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## County Commissioners Consider Diesel Tax

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County Commissioners set a formal hearing during their regular meeting on Wednesday, regarding proposed ordinance no. 121, which would add Chapter 4.11 to Churchill County Code. The Churchill County Diesel Fuel Tax would impose a five-cent tax on diesel fuel sold within Churchill County. Diesel Fuel for off-road use, including agriculture would be exempted from the tax. The hearing is scheduled for December 3rd at the 8:15 a.m. Commission meeting.

The tax was authorized by Senate Bill 48, passed by the Nevada State Legislature during the 2019 Session. Authorized only for the single purpose of improving roads within the community, all revenues received are to be dedicated to be used on roads and bridges within the City of Fallon and Churchill County, specifically resurfacing existing roads and repaving roads that are beyond repair.

County Manager Jim Barbee said the average driver of a diesel pickup, driving 15,000 miles per year would pay an additional \$50 per year in taxes should the ordinance pass.

According to Civil Deputy District Attorney Ben Shawcroft, White Pine, Pershing, Lyon, and Carson City have already adopted a diesel fuel tax under the Senate Bill. Douglas County has put the question on their ballot.

It is expected the tax will generate nearly \$300,000 in additional revenue annually and is between the city and county according to a set formula.

Additionally, the commission is required when a new tax is proposed, to consider and adopt a business impact statement which was also presented during the meeting. Shawcroft said a total of 508 local businesses were sent a letter containing the proposed ordinance asking if there would be a financial impact to their business or their ability to expand. He said that four business owners responded, two supporting the ordinance because they would save money on vehicles due to less wear and tear with better roads. Two of the businesses were opposed.

"A full analysis is provided in the business impact statement," said Shawcroft, "and based on the comments received it was determined there was no significant impact on businesses or their ability to expand." Commissioners approved the business impact statement which will be presented during the hearing in December.

In other matters, Commissioners also addressed several other issues, including a report from Carson City Bureau of Land Management Field Manager, Ken Collum who reported that his office is working to finalize the Dixie



## Davies to Defend Murillo on Murder Charges

By Leanna Lehman

Ofelia Murillo appeared for a status hearing before Judge Ben Trotter in Justice Court on Tuesday, November 17th. She faces first-degree murder and several other charges relating to the shooting death of her ex-husband, Caesar Alvarado-Jauregui.

Murillo appeared via Zoom web conferencing from the custody of Churchill County Jail without an attorney present to discuss the appointment of counsel. Previously, Murillo stated that her daughter was in the process of selling her house to pay for an attorney. When Judge Trotter asked Murillo whether she currently had available funds to secure counsel, Murillo stated, "Not quite yet." Murillo said that she hoped to have the money in a few weeks.

The Court sought to appoint defense counsel to represent Murillo last week but was unable to do so. Although the State has not determined if they will pursue the death penalty, the Nevada Supreme Court requires that capital defendants are represented by an attorney who has tried at least five felony trials to completion, including one murder trial. Additionally, he or she must have acted as defense co-counsel in one death penalty trial, also tried to completion (Rule 250 - Procedure in Capital Proceedings, Nev. Sup. Ct. R. 250). First-degree murder is punishable by death, thus making this case subject to the ruling.

During the status hearing on November 12th, Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer was unofficially

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# Rachel's Report

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## “Remount and Reload...”

Captain's Log #3...Stardate November 19th

We're getting ready for issue number three – easing into a routine, learning what works and what doesn't, still having the best time ever, and we jump up and down (quite literally) every time we get a new subscriber in the mail. It's still beyond frustrating working with the web designers trying to get the online subscription page working. Please stick with us, we will figure this out and it will be amazing and worth the wait.

Once again, we are living on the neighborhood restaurants, and coffee shops. This paper is powered on the Artichoke Jalapeno Dip from The Grid and Getto Subs which has quickly become our Wednesday lunch tradition while we're all in the shop together doing the layout. Wednesdays are actually dream-come-true days. Everyone is working away on their favorite part of this – writing, doing the layout, editing – shining in the expansion of their talents. It's exactly what I always thought it would be; industrious, meaningful, comradery. It's beautiful, and I love it.

Yesterday I learned there is actually a formal term for what we are doing here; slogging away each week making the paper better and better. One of my friends called it CPI – Continuous Process Improvement. Which turns out is pretty easy when you start out not knowing one thing about what you're doing. The things we have learned. It feels like a Dr. Suess book in here every day; “Oh, The Places You'll Go!”

*“Out there things can happen, and frequently do,  
To people as brainy and footsy as you.  
And when things start to happen, don't worry, don't stew.  
Just go right along, you'll start happening too!”*

We have however, made a tough decision about printing next week. We're going to hold off printing on the 27th and push out edition #4 to December 4th. We need to regroup and get the website fixed up. We actually have a long list of things that we need to tackle, not to mention the turkey and the family, so we hope you'll forgive us this pause when we get back to it on the 30th we should be all set up for the rest of the year. And then go into 2021 strong and ready for whatever comes our way.

We really do appreciate all the support. Please keep passing on the news and letting everyone know about us. Please let us know when you have ideas for stories or observations about things we could do better. This is our paper together and we want you to love it like we do.

Happy Thanksgiving – enjoy the holiday and count your blessings; we count you as some our best ones.

Keeping you posted,  
~ Rach

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## Commissioners Finalize the Vote Totals

by Rachel Dahl

County Commissioners met Monday, November 16th to canvass the votes of the November 3rd election. The canvass is the official tally of the election and the purpose of the canvass to account for every ballot cast and make sure that every valid vote cast is included in the election total.

Commissioners accepted the abstract presented by County Clerk Linda Rothery, which will now be transmitted to the Secretary of State under Nevada Revised Statutes governing the election.

Turn out was heavy this election, with 82.13% of registered voters casting their vote — 12,911 votes of 15,721 registered. The county clerk received 4,493 votes by mail, and 6,476 votes were cast during early voting, with 1,942 people voting in person on Election Day.

President Donald Trump received 9,372 votes in Churchill County, with Joe Biden receiving 3,051.

Additionally, Churchill County was the first county in Nevada to complete their vote count and report the unofficial tally to the Secretary of State, getting national recognition as election night returns were announced on various media channels.

“When you have a great staff,” said Rothery, “and such a great team, of course they do great work and we’re proud of that.”

Commissioners also expressed their appreciation for the job Rothery and her staff did during the election. They each thanked her for the advance work that went into preparing for the unique election process this year.

The new commissioners and school board will be sworn in at the 1st meeting of the year on January 4, 2020.

### Final vote totals:

#### President

Donald Trump – 9,373

Joe Biden – 3,051

#### Congress, District 2

Mark Amodei – 9,383

Patricia Ackerman – 2,780

#### Assembly, District 38

Robin Titus – 11,193

#### County Commission, District 1

Justin Heath – 11,308

#### County Commission, District 3

Greg Koenig – 9,012

Kelli Kelly – 3,510

#### Supreme Court, Seat B

Kristina Pickering – 8,867

None of these – 2,721

#### Supreme Court, Seat D

Doug Herndon – 6,874

Ozzie Fumo – 2,472

None of these – 2,618

#### Court of Appeals, Department 3

Susan Bush – 4,839

Bonnie Bulla – 3,578

None of these – 3,294

#### District Court, District 10

Tom Stockard – 10,903

#### Board of School Trustees

Kathryn Whitaker – 6,384

Gregg Malkovich – 6,275

Tricia Strasdin – 6,212

#### State Question No. 1

No – 8,269

Yes – 3,819

#### State Question No. 2

No – 6,929

Yes – 5,523

#### State Question No. 3

No – 6,388

Yes – 5,834

#### State Question No. 4

No – 6,570

Yes – 5,658

#### State Question No. 6

No – 7,934

Yes – 4,388

#### County Question No. 1

Yes – 7,770

No – 4,757

## Newlands Project Water Levels

*Measurements taken  
November 18th at 5:15 p.m.*

**Lahontan Reservoir  
49,240 af**

**Truckee Canal at Hazen  
180 cfs**

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth  
177 cfs**

**Carson River Below Lahontan  
1.95 cfs**

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

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second  
af - Acre Feet

# COVID-19 Rages in Churchill County

By Leanna Lehman

Two wildfires burn in Nevada – and COVID-19 is the one gaining ground. Positive cases continue to rise in Nevada, even after Governor Sisolak issued a two-week “Stay at Home 2.0” directive on November 10th, advising Nevadans to limit public interaction. Sisolak has since tested positive for the virus and continues to urge residents to minimize the risk of contracting the virus by staying at home. According to Nevada Health and Human Services, more people are being hospitalized than at any time since the onset of the pandemic, with Washoe, Elko, and Clark counties seeing the highest influx of positive cases. Expectedly, over 75% of all positive cases are within Clark County.

In response to the statewide surge in positive tests, the Nevada COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force flagged eight Nevada counties with an elevated transmission risk on November 12th. At the time, Churchill County was not among them. The Task Force has since added Eureka and Churchill County as also being at risk bringing the total count of flagged counties to 13.

County testing data includes the Banner Churchill, the Renown clinic, school district, nursing homes, the Fallon Tribe, and NAS Fallon numbers, with all test results being reported to the state. It is important to note that Board of Health states that due to the high volume of tests, results from the State Public Health Lab are delaying by at least a week.

County manager, Jim Barbee reported on the dramatic escalation of positive COVID cases in the County during the Churchill County Commissioners’ meeting on Wednesday, November 18th.

The numbers represent the most recent test data.

The Churchill County School District reports cases daily, citing the school and the last day that the student was in attendance.

Logos Christian Academy reported their Pre-K class will be in quarantine until after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Last week Churchill County and the City of Fallon both posted adjustments to how offices will interact with the public, which includes appointment-only visitation. This will remain in effect until further notice. Additionally, due to Thanksgiving falling on one of the county’s normal COVID testing days, the testing schedule for the week of Nov. 23 has been adjusted and will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Free, drive-through COVID testing will be held next week at the Churchill County fairgrounds on Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. Please call (775) 423-6695, option 2, to schedule your appointment. Leave a name and number and staff will return your call to set up an appointment for you.

For more information on COVID numbers, testing, or information released by the County, please visit [www.churchillcountynv.gov/816/Public-Service-Announcements](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov/816/Public-Service-Announcements)

Churchill County Testing Data	As of Nov. 11th	As of Nov. 18th
Active Positive Cases	227	298
Tests Administered Since March	11,030	12,126
Recovered Individuals	218	296
Currently Hospitalized	8	12
Total Deaths- Average age of patient 81 yrs.	4	8
Total Positive Cases Since March	449	592
Asymptomatic Positives Since March	40	75

Churchill County School District	As of Nov. 11th	As of Nov. 17th - Day student or staff attended
Churchill County High School	No Data	1 student - 11/10 1 student - 11/12 1 staff - 11/10
Churchill County Middle School	1 staff - 11/2	1 student - 11/13
E.C. Best Elementary School	1 students - 11/2	No new reported positives
Lahontan Elementary School	1 staff - 11/6	1 staff - 11/10
Oasis Academy	Not reported	1 student 2 staff
Logos Christian Academy	1 student - 11/5	1 staff

## City Council Notes

By Viviane Ugalde

On Monday, City Council met in their regular meeting and approved Mayor Ken Tedford's nomination of Dusty Casey to the Board of Adjustment.

According to Mayor Tedford's statement regarding Casey's background, he is a fourth-generation Fallon resident, with ten years in construction and land development and is now working in the public sector as the Athletic Director at Oasis Academy. He was also recently appointed to serve on the State of Nevada Commission on School Funding.

Mayor Tedford listed multiple community organizations for which Casey is a volunteer or board member, illustrating his dedication to the community.

Councilwoman Kent made the motion, and Councilman Richardson seconded the approval of his appointment. Casey was confirmed.

A contract with Atkins North America Construction to replace the runway edge lights at the Fallon Municipal Airport was also approved. The Federal Aviation Administration would pay 93.75 percent of the \$70,000 project, while the city would pay 6.25 percent.

The approval of the professional services contract provided for an approval of the design, which is then sent to the FAA to be put out for bid. Councilwoman Kent asked about the likelihood of the bid being approved by the FAA.



Legal and Administrative Director Robert Erquiaga said the city submits projects on a five-year schedule and work with a liaison at the FAA to work through projects that they can get approved on budget.

Mayor Tedford also said that if the five-year schedule is in order, projects are usually always granted unless federal money is tight.

In comment to this project, Mayor Tedford said, "When you get a 94 percent price match, these projects are too good to let go."

Erquiaga said there is a slight possibility that the FAA will fund 100 percent of the project if they used CARES Act funding, like they did on the fencing project earlier this summer.

In other business, Chief of Police Kevin Gehman gave the Police Department report for the month of October. Gehman reported that officers and volunteers throughout the month went to the naval base for an indoctrination, conducted a drug take back program with CVS and Walgreens, served meals at the Fallon Daily Bread, created a drug prevention and peer pressure video for schools, and

conducted 43 hours of service calling the shut-in citizens, along with other duties.

Councilwoman Frost closed the council meeting with a statement that she was, "happy with the progress on street improvements like the crack filling."

Public minutes and agendas are accessible on the City of Fallon website, for more detailed information see: [www.fallonnevada.gov/archived-meeting-agendas/](http://www.fallonnevada.gov/archived-meeting-agendas/)

The next meeting of the Fallon City Council is scheduled for Monday, December 7, at 9 a.m., at City Hall, 55 W. Williams Avenue, Fallon. The Fallon City Council normally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month.

*Councilwoman Kent, Councilman Richardson, Dusty Casey, Mayor Tedford, and Councilwoman Frost after appointing Casey to Board of Adjustment. Viviane Ugalde/The Fallon Post*



## Brothers Open a Drafting and Design Business in Fallon

By Susan Weikel

Eddie and Matt Gelineau have started a business here in Fallon, together founding GEM Drafting and opened an office at 4082 Reno Highway.

After graduating from Churchill County High School, both of the brothers left the Fallon area and spent some time gaining a variety of different experiences that would eventually be put to use when they decided to return to their hometown, join forces, and start their business.

Much of the work that is involved in the drafting and designing of their projects can be done remotely, and this has allowed GEM to expand their projects into various areas of Reno and even into areas of Idaho. The company has worked on a number of large projects such as the renovation of the Public Works Building on Maine St. in Fallon, the Municipal Courtroom redesign, the Chemistry and Physics Hall at UNR, the remodeling of the gym at Swope Middle

School in Reno, various work for contractors in planning subdivisions (Onda Verde being one), and even helping individuals plan their dream homes.

Matt and Eddie share more than the desire to see their business grow, they share a vision that builds an understanding of the growth possibilities in their industry. They hope to share with students and the community the many options for employment that are available in the area of drafting, design, and BIM (Building Information Modeling).

For more information on the variety of talents and expertise this firm offers, contact them at gemdraftingsolutions@gmail.com or visit the website at www.gemdrafting.com.



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# Free COVID Testing

Free community-based COVID testing offered by appointment  
Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings at the fairgrounds  
Call (775)423-6695, option 2, to schedule



## Annual Food Drive Set for December 6th

By Rachel Dahl

This year will be the 5th annual First Responder food competition held on Sunday, December 6th, from 11 o'clock a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. Organized by Beth Riley, who worked for the Banner Churchill EMS crew the food drive has collect over 45,800 pounds of food over the past four years.

All the agencies participating, including the Fallon Police Department, Fallon/Churchill Fire Department, Search and Rescue, the Churchill County Sheriff's office, Banner Churchill Community Hospital EMS, and the Fallon Shoshone Tribal Police Department will meet on the morning of the 6th at the Golden Gate Gas Station scales for the weigh in at 10:00 a.m. Each agency brings whatever exciting vehicle will catch people's attention, and when the weigh in is complete, everyone caravans over to Walmart with sirens blaring and lights flashing.

The teams all station themselves at the various doors and whichever team collects the most food throughout the day, whether it is perishable, or non-perishable will win. At 4 o'clock p.m. everyone caravans back over to the Golden Gate scales and weight again and that's where Riley says, "We then subtract the current weight from the original weight and that is how we determine a winner." The teams are not allowed to collect food beforehand. "When we are parked in between the front doors at Walmart people can donate to the agency of their choice, the community member gets to choose," she said.

Last year during the event, the Care Flight crew actually flew Santa into the event to spend time with local children. That is still a possibility this year, although no one is sure yet due to the COVID restrictions.

At the end of day, after the weigh ins, each of the agencies then travels over to the Out of Egypt food pantry building, backing into the big garage doors and helps unload the food. Last year, Pastor Paul Slaton said the food collected allows the food pantry to feed needy community members for up to six months.

Riley said Walmart has donated materials to make the trophies and the City of Fallon brings heaters to keep everyone warm. Etched in Stone is making the tags for the trophy which the winning agency keeps for a year. "So many people are involved, this is such a great thing the community turns into," she said.

Last year a total of 19,540 pounds of food was collected. The Fallon/Churchill Fire Department gathered 7,560 for the win, ahead of the Fallon Police Department with 4,560, the Sheriff's Office with 2,800, Search and Rescue gathered 1,920 pounds, Nevada Highway Patrol with 1,420 pounds, and the Banner Ambulance crew with 1,280 pounds.



*The Fallon/Churchill Fire department receiving their trophy last year. Photo provided by Beth Riley.*



## COVID in the Workplace – Answers for Employees

By Leanna Lehman

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to rise in Nevada and wreak havoc on area residents. As a result, both employers and employees are asking questions about handling positive COVID cases in the workplace. Nevada Senate Bill (SB) 4 was passed during the 32nd Special Session of the Nevada Legislature in August, directing Nevada businesses how to handle employees who experience symptoms of COVID or contract the virus.

While employers have several resources at their fingertips when it comes to handling COVID, employees may find it difficult to find specific answers. Here are some of the most common COVID questions for working Nevadans:

*What do you do if you test positive for COVID?* You must notify your employer if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and undergo testing. Do not return to work while awaiting results. Your employer may require that you stay home if you fail to do so voluntarily.

*Are you eligible for paid time off while you await test results?* Yes. However, you must be an employee – a W-2 wage earner who has taxes taken out and receives a W-2 at the end of the year. Independent contractors who receive 1099's are not considered employees and therefore are not eligible for paid time off.

AB4 states that employees are to receive three days of paid time off to await test results. Additional days off are to be paid if there are delays in testing or receiving results.

*Will you get paid for time off if you test positive?* Yes, if you are an employee you are eligible for 14 days off, 10 of which must be paid. Additionally, paid time off must not be deducted from an employee's accumulated paid time off (PTO) but could be deducted from paid sick leave in some cases.

*How much will you get paid while you are unable to work?* Paid time off is calculated at the base rate of pay for the employee.

*If you are a new or part-time employee, are you still eligible for paid time off?* Yes.

There are no provisions in SB4 that exclude new or part-time employees from being eligible

*Do you need documentation to return to work after testing negative or being quarantined?* Possibly. However, the CDC states that employers should not require sick employees to provide a COVID-19 test result or healthcare provider's note to validate their illness, qualify for sick leave, or return to work. Healthcare providers may be extremely busy and unable to provide such documentation promptly. Additionally, employers should not require a sick employee to provide a negative COVID-19 test result or healthcare provider's note to return to work.

*Is your COVID testing information confidential?* Yes. Employers must keep information confidential for employees who report symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for the virus, unless you agree otherwise and except as required to be disclosed to public health officials and for purposes of contract tracing or cleaning.

For more information on COVID and the workplace, visit: [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/32nd2020Special/Bill/7156/Text](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/32nd2020Special/Bill/7156/Text)  
<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>

## Commissioners...

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Meadows geothermal monitoring plan and two Freedom of Information Act requests on that project. He said the BLM is not sure that the legislation on the Navy Fallon Range Training Complex expansion plan will be completed this year. He also added that on Tuesday there were three significant fires in the Sierra Front; 21,000 acres at the south end of Topaz Lake, 3,500 acres at Doyle north of Reno, and 1,500 acres at the Caughlin Ranch in Reno. Homes were destroyed in both Reno and Doyle.

The BLM office in Carson City can now offer woodcutting and Christmas tree permits online at their website: [www.forestproducts.blm.gov](http://www.forestproducts.blm.gov).

Callum also reported that during the Halloween week at Sand Mountain, rangers counted over 8,000 people. They normally see 3,000 people at Sand Mountain during that week. "We had to direct people to other places in the desert as the campground was full," he said. They are expecting 800 people over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Marie Henson, building department officer presented the hearing information on proposed Ordinance 71 that would amend the Water and Sewer section of the County Code. This was a second reading of the ordinance that was designed specifically to encourage development of residential and commercial projects within Churchill County.

There were no changes to the ordinance from the first reading which lowered the water right dedication requirements and the water connections fees for multi-family units, and the bill was passed unanimously.

Chris Mahannah, who serves as a consultant to the county on water issues, made a presentation about several water issues, including the Nevada Division of Water Resource proposal to designate 58 hydrographic basins, with three of those in Churchill County. Mahannah also discussed the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority proposal to establish groundwater boards during the upcoming Legislative Session, and gave a report on the 14 water right change applications he has pending before the State Water Engineer. The Fallon Post will continue to report on the details of these issues in the online and print editions of the paper.

Jim Barbee reported on the public health response to COVID-19, saying there have been 592 positive cases in Churchill County since March, with 298 of those currently active. 296 people have recovered from the virus, 12 people are currently hospitalized, and 8 people have died. He said there have been a total of 12,126 test given in the community since March.

"Banner is experiencing a strain," he said, "but they still have room and are planning to expand the number of beds with the surge tent that was installed earlier this year." Beginning the week after Thanksgiving, the community testing at the fairgrounds will expand to five days a week and the county has requested 2,000 rapid tests to be used for first responders and health care workers, "to keep them working," said Barbee.

Sheriff Richard Hickox reported that he has been involved with a state committee that is rewriting the Carrying a Concealed Weapons exam and they are close to having the final revisions completed.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 8:15 a.m.

## Appreciation from our Readers...

We thought you might enjoy seeing what our readers are saying -- some of you are super entertaining...

*Rachel and gang,  
Just want to tell what a pleasant surprise it was to get a copy of The Fallon Post in the mail!!!! We loved it...I so admire your determination I loved your remembrance of dear Anne in your last note. Thought of her again when I saw your request for favorite recipes in your current issue. Keep up the hard work as your results are spectacular. Again, thank you for sending us the hard copy of your success story.*  
--Susan

*Congratulations on the printed Fallon Post! I appreciate how much work you and the other ladies have put into this...I wish you and The Fallon Post great success - Fallon is better because of your vision. Anne Pershing is absolutely beaming right now.*  
--Valerie

*Congratulation on the print edition. I still enjoy holding the paper. :-)*  
--Carl

*The paper was just beautiful. Thank you.*  
--Shirley

*I think it is so cool that you have an online and now a printed paper. I wish you all the best.*  
--Stan

*Got it today by U. S. Mail, and it's a thing of beauty. Yea, I'll pay ya around \$50 a year for it, I doubt you can produce it, and pay postage for it, THAT CHEAP. BUT that's your problem and your solution. I hope new advertising will save the day. For me, it's a bargain. Love the size, love the content, love the paper/ink/color.*  
--Lee

*We are grateful for everyone of our readers and we love to hear what you think of the paper. Keep sending your ideas and encouragement - we'll keep working to make this the best community paper around.*  
--Rach

## Report from Tenth Judicial District Court

By Leanna Lehman

*Tenth Judicial District Court convened November 17th with Judge Tom Stockard presiding.*

*Amanda Allsop* appeared for sentencing for misdemeanor indecent or obscene exposure. Allsop pled guilty to the charge in August and informed the Court that she had apologized to the individuals present during the incident. She received a suspended sentence of 180 days in jail and placed on probation.

*Enrique Michel Campos* failed to appear for arraignment on charges of possession of stolen property (two counts) and grand larceny motor vehicle. According to Charles Woodman, defense counsel for Campos, he has no fixed address and is unreachable by phone. Court Services reported that Campos missed at least three drug tests and has not checked in since being released by Justice Court on his own recognizance (OR) on October 29th. A bench warrant with a \$100,000 cash-only bond was issued.

*James Lewis Greene Jr.* appeared for sentencing on two charges of fraudulent uses of a credit card. According to Woodman, defense counsel for Greene, this is his client's first felony offense. He received probation on two consecutive 17-44 month suspended sentences and was ordered to pay \$6,675.03 in restitution. The victim, Greene's grandmother, was 69 during the time of the incident. However, Greene did not receive a sentencing enhancement for committing a crime against an elderly/vulnerable person per the terms of his plea agreement.

*Marcus Orlando Raoul Leyva Jr.* (in custody) appeared on a sentencing violation. Parole and Probation alleged that Leyva violated the conditions of his probation. At the time of Leyva's sentencing on August 28th, he was in residence at the Salvation Army treatment program in Reno. Leyva subsequently left the program before completion. According to Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills, Leyva was on the verge of being discharged for his conduct when he left. Additionally, Leyva has an extensive criminal history that includes domestic battery on a protected person and other violent crimes. Per statute, Leyva received a temporary revocation of his probation, 30 days in jail, and must re-enroll in a treatment program upon

his release. Should he fail to do so, Judge Stockard may revoke his probation and impose his underlying sentence of 19-48 months in prison on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

*Brian Nigel Pettway* was arraigned on a DUI charge while having a prior felony DUI. The charge is a category B felony that carries 2-15 years in prison. According to public defender Jacob Sommer, on September 22nd, Pettway was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol above the legal limit. The allegations state that Pettway had a blood alcohol level of .247. Pettway entered a guilty plea. Sentencing is scheduled for February 9th.

*Jamarr Antwan Smith* did not appear for a status hearing the second week in a row. Smith is from Las Vegas and facing charges of assault with a deadly weapon, a category B felony that carries 1-6 years in prison. A trial date had been set for December 16th - 18th, which was vacated. A warrant was issued with a \$25,000 cash-only bond.

*Serrina Marie Thornton* (in custody) was arraigned on charges of attempting to commit battery against a prisoner, which carries 1-5 years in prison. According to Charles Woodman, on October 25th, Thornton did attempt to hit her cellmate while in custody at the Churchill County Jail. Thornton is scheduled to appear in Justice Court on a DUI 1st offense on Thursday. Thornton pled guilty and is to appear for sentencing on December 1st. She is to be released into the custody of Lyon County after her appearance in Justice Court.

## Davies...

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assisting Murillo and requested that the Court consider appointing his office as second-chair to the case.

Sommer noted his familiarity with the matter and the potential benefit of having the Public Defenders' Office become Rule 250 qualified. Judge Trotter stated that he would consider the request once lead counsel is appointed.

In the interim between Murillo's appearance last week and Tuesday, the Court contacted Reno attorney Richard Davies who meets the Rule 250 requirements. Davies agreed to represent Murillo. He was appointed to her case during the hearing. Judge Trotter moved forward with the appointment to prevent further delays and the possibility that Murillo will be unable to raise the necessary funds. Should she choose to retain an attorney at a later date, the issue will be addressed at that time.

A status hearing was set for November 19th, but the hearing was vacated with no future hearings on the calendar. According to the Justice Court Clerk's office, it could be April 2021 before Murillo will appear again in court.

## Bail Reset at \$1 million for Murillo

*By Leanna Lehman*

On Wednesday, Justice of the Peace, Ben Trotter, reset bail for Ofelia Murillo at the original amount of one million dollars.

Last week during Murillo's arraignment, Judge Trotter reduced bail from one million dollars to \$500,000. Murillo is facing a charge of first-degree murder. She is also facing several other charges related to the alleged shooting death of her ex-husband Caesar Alvarado-Jauregui on September 25th.


On Wednesday, November 18th, a written motion was received by Judge Trotter from the District Attorney's Office asking the court to reconsider no bail for Murillo or to set bail over a million dollars. Trotter reported that prior to receipt of the motion, he had been reviewing the matter and planned to readdress bail when the subject next arose in court. However, bail was not approached by the DA or Murillo during the following two status hearings.

While reconsidering bail, Trotter examined several factors. "I looked at it from the perspective that anyone charged with murder is likely a significant flight risk despite the other mitigating factors," Trotter stated, "like her ties to the community and lack of criminal history." He further explained that he had to consider the possibility that Murillo, who fled to Mexico the day after the murder, came back to the area to sell her property(s) and essentially "cash-out" and flee again to Mexico.


Although it is allowable for judges in Nevada to hold defendants without bail when charged with first-degree murder, Trotter elected to reset bail at one million dollars.

This is an ongoing story and will continue to be updated as information is made available.

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## Blankets from Betty

By Rachel Dahl

Friends of Betty VanMeter recently held a celebration in her honor at Jo's Stillwater Tearoom to share their memories and raise a memorial in her honor. Betty passed away September 17th, 2020. Jo Petteruti hosted the party, inviting close friends to come share memories and bring their blankets that Betty made them over the years.

"Betty would come into the Tea Room in the afternoon and mention that she had made another blanket," said Jo, explaining how she learned about Betty's project. "She started out making blankets for her family, all the daughters,

then the sons-in-law, then the daughters, and then the greats, working her way through the whole family." With each blanket she would write a little letter accompanying each one explaining why she had made that blanket, or why she had picked the colors.

Jo said the blankets were just right for sitting on the couch, with lace on the ones she made for the girls and manly patterns for the boy blankets. "She made one for Paulie when he got sick," said Jo, whose husband Paul passed away



Betty VanMeter with June Lindsey and Jo Petteruti earlier this summer.

Photo Provided by Jo Petteruti.

in 2018. "And naturally then she made one for me. She called me to her house one day and there's this blanket wrapped up like a present. She said she used roses because she knew roses were Jo's mom's favorite.

Jo said, "She said, 'now every time you use this blanket, you'll think not just of me, but of your mom' it was so touching." Betty always did such touching, thoughtful things.

Apparently, on that day Betty told Jo that, "when I die, I want everyone to bring their blanket to my memorial service." And Jo agreed she would take that charge.

But, because of the COVID restrictions on large gatherings Betty's family wasn't able to hold a large memorial, so Jo invited the small batch of blanket bearing friends to her place for the memorial.

Because of her support over the years of the Churchill Art's Council, Betty's friends decided to donate their contributions that night to the art center in her memory.

"We raised close to \$500," said Petteruti, "and when I called Valerie (Serpa) at the arts council she said had two donations that hadn't been designated and she would combine them with ours and we could have the nameplate made in Betty's honor." The nameplates are attached to one of the chairs in the theater, as a permanent recognition of contributions made in excess of \$500, and in this case honor the person in whose name that contribution is made.

## Obituaries

### Patricia Gay Boden



**Patricia Gay Boden**, 91, died Nov. 12 at Highland Manor in Fallon.

Born January 4, 1929 in Elko to Leland S. and Alma Cooper, Pat lived most of her life in Fallon. She worked for the Fallon Clinic, the Diehl, Evans and Recanzone law firm and for the 3rd Judicial District Court where she was executive secretary to the District Judge.

Pat loved dogs, often adopting them from the animal shelter. She also enjoyed traveling, painting and playing bridge. She was an oil and watercolor artist and liked traveling with friends as a member of the Oasis Sam's Travel Club. She was active in civic affairs serving on the Churchill County Library Board and the County Museum Board. She also was on the supervisory committee of the Churchill County Credit Union.

Pat's terrific dry sense of humor, sharp wit and hearty laugh were appreciated by her family and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Beryl Boden, her brother Don Cooper, sister Gwenda Backman, brother Leland Cooper and step-mother Eileen Cooper. She is survived by brother Stan Cooper of Santa Fe, NM and nieces Kristen Cooper Rush of Novato, CA; Marvis Cooper Shelby of Tucson, AZ; nephew Grady Cooper of Fallon; and nephews Mike, Jon and Scott Cunningham of Fallon, as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by nieces and nephews from her late husband Beryl Boden.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

### Margaret Clara (Reil) Perazzo



**Margaret Clara (Reil) Perazzo**, a longtime resident of Fallon, Nevada, passed away peacefully in Fallon on November 13th, 2020 at the age of 82. Margaret was born in Carson City, Nevada on October 19th, 1938 to Orvis and Mary (Pattie) Reil.

Margaret and her three younger siblings were raised in Carson City where she graduated from Carson City High School in 1956. She attended the University of California, Davis for three years then graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1961, majoring in Home Economics. She taught school for a year and was an Extension Agent in Oregon for two years before being hired as the Extension Agent in Fallon in 1965. While working in Fallon, Margaret met and fell in love with James B. Perazzo. They were married on August 6th, 1966 in Carson City. Together they built a beautiful home in Fallon, where they lived for nearly 50 years. She and Jim created a lovely oasis around their home with numerous trees, flowering plants, and a large vegetable garden. She worked as the executive secretary at the Western Nevada Community College for many years, retiring in 1998.

Throughout most of her life she enjoyed sewing, needlepoint, piecing vests and quilts, gardening, visiting with friends, and hosting many family events in her lovely yard. Margaret has courageously struggled with the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease for over 20 years.

Margaret is preceded in death by her devoted husband Jim who passed away earlier this year. She is survived by her three siblings Kenneth Reil, Kathy Boyne, and David Reil, her brother-in-law John Perazzo, and many nieces and nephews.

Margaret will be laid to rest, beside her husband, in the Churchill County Cemetery. Sadly, due to Covid-19 no formal service will be held.

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

## Roland (Ron) Leona Encarnacion



**Roland (Ron) Leona Encarnacion**, Fallon NV, was born in Biwas, Tanza, Cavite, Philippines on February 9, 1936 to Jose A. Encarnacion and Rosario (Leona) Encarnacion. He was the oldest of 8 brothers and 2 sisters. Teodoro Encarnacion (deceased), Nelson Encarnacion, Eulinia “Yoly” Padua (deceased), Rodelio Encarnacion (deceased), Herminio Encarnacion, Joselito Encarnacion (deceased), Rosalita Buensuceso, Fernando Encarnacion, Emmanuel “Willie” Encarnacion, and Ador Encarnacion. He grew up in the Philippines during WWII. As the oldest, he was responsible for his younger brothers and sisters - caring for all aspects of their lives including education. They were all remarkably close to each other and remained close through-out the years.

After grade school his dad sent him to a private school located in Rosario, Cavite, Philippines. In High School, he became the Captain of the school military Cadet and graduated in 1954. He attended the Far East Aviation Technical School, as his father had hoped he would become a Mechanical Engineer just as he was. Roland said he did not have the “head” for engineering and instead he embarked on his journey in the Navy. On November 14, 1955, he left the Philippines to begin basic training in San Diego, California.

Roland’s first assignment was at Hutchinson Naval Air Commands in Hutchinson, Kansas where he met his first wife, Jacqueline Hoover. They had 5 children together and lived on the East coast, and in 1965 they moved to the West coast. After 17 years of marriage they divorced.

In 1975, Roland reported for duty in Fallon, Nevada and in 1976, at a Phil/Am club meeting, he met and fell in love with his current wife, Purita Bayona. They married on November 5, 1977 and raised a blended family of 11 children, Rolando L. Encarnacion II, Leona M. Ellis, Anthony H. Encarnacion, Erlinda M. West, Dana Christian Encarnacion (deceased), Mary J. Encarnacion-Miller, Nancy M. Carroll, Karen A. Danmeier, Ronald E. Encarnacion (deceased), Taylor J. Encarnacion and Ivan B. Encarnacion.

From his children, he has twenty-two grandchildren, forty great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren. Although they did not all live close, he made them all feel special and important to him. He was dearly loved and cherished by all.

Roland retired as Senior Chief Petty officer E-9 after 24 years in Active Duty at NAS Fallon. He then worked in Civil Service at NAS Fallon, with a total of 43 years of government service. In addition, to his years in government service, he earned 3 different Associate Degrees at Western Nevada Community College. He was an active member of the St. Patrick’s Catholic church and served as a Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus. He was the president of the Filipino-American Association in Fallon, Nevada for many years.

He instilled in his children/grandchildren the importance of advancing their lives through education and celebrated each and all of their accomplishments. These accomplishments include Doctor of Dentistry, Doctor of Pharmacy, Masters Degrees in Social Work, Education and Christian Education, and Bachelor’s degrees in Ministry, Finance, Graphic Design, and Music - to name a few. He taught his children Patriotism by example, a deep respect for God, love for the church and love for each other. His legacy continues through every one of his family members and he will forever be their guiding light and inspiration.

Private family Services will be held on November 20, 2020 with interment to follow in the Churchill Public Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home 775-423-2255.

### *Homemaker Program*

The Homemaker Program is designed for qualified seniors over the age of 60. Services may include light housekeeping, shopping, and Rx pick-ups. Call today for more information!



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# Organizations

## Shop Small Saturday Scheduled for November 28th



By Viviane Ugalde

Local merchants will take part in the traditional, nationwide celebration to support local businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

This is the sixth year Fallon merchants will be participating, along with the Chamber of Commerce, the Fallon Maine Street Program, and the Churchill Economic Development Authority. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. with a welcome booth at the new Chamber Office, 448 W. Williams Avenue, where people can come get a coffee and a locally made “Shop Small” cookie when they pick up their Goody Bag.

“There are fewer businesses participating this year due to closures and other things,” said Lucy Carnahan, Director of the Chamber, “but there are businesses from across the community, not just Maine Street.”

Anyone wishing to participate in the Shop Small Saturday activities should pick up their goody bag at the Chamber, which will be packed full of items donated by local, participating merchants. The bags contain goodies, coupons, and advertising that support the local businesses, along with clues for a scavenger hunt activity encouraging people to visit local businesses around the community and win prizes.

CEDA is also sponsoring the Gurkha in Business contest where shoppers take pictures of the Greenwave Gurkha when they find it in a business location. They tag themselves on social media to help promote the business and also win prizes.

“We do ask the participants to respect businesses and their COVID regulations,” Carnahan said, “Wear a mask and be aware of the store size for social distancing.”

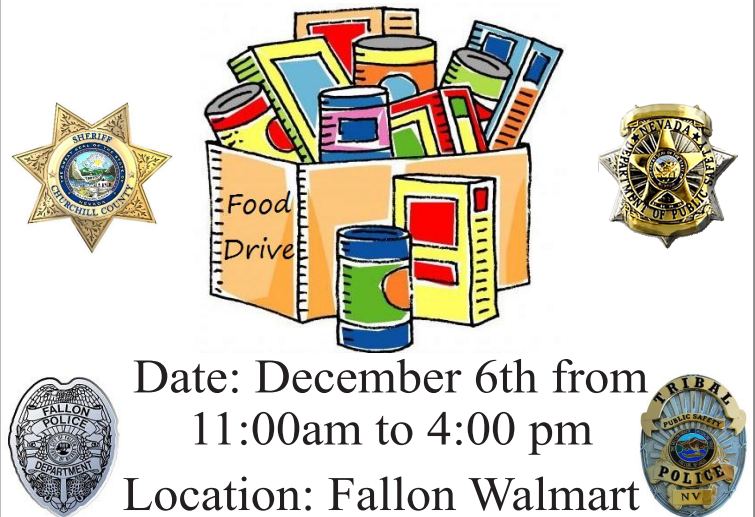
She said she will be at the Chamber office until the 150 bags are gone, and then she will be visiting participating businesses. The day will end with a raffle held at Jo’s Stillwater Tea Room where players can win baskets provided by local merchants.

“We are really looking forward to this event that has become one of the most fun holiday traditions we have,” said Carnahan.

Chamber Director Lucy Carnahan and CEDA Operations Manager, Sara Bebee at last year’s Shop Small Saturday.  
Picture Provided by CEDA.

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## Stepping Seniors Walking Club

By Rachel Dahl

There have been several success stories from the Pennington Life Center and their new walking group, with the walk becoming very beneficial to many members.

Walking is one of the most important exercises for seniors as it is one of the least stressful and an easy exercise. For some seniors walking is a bigger challenge than others, so distance and step goals may differ from person to person. For the general population 10,000 steps a day is advised for a healthy lifestyle, yet those with difficulty walking or joint pain, may settle for a smaller number as a goal.

A PLOS One study found that walking 10,000 steps a day lowered the ten-year outlook for mortality by 46%. Walking promotes a healthy lifestyle, while strengthening muscles, lowering your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and colon cancer.

Come join the new Stepping Seniors walking club Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1pm to 2pm, excluding holidays. The walk is at your own pace and there are chairs set up around the building in case you need a break.

Here's a message from one of the new walkers, "When I saw the first article about the walk, I hesitated and didn't think I wanted to participate because I didn't think that I would accomplish a lot. I started at three laps when we first started and I am now at six laps each day I walk. My goal is to reach seven laps by the end of the month. I have made this walk my commitment and I feel good about this walking group now."

Don Breitweiser is the first walker to reach 10 walks and win a prize. Call Mercedes regarding any questions about the Walking Club at 423-7096.

Details:

- Come join our walking club every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1PM-2PM, weather permitting
- We will start with a short 3-5-minute stretch, we will then begin our walk. We will be walking around the center so please wear comfortable clothing, shoes and don't forget your water and your mask.
- Reminder, the building is still closed so there will be no entry to use the restrooms, so plan ahead.
- For more information please call the William N. Pennington Life Center at (775) 423-7096.



## Banner Health Enhances Visitor Restrictions



Information provided by Banner Health press release.

Banner Churchill Hospital announced last week that in order to create a safe and secure environment for patients and health care workers during the COVID-19 outbreak, visitors will no longer be allowed in any Banner Health locations, effective immediately. This includes outpatient and ambulatory locations, such as: clinics, urgent care, imaging centers, surgery centers, and occupational health services locations.

According to the press release, Banner staff says, "We understand this will be challenging, but we're committed to take the necessary precautions to protect our patients, health care workers and the community."

There are three exceptions to the visitor restriction at hospitals:

- Pediatric patients (under the age of 18) may have one adult visitor with them.
- Laboring mothers may have one support person with them.
- Individuals with physical or cognitive limitations or disabilities who require support may have one adult visitor with them.

Visitors are subject to a health screening at all locations to ensure they are not exhibiting symptoms of respiratory illness.

Additional information and resources can be found at the Banner Health COVID-19 webpage at [www.bannerhealth.com/patients/patient-resources/covid-19](http://www.bannerhealth.com/patients/patient-resources/covid-19). There is also an online symptom checker located at [www.bannerhealth.buoyhealth.com/symptom-checker/](http://www.bannerhealth.buoyhealth.com/symptom-checker/)

Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon, Nevada opened in 1996 and is a part of Banner Health, a nonprofit health care system with 30 hospitals in six states. It offers acute and primary care, including comprehensive emergency care with an ambulance service that covers more than 5,900 square miles. For more information, visit [www.bannerhealth.com/churchill](http://www.bannerhealth.com/churchill).

# Organizations

## Local Nonprofit Hosts Online Alumni Panels

Press Release provided by LEAD Green

LEAD On, a local nonprofit serving Churchill County youth, previously known as LEAD Green, is hosting virtual alumni panels.

“We are excited to continue serving as a bridge between students and alumni,” said LEAD On Vice President of Development, Paolo Narag. “Our hope is for students to be inspired and informed about the many paths they can pursue during and after high school.”

The first “Power Panel” will take place November 23rd at 8:00 p.m. PST via zoom. Narag will moderate a conversation between two young entrepreneurs from Fallon: Macy Myers and Wyatt Getto.

Macy Myers graduated CCHS in 2016. After high school, she played soccer at the collegiate level. Macy is currently working as a Patient Care Technician at DaVita Dialysis and recently opened up Free Bird Yoga in Fallon.



**LEAD** Young Entrepreneurs  
Power Panels

**Wyatt Getto**  
Getto Subs  
Realtor at Ferguson & Getto

**Macy Myers**  
Free Bird Yoga Studio

Wyatt Getto also graduated from CCHS in 2016. He is the owner of Getto Subs, The Body Shop fitness center, and is a licensed realtor. Getto said he was inspired to build community-focused businesses after working at the Pizza Barn in High School.

Please register in advance via zoom to join the conversation: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-CsrTI-uGNSUNdUX4z\\_sagLvjuJsAGm4](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-CsrTI-uGNSUNdUX4z_sagLvjuJsAGm4)

LEAD On plans to host a virtual panel every other month on various topics. To request a topic or speaker, please contact Paolo Narag via email at: [paolonarag@gmail.com](mailto:paolonarag@gmail.com)

Learn more about the LEAD On and their upcoming engagements by visiting their website: [www.leadonnevada.org](http://www.leadonnevada.org)



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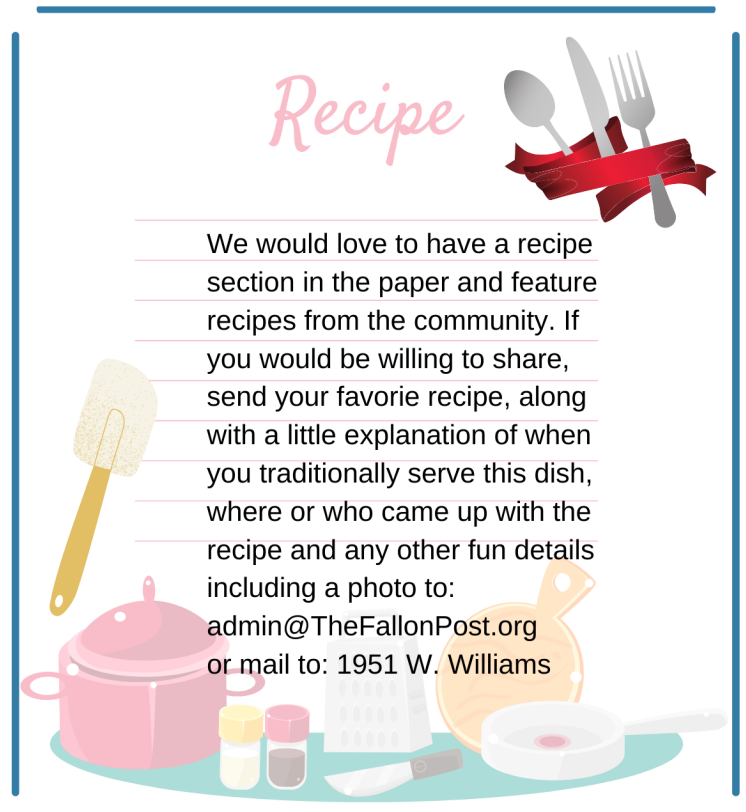
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All lunches will be provided with the usual love and care of the kitchen and will be delicious!



*Recipe*

We would love to have a recipe section in the paper and feature recipes from the community. If you would be willing to share, send your favorite recipe, along with a little explanation of when you traditionally serve this dish, where or who came up with the recipe and any other fun details including a photo to: [admin@TheFallonPost.org](mailto:admin@TheFallonPost.org) or mail to: 1951 W. Williams

## U.S. Navy F-35C's Operate From NAS Fallon



An F-35C “Lightning II” prepares to land at NAS Fallon on November 9, 2020. The stealth jet is assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron ONE TWO FIVE (VFA-125) “Rough Raiders” based in Lemoore, CA. The aircraft is flown by both instructors and student aviators as part of the Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor course, known to the world as TOPGUN.

The course, consisting of an intensive syllabus, is focused on aircraft and weapons employment, has been taught at NAS Fallon since the Navy Fighter Weapon School moved here in 1996.



*U.S. Navy photos by Zip Upham,  
NAS Fallon Public Affairs Officer*

# Education

## Report from the Churchill School Board meeting



File photo: Superintendent Summer Stephens, Trustees Kathryn Whitaker, Phil Pinder, and Fred Buckmaster at a board meeting earlier this year.

by Susan Weikel

The Churchill County School Board met virtually on November 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Doctor Stephens shared information on the latest enrollment numbers for the District. As of November 13, 2020, total enrollment for grades PK-12 was 3,242 students. There has been an increase in enrollment by 14 students since the last report provided on October 23, 2020. Growth for this time period was greater at the elementary level, 13 students, versus the secondary level 1 student. The greatest percentage of students, 39.6%, are enrolled in the AM Traditional program. The PM Traditional program currently serves 34.3% of the student population. The district continues to see strong participation in the COLA program with 816 students enrolled, which is just over one-fourth (26.1%) of the total K-12 enrollment.

Nate Waite presented information to the Board on the Learner-Centered Framework used throughout the District. Inside this framework, learning is tailored to the needs and interests of individual students, and students are encouraged to be more engaged in their learning and have a voice as they work to be lifelong learners ready to become active global citizens.

Dr. Stephens informed the Board that a decision had been made to go fully remote at Northside Early Learning Center for Thursday and Friday. This is due to the number of exclusions and that 9 staff member are having to be excluded. Students will hopefully return to classes on November 30th.

Presentations were made as to some of the testing results for schools in the District. Areas of concern were often found in math and science scores. The principals expressed positive comments as to how this will be addressed in their school plans and complimented staff for the extra time being put in to make this school year go smoothly.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

## School Resource Officers Get Sweet New Paint



One of the new School Resource Officer Vehicles, recently painted by the City of Fallon.

Photo provided by the Fallon Police Department.

By Rachel Dahl

The Fallon Police Department has introduced the first of two School Resource Officer Vehicles, specifically designed to show support for the schools as well as the community. There will be two of these vehicles, which will be utilized by the officers who are assigned to the School Resource Officer (SRO) position.

Mayor Tedford said he thought this was a cool idea for the two school resource officers and their two vehicles. "Sergeant John Riley came up with the idea," said Tedford, "to put the Greenwave man on the vehicle because they're down there with the students primarily at the high school and the middle school. We took a look at it and thought it was a great thing and I think they look great."

He said the cars "promote what we're trying to do between the city and the school and the community and when that goal is reached it's a win-win for everyone."

Chief of Police, Kevin Gehman said the cars demonstrate the collaboration of the roles within the school district, and "show, quite obviously, our connection to the school, but also our role as a police force. Although a fully functioning police car, it was a fun way to jumpstart the program and let everyone know we're all in with the Greenwave."

Please say hello to Officer Jacobs when you see him, Officer Ugalde will have his any day now.

## Student Work from Churchill County High School

By Sean Moore

*In an online Earth Science class, 15 year-old Sean Moore wrote a response to this prompt: "Think about how the geologic time scale was created and how it is divided. How did scientists form the geologic time scale? How is this scale organized? What processes changed the Earth's environment during Precambrian time? This was his response..."*

After scientists found fossils and whatnot, you can imagine it didn't take long for them to realize, "Oh heck, we need a bigger measurement of time." That WAS made, but they also realized, "These organisms are way different and come from different times but the same place, so the earth had phases, and we need a measurement of time for that, one that ISN'T consistent!" And so that's how eras and the fossil record were made.

Since we ALSO went through 'eras' let's not make english any more complicated that it already is, eh heh heh, and reuse the word, since the reusing of words TOTALLY isn't one factor that makes english complicated, nope!

So now we have a fossil record. This needs some labels, so now we got mesozoic, paleozoic, and cenozoic. Now let's order it by chronological order and boom, time scale. Scientists realized "Oh hey, we can't find any fossils before the paleozoic era!"

Then another, very brilliant scientist was like "And since

that's when cambrians came let's call it the precambrian time!" He was so brilliant that's what it was called.

At some point, not in this order, but at some point, someone went "hey, these eras have eras, let's call those periods."

So now we have a bunch of periods and eras, but what happened in between? The answer: The **very** occasional extinction event, and *evolution*. The same evolution that created the cambians. The dinosaurs. The mammals. Zebras, raptors, lions, uh... mesozoars, for *God's sake, US*.

What is evolution? The **EXTREMELY HECKING SLOW** process in which the genes in animals mutate in such a way the animal gets an advantage and has more babies than other animals of it's species because of this, the process known as natural selection. At the same time, mutations that **HARM THE** such a way the animal gets and advantage and has more babies than other animals of it's species because of this, the process know as natural selection.

When an animal does something stupid and jumps off of a cliff, then it removes its "I must jump off a cliff" genes from the gene pool, another process of natural selection. When humans do this they are given a darwin award, unless they survive because they WEREN'T stupd and used safety equipment, if those break it's an accident. Otherwise, it's a tragedy...

Thank you for coming to my Ted Talk, I'm sorry I dragged this on for so long. Have a great day, you deserve it for having to go read through all of these, especially ones that look like they were made by five-year-olds.

*High school teacher Bonnie Hargis shared Sean's work - she monitors his progress in the online classes and communicates with parents at home. He is an online learner.*



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## Numa Elementary's Annual Turkey Trot

*Photos and text provided by Numa Elementary School.*

Numa students participated in their annual Turkey Trot on Friday, November 13th. This year it was held as a fundraiser for the Numa library and raised over \$500 to purchase new books. Seventy-three family members joined their students in running or walking around our parent pick-up loop, wearing their masks, and maintaining social distancing.

As a school, participants completed 1,953 laps. The student who ran the most laps was Lincoln Neumann, a 5th grader from Mrs. Hickox's PM session, completing 9 laps in 15 minutes.

Mrs. Gutierrez's AM and PM sessions had the most laps for 4th grade. The AM session completed 90 laps and the PM session completed 103 laps. The 5th grade AM session winner was Mrs. Lee's class with 94 laps, and for the PM session, Mr. Wickware's class took the prize with a total of 70 laps.

Mrs. Hansen, one of the 4th grade remote learning teachers, dressed up as the mystery turkey for the event. The exercise and fresh air did all good.

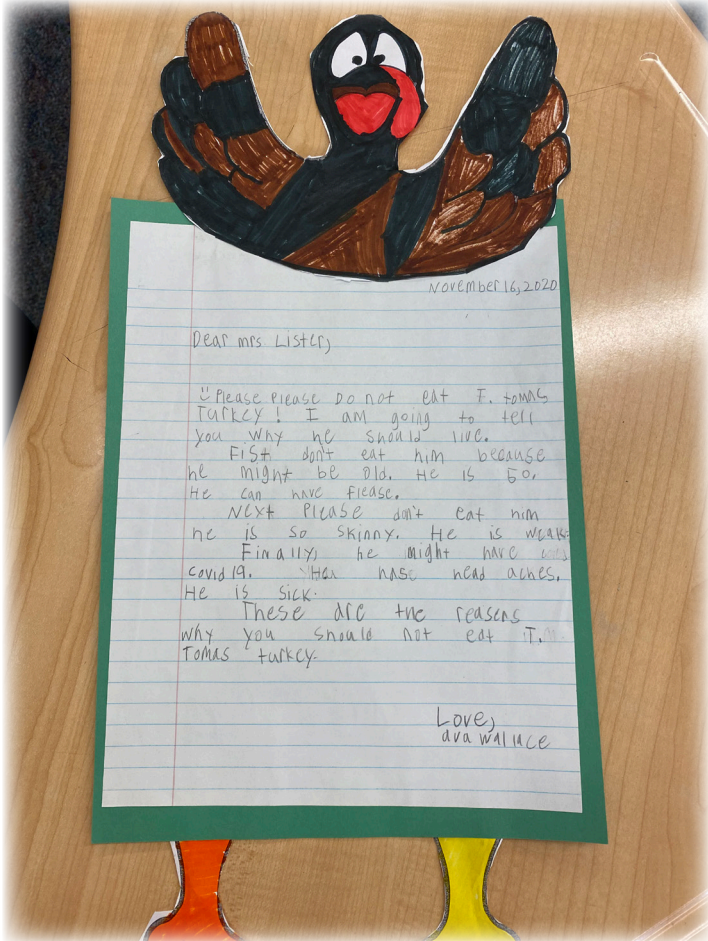
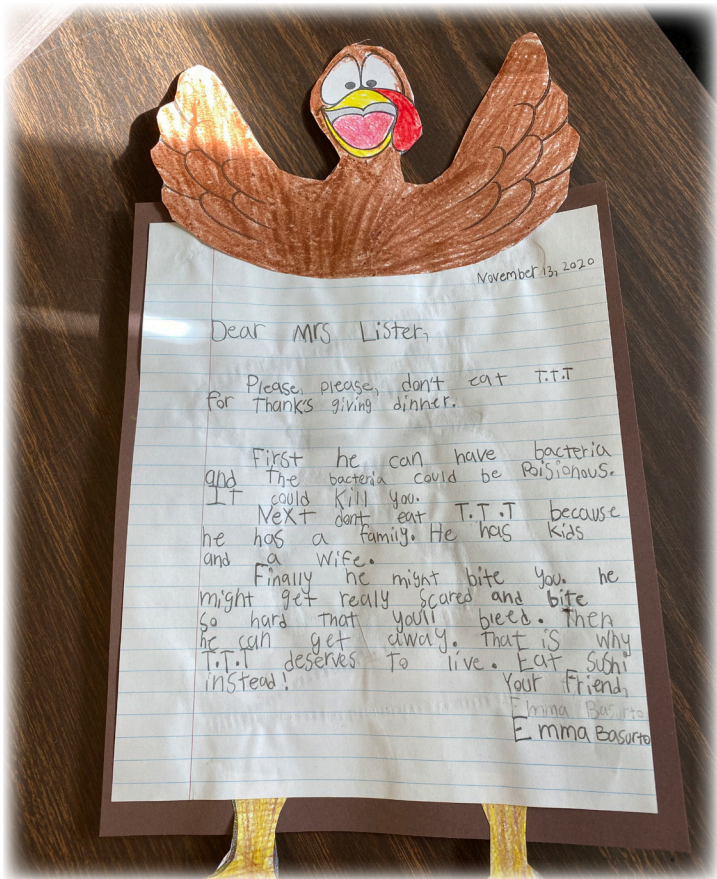
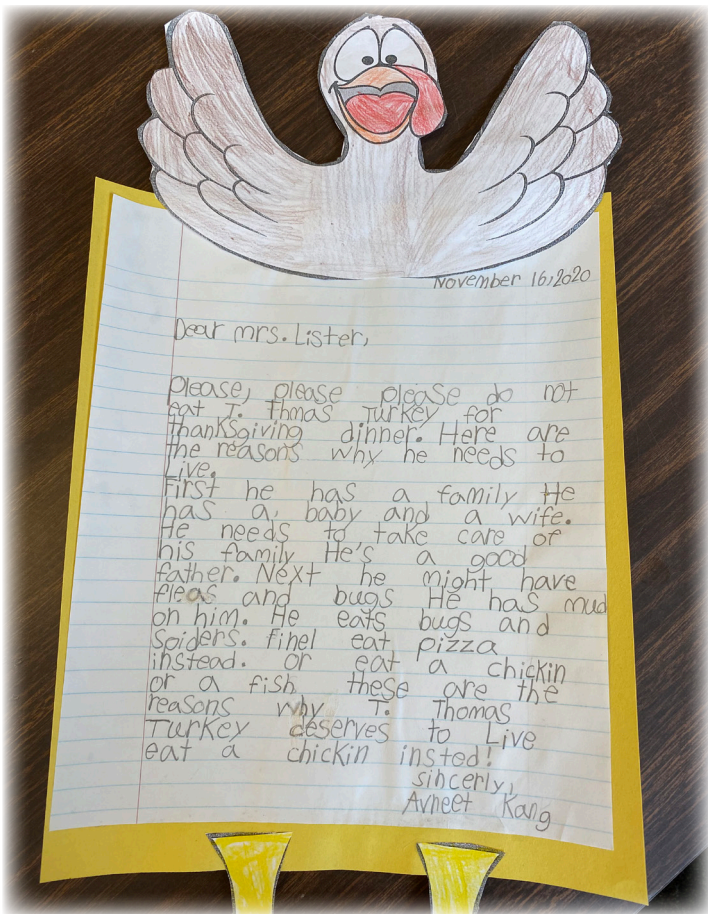


*Latrell and Lamar Wadsworth were joined by their mother, Shay Campell, during their 15 minute Turkey Trot.*



## E.C. Best Student Work

Kari Lister's third grade class at E.C. Best Elementary School is desperately trying to save Thomas the Turkey from being eaten for Thanksgiving Dinner.



## Raffle Tickets for SALE



Due to Covid and the current restrictions... the way we are working to get this years Christmas Toys for our very special Foster Kids is much different.

This year we will raise money to purchase toys/gifts to FILL the Mary Sauer Memorial "Toy Closet." We will then be working with the Foster parents getting gifts safely to each child!

**Our Fundraiser will be to Win an AMAZING 1 of a kind QUILT that in 2018 WON Reserve Champion and People's Choice Donated by Starr Friedenthal. The handmade quilt is a Queen size.**

**Tickets will be sold from Friday November 6th to December 1st and the Winner will be announced that day!**

**Purchase 1 (one) Ticket for \$5.00 or 5 (five) for \$20**

We will have different individuals selling tickets and will have a photo of the quilt!

The Mary Sauer Memorial "Toy Klostet" is a place set up to collect and store lego's, toys, dolls, games, trucks/cars, etc. The items are available to ALL the children in the Foster system and are used for birthday's, incentive's and Honor Roll Awards. Children often come into the system with only the clothes on their backs, making the "Toy Klostet" perfect to pick out age appropriate toys for any child in need.



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**Community Meetings**

**November 22nd -  
December 1st**

**County Board of Health**  
November 25, at 9:00 a.m.

**Thanksgiving**  
November 26th

**Parks and Recreation  
Commission**  
December 1, at 7pm

## Dysfunction Junction – AI'd by AI

by Leanna Lehman



Greeting my dear readers. On the precipice of our third locally printed edition of The Fallon Post, I realized that for several days in a row, I have been listing to four Cody Jinks songs in my car over and over without realizing it. I also tried to unlock the front door with the car key remote. That my friends, is a product of late-night writing, one-too-many blue screen warnings on my PC, reheated morning coffee (gross), and the noxious gases escaping from the penicillin I am now growing in my refrigerator.

But that is not what I am here to write about today. Warning – this topic may not be appropriate for people who don't like the word i-n-s-e-m-i-n-a-t-i-o-n. For which I can't exactly blame you. For many of you that were raised in the farming and ranching community we call home, learning about artificial insemination (AI) was just another day in Ag Science, FFA, or 4-H. I am pretty sure it also came up in Mr. Pinder's science class when we learned about genetics – way, way, back in the era of corded phones, leg warmers, and The Breakfast Club.

For those of you city dwellers not schooled in the science of AI, it is essentially the practice of breeding livestock with superior genetic material for the purpose of improving the herd. It is most often done by a rancher, herdsman, or animal health professional. The animal is bred by artificial means and not natural ones - like a bull, stud, or Billy goat.

Whew – now that is out of the way, we can get into the other AI – artificial intelligence. After the last few years, I can't help but feel like I have been artificially inseminated by artificial intelligence. And am not just talking about Siri! I watched Frozen one time on Netflix and for the next five years, nearly every movie recommended for me was produced by Pixar and Disney. Or how about shopping? I can be shopping for super sweet glitter inlay Corral cowboy boots on BootBarn.com and suddenly super sweet glitter inlay Corral cowboy boots ads pop up on Facebook when I am reading fake news. For days. And days. Maybe forever.

Ah yes, Fake News. The most insidious form of artificial intelligence. Who else is annoyed that you have to fact-check media news from nearly every source on the planet? I know. You are thinking, *but Leanna, you ARE the media*. Not quite. The term media in general refers to the main means of mass communication. Yes, Linda, I looked it up. We may be a lot of things here at the Post, but a means of *mass communications* is not one of them. If we take a quick look into the recent presidential campaign when the media called the election, recalled the election, and then called the election again, we lose any doubt that the media's intelligence is artificial - at best. I am sorry dear readers, the days of the Walter Cronkite telling you what happened have been replaced with CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and Hollywood telling you how to *feel* about what happened.

Contrary to even the best in fake news, artificial intelligence isn't helping us think, it's telling us what and how to think. With each keystroke, cyberspace is gathering information and bringing us what it thinks we want to see. All

it takes is one accidental perusal of Poodles Gone Wild and down the rabbit hole we go, lost in the dark abyss of funny YouTube pet videos. And let me tell you, it's a very difficult place to come back from. As in my case, all ads lead to the super sweet glitter inlay Corral cowboy boots and I learn I am card-carrying member of *Persians are the Snobbiest Cats Club* and I don't even own a cat.

So what is the solution? How do we avoid being AI'd by AI? Switch to Duck-Duck-Go, the internet search engine that does not profile its users while still giving the same search results as the internet giants Chrome, Google, and Microsoft Edge? (Yes, I do write ad copy too). Could we give up on Google Maps and Return to the days being lost because your spouse is reading the Rand McNally Road Atlas upside-down. Um - no.

Let's consider taking the rhythm out of algorithm – ok, that's not quite right, but it has a poetic ring. For the foreseeable future, I am going to start shopping for welding helmets, valerian steel daggers with obsidian hilts, a red belly Pacu, and taco slippers. That should throw a wrench in their rhythm. I also plan to change up my movie watching habits and throw in some John Wick, John Travolta, and John Wayne. That will flummox their gigantic magical predictive unicorn processor over in Los Gatos, CA (yes, the cats – I've got nothing on that one). As far as the media goes, I have one simple answer. Read The Fallon Post, at least for your local community news. We promise to never call a county election before the votes are counted and we certainly won't tell you how to feel about it.

*P.S. According to the Urban Dictionary the term "dysfunction junction" refers to one's childhood family home which one returns to as an adult to revive and relive all the unsolved family issues. Note: Expect no resolution here.*

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## The Cocktail Napkin – Happy Thanksgiving!

by Jo Petteruti, Mixologist and Owner, Jo's Stillwater Tea Room

Thanksgiving time is here, and under normal circumstances family and friends would come together to enjoy a traditional meal and the company of loved ones. But this year is not normal, is it? Maybe we can make it so, if even just by a little bit. Let's enjoy the holiday with those who are closest to us and be thankful that we have them in our lives. We can still share a meal and a fun cocktail too!

Being home for the holiday with a smaller group does provide the opportunity to try different things. There can be less pressure to serve up the traditionally big turkey dinner. How about cooking a few things on the outdoor grill instead? Marinated chicken grilled alongside a pan of asparagus and red onions is wonderful and easy. A little cranberry sauce on the side adds some tradition. Warm a loaf of bread rubbed with olive oil on the grill too. Serve that with some olive oil, balsamic vinegar and garlic pepper to dip it in and bada-bing bada-boom – dinner is ready!

Naturally, a festive cocktail can also be served, so why not try something different here too? An interview for the Fallon Post brought a few people together at the Tea Room recently, and afterwards a discussion of crafting a Thanksgiving cocktail began. It started with an Apple Pie Margarita cocktail that Lucy and Valerie both saw on a cooking show. Between the three of us, we decided that we should drop the whipped cream and substitute vodka for the tequila. Pretty soon we had substituted most of the original ingredients with our own ideas. The resulting recipe is included below for you.

Rachel, Toni, Scott, Stu, Will, and Lyric were also taste-testers for us and the concoction became "Tea Room approved." We did realize that the cocktail

could be served hot or cold.

But we all agreed that for the holiday it should be served cold, martini style to add a little elegance to the day. And then we had to name it. Will and Lyric came up with a few different suggestions and eventually we came together on a new name: *The Fuzzy Pilgrim*.

This is the third cocktail recipe that we're crafting at the Tea Room that features the Verdi Local Apple Cinnamon Whiskey and we do hope you enjoy this one too.

Sip and enjoy responsibly...

Ciao!

~Jo



### Fuzzy Pilgrim

#### Ingredients:

- 2 oz. Verdi Local Apple Cinnamon Whiskey
- 2 oz. Skyy Vanilla-infused Vodka
- 1 oz. Apple Cider
- Ground Cinnamon and Nutmeg
- Orange Zest and Lemon Slice
- Brown Sugar and Lemon Slice for the rim; Cinnamon Stick for the garnish

#### Preparation:

- Add a scoop of ice to a cocktail shaker.
- Add the liquid ingredients, a sprinkle of cinnamon and nutmeg, the orange zest and a slice of lemon.
- Cover and shake until icy cold. The lemon slice will add nice little bits of lemon into the cocktail.
- Run a second lemon slice around the rim of the martini or coupe glass, then set the rim into a little plate of brown sugar. The glass can then be chilled if desired.
- Strain the shaker's ingredients into the glass and garnish with the cinnamon stick.

## The Grid

It is great to see a business come into Fallon that has a full parking lot on a Friday night, regardless of the pandemic.

The Grid is a great spot to meet a friend and have dinner while gossiping about our workday and crazy drivers. With fantastic bar food appetizers like deep-fried pickles and jalapeno artichoke dip, The Grid allows you the opportunity to enjoy decadent appetizers in a fun atmosphere before your meal.



The entrees follow a classic steakhouse theme for both lunch and dinner and have a clean presentation. While I don't agree with the excessive use of parsley as a decoration on every plate rim, it is common and the only true complaint I've had about the place.

Check out newly renovated dining room at The Grid where you can also hang out in the sports bar section where it feels like a pub, similar to those in movie about small towns, where the place is full of familiar faces, friendly staff, and fast service.

## Freaky

From the same writer of Happy Death Day, the thriller-comedy formula pays off in this film.

The film, although slightly slow moving in the beginning, follows Kathryn Newton (Big Little Lies) as Millie, a teenage girl trying her best to get through life and school, who is attacked by Vince Vaughn (Wedding Crashers) as the Blissfield Butcher. By a crazy turn of events, they switch bodies and hilarity ensues.

What I cannot enjoy enough is the way Vince Vaughn and Kathryn Newton transform. Both are forced to play



characters who are vastly different in age, personality, and gender. Somehow, they both pull off this stunt brilliantly.

While this movie has fantastic writing and great physical comedy, it is made to be a rentable movie. This is not a film I would recommend purchasing right away, or have in your library for years to come. However, it is a fantastic movie to watch with a friend or the family on a rainy night in, or while waiting out the second lockdown.

## Sports... Coming Soon (we hope)

By Viviane Ugalde

With the holidays approaching, along with school breaks, the second half of the school year is set to ring in the new year with a plan for sports to start back up.

In August, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association created a sports schedule for 2021 that allowed winter, fall, and spring sports to return safely, but pushed the seasons back several months. Winter sports are set to begin in January and end by February. Fall sports would be held from February to April, and Spring sports from April to May. Each sports group would have six weeks of competition, and dates allowing for practice roughly two weeks before the first days of competition.

The NIAA divided the sports into three risk levels: low risk sports that include individual sports, which were open for participation in Phase 2 of reopening. Moderate risk sports – like basketball, soccer, and baseball – are allowed in Phase 3 of reopening. The highest risk

sports – like football, wrestling, and dance – will not be allowed until Phase 4 of reopening.

More recently, on October 23, the Governor announced Emergency Directive 034 that moved to phase 3 of sports to continue with modifications. According to the NIAA press release, “the shift to Phase 3 allows for practice in all NIAA sports within sport specific restriction.” It also allows for minimal-contact sports to compete. Similar to Phase 2, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, and staff, must be screened, and tested before the season begins, and wear a mask unless actively competing.

As the pandemic changes the world around us quickly and unpredictably, the sports world is concerned that the recent spike of cases will affect the beginning of the sports season. As of yet, Winter sports are still penciled in to begin in early January, however, many coaches are watching testing numbers and other indications to see if the schedule will change again.

The most current sports schedule for Churchill County High School Sports can be found on their athletics department page at: [www.nnvda.org/public/genie/630/school/4/date/2021-01-01/view/week/](http://www.nnvda.org/public/genie/630/school/4/date/2021-01-01/view/week/).



*Elijah Jackson at the State Championship game in Las Vegas during the 2018 Green-wave season.*

*File photo*

## Comedy Night in Fallon

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Friday November 13th  
2 Shows - 7:00 & 9:30

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hosted by  
Jimmy Earl

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Tickets available at the Fallon Chamber of Commerce  
775-423-2544  
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Doors open at 6:00 for seating and concessions.  
Must be 18 or older for admittance.

Due to Covid restrictions, seating is limited for each show.  
Social distancing will be enforced.

What an unexpected joy to witness live comedy in times like these!

With the effects of the pandemic, I thought that stand-up comedy would be like a rotary phone. We'd tell our great-grandchildren it existed once, and how fantastic it was, but they would never believe us. But three comedians graced the old Fallon Theater with their presence last week, in an effort to keep the art form alive.

The show, although organized by Brian Lee, was hosted by Jimmy Earl from Sacramento. Earl did exactly the task asked of him. He warmed up the crowd, but did not overkill, and left plenty of room for the other two comics to work out their comedic muscles.

The feature player, with more credits than I have room to name, was Steve Barkley. With observational humor material, the likes of Jerry Seinfeld or Milton Berle, Barkley entertained the crowd to a whole other level.

The headliner, and organizer of the event, was Army and Navy Veteran and Carson Valley Inn Comedy Club's manager Brian Lee. Lee's material, although not as strong as the other two performers, relied on the energy of the audience which by that time, was happy to oblige.

After missing live comedy for so long, it was nice to be able to see a full line-up in town, and gave me hope for the comics and artists around the world who are trying their best to work through the pandemic.

## Try a Virtual Concert



This Saturday, November 21st there is a virtual concert for those who cannot hold out with their desire to listen to live music any longer.

At 6pm, Young the Giant is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of their band. The special performance is, "of the eponymous debut album in its entirety from Sunset Sound Studio."

Those major Young the Giant fans like me, or those looking for something close to live music, can find the live stream on Songkick.

Not only do I recommend the live stream for those who need a concert music fix, I also recommend this concert for those on the fence about Young the Giant.

In August of 2019, I watched the group perform in Reno, and their live performance skills are something to be witnessed by all. Not only does the music sound like it does in your headphones while on the treadmill, but the artistic elements of their stage presence are equally as gratifying.

Young the Giant is good for the ears and eyes, and great to see in a concert, no matter how it is delivered.

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

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Bill Washburn and Morena Hesper were re-elected for another four-year term to the Lahontan Conservation District and Sharron Harper and Wes Viera were re-elected for another four-year term to the Stillwater Conservation District.

Linda Rothery  
Clerk/Treasurer

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## NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed Bill No. 2020-B, Ordinance 121, was filed with the County Clerk for public examination on November 18, 2020, with a public hearing scheduled for December 3, 2020 at 8:15 AM and is entitled as follows:

TITLE: A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4.11, ENTITLED "CHURCHILL COUNTY DIESEL FUEL TAX," TO TITLE 4 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE BY IMPOSING A FIVE CENT (\$0.05) TAX ON DIESEL FUEL SOLD

EXEMPTING CERTAIN DIESEL FUEL FROM TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF TAX REVENUE; REQUIRING ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION; ADOPTING SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN NEVADA REVISED STATUTES; LIMITING REPEAL; ADDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

SUMMARY: AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4.11 TO TITLE 4 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE TO IMPOSE A FIVE CENT (\$0.05) PER GALLON TAX ON SPECIAL FUEL THAT CONSISTS OF DIESEL FUEL SOLD WITHIN CHURCHILL COUNTY, EXEMPTING CERTAIN DIESEL FUEL FROM TAXATION.

The public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Commission Chambers, 155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, Nevada, for discussion and action on the above noted proposed Bill 2020-B. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor St., Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada, for inspection by all interested parties.

LINDA ROTHERY  
CLERK/TREASURER

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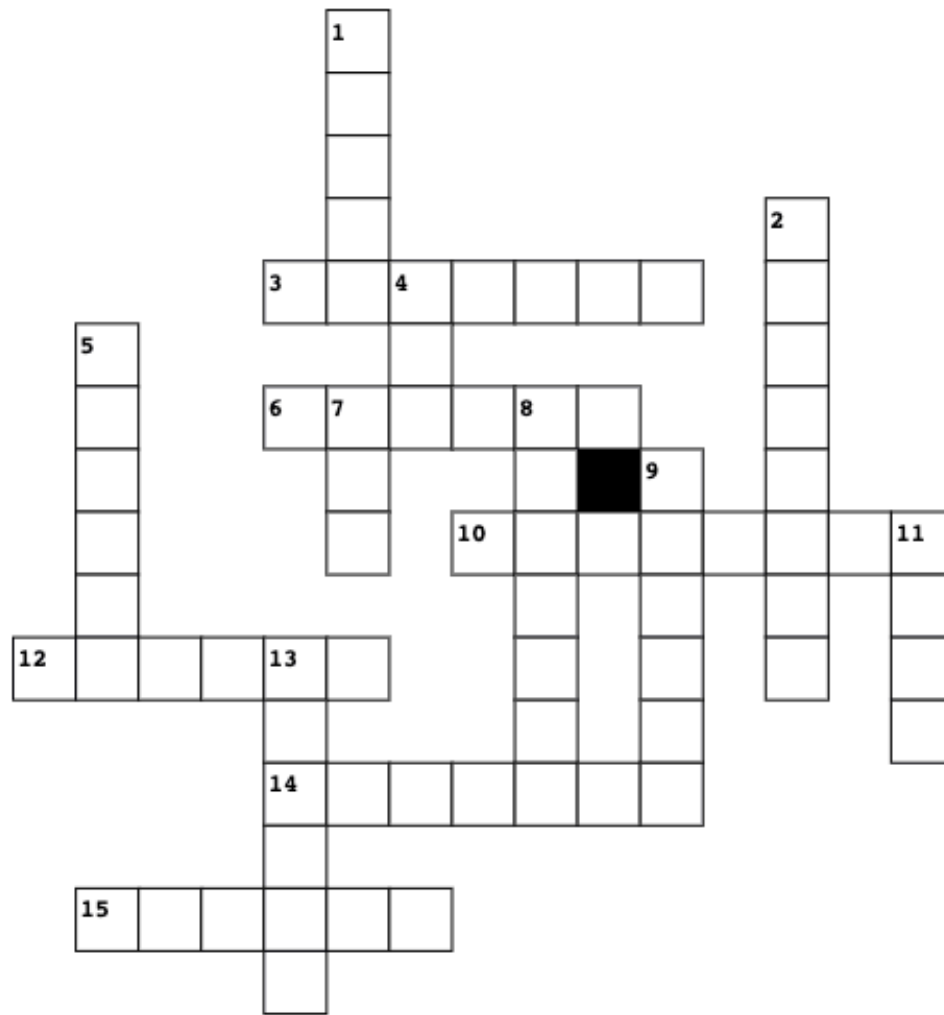
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