pisces:** someone may want more than empty commitment from you. Your strength this week is realizing you may not have enough hope for this situation. And without hope you can easily lack the emotional expression normally shared. You also have the strength to move on from hurt now, face your fears and engage to work things out. Your blind spot is not believing things will change. This can easily be overcome by making a decision on how you truly feel.



*Rebekah Dahl interprets heavenly influences to help bring wisdom, love, and empowerment into our earthly experience.*



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## What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- *Stump the Chef*

Folks, this is the 103rd article that I have written in my "What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen" column. That's 103 witty observations and ruminations. At least 120 different recipes. And a solid 95 "gentle nudges" to submit my article by the deadline, or close to it, from my beloved editor. The latest of which was about 10 minutes ago.

I just got off the phone with our madame editor who informed me that the other noteworthy statistic is that I was the long-time record holder for the enthusiastic use of an exclamation point. Unfortunately, the editorial staff at The Fallon Post employs the find-replace function to reduce the levels of enthusiasm in my articles as well as in those submitted by the current record holder, Kaitlyn Ritchie and Mike Berney who holds down third place.

I started today by googling quotes about writer's block because blank page syndrome was hitting me hard. That led me to some wisdom from one of my favorite degenerate Beat Era writers, Charles Bukowski who wrote, "Writing about writer's block is better than not writing at all." My pal Charles also had some thoughts on food writing, "I've got the guts, and the guts need fuel." And "Food is good for the nerves and the spirit. Courage comes from the belly - all else is desperation."

Food and writer's block have some things in common. I sometimes struggle with trying to figure out what to write about. I also struggle, on occasion, with figuring out what to make for dinner. Maybe this has also happened to you. Either nothing sounds good, I lack the energy to be creative or inventive in the kitchen, or what does sound good requires more ingredients, steps, and time than I can complete, or Neil and I end up in the "I don't know, what do you want for dinner" loop. Let's call this - a cooking block.

I hope that this article has helped inspire you when you are experiencing a cooking block. And now, I am asking for your help to inspire me when I am experiencing writer's block.

Are there dishes or recipes that you have questions about? Is there an ingredient that you have always wanted to try but are intimidated by or don't know what to do with? Do you want to try to "stump the chef?" Do you think it would be funny for me to have to cook something that includes both Jell-o and mayonnaise in the ingredient list? Send your questions, ideas, inquiries, and curiosities to: Admin@TheFallonPost.Org with the subject line Kelli's Kitchen and I will do my best to accept your challenges and answer your questions.

In the meantime, here is a recipe that uses a local ingredient and is something that Charles Bukowski would enjoy.

### Ham on Rye Cocktail

From: Jonny Valenti, the King Eddy Saloon  
Serves: 1



2 ounces Frey Ranch Rye Whiskey  
1/2 ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice  
1/2 ounce maple syrup  
Crispy stick of bacon, for garnish

1. Combine all ingredients in a mixing glass filled halfway with ice and stir gently to combine.
2. Strain into a rocks glass filled with several ice cubes.
3. Garnish with bacon.
4. "... drink to paradise and death and the lie of love." - Bukowski, *Soirée*

*Kelli Kelly -  
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# Local Column

## The Deck Hands -- Scam Alert, It Almost Happened to Me

By Jo Petteruti

As someone who has worked in IT for 31 years, I thought it could never happen to me. I thought I was savvy and careful enough not to get bitten. But in fact, none of that mattered. I got scammed, almost.

I was doing some online research on December 20 when a nasty message took over my screen, blasting warning messages on my speakers, and locking up my keyboard. The message appeared to be from Microsoft, displaying the phone number 959-345-8794 to call for assistance. So, I called and was led through a series of instructions to download a remote access tool called UltraViewer.net to allow the "Microsoft certified technicians" access to my machines to clean up the alleged infection.

The self-proclaimed technicians had me on the phone for about three hours while they "cleaned" my desktop and my laptop. Along the way, they told me it would cost \$499 to perform the clean-ups and \$999 for a five-year firewall protection plan. They pitched three plans: a one-year for \$499, a five year for \$999, and a 10-year plan for \$2999.

They insisted that I write two separate checks payable to Garrison Corporation, one for each amount, and write "professional services" on the memo lines. They gave me a long, drawn-out explanation as to why they could not accept a credit card, and about being a third-party Microsoft service firm. I told them I did not have enough in the account to cover the checks at that moment to which they replied that the checks would not be cashed until the following day. They had made their first mistake. After being instructed to place the checks one at a time on my printer where they were scanned, they then created two ACH Authorization forms, one for each check, and put my electronic signature on them.

I told them I felt that I was being held hostage, and knew I had to regain control

of my machines. So, I continued to play along. They installed three more "monitoring" and "scanning" programs during their scam adventures on my machines in addition to the remote viewer. They also added their "24/7 technical support line" 877-777-9595 to the taskbars. Foolishly, they never rebooted my machines. Their second mistake.

When I was finally off the phone and in control of my machines, I googled Garrisons Corporation and found this scam alert among many others: <https://www.complaintsboard.com/garrisons-corporation-internet-fraud-cl444269>

I uninstalled all the software the "technicians" installed. The quickest way to ensure everything is found is via the Add/Remove Programs function on the machine's Control Panel. Sort the program list by date, and all their crap rises to the top, and from there each one can be uninstalled. I then rebooted the machines to save all of my changes and ensure the crap was eliminated.

Next, I signed on to my Wells Fargo account, changed my password, and stopped payment on the checks at \$31 a pop. I changed all of my other passwords too - email and everything else we use passwords for. It was painful, but steps I felt necessary. The next morning, I brought my laptop to Comp-U-Build who verified that there was no other tracking software installed, nor anything that could capture my keystrokes. Their third mistake. They assured me that if I had taken the same steps to clean up my desktop, I would not have had to bring that machine into them.

A few days later, I visited our local Wells Fargo branch to report the scam. We discussed the stop payments I had made and the fact that the stops would only be good for six months. They recommended that I close that checking account and open a new one. They re-linked all the other accounts that were linked to the original checking account for me, also. When I checked my account

today, I found the bank had also reversed the stop payment fees. Beautiful.

These scammers were not that savvy after all. Comp-U-Build also told me that Microsoft would never grab control of a machine like that, and especially would never display a long-distance phone number to call for assistance. If this does happen again, all that you need to do is use the key combination CTRL-ALT-DEL which will interrupt the fake warning message and allow you to access the Task Manager where that nasty message task can be canceled.

These scammers continued to call me for two weeks, leaving voice messages stating I had to call them back. But I never did, and now the calls have finally stopped. Interestingly, my Verizon service allows any blocked number on my cell phone to leave voice messages, something I've complained to them about numerous times but that has been fruitless. Be careful out there. I almost became a scam victim, but many others were not that fortunate. Don't be one of them, please.



*Jo Petteruti is a staff reporter for The Fallon Post and our resident East Coast "connection." She regularly covers local government meetings and is the feature writer for business and human interest stories.*

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Find community all resources at <a href="http://falloncommunityresources.com">http://falloncommunityresources.com</a>		

## Fallon Theatre Will Show Locally Filmed Movie

By Rachel Dahl

A Baltimore filmmaker spent five months in Northern Nevada making a movie earlier this year that premieres at the Fallon Theatre on Friday night, January 20.

“Senior Cut Day,” the suspense thriller from Director/Producer Alvin Gray tells the story of two young women traveling to a small town in Northern Nevada called Oldtown to film a documentary on the story of Julia Bulette. While taking a quick rest on the outskirts of town, the two stop for food and come across much more than a ghost story.

“I filmed throughout northern Nevada, including Hazen, Fallon, Reno, Wadsworth, and Middlegate,” said Gray. “Both Papas Ranchhouse Pizzeria in Wadsworth and the Middlegate Bar were extremely helpful with allowing us to shoot scenes in their businesses.”

Gray is known for his unique cinematography and has produced both movies as well as music videos for NFL and NBA players and Grammy and Emmy Award-winning artists.

“We had a lot of challenges along the way, but we got it done and we’re ready to show the whole of Northern Nevada,” said Gray. “This showing will be a great opportunity to bring fans together under one roof to watch the highly anticipated film, ‘Senior Cut Day.’”



*A still shot from filming the movie, “Senior Cut Day” on location in Churchill County. This scene was filmed at Fort Churchill. Photo courtesy of Alvin Gray.*

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# Entertainment

## Carol's Book Report – *A Man Called Ove* A Film Based on the Novel by Fredrik Backman



I watched the 2015 Swedish film *A Man Called Ove* this weekend. It is based on the popular book with the same title by Fredrik Backman. I haven't read the book but I can tell you the film is terrific.

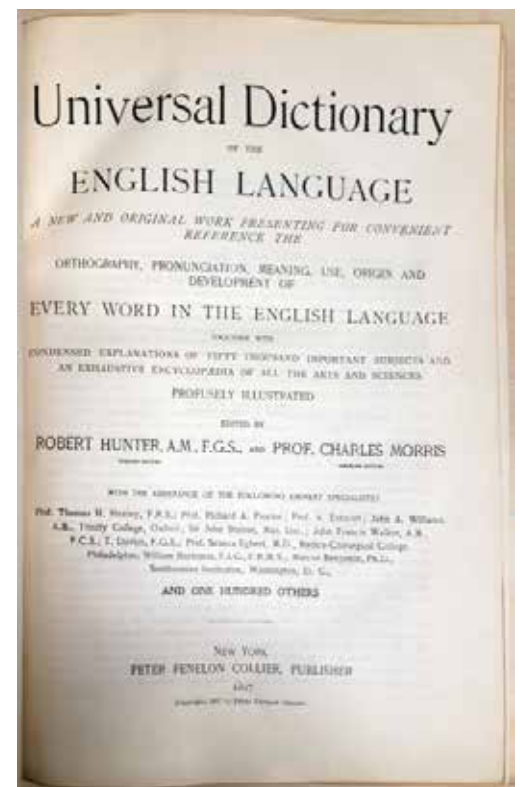
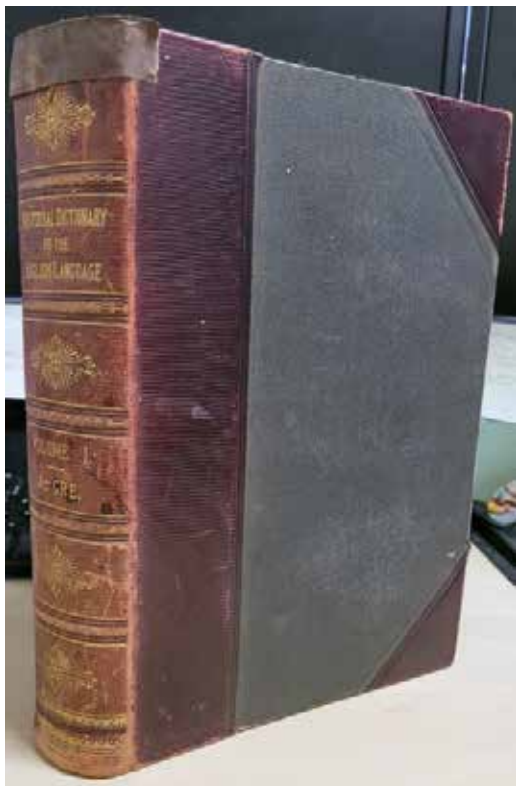
Ove is a cranky old man who is forced to meet his new neighbors when they run over his mailbox. As the story unfolds, we learn why Ove is bad-tempered and watch as he becomes less so.

It is well-acted with a lot of story packed in. I had a good cry at the end.

The new film *A Man Called Otto* starring Tom Hanks is based the same novel. I haven't seen it yet and wonder if it's a good as this one?

This title is available in print at the Library and downloadable in e-book and e-audio through Overdrive/Libby and hoopla. The Swedish 2015 film (English sub-titles) is available to stream on hoopla and kanopy and is on DVD at the Library.

*Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She doesn't watch many movies but is sure glad she saw this one.*



In honor of National Word Nerd Day on January 9th the museum would like to highlight one of the older dictionaries in our reference collection. Printed in 1897, the *Universal Dictionary of the English Language* is volume one of four in the series. They present “for convenient reference the orthography, pronunciation, meaning, use, origin, and development of EVERY WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.” Come by the museum and take a look to see what words are still in use and what are not.

## Movies & More

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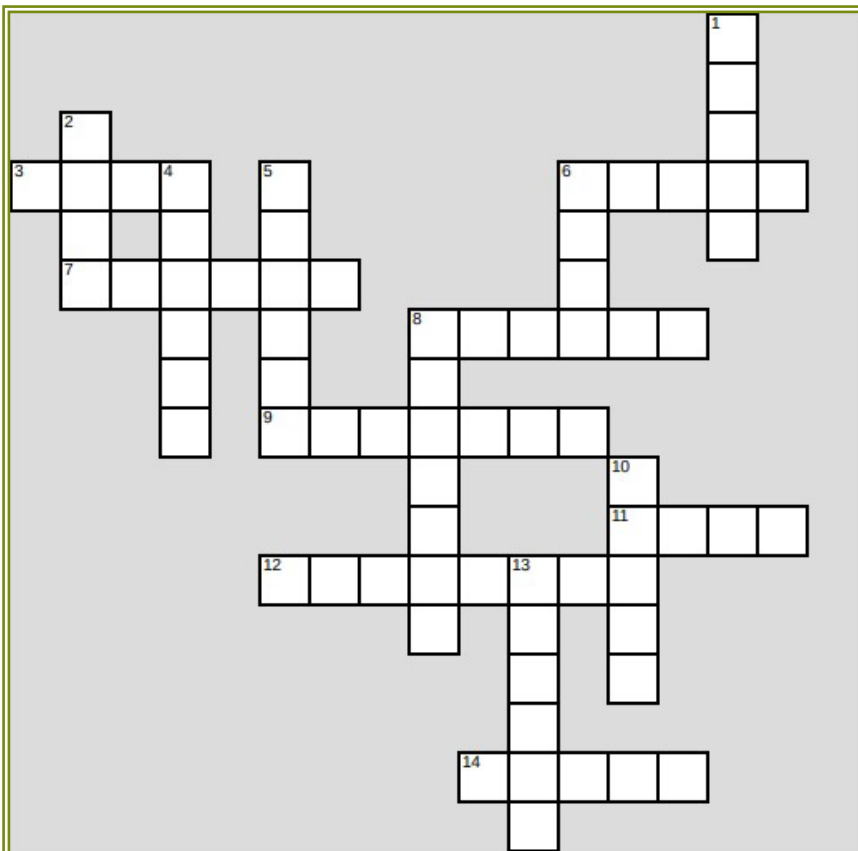
Starting Friday, January 20, at 6 p.m. we have the film "Senior Cut Days," a suspense thriller from Director/Producer Alvin Gray. This film tells the story of two young women traveling to a small town in Northern Nevada called Oldtown to film a documentary on the story of Julia Bulette. While taking a quick rest on the outskirts of town, the two stop for food and come across much more than a ghost story. "I filmed throughout northern Nevada, including Hazen, Fallon, Reno, Wadsworth, and Middlegate," said Gray. "Both Papa's Ranchhouse Pizzeria in Wadsworth and the Middlegate Bar were extremely helpful with allowing us to shoot scenes in their businesses." Tickets are \$13 and can be purchased at concessions.

Also playing Friday, at 7 p.m. is the third in the series of the Harry Potter movies, the 2004 film "The Prisoner Of Azkaban." Harry, Ron, and Hermione return to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for their third year of study, where they delve into the mystery surrounding an escaped prisoner who poses a dangerous threat to the young wizard. Stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, and Gary Oldman. Saturday evening, January 21, we welcome back to our historic stage, in concert, The Coaches. Doors open at 6 p.m. with their concert starting at 7. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at concessions. Hope you can make it to listen to this great local band.

On the following Friday, January 27, The Will Shamberger Band will once again rock our stage. Tickets are \$15 per person, doors open at 6 p.m., and the concert starts at 7.

*As always, all movies are free. Hope to see you "at the movies".*

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### ACROSS

3 Spilled seasoning

6 Bad luck toasting drink

7 Broken one is bad

8 The 13th

9 Pot of gold location

11 Beginner's

12 Never open one inside

14 Pick up if heads up

### DOWN

1 Lucky number

2 Itchy one is good

4 Bad luck comes in this number

5 Four-leafed plant

6 Knock on

8 Cross these for luck

10 Unlucky cat?

13 Don't walk under one

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Churchill County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 18, 2023, at approximately 3:00 PM, to be held in the Commission Chambers, County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, Suite 145, Fallon, Nevada, on the following matter:

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If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, before 4:00 PM on December 30, 2022 or via email to: pam.moore@churchill-countynv.gov.

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County Department  
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