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PRCA Sanctioned Battle Born Broncs Launches in Fallon

By Rachel Dahl

There is a new event on the horizon that will put the new Rafter 3C Arena to use, increase demand on local businesses, and draw attendees to Fallon from far and wide. Battle Born Broncs, the brainchild of Ty Skiver and Darci Spero, is set to premiere on June 15. The event will pull 60 of the country's top bareback and saddle bronc riders to Fallon on their way to the Reno Rodeo. With a purse of \$50,000 top bucking horses and cowboys will fill the stands in the 3C Arena that officially opens with a community ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 1.

"This is a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) sanctioned event for bareback and saddle broncs, it will be the best cowboys in the world and the best horses in the world right in Fallon," said Spero. She said the event sponsors from the City of Fallon to A&K Earthmovers and Pepe Construction to Cinch clothing, have made it possible to offer the \$25,000 per event prize money.

Spero said the building is amazing and working with the facility staff has made her job easier. "It's a really neat place and there will be some really great events come to town because of it," she said.

Skiver and Spero who run Skiver Bootmakers in their normal life, tease each other about who is the founder and who is the implementer of the event. "She has a problem, doesn't understand the meaning of the word 'founder' whoever's idea it was is the founder," said Skiver.

"And whoever's idea it wasn't," said Spero, "is the one who gets to do all the work. Being a founder is fun."

Skiver has been around rodeo events his whole life and his son is one of the top PRCA bareback riders in the country. "A lot of my customers for my boots and chaps are top PRCA cowboys and I kind of always had it in my mind to put on an event. When they started on this building, I thought it would be nice to put on an event in that building. I



didn't have any idea it was going to be such a nice facility."

In addition to the main event on the 15th, there will also be a kid's camp on May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. where kids ages 7 and up can come out for the day and learn all about saddle broncs, bareback, and even some bull riding. "We partnered with the PRCA which is sending five of their instructors, all NFR qualifiers who will teach kids who are interested in cowboy stuff, at any skill level. They will learn about animal safety and welfare. They get to learn about equipment and safety. We do lunch for them, and they get some really cool stuff for coming to that event," said Spero. Registration is on the website at BattleBornBroncs.com.

There is also a welcome party and Calcutta auction that will be held the evening of the 14th at The Grid with a live band. The next day the event will open at 4 p.m. with

food trucks and high-end vendors, with the event beginning at 7 p.m. "People can come and shop and eat and watch the show," said Spero.

"That's really the reason we picked the night of the 15th," said Skiver, "Livermore, California (rodeo) gets over on Sunday and Pleasant Grove, Utah is over Sunday, and then they'll be coming to Reno Friday so we figured it would be a great stopover in Fallon on the way. It just works for the contractors and the cowboys especially. We wanted to make this event first and foremost the very best event possible for our competitors."

The event is also expected to be a boon for local businesses, drawing nearly 2,300 spectators. The VIP area tickets are already sold out, but there are still general admission tickets available and can be purchased online at BattleBornBroncs.com.

Photo courtesy of Brand 34 Photography

Captain's Log -- *If it weren't for the last minute*

Where did this idea ever come from and why can't I shake it. My whole life is lived by this philosophy, and no matter what I do, here I am. I chalk it up to an 11th grade term paper.

Sammi and I of course did not do our homework in the weeks leading up to the final paper. You know all those steps Mrs. Arciniega taught us to make the process more manageable. Research, bibliography, rough draft. Nope, nothing. We must have been too busy reading trashy romance novels or something, but the night before our final term paper was due, we began our task.

We got ourselves all set up on the table, for some reason I remember this pool hall chandelier above us (maybe because I spent a lot of time that night lying on the floor in anguish looking up at it) and we went to work. Her mom got us pizza and there was homemade chocolate chip cookies and coke. Lots of Coca-Cola in those days.

Of course, we pulled it off. Not gracefully. I remember it was pretty much the worst thing I've ever written. But there were ten pages and all the requirements, and we got passing grades. That was some really bad adrenaline junky training, and man, it stuck.

Honestly, I've thought a lot about this character flaw, and been accused often of procrastinating. The real problem however is biting off more than I can chew. Being way too optimistic about what I think I can pull off and ending up living by triage. What needs to be done first to meet what impossible deadline.

And there definitely is a dopamine hit of some sort.

The solution of course is to learn to say "No." A dear friend of mine used to stand in front of me, instructing, "Just say, 'No. Not today. No thank you. That doesn't really work for me. No.' practice Rachel, you can learn to say No." Like that was ever going to happen.

So here I am – the girls are proofing and we're ready to print and they are wondering why there's no Captain's Log yet. Geez. The expectations. Why can't they just be happy with all the stories we did get done.

While I sit pounding this out, term paper style, I'll be right here for you...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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Transfer Station Now Open on Enterprise Way

Staff Report

The Transfer Station, located off Indian Lakes Road at 2900 Enterprise Way was reopened on Monday, May 16.

The new rate for dumping at the Transfer Station is \$60/ton for municipal solid waste as well as construction and demolition. The minimum charge per load is \$15.

The temporary site on North Maine is closed.

“We are excited to reopen and thank our community for their patience during the closure,” said Brian Byrd, Fallon Public Works Director. He explained the long lead times and material shortages forced the repairs to take much longer than anticipated. During the closure, the city revamped the processes at the transfer station to allow for greater efficiency and shorter wait times.

On Monday, June 14 the Fire Department responded to the Transfer Station with 13 pieces of equipment and 30 firefighters. A separate call was issued to NAS Fallon which responded with an Engine and 4 additional firefighters.

Upon arrival, the fire was classified as a contents fire. The “barn” structure at the transfer station contained a large amount of garbage that had become completely involved with fire. The fire department worked for approximately six hours to bring the fire under control and provide as much protection for the structure as possible. The Fire Department worked into the next day to overhaul the contents of the building and completely stabilize the incident.

The facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Community Meeting on the Proposed Central Nevada Health District

Churchill County residents are invited to attend a community meeting to discuss the proposed Central Nevada Health District, a local public health department.

You're all invited to the William N. Pennington Life Center on June 8 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss public health, what a public health department can do for the community and what services you'd like a health department to offer.

The meeting is hosted by Churchill County and the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine's Office of Statewide Initiatives who are proposing the creation of a Central Nevada Health District.



Questions may be directed to Shannon Ernst, Churchill County Social Services director at (775)423-6695 or Marena Works at the Office of Statewide Initiatives at (775)315-3136.

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Introducing New Feature as a Result of Mental Health Month “Get Real About Mental Health”

By Vicki Jones

On April 29, 2022, President Biden signed a yearly Proclamation declaring May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. This Proclamation spotlights the importance of mental health for the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities in America.

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, it's become abundantly clear to me that more youth and aging persons are looking for Psychotherapy. Our youth are being influenced by their classmates, school environments, bullying, their peers, stressors at home, and one of the biggest influences, social media. Youth are being exposed to constant chaos and deception by what they see on the internet at the most vulnerable times in their lives when they reach out for acceptance and community. Our aging seniors are witnessing their friends and family passing away, prices rising with inflation, limited retirement options, medical issues that limit their independence, and technology that is often confusing and frustrating. Families are finding themselves sandwiched between their young children and their aging parents as baby boomers have more birthdays than their parents and children have fewer babies later in life. Suicide among our youth and seniors is increasing. The face of the American family is ever-changing and in the midst of it all is the overall decline of our mental health.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual 5th edition (DSM-5) is the bible of mental health professionals. “Clinical training and experience are needed to use the DSM for determining a diagnosis. The diagnostic criteria identify symptoms, behaviors, cognitive functions, personality traits, physical signs, syndrome combinations, and durations that

require clinical expertise to differentiate from normal life variation and transient responses to stress” –American Psychiatric Association, DSM-5 Introduction, pg. 5. What does all that mean? You have to go to college, educate yourself, and continue to study even after graduation to be a therapist. As a therapist, you are required to research and take continuing education classes to keep up with discoveries, theories, therapies, and methods to assist you with the treatment of your clients. This is something that I chose to do late in life.

My name is Vicki Jones. I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker having graduated from Utah State University in 2018 with a master's degree in Social Work and Certificate in Gerontology. I was a non-typical student, meaning I was older than most everyone else with whom I graduated. I was 60 years old. My college degree journey began when I was 45 and newly divorced. That is when I went to a mental health therapist who helped me through a very difficult time in my life. After three and a half years of therapy, and excruciating self-reflection, my counselor recognized that I had a knack for counseling, and helping others, and told me to get a degree to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. It was all the encouragement I needed to pursue the career that I find myself in right now.

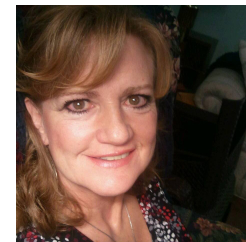
Upon graduation, I was fortunate to return to Fallon to work at New Frontier Treatment Center as a Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Counselor. It was there I was able to get a myriad of experiences to hone my skills as a therapist. NFTC had been awarded a grant as a Community Behavioral Health Center and I enjoyed being a part of the growth and acceptance of mental health

treatment while there. I recently opened a Private Practice here in Fallon and work doing individual and marriage counseling.

Finding a mental health therapist can be difficult. Because of the growing need for counselors in Fallon, and the surrounding areas, it can take a while to find a good fit and to get on their calendar. It's been my experience that most therapists have a full schedule and a waiting list but don't give up. Mental health counseling is ever evolving, and openings happen when least expected. The main thing is recognizing that you have a mental health issue and want to do something about it. If you, or someone you know, wants or needs a therapist, keep looking. Don't give up. I always tell my clients in our first meeting that, “taking care of yourself and your mental health is the most excruciating and rewarding work you will ever do.” Be brave. Be vigilant. Be determined. Take care of your mental health.

If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance with suicide prevention, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.

Vicki Jones has committed to writing a column on mental health for The Fallon Post. She invites the public to send Mental Health questions to GetReal@thefallonpost.org and will post her answers in her educational column called “Get Real About Mental Health.”



Arts Council Presents Live Performance in Barkley Theater

Staff Report

On Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. the Churchill Arts Council will present Meklit. The council's website describes her as an Ethio-American vocalist, songwriter, and composer who is known for her electric stage presence and innovative, deeply personal Ethio-Jazz songs. Her performances have taken her around the world, from Addis Ababa - where she is a full-blown star - to San Francisco, NYC, Chicago, Nairobi, Cairo, Montreal, London, Zurich, Rome, Helsinki, and many more. Meklit's latest album “When the People Move, the Music Moves Too” was named among the best records of the year by Bandcamp and The Sunday Times UK, climbing to the top of the iTunes, NACC, and European World Charts.

Meklit is Chief of Program at Yerba

Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco. She is a National Geographic Explorer, a TED Senior Fellow, and a former Artist-in-Residence at Harvard University. She has collaborated with the likes of Kronos Quartet, Andrew Bird, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and musical legend Pee Wee Ellis.

The box office, Art Bar, and the art galleries will all be open starting at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at that time. More information about the Arts Council and upcoming performances can be found on their website, <https://churchillarts.org/>



Intoxicated Instagrammers - Fallon Makes a Showing

By Sylvia Nash

Almost exactly two years ago, many Nevadans across the state hunkered down, unaware that a global pandemic would render them largely homebound for such a long period. Like so many other Americans, they were affected by multiple levels of anxiety. Would they and their family get sick? Would someone they love die? What kind of financial hardships would be caused by the lockdown? Would there be enough money for rent and groceries? What would the future look like in a post-pandemic world? As is the case in more normal times, when people feel stressed or depressed, they reach for the bottle for what they perceive to be a short-term solution.

As the pandemic and lockdown continued two things happened: people began to consume more alcohol and they spent more time on social media – their primary channel with the outside world. In 2020, while Nevada passed no statewide measure, individual cities such as Reno and Las Vegas introduced a crowd-pleasing salve, the temporary legalization of to-go alcoholic drinks from bars and restaurants. As the months progressed, the term “Quarantini” entered our mainstream lexicon, becoming a catch-all term for any cocktail made during the lockdown, and soon social media was flooded with alco-

hol-related content.

The American Addiction Centers National Rehabs Directory commissioned a study in which the 100 largest towns and cities in each state were ranked for their number of alcohol-related Instagram posts throughout the pandemic. The researchers analyzed Instagram posts starting from March 2020 to identify how many were related to alcohol or being drunk. The results reveal which cities posted about it the most, which could indicate a problematic relationship with alcohol.

Alamo came in first for the Silver State, with a population of 1,142, they proved to have the most intoxicated Instagrammers in Nevada. They racked up 398 alcohol-related posts per 5,000 during the pandemic or 7.96% of all their posts during the period. This is not too big a surprise as Lincoln County rates 4th among the highest number of excessive drinkers in the state according to County Health Rankings, a program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

Fallon ranked 25th out of Nevada communities, with 294 Instagram posts related to alcohol or being drunk. This represents 5.88% of posts for residents of the City of Fallon. Churchill County is listed in 11th place among the 17 Nevada counties by the Institute with 22% of the population considered

excessive drinkers.

The least intoxicated city during the lockdown was Dyer with a population of 305. The Esmeralda town racked up 12 alcohol-related posts equaling 0.24%, while the county came in 15th.

More information on the Intoxicated Instagrammer's Study can be found at Intoxicated Instagrammers - Rehabs.com.

If you are concerned about excessive alcohol consumption, whether for yourself or someone you know, there are some signs to be aware of that may be indicative of a problematic relationship with alcohol. If a person has difficulty controlling their level of alcohol consumption, if they want to decrease or stop drinking alcohol but are unable to do so they may need assistance. If it takes more and more alcohol to reach the desired effects due to a higher tolerance level, there may be a problem. If someone is experiencing alcohol cravings when not drinking as well as withdrawal symptoms such as sweating, shaking, and nausea, or if they are facing personal problems at home, work, or school due to alcohol use it is time to seek assistance.

Support is available at many levels. Locally the New Frontier Treatment Center at 1490 Grimes St., (775) 423-1412 or www.newfrontiernv.us offers help for all ages. For more information on addiction programs, information is available at <https://Rehabs.com>.

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With profound sorrow, we say goodbye to Grahm Williams. On April 29, 2022 he died in his sleep from a heart condition. Grahm was 41 and resided in Santa Ynez. Born on July 2, 1980 in Denver, Colorado, Grahm shared his birthday with his Grandpa Morris and Cousin Iain Morris.

He grew up skiing on the slopes near his hometown Leadville, Colorado. His family relocated to Fallon, Nevada in 1990 and he graduated from Churchill County High School in 1999. He continued his education at Brooks University in Santa Barbara, California where he met the love of his life, Krista, with whom he had one son, Jasper. August would have been their 21st anniversary.

After graduation, he went to work for Santa Barbara County Parks Department as a ranger. He found a second home at Cachuma Lake where he spent his days surrounded by nature. He had just completed his 19th year with the department.

Grahm loved nature and hiking and spent his free time at the beach or wandering in the country with his dog Satchmo. He was an artist, a photographer, and an avid reader, he loved to travel, tell stories, and cook. He could spend an entire day preparing one meal. Grahm also loved disc golf and cherished his time walking the course. He was a member of the Masons and for a time wrote the newsletter for Northern California.

His sense of humor and genuine ways endeared him to everyone. Loved by his family, friends, coworkers, and anyone he stopped to engage. He could make a friend anywhere. He was a master of noticing the subtle qualities of light. His presence is felt in those moments throughout the day where the details are illuminated.

He is survived by his wife Krista Williams, son Jasper Williams, mother Kathleen Williams-Miller, stepdad Joe Miller, Grandmother June Williams, father Steven Williams, step brother Alex, and numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held at Cachuma Lake on May 22, 2022.



Grahm Williams with his trusty partner Satchmo.
Courtesy Kathleen Williams-Miller.

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.

May 25 6:00 PM

Legacies of the Silver State: Nevada Goes to War

Author: Steve Ranson

Mr. Ranson has long had an interest in our World War II veterans. As the number of World War II veterans diminished, Steve took on the role of project coordinator of *Legacies of the Silver State: Nevada Goes to War*. He and his colleagues interviewed scores of World War II veterans and learned more about them and how they helped the war effort. These first-hand accounts show how veterans exhibited great intrepidity and bravery when facing the enemy.

Local Government

Name Changes at Parks & Rec Facilities

By Anne McMillin

With the opening of the Rafter 3C Arena on June 1, Churchill County Parks & Recreation is updating the names of its facilities at the fairgrounds to better reflect our local heritage.

There are a lot of adjustments for us all to make, and the county recognizes that it will take time for folks to get used to the new names, so signage will be replaced or installed to help people remember what to ask for if reserving a facility or organizing a gathering with friends. Here's a summary of the changes.

The east side of the fairgrounds will be known as the 3C Event Complex and will be primarily used for events. The west side where the ball fields are will be called Oser Regional Park (after the Oser family who donated the land for the park) and be dedicated to playing fields for sports.

3C Event Complex

The RV Park has been rechristened Ragtown RV Park with the south end will be

known as Sandy Run Pasture and be used for additional RV parking.

The enclosed barn stalls will be known as the Rawhide Barn Stalls. Adjacent to those stalls is the Elsworth Timer's Booth at the Lee Green Arena.

The outdoor arena's new name is the Fairview Arena with its Overland Announcer's Booth and the Stillwater Timer's Booth. The main concession stand behind the bleachers of Fairview Arena will be called the Eastgate Concession Stand.

The Dry Gulch keeps its name with no changes.

There is now the Quarter Horse Cutting Arena and its Cut Hut Timer's Booth.

The main field where the Cantaloupe Festival is held is now the Lonetree Festival Field with its Hay Palace Stage and white Greasewood Pavilion.

The multi-purpose building becomes the Barrel House while the Cottonwood Building keeps its name.

The Parks & Rec Office building is now the Pinion Office. On the east end of that

along Sheckler Road is the Pioneer II Challenge Course, the Carlson Climbing Wall, and the La Plata Disc Golf Course.

At the south end of the 3C Event Complex, the COVID testing and vaccine site on Miner's Road becomes 40 Mile Camp.

Oser Regional Park

The soccer field becomes Wonder Field.

The Cal Ripkin Baseball Field is located next to the Pop Warner Football & Cheer building.

Lou Buckmaster lends his name to the football field while the Babe Ruth baseball field retains its name.

The concession stand at Oser Regional Park is now called Westgate Concessions while the pavilion will be known as Pioneer I Pavilion.

The Liberty Basketball Courts round out the Oser Regional Park facilities.

To reserve any of these facilities, please contact Churchill County Parks & Recreation at (775)423-7733.

Planning Commission Decides Two Public Hearing Items

By Jo Petteruti

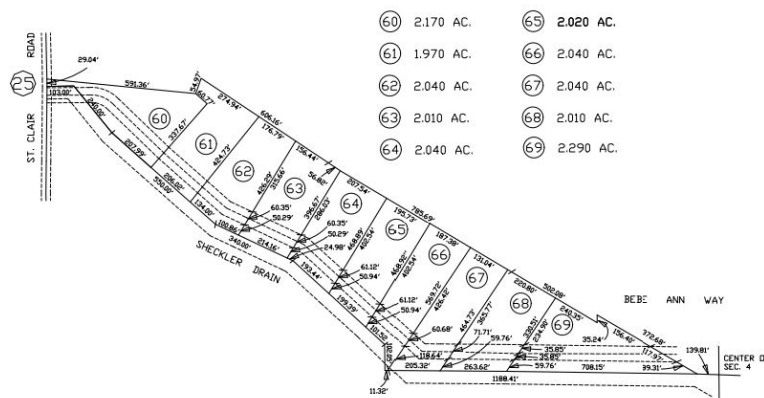
On Wednesday, May 11 the County Planning Commission's Public Hearings section of the agenda had two items - one was approved, one was denied.

The first application was for a special use permit for a firearms and ammunition retail business submitted by Michael Christopherson, owner of Big Mike's Guns and Ammo for property located at 5083 Reno Highway, a single-story two-store commercial building situated on approximately one acre of land in the area across the highway from Ott's Farm Equipment. Christopherson told the commissioners that he's been selling firearms and ammo for seven years from his home. "This building is well-built for security reasons." Planning and Public Works Director Chris Spross stated for the record, "We received a comment from the sheriff that their department has no objections to the location, and he wishes Mike well."

Christopherson described his plans for the new location, and the new security measures he will be implementing. "We have already reinforced the walls with steel bars. The upper attic has been reinforced and triggers have been built into the walls and attic so that if anyone starts tampering with a wall or ceiling, it will trigger an alarm. We have 28 cameras installed and want people to know they are being watched. Security is the most important thing to me."

Planning Commissioner Deanna Diehl asked about his licensing, parking including handicap spots, and plans to which Christopherson replied, "I have all necessary licenses, federal and state so this is just an address change to them. We have plenty of parking but yet to set handicap spaces, and the building will be fully handicap accessible. Should the tenant next door vacate, we would also like to expand into that space for hunter education training and other activities." Planning Department Senior Planner Dean Patterson told him about conditions in the staff report that approval of his application will be subject to, and Christopherson said he would have no problem complying. Planning Commissioners unanimously voted to approve his special use permit request.

The second item was an application for abandonment of an easement submitted by Ralph and Deborah Mills for their property located at 4572 Bebe Ann Way. The request was to abandon a 60-foot wide easement and "related parallel easements" that extend east to west



Easement abandonment request. Parcel map of the subject property from Churchill County records.

across the 2.29-acre triangular parcel, denoted as Parcel 10 on the applicants' map. The easements were included in the Cluster Development parcel maps drawn for Mills in 2006 and recorded with the county in 2009. Ralph Mills appeared to discuss their request and when asked by Chairman Charlie Arciniega to expand on his application, Mills responded, "Primarily to increase the available area of the lot on a road that goes to nowhere. It would also make the parcel possibly more salable." Planning Commissioners were told that Bebe Ann Way runs adjacent to the Sheckler drainage ditch and is paved the entire way including the cul-de-sac which fronts Parcel 10.

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Fallon City Council Approves Tiger Sushi Liquor License

By Jo Petteruti

A decision from the City Council's May 17 meeting opened the door for the new Tiger Sushi restaurant at 40 East Center Street by granting their liquor license request. Joshua Williams applied for a drinking establishment license which will allow on-premises liquor sales. Positive recommendations from the City Clerk's office and the Fallon Police Department were presented to the council. Part of Williams's license request included a floor plan showing only table seating and a sushi bar. Councilwoman Kelly Frost asked, "It looks like from your layout that you don't actually have a bar area. So, you will be just serving drinks with people's dinners, is that correct?" to which Williams replied, "Yes ma'am. We will have the liquor in the back for now until we get the second floor ready, and we plan to have the bar up there." Mayor Ken Tedford then instructed Williams saying, "When you get to the bar upstairs you will need to bring that plan back into the Building Department. They will have to approve that layout too." No public comment was made regarding the request, and the council unanimously approved Williams's liquor license.

In other business, Chief of Police Kristopher Alexander presented the Police Department's monthly statistics

for April to the council showing a drop in total calls from March, but an increase in citations and warnings. "The crime summary unfortunately shows the highest two categories as domestic battery and larceny. A total of 28 arrests were made, and while misdemeanor arrests were down, again domestic violence arrests were up." When discussing animal shelter statistics, he said that 44 city dogs, and 39 county dogs were taken in, but zero dogs were taken in from the tribal entities. "I also wanted to point out the other entities we work with, the Humane Society of Northern Nevada, the SPCA from Reno, the rescue out of Reno, the Feline Rescue of Northern Nevada, FAWG and CAPS. Literally 99.99% are found safe among those entities." Frost told the chief, "I'd like to compliment Animal Control with their Facebook page and the animals they put up there, many of them are adopted out." The Chief thanked her and noted that they do have a huge Facebook following. When discussing other department activities, the Chief said the prescription take-back program was successful, collecting a huge number of unwanted prescriptions. "We don't have a total poundage of the prescriptions taken back but there were 12 boxes three feet tall, and 18 by 18 inches, all full."

Public Works Director Brian Byrd

also gave the council a quick update on the status of the transfer station, noting that the permanent station had reopened, and the temporary one has been closed. "The permanent transfer station opened as of yesterday, and obviously it took us longer than we expected. We really appreciate the public's patience, and the neighborhood's patience certainly. I think the public will be happy to see the upgrades we made out there that increased the efficiency. The engineering done out there was done to make the operation smoother, safer and more effective." Councilwoman Karla Kent asked, "Has the temporary site on North Maine Street been completely shut down, and has it been cleaned up?" "We're working on it," was his reply, "trying to get it back to the way it was or better. The Public Works building is well on its way to being completed, and we'll clean the parking lot up to turn it into a Public Works operation." Frost praised the department's efforts during the transition to the temporary station and back again saying, "Thank you and thanks to all those involved, the staff of Public Works and everyone that made the temporary station available. It was not a fun process, and we had no alternative when our transfer station shut down."

An Update from the Coalition for Senior Citizens

By Rachel Dahl

During the April 25 Senior Coalition Board meeting, two new board members were appointed, Rinnie Barrenchea, who is retired from Navy Federal Credit Union and has experience with fundraising, and Dawn East who is a retired letter carrier and nurse. She has experience with and interest in grant writing. The board also agreed to continue with Make Cents Bookkeeping Service for \$500 per month.

An update on the audit of the financial accounts was given by Shannon Ernst, Director of Churchill County Social Services. All of the information has been delivered to the auditors and is now in their hands.

At a special meeting held May 12, the Coalition board approved submitting a pre-application for a Home Means Nevada Initiative grant application to design and construct an amphitheater and park area on the south end of the Life Center lot, in the amount of \$400,000. The proj-

ect would build an amphitheater structure and develop the dirt lot, to revitalize that area and provide a nice open space area for the neighborhood and meet the priorities of the board. The facility would be available to the public for use for a small fee, as is the Life Center. If the project is chosen for a full application, the proposal will come back to the Coalition board in June for more discussion.

Ernst said that the Life Center continues to be used by the community and the facility is booked through the summer. She said they are looking at restructuring rental fees and considering less fee waivers. They do not rent out or allow usage of the main kitchen because the main purpose of the Life Center is to provide meals to homebound and congregate, and they cannot take a chance of not having it available to meet their mission.

The board also approved paying \$6,000 as a cost share with Social Services to complete a cleanup of the gardening area as phase one of a three

phase project. Ernst said since the county has taken over the operations of the Life Center, they have evaluated what the seniors want to do for activities and gardening is not on the list. The garden area does not have proper soil nor a watering system and is very hot in the summer. The first phase would provide cleanup, the second phase would include installing proper soils, a watering system, and electricity, with the third phase creating a walking path around the area. Currently there is an effort to save the roses that were brought over from the old senior center, as they were donated in memory of former members.

The board elected Justin Heath to serve as Chairman of the Board, Barrenchea will serve as Vice-Chair, and Karla Kent will serve as Secretary Treasurer for through June 30, 2024.

THE FALLON POST



Election

Candidates Night Report

By Rachel Dahl

The Fallon Post joined the Lahontan Valley News, the Churchill County Republican Central Committee, and the Lahontan Broadcasting Radio Network to host the primary candidates for the Nevada State Senate District 17, Assembly District 38, and the Churchill County Commission on Tuesday night. Detailed stories on each race will be presented in The Fallon Post Voter Guide special section which will be printed in the May 27 edition of the paper as well as being posted online.

Candidates for Senate, Dr. Robin Titus, and Jim Wheeler discussed what each sees as the top three issues facing the state and

agreed that election integrity and inflation are the most important, with Titus adding access to health care and Wheeler adding education. They also answered questions from the audience regarding access to abortion, veterans' affairs, water rights, and education.

Dr. Greg Koenig and Vida Keller face each other in the race for Assembly District 38 and during their presentations identified their top three issues. Keller sees election integrity, parental choice, and parental advocacy as the highest concerns. Koenig said the most important issues are election integrity, education, and unfunded mandates. They also answered questions from the audience about their philosophy on representative govern-

ment, mining, bi-partisanship, education, and water.

The county commission candidates, Tanya Freeman, Myles Getto, Kenny Harmon, and Tom Riggins also answered questions after introducing themselves to a crowd of over 150 voters. Water, housing, and growth topped the list of topics each repeatedly addressed, along with answering audience questions on economic development, traffic, ongoing funding for recent capital improvements, public lands, NAS Fallon, and working with the Nevada Legislature.

Complete stories on each race will be coming next week, May 27 in the Voter Guide. Early voting begins on May 28.

Ken Harmon: Candidate for County Commission District 2

I was born and raised in Churchill County and attended Churchill County school district through 12th grade. I have been involved in agriculture and farming for the last 23 years. I am a fourth generation farmer in Churchill County. I also own a business in Oregon. I am a father of four and plan on staying in Fallon.

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

Water is our most valuable resource here in Churchill County. We need to make sure we protect that. Farmers also support the aquifer in Churchill County when they irrigate, which also supply water for the wells in Churchill County.

It will be the responsibility of elected officials to make sure we protect this valuable resource

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?

We need to manage growth in a responsible way to protect the people of Churchill County and to protect our agriculture. We need to make sure that we listen to the people and protect their way of life here while protecting our other resources.

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

We need to have communication with the BLM to ensure that we protect our public lands while also ensuring that NAS Fallon has what land they need to protect our country without taking away from the people who hunt, fish and use it for recreational purposes.

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

Growth is the biggest factor. We need to protect our way of life by not growing too fast or irresponsible. We need to make sure we have the resources to aid in that growth without overwhelming our public services, police, fire and other resources.

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

Keep in close contact with them to protect our resources and negotiate with them to make sure they have what they need to protect our country while not taking away from the people. We need to find a middle ground.

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

Planned growth is the best so we can control what happens to our water and sewer systems

Our elected officials have that responsibility to make sure they listen to the people living in the areas of growth. We definitely need to have more housing here but not to the detriment of people in those areas. We need to make sure it benefits all residents of the county.

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

Our college is very important to our community. It provides classes that are close for our students, jobs for our teachers and a cheaper way of getting a degree that having to drive to Reno.

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

We all need to work together to better our community. Communication is key to supporting all residents of the county.

9. What do you see the future of the city and county working with the Churchill

Entrepreneurial Development Association?

We need to be working together for the needs of the community. CEDA has done a great job promoting Churchill County. It has helped bring new businesses to Fallon and can help with growth. Communication is the best way to protect our community.

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Logos Christian Academy Fully Staffed for 2022-23

Staff Report

The new headmaster at Logos Christian Academy, Mrs. Jill Rosario along with the Logos School Board announced this week that the school is fully staffed for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Rosario is the new headmaster, with Mrs. Jillian Mikulak serving as the school secretary. Mrs. Taylor Coverston becomes the teacher of the 3rd/4th-grade class, and Mrs. Tandi Boynton is re-joining the team at the 1st grade level. The preschool team is made up of Mrs. Brandie, Mrs. Jessica, and Miss Emma, as well as Mrs. Kim Jung, who will be entering her 23rd year as the Logos kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Joelle MacKay will be moving up from 1st to 2nd grade and Mrs. Dayna Mitchell will continue in her role as the 7th/8th-grade teacher. Rosario said, "We wish Mrs. Rechel, Mrs. Mora, and Mrs. Parsons well in their new adventures and are extremely grateful for their dedication to their students during their time at Logos."

Additionally, Logos has just added two more new staff members to make the team complete. Mrs. Gretchen Felte will be returning to Logos as the 5th/6th-grade

teacher. Mrs. Felte is re-joining the Logos staff after a time of serving as the Educator Curator at the Churchill County Museum. During her tenure at Logos, she taught 1st, 3rd, and 5th/6th grade for 14 years. She holds a Master of Education degree (Integrated Arts Through Curriculum) and is known for her creative lessons, passion, and depth of knowledge of Classical Christian Education. This is evidenced in her thoughts: "I believe in the philosophy of classical education, developing a love of learning in students through content-rich education rooted in examples of classic works of literature, music, and art, which have stood the test of time. I believe in developing and educating the whole heart and mind of a child through committed parental involvement with an emphasis on the character of God."

A new position "K-8 Specialist Teacher" has also been added and will be filled by Mrs. Adrienne Martinez. Mrs. Martinez is returning to Logos staff after being home to raise her youngest child for the past 3 years. Previously, she taught 6th-8th grade liberal studies at Logos for a year and has a myriad of experiences as a substitute teacher in Washoe County School District. She has taught at

many different levels, from preschool to tutoring English for university students. She describes herself as having a curious mind and a love for learning, which she will surely pass on to her students. She holds a bachelor's degree in History, with a minor in Art.

This newly created role will fulfill many needs across our campus, including relieving our combination classes in the 3rd-8th grade of juggling two math curriculums. She will be teaching 3rd, 6th, and 7th-grade math daily in the mornings. Additionally, she will be helping to cover lunch duty for the staff to give our classroom teachers a duty-free lunch each day and will be teaching Art and Physical Education to all our K-8 classes twice a week in the afternoon to give our teachers two prep periods a week.

In a time when schools are eliminating their elective programs and children spend more time in front of electronics than ever before, Logos is pleased to offer these classes to our students with a teacher who is passionate about encouraging the development of the whole child. Creative minds and healthy bodies contribute to classical education's goal of creating life-long learners.

Work-Based Learning Students Learn About Business

By Rachel Dahl

The Wave Business Leaders, taught by Sara McGowan, is a class that puts Work-Based Learning into practice. They are currently running an apparel shop on the Churchill County High School campus. Students Jaylen David and Troy Willis have taken on the challenge of a micro-enterprise, from start to finish. They give quotes on orders, design, make the products and complete the sales.

"We want to be sensitive to our community small businesses," said McGowan, "So they only are making things that are related to school." So far, the WBL Apparel shop has made "Choose Kind" t-shirts for the middle school and the high school principal ordered staff t-shirts.

The students will also be selling a limited supply of this school year's Greenwave Sweatshirts, short sleeve t-shirts, and long sleeve t-shirts before graduation by the gate. Their supply will be first come first served, and sales will be cash only.

McGowan has supervised another work-based learning class for several years, teaching students how to run a small café that provides coffee to teachers on campus. Her students learn to take and fill orders, order supplies, and maintain accounting.



Jaylen David and Troy Willis at their Wave Business Leaders micro-enterprise t-shirt shop.
Photo by Sara McGowan

Bighorn Bulletin -- Oasis Academy

By Angela Viera

Senior Spotlight: Chloe Tanner

As part of a military family, senior Chloe Tanner attended a Department of Defense School. The change to Oasis meant different opportunities including a broader selection of classes. The variety of classes and dual enrollment at Oasis is something Tanner appreciates.

"My favorite class had to have been Meteorology with Professor Chris Ryan. Although I am by no means a weather forecaster, this was a truly enriching course with a passionate, enthusiastic professor," said Tanner.

Another class she's enjoyed is Mr. Grimes' Government class. "One of my favorite memories at Oasis has to be my time with the sophomores in Mr. Grimes' Government class. These bright, young individuals inspire me to put forth my best efforts each and every day."

"My time at Oasis has been filled with educational and personal opportunities. I've had the pleasure of working with many wonderful teachers and professors this year who have truly impacted my education for the better," explained Tanner. "Coach Gilbertson's strength and conditioning class, for one, redirected my attention towards improving personal health and wellness. Additionally, I have been able to contribute my volunteer services as an Oasis Chapter National Honor Society Member. Most notably, during the first semester, I spent my afternoons volunteering for the Oasis Music Class and accompanying them in their performances. Overall, Oasis has helped me to grow as a well-rounded individual."

Tanner will continue her studies this fall at Texas A & M University through the Mays Business School. She has received multiple scholarships and is grateful for the help she received with the scholarship application process.

"I would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Lenon for being my cheerleader this year. In our weekly meetings, he has been the compass navigating me through the uncharted waters of senior year. I owe a lot of my success in college applications, scholarships, and senior duties to him," said Tanner.

"For future students, I would advise an open mind and autonomy over your education. Ultimately, you are the one who has to work hard and get smart. No excuses."



Senior Spotlight: Joshua Youles

As an accomplished and certified welder, Senior Joshua Youles will continue to develop those skills after graduation at the Western Welding Academy in Gillette, Wyoming.

Youles will not only be receiving his High School Diploma in May but also be graduating with his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Welding Technology from Western Nevada College. The experience has given him a leg up for the next step in his education.

"My favorite memory from Oasis was when they first let students attend the welding class. Without that I wouldn't be where I am today," said Youles.

Along with Welding, Youles has two teachers he'd like to thank. "My favorite class at Oasis was History with Eric Grimes. But I would also like to thank Ms. Bogdanowicz for helping me get through high school," continued Youles.

"My advice for any upcoming students is to keep your head down and keep on working!"

End of the Year Concert Celebrates the Beatles

Music of the Fab Four filled the Convention Center on Monday, May 17 when Oasis Choir and Orchestra took the stage.

Students from Elementary, Middle and High School played and sang arrangements of Let It Be, Imagine, Lady Madonna, and closed out with a group sing-along of Ob-La-Di.

Mrs. Dana Barton has directed the choirs since the school's inception in 2011. Mr. Mackenzie Warren started teaching orchestra this year. This is the first concert for the school since 2020.

"Monday's concert was a long time coming. The pandemic affected everything, but for me personally, it hit our music classes hard. We all missed the joy of what we could do in music pre-Covid," said Barton. "Monday night proved to me how much music makes us happy and brings us together. The kids were over the top excited to share their performance and I was so happy with their efforts. The room was just packed with wonderful families. I'm grateful for them and the

support of our administrators. I can't wait for the next one."

Oasis Board Recognizes Student Accomplishments

The Oasis Academy Board took time before their May 18 meeting to honor student accomplishments for the 2021-2022 school year. Recognition included students that earned the AIT 198 Silver Industry Certificate through the dual enrollment program with Oasis and Western Nevada College, the FFA National Qualifier, All-State Academic Athletes, and Mr. Evan

Brandt's IXL Algebra II Learning Showdown second place finish in the world.

The evening also featured an art show with work from Mrs. Jill Oglebee's Watercolor Class and Mrs. Jeanne Evatt's Beginning Pottery class.

"Oasis Academy is so proud of our students for taking advantage of the opportunities afforded to them and capitalizing on them. They continue to add to their repertoire of accolades. We want to make sure all these outstanding accomplishments, that are outside of the regular prescribed academic course of study, are recognized. It is important that both

the board and community are aware of the amazing things Oasis students are doing," said Chief Academic Officer and Principal Ms. Rochelle Tisdale.



Spectacular Success for CCHS Volunteer Club and E.C. Best

Staff Report

The Wave Volunteers from Churchill County High School held a carnival last Friday night and raised \$2,170.00 to help E.C. Best buy playground swings.

The Volunteer Club is student-run and completely voluntary. Members include Alicia Basurto-Fernandez, Ruth Casillas-Ibarra, Jasmin Castanon-Hernandez, Elvira Correa-Chavarin, Corina Craciun-Laris, Coral Escartin, Kady-nce Kratka, Cass Lara, Johary Lozano, Chrystal Edith Martinez, Jackson Moon, Socialynn Natividad, Nicole Nelson, Isaac Nestlerode, Nelly Ruiz Ramirez, Makayla Shawcroft, Brisa Ugalde, and Nemesis Ugalde.

Advisors to the club are Officer Sam Ugalde and Sara McGowan.

The club would like to thank ROTC, the Honor Society, the International Club, and the art students for their help running the booths and helping with setting up and cleaning up.

They also would like to thank and recognize Christine Mori, Laura Gutierrez, Christine Camper, Merrette Boyle, Bonnie Hargis, Lance Lattin, and Jamie Shafer for all their help.



Above, back row: Sara McGowan, Makayla Shawcroft, Johary Lozano. Front row: officer Sam Ugalde, Alicia Basurto-Fernandez, Christine Mori accepting the check for E.C. Best, Laura Gutierrez, Jackson Moon, Ruth Casillas-Ibarra.

The CCHS Volunteer Club was able to raise and donate \$2,100 to E.C. Best for a swing set.
Photo courtesy Sara McGowan.



Left: Franny Mori front with little boy helping with a game, Below: volunteers from the high school and E.C. Best assisted the Volunteer Club members.
Photos courtesy Churchill County School District.



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."

Commentary -- On the LGBTQIA Alphabet

By Joe Dahl

When we think about this issue in everyday life, in our politics and our education, we should be considerate of the founding and continuity of this Great Experiment that turned out to be America. If we come to think that America has been a mistake; that the traditions, economies, social mores, religions, life styles, worldwide defense and services, are wrong – keeping in mind that slavery was here and well-founded when the government was formed, that we finally got over it and the aftermath of racial issues is well behind us – then we are going to look for a brave new world and a social political system that historically has not been successful and come to favor that instead of freedom.

If we look there, to a new order of society that is going to accept and favor and encourage behavior that has been taboo and unacceptable for over two hundred years, what would make us choose that course? Only a complete lack of discourse and discussion.

Why do we have such a difficult time having a debate about this issue? Why is the loud voice of those who encourage and recruit to this strange life style the only voice heard? The opposition is so shy, not wanting

to hurt anyone feelings; we love that misguided one but cannot take the vicious backlash from the whole community of their support, so we remain quiet and supportive and therefore accepting. We allow those who sponsor and recruit and groom, a broad field of fire with no defense of those we love because of our fear to speak up.

Politically Correct was the term. They cowed the opposition into silence because the opposition did not want to be disagreeable, they thought it better to be well mannered and civilized. That was not Donald Trump's way, he was disagreeable, yes, and hard to listen to, but so many agreed even when they were afraid to say it.

And so opposing the new order has become off limits. Those who attempt opposition are stigmatized, threatened, marginalized, and bullied. They are not allowed a voice and we are not allowed to discuss. We must



acquiesce; there is no other option.

But let's not let that be the way this ends. Our manners are allowing it to appear that we agree. We are being taken as supporters and our silence is being taken as approval and validation. Those of us who still recognize truth and accuracy must absolutely speak. We cannot give in.

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Dear Editor

Reading through the news from other states concerning book bans in libraries and other issues involving some conservative views impacting schools, I gave our community a brisk pat on the shoulder for our openness to accepting a vast array of beliefs. My children are supported in our schools and LGBTQ and trans are accepted by teachers and peers according to those same children. But I congratulated my community too soon apparently since I read in the Fallon Post that an anonymous parent complained about a site supporting LGBTQ and transgender kids and low and behold the site comes down, supposedly for review. Well, how wonderful that one parent can have the power to decide what is made available to my children. I can only imagine should I complain about the dangers of football and teams throughout the county will be disbanded for review. Our school board gives such power to a parent. My how blessed we parents are.

The Trevor Project supports teens who are finding their individual sexuality. Let's be quite clear here - THEIR sexuality, not the one their parent might prefer. There are precious few resources and little anonymity for teens seeking help in a small town. This

site gives kids a place to get answers from people who deal with the issues LGBTQ teens face and have the counseling experience necessary for those kids. I'm sorry to say not all parents are as loving and supportive of their children as Kate Morris, who feels she is the best advocate for her child. That's wonderful. But not all parents are wonderful. My child told me that a boy in class at the middle school was telling the class that he hated gay people and if he were gay his family would kick him out. He went on to say that if he had a gay child, he'd do the same. So not all families are accepting and loving. Imagine if this child should have a gay child and how hopeless that child would feel when all he meets is hate and loathing. Imagine how degrading it is for an LGBTQ teen to read that the school board didn't opt to support them, but immediately disavowed their issues and took the site where they can seek help. School board members, you have not just disappointed me which will create no lasting harm as I am old and if I haven't determined my sexual identity by now it probably won't happen, but more IMPORTANTLY you have clearly and loudly told all the LGBTQ and trans teens in this district their issues aren't important to you. You have not stood for them when you had the chance. You have not asked what they

need. You've just swept them under the carpet where you don't have to be bothered with them or their problems.

It's time to make the hard decisions. And in some cases the unpopular decisions. The CEO and Executive Director of The Trevor Project stated, "We must recognize that LGBTQ young people face stressors simply for being who they are that their peers never have to worry about." Have we done all we can to protect the LGBTQ community or have we just turned our backs. "Although our data continues to show high rates of mental health and suicide risk, among LGBTQ young people, it is critical to note these rates vary widely based on the way LGBTQ youth are treated." (Dr. A. Price, Senior research scientist at The Trevor Project.

Well, in closing, school board members and parents, are you going to give LGBTQ teens the support you give to the rest of Churchill County teens or are you going to cave to the pressure from those who see only their children and not those who are different in homes that don't always support those differences? Have any of you taken the time to just talk with a LGBTQ or trans student off the record and listened to their views? Perhaps it's time you did.

--Martie Carlson

Local Columnist

High Desert Dirt -- The Raven's Rant

We are at the time of year where each day seems a little more beautiful in our garden. The heat feels good on my skin, good to my bones and plants, and people are growing towards it. The breeze (minus a few standard Northern Nevada gusty spring days) is also welcomed. It is usually 9 p.m. before Kevin and I sit down for dinner, we both sleep hard but well as we get back into our familiar summer routine. It is a challenging regime but one I sure love. Please remind me I said this in late August when I'm melting, but the rhythm and the familiarity of the cues of the season is something to cherish.

Roses and peonies are showing up like welcomed friends you haven't seen in a long time. Before you know it, we'll be in full summer flush, if you haven't already, give them a good fertilizing. Peonies are called the "King of flowers" for good reason, truly they are spectacular and with a little extra care can grow well here. If you do have one of the ruffled beauties, a gentle reminder not to bury the crown if you're supplementing with compost. You might have to use round looped stakes you can find at our local nurseries if the baseball sized flower heads get heavy. Also, I know this will be a hard sell for some gardeners but the ants that show up when peonies bloom are not doing any harm to your flowers. Peony flower buds secrete a nectar that is a good food source for ants. If you're going to cut flowers for indoors, give them a shake before you bring them in, or rinse with water if needed. Professional growers

often harvest at the marshmallow stage to help avoid the ants. Because of the mutualism, ants will actually defend the flowers against aphids and thrips. It is an old garden myth though, that ants are needed to tickle open the flowers.

Speaking of bugs, at the Goddess Market last weekend, I had several people over tables of plants, hugs, and purple cocktails mention they saw their first ladybugs of the season. Please always tell me about your bugs. My friend and neighbor gives me regular hummingbird head counts at her feeders. It's a conversation I always love. We're up to five visiting at one time. Males swoop in U-shaped, high-speed flight patterns back and forth between our yards looking to impress females. We've nick named it the hummingbird highway.

I might have mentioned before but in my early garden days, I was all perennials. One time planting, coming back every year was my kinda plant. Annuals seemed, excessively indulgent in the days when I was still paying college tuition. I was always shocked by the number of portulaca flats we sold at the nursery. Annuals are absolutely worth adding to your garden and now is a great time to plant them. Alyssum will bring a honey scent to your yard. Cheery, colorful petunias will bloom all summer and hold up in the Fallon heat. Pinching the spent flowers is a zen like few minutes I actually enjoy these days. If you allow them to go to seed some annuals will even reseed themselves for you. Seal flipper

shaped calendula seedlings, for example are popping up now around my yard, as well as the lacy leaved, cosmos. They are only about an inch or so high right now. You can definitely dig some up and move them around or give some to a gardening friend, just keep the transplants well-watered until they get established in their new home. Calendula flowers dry easily and are used in many skin related recipes like sugar scrubs, toners, and sunburn salves. They also are made into tea. If you haven't been by The Great Basin Apothecary at 1525 W. Williams Suite K, Mandie Koeckes the owner, can give you a million more uses for calendula and other herbs as well as a great pot of tea!

June will mark a year of the Raven's Rant.

I have absolutely enjoyed the opportunity to chat all things plants with all of you. That being said, it is about time to turn over the column to keep things growing. If you're interested, please email me at tworavensfarmnv@yahoo.com.



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 20 - 26

Whew! How was that lunar eclipse (that we couldn't see?) A couple more weeks of Mercury in retrograde. Let's have patience with ourselves.

Aries: The fire inside is alive and well this week, and motivation and clarity abound. You may be sought out for your input or recognized for your beneficial attributes after the weekend.

Taurus: It may feel like some are against you, just because it's you. After the weekend this shifts, and you may get some much needed relief from harsh criticisms.

Gemini: This retrograde is still going to require some well thought communication and patience for you. A few extra measured breaths can be helpful if you're feeling quick to snap.

Cancer: This week may bring some inconveniences your way but try not to let them make you crumple. If it feels like your emotions are getting the best of you, some solitude might help. Nobody really likes crying in front of people.

Leo: The sun moves into your 7th house on Friday, causing your attention to shift to your relationships with others. Go with the flow and enjoy times spent with friends, as this will only help you to

understand yourself.

Virgo: You're setting and smashing goals, and this week is a strong one to keep tying up loose ends to avoid opposing forces. You're ruled by Mercury, so the retrograde may be affecting you harder than others. Take caution with what you say and how you say it.

Libra: Some conversations need revisiting, and it may be the one you have been avoiding. Try to see the other side to see a clearer picture before making any decisions. Looking within can bring needed perspective.

Scorpio: Creative energy is high this week, and you're positioned to use it in beneficial ways with regards to your self-expression. Mercury in retrograde could still cause some weird hang-ups, so be prepared.

Sagittarius: Your flexibility comes in handy this week when it comes to your social life. It's a good weekend for surrounding yourself with the ones you feel most at ease with. Remember to keep your thoughts realistic as the week progresses.

Capricorn: Jupiter's in your fourth house now, directing your focus and intentions to all things home and family related. Routines may need to be revisited,

but you'll be approaching them with new enthusiasm.

Aquarius: Your weekend comes with extra boosts for socializing and positive recognition, respectfully. Romance or other emotional connection may be in the cards as well weekdays on.

Pisces: I, myself am strange and unusual. Monotony can get you down, so shake it up this weekend and break free from the grind. Time spent with people who appreciate your eccentricities now will energize your weekday pursuits when it's time to get serious again.



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 -- *The Blessings of Mentoring*

I serve as an industry advisor for the culinary program at Churchill County High School. The main reason that I am involved with this program is I believe every high school student should know how to prepare a handful of basic dishes by the time they graduate. No matter what their future holds, knowledge of how to cook for yourself is a vital tactical skill that will equip young adults with the capacity to care for themselves and those around them. Whether the post-high school years involve continuing education, starting a family, or working, a person who can prepare food for themselves has a greater level of control and autonomy over their lives.

My list of savory dishes that everyone should know how to prepare starts with roasted chicken, basic salad dressing, rice, chili, macaroni & cheese, pasta & sauce. How to prepare steamed, sauteed, roasted, or grilled vegetables. How to hard boil scramble or fry an egg, even make a frittata. A few basic ways to cook a potato - baked, roasted, and mashed. Soups are easier than you may think and include a broth or pureed base, even stews and pot roasts. If you're into grilling, your repertoire should include BBQ chicken, steak, burgers, and fish.

If you do not feel confident preparing these dishes, never fear. I am here to help you. Today we are going to tackle roasting a chicken.

If you have the time (4 hours or overnight), I always recommend brining poultry before cooking. Brining is the process of soaking meat in a salty liquid. Thanks to the science of osmosis, brining a chicken causes the meat to suck in the salty, flavorful liquid, increasing the moisture content before cooking. The results of brining are savory, delicious flavor, a tender buttery texture, and a decreased likelihood of overcooking your bird. To prepare an easy brine, combine 1 gallon of liquid with 1 cup of kosher salt and ½ c of sweetener (sugar, brown sugar, honey)

and stir until dissolved. You can fancy up your brine by adding other flavoring ingredients like citrus fruit, bay leaves, peppercorns, other spices, and garlic.

This week's recipe comes from the culinary master, Thomas Keller. He recommends removing the wishbone from the chicken breast before roasting to facilitate easier carving. Additionally, trussing your chicken by tying the legs together and tucking in the wings plumps up the chicken breast and ensures a more even roast. Finally, for those who are uncertain about when the chicken is done roasting, Keller recommends inserting your knife into the leg joint—if the juices run clear, the chicken is done; if the juices are pink, roast a little longer.

Thomas Keller's One-Pot Roast Chicken Dinner

INGREDIENTS:

1 three-pound chicken
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
3 potatoes, peeled and thickly sliced
2 carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
2 onions, peeled and quartered
2 celery stalks, thickly sliced
4 large shallots, peeled
Fennel, squash, turnips, parsnips, or other vegetables (optional)
2 bay leaves
2 or 3 thyme sprigs
2 to 3 tablespoons butter

DIRECTIONS:

1. First prepare the chicken. To remove the wishbone at the top of the breast, use a small knife to scrape along the bone to expose it, then insert the knife and run it along the bone, sepa-

rating it from the flesh. Use your fingers to loosen it further, grasp the tip of the wishbone, and pull it out. Tuck the wing tips back and under the neck.

2. Cut a length of cotton string. With the chicken on its back, slip the string under the tail and bring the ends up over the legs to form a figure eight. Loop over the end of each leg and draw the strings tight to bring the legs together. Draw the string back under the legs and wings on either side of the neck. Pull tight, wrap one end around the neck, and tie off the two ends. Salt the chicken evenly all around. Coarse salt has a good texture of large grains that makes it easy to calibrate how much salt you are putting on the chicken. Sprinkle from up high, so it falls like snow. Season liberally with fresh-ground pepper.

3. Preheat the oven to 375°F, put all the vegetables and herbs together in the bottom of a large, heavy ovenproof pot, and season with salt and pepper. Set the chicken on top, dot with the butter, and roast uncovered for 45 to 60 minutes (or longer), depending on the size of the chicken. It is done when the leg joint is pierced with a knife and the juices run clear, not pink.

4. Let the chicken rest for a few minutes before carving and serve family-style with all of the caramelized vegetables and juices from the pot on a platter and the chicken pieces on top.



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

Maliah's Minute -- School Vandalism

Student council in my opinion is one of the best things to do to be the most engaged with school events. My first year of student council was in 5th grade. I'll be going into 8th next year and I have decided to run for treasurer.

For the past 2 years, I haven't been interested and I had too much on my plate. Now I'm more prepared and ready to make our school better by joining the student council. When you do student council it is a good thing to put on resumes later. Student council is a way to get ahead in your future and to better your reputation in the upcoming job market.

I have made it to the second round of student council voting. The next thing to do is create a video on why students should vote for me. I'm excited but also scared to create

this video because I know it's going to be very weird.

On top of running for student council treasurer, I have signed up for office aid and am excited and hopeful I will make it. It would be an honor to work with Ms. Becky and Heidi. They are very lovely people who work so hard. They do so much for this school, and I think some people don't recognize that. I have to write a letter of why I would be a great office aid, kind of like a job application which I think is fun.

I know this seems late to be signing up for this stuff, but it is all for next year, and things I'm signing up for next year. All these things are getting me ready for next year and all the responsibilities I will hope to have.



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

Entertainment

Carol's Book Report - "Vigil Harbor" a Novel by Julia Glass



The small coastal historic town of Vigil Harbor on the Atlantic Ocean 10 years in the future is dealing with a couple of high profile (for a small town) divorces, climate instability, and political violence.



Two strangers come to town snooping around and become the catalyst for a series of events that put this town on the map, though briefly, in ways no one ever dreamed of.

Well-defined characters drive this story as their lives intertwine and events are revealed. A lot is going on and Julia Glass pulls it all together in this thoughtful yet nightmarish and violent novel.

This title is available in print at the library. Julia Glass is the author of the National Book Award winner "Three Junes." Also a great read.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She invites you to the Summer Reading Program Kick-off Carnival on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Museum Treasures - Honoring Armed Forces Day



This Saturday is Armed Forces Day, a time to honor all past and present service members. Thank you so much for all you've sacrificed in the service of our country!

Fallon has a long tradition of military service, dating from decades before NAS Fallon's founding. This photo of a VFW reunion in front of the Old High School was taken around 1920!

Firmin Bruner Collection, Churchill County Museum.

Movies & More

At Your Community-Owned and Operated Fallon Theatre

Hopefully, when you read this column, our new marquee should be complete. Thank you to all of you in our community that helped make this happen.

If you are interested in being a volunteer at the theatre or would like to become a sustaining member, please visit us at: thefallontheatre@gmail.com

Our movies this week start Friday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. with the 2005 computer-animated comedy film "Madagascar." In this hilarious tale, a group of animals who have spent all their lives in a New York zoo end up in the jungles of Madagascar and must adjust to living in the wild. Voiced by Chris Rock, Ben Stiller, David Schwimmer, and many more.

Saturday, May 28th we continue with our Classic Movies at 6 p.m. with the 1949 great B movie film noir, "D.O.A." starring Edmond O'Brien, Pamela Britton, and Luther Alder. In this great movie, Frank Bigelow is told he's been poisoned and only has a few days to live. He tries to find out who killed him and why. Also playing Saturday at 6:30 p.m. is the 2017 comedy "The Emoji Movie." In this fun story, Gene, a multi-expressional emoji, sets out on a journey to become a normal emoji. Featuring the voices of T.J. Miller, James Corden, Anna Faris, Maya Rudolph, and Patrick Stewart.

Please mark your calendars for June 17th for the album release concert by The Will Shamberger Band for their new album Mondegreens. Tickets are \$10 and doors open at 6 p.m. Also coming July 16th will be the Reno band Dusty Miles and The Crying Shame.

Hope to see you "at the Theatre."

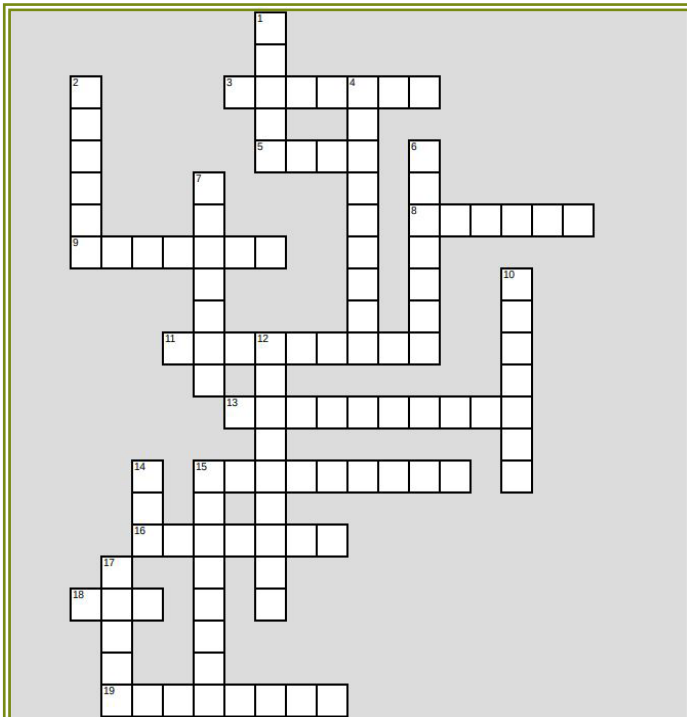


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| <p>Friday 5/20 @ 6:30pm</p> | | <p>Saturday 5/21 6:00 & 6:30pm</p> |
| <p>Friday 5/27 @ 6:30pm</p> | | <p>Saturday 5/28 6:00 & 6:30pm</p> |

ALL MOVIES ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED!

Crossword - World Famous Museums



Across

- 3 Home of the Sistine Chapel
- 5 Home of the Cowboy Arts & Gear Museum
- 8 Fourth Ward ___ of Virginia City
- 9 National Museum of Spain
- 11 Wells ___ Museum in Reno
- 13 National ___ Museum in Reno
- 15 Home of Michelangelo's David
- 16 Home of the Rosetta Stone
- 18 Wilbur B. ___ Museum is San Rafael Park
- 19 Hawthorne ___ Museum

Down

- 1 D.C.'s National Air and ___ Museum
- 2 Home of the Mona Lisa
- 4 Battle Mountain ___ Museum
- 6 D.C.'s National Museum of Natural ___
- 7 Laughlin's ___ Car Collection
- 10 Trafalgar Square's National Portrait ___
- 12 ___ County Museum & Archives
- 14 The ___ Museum in Las Vegas
- 15 Cannon ___ Museum in Las Vegas
- 17 Home of The Egyptian Museum

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antique, rustic, farmhouse, and vintage finds, Back Roads Vintage Market is the place to be this weekend. "Every spring and fall, Mitch and I are always blown away by what our vendors bring out to the market. However, they have outdone themselves and are truly bringing out their best this weekend," Young said. There will be loads of super cute junk, repurposed finds, jewelry, apparel, live music, the Twisted Branch bar, Telegraph Coffee, and food vendors.

Bring out your family and friends to enjoy a fun day of shopping. There will be free parking, complimentary s'more kits (while supplies last), and complimentary cookies for the first 50 people in line each day. Admission is \$10 on Friday for early-bird shopping and \$5 at the gate on Saturday. Kids 12 and under are free.



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Spross noted for the board, "As part of this application, it's our responsibility to send this request to the various utility companies and the Road Department. We will review it internally as part of the county utility system. We had comments back from BoR and Southwest Gas that they had no objections, however, the Road Department and the Public Works Department do object to abandoning this easement for several reasons. This easement was purposely established to provide a road and utility easement as a connection to the land east of Bebe Ann Way where it meets Chavez Road which would connect to Sheckler Road. This is a fairly large parcel, about 2.3 acres, and with the easement still in place, it still leaves approximately one-half to three-quarters of an acre of developable land. So, at this point in time, both the Road and Public Works Departments object to abandoning this easement."

Attorney Ben Shawcroft pointed out a provision in the County Code saying, "The County, which is acting as the public utility in this instance, must recognize that once an objection is made, that the reservation of that easement has to stay in place, that it can't be abandoned. There is no further discretion by the board, they have to reserve it. Obviously, this is a recommendation that has to go to the County Commissioners, and they do have the authority to override this board's decision."

The result was that the abandonment request was denied on a 4-to-2 vote. The application will now go to the County Commissioners for review during their June meeting.



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