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Keeping You Posted on Local News

Friday, January 20, 2023

Commission Approves Housing Plans for Birch and Coleman

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Commission met this week in a regular meeting with a full agenda including a nuisance complaint, appeal of a Special Use Permit, and consideration of a Planned Unit Development application.

The Fallon Post will provide a follow up article on the entirety of the agenda next week but is providing this brief report on the housing issues as many members of the public were in attendance opposed to the potential actions.

In considering the Planned Unit Development application made by Nev Dev, LLC for the Old Stone Ranch property located south of Casey Road and north of Birch Lane, commissioners heard from Public Works Director Chriss Spross and members of the Nev Dev, LLC organization. Spross said his office reviewed the application and stands by their recommendation to the planning commission to approve the project based on the conditions and mitigations provided in the application.

He said the project would be situated in the Urbanizing Area designated in the 2020 Master Plan that is located west of US Hwy 95 and north of Sheckler Road. According to the Housing Needs Assessment that was completed in 2019 and again in 2021, there is a shortage of housing in the community and a lack of multi-family housing. The report says there is a demand for residential units, outside the Naval Air Station Fallon demand, of 1085 to 1,801 units over the next five years. NAS Fallon alone will need 550 new units of housing by 2026.

The Old Stone Ranch development could provide 428 units, but with the bonus density request made possible with the inclusion of a 10-acre park, the development could provide up to 678 units. Developers are proposing 617 units, 101 single-family and 108 town homes in the first, south phase and then the apartments in a later, north phase under a separate Special Use Permit.

The planning commission voted 3-1



Intersection at Casey Road and Coleman at 4:45 p.m. on January 19. Traffic from the Old Stone Ranch subdivision off Casey and Riverstone Apartments off Coleman, would both merge at the Reno Highway here. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

at their December 14 meeting to recommend to the County Commission to deny the PUD request, saying the findings for the tentative subdivision map were not met due to the project failing to conform to surrounding areas, and insufficient road infrastructure.

Several neighbors in the area were at the meeting and voiced their concerns over the project. Jackie Ugalde said, "I like Fallon, I like that we're a small town. I'm against overbuilding in one area. If you can reach through the window and shake hands with the guy next door, that's too close together."

Lori and Jim Souba read prepared remarks, methodically going through the development standards in the county ordinances. "There are thousands of undeveloped acres in Churchill County that could be used for high-density housing," said Lori. "There is no excuse for destroying an established rural neighborhood for this purpose."

"We have junior sailors living in travel trailers," said Commissioner Justin Heath, "they're living in Hawthorne, Fernley, Reno, we are short 80 percent of the housing out there on the base right now. We have seniors who just want a reliable place to live, they don't want an acre, they don't want to pay a landscaper, they just need a place. We have our young people who have to leave town because there is no place to live." Heath, who has served as a physician at Banner Churchill Hospital said they can't get physicians at the hospital because there is no reliable housing here.

Commissioner Myles Getto said while he is fortunate, his friends who graduated with him, who wanted to stay here in Fallon and raise their families here are not able to. "I'll be voting yes on this project."

Commission Chairman Bus Scharmann said this issue is a difficult decision. "You elected us to make decisions and they're not always popular decisions. Right now, 23 percent of the people who work at NAS Fallon live out of the county. These decisions have to be made."

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log - Wing Walking Again

This is the fastest Captain's Log on the planet – we're way behind... an exciting, fun, amazing week chock full of growing while still trying to cover all the news in a timely matter. It doesn't help the school board moved their meeting last week and called a special meeting this week.

Stability, man. I need stability.

Talking of which – I'm reminded again this week of the Myth of the Wing Walker. We haven't talked about that much in a long time, but as we pick up and start growing again like we did in the early days I'm reminded of my dad always telling me... "Rachel, the secret to wing walking is you never let go of one wing until your other hand is firmly on the next wing. You just jump and think you're going to catch hold of the next wing."

So, in honor of that, there is a cool picture that got chopped off and stuffed in a random hole I had in the layout at the very end of this project this morning. It's there because I'm way behind and the paper is late and the guys at Telegraph aren't going to get to buy their one copy and share it between them, but I've got to finish and get printing and I didn't know what else to put in that blank, white spot.

The spot not unlike Kelli Kelly's column last week, which turned out great.

So while we leap and hope for a wing with the paper this week, I'll be right here...

... Keeping you Posted. Rach

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New Millennium Community Donations

By Jo Petteruti

Wednesday, January 11 was a special day for the Domestic Violence Intervention office in Fallon, made possible by a donation from New Millennium Building Systems. Design Supervisor Rusty Diaz made the presentation to DVI's Executive Director Karen Moessner who said the funds would be used for client gas cards.

When Moessner asked how DVI had been chosen, Diaz said, "In 2014 our group of employees started doing a food drive competition to give back to the community, and this is our ninth year doing that. This year was really surprising because the company partnered with us by donating \$10,000 for various organizations. We had a competition, and each team was able to pick which organization they wanted their money to go toward. Engineering won the competition, and we picked you. Then the Finance and Admin team also picked you. So, we have a combined total of \$2,000 that we would like to donate to your organization."

As Moessner accepted the check, she said, "This will be so helpful as we have suffered some budget cuts this year. These types of funds go directly to the clients, so I would like to buy gas cards for them. Gas is so expensive." She acknowledged it was a blessing in disguise. "Most grants don't let you hand out these to clients when they need it." She told the group in attendance that DVI has been in Fallon since 1982 providing emergency shelter, safe space, and other services for

domestic violence victims. They also provide support to Lyon County which lost its DVI office two years ago, but which Moessner is working to reestablish. Funding comes from grants and a portion of marriage license fees. "We really appreciate this for just individual client problems that grants don't always solve." To which Diaz replied, "We are so glad we get to help."

The other organizations benefiting from New Millennium's cash donation this year included the United Way, Churchill Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, the Eddy House, Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation, American Legion Post 16, Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS), Calvary Chapel Fernley Food Bank, and the CCSD Middle School Music Program.

On December 20, New Millennium employees also made their ninth annual donation of items they collected to the Out of Egypt Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. Diaz said, "We donated 4,004 food, toiletry/hygiene, school supplies, and baby items, 26 Birthday's in a Bag (everything you need to have a birthday party), 60 winter hats, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, and coats, 252 toys for Toys for Tots, and



\$5,210 in gift cards that will be used to supplement the food pantry's needs for groceries such as produce and meat. We adopted the Out of Egypt Food Pantry as our charity as they provide an extremely important service to the community, offering groceries to approximately 1,400 needy families and individual members of our community each month."

New Millennium Building Systems is a wholly owned subsidiary of Steel Dynamics Inc. (SDI) is one of the largest steel producers in America and employs close to 280 people at its Fallon facility where steel joists and girders for the non-residential construction industry are manufactured.

New Millennium employees pose with their donated items for Out of Egypt and Toys for Tots. Photo provided by Rusty Diaz.

Fallon Soroptimist Donations Exceed \$100,000 in Ten Years

By Jo Petteruti

Since October 2012, Soroptimist International of Fallon has donated over \$104,000 to local non-profit organizations, and for scholarships and other programs.

Club giving to SI of the Americas topped \$10,000 with an additional \$22,000 in donations to local organizations and groups such as Out of Egypt Food Pantry, Churchill County Fair, Fallon Youth Club, CASA, Highland Village, the Homestead, Care Net, St. Johns, Cub Scouts Pack 38, Oasis Academy FFA, CCSD, Churchill Library, and Fallon Youth Soccer. The group also purchased equipment and plantings for Pioneer Park and sponsored a youth group therapy counseling program.

Scholarship awards included \$16,000 for Live Your Dream, \$13,000 for Frances Aguirre, \$7,900 for Dream It Be It, and over \$6,700 for other scholarships.

Donations to local organizations were upwards of \$10,800 for the Meals On Wheels program, a communication system and other senior programs at the Life Center, \$5,700 for Wishing Tree families, \$4,300 to sponsor children, \$3,700 for CCSD Students in Transition, \$2,700 to Domestic Violence Intervention, and \$1,600 to Room for Ruth. Annual events such as the Home and Garden Show, Quarter Auction, Adult Prom, Shed Sale, and many others allow this group of ladies to raise and contribute funds to these many beneficiaries.



Soroptimist International of Fallon members dye the fountain. Photo courtesy SI Fallon

Obituaries

Robert Matthew Achurra (Matt)



Robert Matthew Achurra (Matt), age 41, passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023, at St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, Washington.

Matt grew up in Fallon, Nevada

where he graduated from Churchill County High School. Having been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at a young age, Matt often volunteered his time for diabetic research projects as a way to share what he had learned and help others.

Matt had a thirst for knowledge and was deeply interested in computer science and the human mind. He followed his curiosities into higher education programs at the University of Oregon, the University of Nevada Reno, and St. Petersburg College Florida, pursuing degrees in computer science and psychology.

Matt lived a life full of love and compassion, often helping others before himself. He lived freely and found enjoyment, humor, and friendships in his most cherished times. He especially enjoyed time spent with his beloved daughter.

Although he left us too soon, he made a lasting impact on his friends and family. Matt is survived by his daughter Serenity Achurra, parents Robert and Paula Achurra, brother Stephen Achurra (Susan), and grandparents Norma Achurra and Roy and Gail Van den Heuvel.

Matt passed peacefully, surrounded by family, friends, and an amazingly compassionate nursing team.

Services will be announced at a later date, arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV 89406.

Those wishing to offer a gift in Matt's memory are encouraged to donate to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.jdrf.org) or a charitable organization of your choice.

Richard George Easton

Richard George Easton, age 62, died in his home in Austin, NV on Jan 1, 2022

Richard was born May 24, 1960, in Fallon, NV to Melville "Bud" and Alma McAllister Easton and was raised in Austin, NV. Richard was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping and worked for NDOT, Lander County Road Dept and various mines in northern Nevada and ranches around the Austin area.

Richard is survived by his daughter Jennifer (Jake) Hargis of Reno, two granddaughters, brother John (Norma) Harp, and Mel Easton.

There will be a memorial for Richard in Austin in late Spring.





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Ruth Anna Karlson

Ruth Anna Karlson was born on June 29th, 1930, in Epworth, Georgia. She died on December 17, 2022.

Ruth was the youngest of five children and loved her childhood in the northern hills of Georgia. She met a handsome U.S. Marine named William Karlson in May of 1952 and married him two weeks later.

She was a dedicated military wife and raised their three children alone during his one deployment to Korea and two deployments to Vietnam.

William retired in 1969 and they settled in Escondido, California where Ruth worked in a gift store. She loved people and was very social. She was comfortable talking to anyone, as the saying goes, she never met a stranger.

Her greatest joy was her three children who each had military careers and then went on to have successful civilian careers.

She is preceded in death by her husband of sixty-one years William Karlson and her eldest son William Eric Karlson. She is survived by her son Kurt and his wife Sally, her daughter Devere, William Eric's wife Lea and six grandchildren, Michael, Aaron, Andrea, Kari, Drake, and Austin.

Ruth requested that there not be any formal service upon her death and that her ashes be spread with those of her husband at a location they chose together. Ruth was 92 years old.



Christopher Charles Keller



April 11, 1977 - January 5, 2023

Born to Gerald & Donna Keller, Chris grew up in Fernley, NV and later made Fallon his home. He found his passion in ranching, hunting, and his favorite pastime – bull riding.

Chris was a proud member of the PRCA and Bull Riders Only, right out of high school. He later settled down as a father and became very knowledgeable in the construction field.

Chris is preceded in death by his mother, Donna Jean Keller.

He leaves behind his dad, Jerry Keller; his brother, Anthony Keller (Amber); his sister, Cheri Keller; his three most prized possessions, his children, Kaylee Keller, Devin Keller, and Allyson Keller; his niece, Maddison Keller and Nephew, Kastin Keller.

"Oh, the last goodbye's the hardest one to say, this is where the Cowboy rides away." Forever in our hearts.

A Celebration of Chris's life will be held at The Gardens Funeral Home, at 3 p.m. on Saturday. January 21, 2023.



Local Government

School Board Hires Consultant for Superintendent Search

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees met this week in a special meeting to hear and approve a presentation from consultant, Greg McKenzie of NextUp Leadership regarding the Superintendent search to replace Superintended Dr. Summer Stephens who recently submitted her resignation effective June 30, 2023.

McKenzie discussed the scope of work and proposed timeline for the superintendent search as well as the contract for his services in the amount of \$9,500. Any additional travel and advertising costs are not to exceed \$15,000 total.

McKenzie served the district five years ago during the superintendent search that yielded Stephens.

Trustees Tricia Strasdin, Matt Hyde, and Kathryn Whitaker will serve as a working group with McKenzie and meet as early as next week to begin the planning and organization phase of the process which will include determining the search criteria and candidate qualifications.

His search calendar included organization and planning to take place from January 15 – 31, and identifying qualification and criteria through February 8, with a report to the board on that date where public input will be taken and a search calendar will be adopted along with a salary range. The advertising and recruiting phase will take place from February 9 through March 3, and another report will be made at the March 8 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The application review phase is scheduled to take place from March 9 – 24, and the interview process will take place from April 9-29 with four to six candidates being presented for a first interview and then the field being narrowed to a second round with only the top candidates. Simultaneously, extensive background and reference checks will be taking place.

Theoretically, the announcement of a new superintendent would happen the early part of May and the approval of the hiring at the May 24 board meeting, with

a start date of July 1, 2023.

McKenzie presented the Position Overview document from the 2018 search, saying the criteria, standards, and profile developed in that document will formulate the upcoming search and is an extensive examination of the community and the district. That document was used to create the job announcement, including a salary of \$135,000 to \$150,000. McKenzie asked the board to be thinking about a potential salary range for this announcement.

Gaylene Drinkut, President of the Classified Association, asked during public comment that the board please involve the classified association president and the teachers' union president as

stakeholders in the process.

During their regular board meet-ing last week, which was moved from Wednesday night to Thursday night, trustees elected leadership and committee positions including Tricia Strasdin as President, Matt Hyde as Vice-President, and Amber Getto who will serve as the Clerk of the board. Kathryn Whitaker will continue on the legislative committee of the Nevada Association of School Boards, while Strasdin will serve as director and Getto as alternate. New board

member Joe McFadden will serve as the board representative to the Classified and the Teachers' Association, a seat which is observational only. Getto will remain as the representative to the Administrators' Association. Hyde will remain as the representative to the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association.

During the meeting Holly McPherson, the high school librarian and scholarship coordinator asked about the endowed scholarships, specifically if the district is tracking the interest on these endowments. Several of the scholarships are endowments, with only the interest being able to be used for scholarships. "Several of these scholarships we just give money and I'm wondering if the interest is being kept track of and being reported back," she said. There is one scholarship that all the interest has been spent and the endowment remains, but according to the guidelines, the endowment can't be spent so the owner of that scholarship is unhappy that now she cannot give money to graduates. Board Attorney, Sharla Hales ex-

plained that the process is convoluted. "Everyone of these is different and every one of them is a big headache," she said. "If you want information, you should get it, but it is not going to be a one-size-fits-all answer and it is not going to be

She said the superintendent could send an email explaining the current practice.

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Local Government

Central Nevada Health District Status Update

By Jo Petteruti

Progress was reported at the Central Nevada Health District's monthly meeting on January 12 which included updates on various applications and registrations, its organizational structure, and projected budgets.

Public Health Consultant Marena Works discussed the purpose of the federal Medicaid application, describing the need to be able to bill for clinical services. "We haven't actually applied yet to Medicaid, but we are getting all the pieces together. We need the EIN first."

Transition Manager Caleb Cage of Arc Dome Strategies spoke about the status of their IRS EIN (Employer ID Number), DUNNS (Dunn and Bradstreet), and SAM (System for Award Management) registrations which he said were all in progress. "In establishing a new public organization, we have to get through a number of steps in order to ensure we are eligible for federal grants, and that we can receive dollars into accounts. Those include having an EIN, the SAM application approval as well as an assigned DUNNS number. These are the basic requirements for an entity that the federal or state government will ask for in the grant funding process."

Cage also presented two proposals from Canyon Creative of Las Vegas, one for a new website for \$4,725 and a second for \$1,600 to update the CNHD logo. Both proposals were approved.

The board also approved submitting applications to join the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NAC-CHO). Works said, "Joining these two organizations is very beneficial not only for the board members but for the district (CNHD) as a whole. To join NALBOH is \$250 per year, and to join NACCHO is \$260 per year. That gives anybody within the district, board members included, access to their website, and to their exclusive information for members only." Board Chairman Mayor Ken Tedford stated he thought the population mattered for these applications and

asked if this district was under 50,000. Works replied, "Yes, it does matter, and I think the fees are for population around 45,000 to 49,000 so we fall within the lower numbers for the entire district now." The NACCHO application shows that their fee for the next population level starting at 50,000 is \$560, more than double.

The organizational structure and proposed budgets were then reviewed, and it was stated the District Administrator position was approved and the job description posted. According to the agenda report, the budget outlines positions, services, supplies, and equipment anticipated to operate the Central Nevada Health District. Additional key operating positions needed to start include a full-time Bookkeeper, Clinical Services Manager, Environmental Health Manager, Public Health Program Manager, and Disease Investigator. The budget is estimated at \$455,189 from January 1 through June 30, 2023.

The following 12-month budget period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, is estimated at \$2,563,713 with staff positions increasing to include a Grant Writer, Community Health Nurse Supervisor, an Epidemiologist, nurses, specialists, community health workers, and various assistants. Staffing is the largest budget category for both periods, however, CNHD expenses are expected to be offset

by revenue received from grants, and the collection of fees for services.

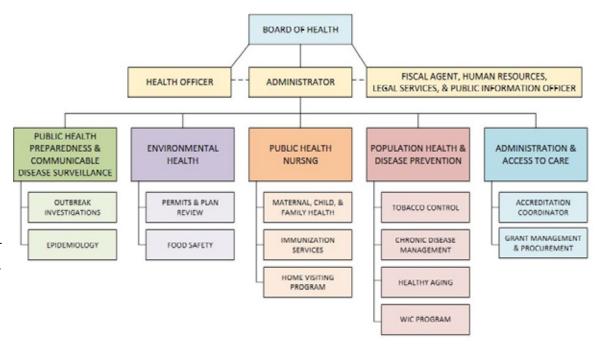
The operational plan for CNHD was reviewed and approved next, followed by discussions of upcoming grant opportunities from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), USDA, and WIC. Per the agenda report, the CNHD was asked by the Department of Public and Behavioral Health to consider offering WIC as part of its services in Churchill, Pershing, Lander, and Humboldt counties. Pershing County, which currently provides WIC services, would like an alternative option. The WIC grant opportunity is approximately \$400,000 which is meant to cover all related expenses and is expected to make administration of the WIC program cost neutral for CNHD.

The CNHD board plans to meet on the second Thursday of each month for the next 12 months after which they may consider a move to quarterly meetings. Meetings are held in the Churchill County Commission Chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Background information about the CNHD can be found in a prior story on "The Fallon Post" website, https://www.thefallonpost.org/news/5231,central-nevada-health-district-opening-date-set.

CNHD planned organizational chart courtesy Churchill County

CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT



Politics

The Citizen Lobbyist -- our civic duty

Staff Report

The 2023 Nevada Legislative Session will begin on Monday, February 6 at the State Capitol in Carson, Nevada. Regular sessions of the Nevada Legislature meet every odd-numbered year starting on the first Monday of February. There are 42 members of the Nevada Assembly. The Democratic Party holds 28 seats while the Republican Party holds 14. In the State Senate, there are 21 members with 13 from the Democratic Party and 8 from the Republican Party.

The Democratic Party holds a "super majority" in both chambers meaning that tax or revenue-raising bills can be passed with a 2/3rds majority vote. The Legislature is made up of "citizen legislators" who leave their regular jobs, businesses, and practices to create and pass legislation. As such, Nevada residents should be very much involved in the legislative process. That can be done as a "citizen

There are, of course, many professional lobbyists from all over Nevada. Businesses, unions, special interests, and more pay individual lobbyists to help persuade legislators to create and/or pass legislation that benefits their cause or entity. Citizens have just as much right

and opportunity to lobby their legislators

as any professional lobbyist.
In Churchill County, the citizens are represented by former County Commissioner Greg Koenig who is now Assemblyman for Assembly District 38. He can be reached by phone, email, or in person at the capitol. His state legislative website is www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Leg-islator/A/Assembly/Current/38.

The State Senator for this area is former Assemblywoman Robin Titus from Senate District 17. She can be contacted at her website: www.leg.state.nv.us/App/ Legislator/A/Senate/Current/17.

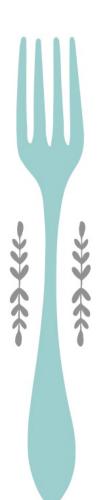
There is a very helpful tool for knowing what bills are being considered, to see committee meetings, floor sessions and more. It is the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System and can be accessed at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/ NELIS/REL/82nd2023

Another good site to bookmark is www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/. There you will find links to tracking bills yourself, a bill text search, legislator information for all members, committee information, the calendar, and much

To lobby your legislator, it's as simple as making a phone call to the legislator's office and arranging a meeting. Another tactic is to simply spend a day at the Capitol and roam the halls of the offices. Try to see your legislator and other legislators and urge them to work on, vote for, or against any bills. Utilize NE-LIS as a tool to find what bills are being sponsored by which legislator. Find out what committee that bill is in and when it's scheduled for a hearing and then a vote. Emails are also a good way to lobby legislators. And of course, writing a letter to your legislator or another legislator is always a good way to express your concerns.

For those on the more "right" side of the political aisle, you can learn more by visiting www.nevadafamilies.org which is offering several citizen lobbyist workshops across the state in the upcoming weeks. For those on the more "left" side of the political aisle, you can learn more at www.aclunv.org/en/become-effective-citizen-lobbyist and scrolling through the informative information found there. Both organizations offer useful information no matter where a

person falls on the political spectrum.
As the 82nd Legislative Assembly approaches, *The Fallon Post* will keep readers apprised of important legislation that is moving forward throughout the session.



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We hope to see you soon!



Local Democrats Hold January Meeting

By Jeanette Strong, Secretary

The Churchill County Democrats held their regular monthly meeting on January 12.

They reviewed their successful Christmas party at the Old Post Office, and then discussed the upcoming Sawyer-Bryan dinner, their annual fundrais-

er

The meeting concluded with nominations for officers. The election for officers will take place at the February meeting.







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Law & Order

Law and Motion from District Court

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, January 17th, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Antonio Gudino-Garibay appeared for sentencing on a DUI 3rd. The judge stated he has received notice that the defendant has successfully completed the DUI Diversion Program. ADA Chelsea Sanford said the state is "hoping he can be a shining example of how that rehabilitation program can work." Defense Attorney Jenny Hubach congratulated her client and said he has come a long way since she first met with him. The defendant said the Diversion program "made me think about my future." He said he learned many lessons during the program. The judge also congratulated Gudino-Garibay and said, "I want to encourage you to take those lessons forward." The judge entered a finding that the defendant has successfully completed the DUI Diversion Program. Therefore, he was sentenced as a DUI 2nd. Fines and fees and the required sentence were imposed.

Becky Ann Humphrey appeared for a status hearing. PD Jacob Sommer reported Humphrey continues cancer treatment. ADA Sanford asked for an ETA regarding when the defendant will be able to complete her sentence. Sommer said he does not have an answer for that. The judge ordered Humphrey to sign a release from her oncologist for the District Attorney's Office. A status hearing was set for March 14.

Kara Lynn Zobereski pled guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Possess a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which carries a possible penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Zobereski received a sentence of 364 days, suspended, and was placed on probation for 12 months with the standard conditions. She was ordered to get a mental health evaluation and to follow the recommendations of the evaluation.

Hayley Ann Riebel pled not guilty to a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. PD Sommer told the court they had a negotiated agreement; however, his client has chosen not to enter into the agreement. ADA Aaron Thomas said the state will be filing amended information due to Riebel's change of mind. The defendant requested a new public defender. The judge said she could hire an attorney if she chose. Sommer will remain her coun-

sel until/unless she does so. The judge ordered the defendant to remain with Court Services, and the arraignment was continued to January 24.

Michael Dennis Cruz Medina pled guilty to a Category D Felony of Forgery, which carries a possible penalty of 1-4 years and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for April

Laura Linden Dorman pled guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years and a fine of up to \$5,000. Fees were imposed and Dorman was sentenced to 12-32 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended. She was placed on probation with standard conditions. Dorman was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations. She was also ordered to have no contact with Courtney Sammons.

Anthony Bona Alandy entered an Alford plea (plea of no contest) to the following 3 charges: 1- Category C Felony of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle which carries a possible penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of \$10,000, 2- Category D Felony of Burglary of a Structure, 3- Category D Felony of Obtaining or Negotiating a Document of Title for Goods. The Category D Felonies each carry a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and fines of \$5,000. The judge asked ADA Priscilla Baker what the state is prepared to prove in this case if it goes to trial, which is set for March 8-10. Baker replied the state has evidence regarding a stolen Audi, Saturn Ion, Chevrolet Silver, and Ford Mustang. They also have evidence Alandy entered another person's dwelling to steal the title to the Mustang which he used to sign the vehicle over to an unknown buyer. Altogether there are 6 original charges. Baker is prepared to file amended information for all 6 charges if Alandy chooses to not follow through with the negotiated plea. Following some discussion between the judge, the defendant, and his attorney regarding the Salvation Army program, the judge ordered a Pre-sentence Investigative Report and set sentencing for April 11. The March trial date was vacated.

Kyle Jonathon Cuthill was not present for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales. A bench warrant was issued.

Zackary Keith Bulmer, in custody, pled guilty to a charge of Attempt to Commit Burglary of a Business, which can be sentenced as a Category E Felony with a possible penalty of 1-4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of \$5,000, or as a Gross Misdemeanor which carries the potential penalty of 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. As a Pre-sentence Investigative Report was previously ordered, sentencing was set for March 28.

Tychelle Elizabeth Money Carroll, in custody, pled guilty to a Category D Felony of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or Debit Card which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for April 11. PD Wright Noel asked to address custody status. He stated that before extradition, Carroll was living in Corpus Christi, Texas, where her child is, and is employed by McDonald's. He asked that his client be released on her own recognizance. ADA Sanford opposed OR stating per notes from Justice Court, Carroll stated she did not have the means to get to Fallon from Texas. The judge authorized the OR and ordered the defendant check in daily with Court Services by phone.

Darren Neil Albury, in custody, pled guilty to a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, which carries a possible penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. ADA Sanford said this charge does not require a Pre-sentence Investigative Report; however, there is another case pending. The judge set a court date of January 31 for both matters.

Gerred Lee Wachsmuch, in custody, pled guilty to a Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a prior Driving Under the Influence Felony Conviction, which carries a potential penalty of 2-15 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000, also a Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer While Under the Influence, which carries a possible penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000, and a Category B Felony of Attempt to Commit Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence with a Subsequent Felony Offense, which carries a potential penalty of 1-10 years in Nevada State Prison. The judge ordered a Pre-sentence Investigative Report and set sentencing for April 11.

Joshua Veneble, in custody, pled guilty to a Category D Felony of Pos-

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Notes from Justice Court

By Teresa Moon

The New River Justice Court convened Thursday, January 12th with Judge Ben Trotter presiding.

Simi Sappa appeared via phone for sentencing on a charge of Failure to Yield at Stop/Yield Sign or Yield at a Controlled Intersection.

Rebecca Youngman made a victim statement explaining how her life has been impacted by the incident.

Trotter scheduled a Restitution and Sentencing Hearing for February 2nd. Sappa was ordered to appear in person on the 2nd for that Hearing.

Travone Roberson, in custody, ap-

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session of a Schedule 1 or 2 Substance for the Purpose or Sales which is punishable by a possible penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The judge ordered a Pre-sentence Investigative Report and sentencing was set for April 11. PD Woodman addressed custody status. He requested another chance at OR for his client, stating he has had more than 2 lengthy conversations with Veneble and his client understands he needs to do anything and everything Court Services asks. ADA Lane Mills said the defendant needs to "get through his head that he has to do what he is told to do by the court. No ifs, ands, or buts." The judge

peared for sentencing on a Misdemeanor charge of Injury to Property; and a Misdemeanor charge of Trespass. Roberson has been in custody for over a year. On the Injury to Property charge, he was sentenced to 180 days in the Churchill County Jail, given credit for 180 days time served. Roberson was ordered to pay restitution of \$515 for damages to Churchill County Sheriff's Office. On the Trespass charge, he received a sentence of 180 days in the Churchill County Jail, he was given credit for 180 days time served and was released from custody.

Sanderson Becker, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing regarding custody status. PD Wright Noel stated

moved sentencing to July 18, telling Veneble, "I'd like to see how you do on Court Services ... because you haven't done very well so far." Veneble agreed, saying, "No sir, I have not." Veneble was released on his own recognizance and daily checkins with Court Services were ordered.

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

Becker has been responsive to Noel's office ans showed up for testing even when knowing he was positive for methamphetamine. Noel asked that his client be released on his own recognizance (OR). ADA Aaron Thomas stated per discussion, the State will remain silent. Trotter OR'd Becker.

Becky Hadley, in custody, appeared on two Misdemeanor charges. PD Noel told the Court they are still waiting on blood test results on the DUI charge. He said regarding the Controlled Substance charge, Hadley agreed to plead guilty and will be placed in diversion in a few weeks. Wright asked that his client be OR'd; Trotter granted the OR.

time served.

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

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

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



LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



New Frontier Food Pantry Out of Egypt Food Bank The Food Pantry at Epworth 775-423-1412 Midday drive up service call for details

775-428-2744 Thursday 9:30 AM (come early)

Church 775-423-4714 Monday 10:00-1:00

Check the FBNN Calendar for distribution days at https://fbnn.org/gethelp/programschedules/

Fallon Daily Bread Meals at Epworth Church Monday & Thursday 5:30-6:30 775-423-4714

Find community all resources at http://falloncommunityresources.com

Education

Bighorn Bulletin -- News from Oasis Academy

Senior Spotlight: Sania Barnes

Oasis Academy College Prep Senior Sania Barnes will graduate this May with both her high school diploma and her Associate of Arts from Western Nevada College. The senior plans to stay local and continue into the WNC Nursing Program.

"I would like to go into nursing because I find the human body fascinating, and I want to learn more about it. I would also like to help people, and I feel I could learn a lot from studying nursing," said Barnes.

Barnes' time at Oasis has included being active in extracurricular activities. "My favorite memories at Oasis were



having fun playing basketball and getting into the regional honor choir twice." She has also participated in ceramics and volleyball.

The fun and lessons have not just been through extracurriculars. She's enjoyed all that Oasis has to offer. "I started at Oasis at the beginning of seventh grade. It's been a lot of fun and even though it's a small school, I never really felt enclosed. My favorite class was Mr. Evan Brandt's Geometry class. I loved the projects we had to do. He made the class interactive and entertaining," added Barnes.

"I would also like to thank Mrs. Angela Viera. As a teacher, she helped me realize that I can do more than I think I can, and to not doubt myself."

"My advice for future students is that the little things matter and because of that start good habits now to help you in your future," finished Barnes.

ELL Teacher Helping Students

In the middle of his second year of teaching at Oasis Academy, Jose Ramirez

has settled into being one of the school's English Language Learner (ELL) Teachers. The Nevada native graduated from Douglas High School with his Advanced High School Diploma in 2019 and graduated from Western Nevada College with his Associate of Arts in June 2021.

When Ramirez started at Western Nevada College, his goal was to become an engineer. This changed though once he joined the Latino Cohort/Latino Leadership Academy led by Mrs. Lupe Ramirez. As a cohort coach, Jose Ramirez checked in regularly with new freshmen to the program. The individualized attention and mentorship that Ramirez provided for the students made his decision to switch from engineering to education an easy one.

"The experience with the WNC Latino Cohort, now the Latino Leadership Academy, showed me really how much I appreciated education and that it was



a fit for my skills. I love being with the students and helping them learn topics," said Ramirez.

Because Oasis works so closely with Western Nevada College through the Jump Start Program, Oasis CEO Melissa Mackedon knew she could reach out to the college for a qualified individual when the ELL Teaching job became available.

"Finding an ELL teacher who was representative of the community of students they served was extremely important to our leadership team. There is so much research on the power of representation and we wanted that for our students. We were so grateful when, through WNC, we found Jose. He has been an incredible addition to our team." said Oasis CEO, Melissa Mackedon.

"I'm extremely grateful for both Mrs. Lupe Ramirez and Mrs. Melissa Mackedon. I could not have asked for a better place to start my education career path. Oasis is a first-class school with not only amazing staff, a wonderful environment, but most importantly the best students," said Ramirez.

"Working with the kids, being in the

classroom, translating for students and families, are all part of what makes my job and working in education so great. I get to be part of helping students reach their goals through education on a daily basis."

Along with his ELL duties, Ramirez will also teach two Spanish classes this semester through Oasis Academy College Prep. "The class will cover the basics of Spanish, with the goal of students knowing vocabulary and being able to have fundamental communication skills. Having a second language will be a huge asset for these students," added Ramirez.

Ramirez is continuing his education through Western Governors University while working at Oasis. He plans to graduate with a degree in Secondary Education in Spring 2024.

Students Participate in Reading with Robes

Tenth-grade students participated in the nationwide Reading with Robes program on Wednesday, January 11. The National Judicial College annually hosts the program. The Oasis Academy College Prep English and Government classes combined for the experience. Students walked from campus to the District Court and met with Judge Stockard in a courtroom.

The classes spent almost an hour with the judge discussing things including the government, how to prepare for a career



in law, and reading.

The National Judicial College provided a backpack for each student with a copy of the constitution, a gavel pencil, and a hardcover book about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Mr. Eric Grimes stated, "This was a great opportunity for the students to meet and talk with a member of Nevada's judicial system to learn what they do, what it takes to become a judge, and the importance of reading in that process. Our students walked away with greater knowledge of our court system and how judges apply the law."

Submitted by Angela Viera

Education

Highlights from the Churchill County School District

CCHS

Choir students Briley Leatherman, Kayleigh Moss, Kassandra Porretta, Makayla Shawcroft, Ashley Williams, Brock Cecil, Kenneth Coval, Kyle Harmon, Trenton Chappell, Dallin West, and Sam Holt auditioned for the 2023 Nevada ACDA High School All-State Choir on Tuesday, January 18th in Carson City. The Nevada All-State Choirs competition will be April 20-21, 2023 at UNLV in Las Vegas, Nevada. CCHS will know if they qualify by the end of January.



CCMS

Students in Kailyn Mann's Algebra 1 class have been working hard on their statistics project. "Instead of doing a three-week course to learn the content, they complete a project that starts with creating a statistical question or a question that has more than one varied answer," said Mann. Many students create questions centered around what they like, such as sports, or school subjects, and some create questions about things they're wondering about.



Student Mason Taylor was excited about this project, "It is a really cool way to learn about stats. I decided to ask people if they think they have a healthy relationship with their phone, and it was interesting to see the varying responses." Students collected data for their project. "They could go to other classrooms, send emails, make google forms, or collect data in person, but they had to make sure they reported 100 pieces of data," said Mann. Once the data was collected, Mann covered how to make graphs and calculate number summaries on Google Sheets. Then students created a presentation on their question and explained what could be misleading about their data, as well as the importance of number summaries for data.

Students found this project challenging but they worked through the challenges and had fun getting to see their data come together. "Statistics takes a lot more time than you think it does, like making sure that you used all your data pieces. You also have to read through so many numbers, but then the computer does the heavy lifting, which is nice," said student Charles Pettek. Student Ally Chiaratti said it made her brain hurt at times, but she knows she will use all of this in the future, so she is glad they are learning about it now.

Numa

Students in Travis Ryness' class have spent the last week collaborating in small groups on their Social Studies project. They had to select a historical topic to research and then build their topic into their Minecraft world. They had to pick a biome to start with and then build their world from scratch. They chose topics that were important to Nevada's history such as mining, historic Virginia City, Fort Churchill, Pyramid Lake, and the 40 mile-desert. Student Brently Moss



said, "The project helped me understand things about Pyramid Lake that I never knew like there is a certain fish that I never knew about that only lives in Pyramid Lake." Students will present their worlds to their classmates when they are finished.

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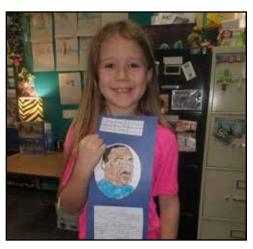
Students in Shannon Windriver's class have been learning about the weather. Last week they learned about clouds and then did a cloud-in-a-jar experiment that demonstrated what happens when a cumulus cloud gets too heavy with condensation and becomes cumulonimbus. "This was a fun and engaging look at how these clouds form. Because we cannot physically bring a

cloud in the classroom, this experiment was a great way for students to actually see what they learned about clouds right in front of their eyes," said Windriver.



Lahontan

First-grade students in Stacey Manning's class read several stories about Martin Luther King Jr. last week and talked about his dream, and then wrote down what they learned and how they can keep his dream alive. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream and declared it to the world. "Students learned that no matter who they are or how big their dreams are, they are valid - which is a powerful lesson in itself," said Manning. They learned the importance and the power of love and how not to judge others by their appearance. They also learned to never give up and to push on and preserve. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in his dream. He believed in it so much that even when everything was working against him, he was never deterred from fighting for his dream. The most worthwhile goals are often difficult to achieve, but these students learned that they should not give up at the first sign of difficulty and that oftentimes the best goals are the toughest ones to strive for.



Submitted by Kaitlin Ritchie.

Business

High Desert Small Animal Feed Is Growing

By Jo Petteruti

Our high desert environment is conducive to farming feed products with its perfect climate and just enough water, so much so that two years ago it sparked a small business endeavor dedicated to raising specialty feed for small animals. Little guys such as rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, chinchillas, tortoises, and other small pets all have to eat too, and now there's locally grown feed just for them.

'It all started with a coffee date gone bad." George Pomeroy, his former wife Tania, and George's dad Phil, who has since passed away, were at a local coffee shop. "Between Tania and my dad, they got the idea to put hay in boxes and start selling it on Amazon. Tania had experience selling other things there, and with the farm, my dad and I had the alfalfa thing figured out. So, in August of 2020, we started High Desert Small Animal Feed, selling the alfalfa on Amazon. Then we moved into the timothy market which actually has a higher market demand. Alfalfa is good for when the pets are small and growing, then the timothy is for the adult animals. Now we've also moved into the orchard grass too."

The Pomeroys saw the opportunity in front of them and have now built their all natural product line of alfalfa, orchard, and high-fiber timothy hay and grasses along with alfalfa and timothy pellets using sustainable agriculture methods and farming practices. "Our pellets are 100% natural, with no fillers, sugars or binders added. Binders are added to make the hay easier to pelletize, but we don't add anything. We found that timothy is really hard to pelletize, so we do have to be very careful. It's tricky but we do it. We create the orchard pellets here too, everything is created in house. We bring in the timothy, then package that here too."

Pomeroy said the timothy hay is grown on their friend Mark Moyle's multi-generational family farm in Diamond Valley in Eureka. "Business has just blown up on us, and we're just trying to keep up with demand. We are trying to direct people to our website which is shopper friendly. You never know how



George after a donation at the San Jose Animal Care Center. Photo courtesy of George Pomeroy.

long our products are sitting in an Amazon warehouse, but we ship fresh, farm to doorstep." He said their products are only available online on the Amazon and Walmart sites, and their website. "When you order from our website, everything is boxed fresh. Our saying is 'Directly from our family farm to your doorstep,' which is a throwback to my grandpa and his dairy farm whose slogan was 'direct from farm to you."

The company's shipping boxes come from Portland, Oregon as they weren't able to find the boxes they wanted in Nevada. But everything else they use is sourced locally. "It's a goal of ours." Hay is sold in varying weight boxes, from 14 ounces to 20 pounds depending on the

product, and pellets are sold in bags with various weight selections.

The company has also made numerous donations via their "road trips for rabbits," delivering boxes of timothy hay to places such as San Jose Animal Care Center, the Bradshaw Animal Shelter in Sacramento, the Reno Rabbit Rescue, and the Nevada Humane Society in Reno and Carson City.

High Desert Small Animal Feed offers online shopping with free shipping and subscription services on its website https://highdesertfeeds.com/. More information can be found on their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/highdesertfeed.

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Schedule for the weekend games...

Churchill County High School teams:

Friday, January 20 3:00pm Girls JV game vs. Elko at Elko High School 3:00pm Boys Freshman game vs. Elko at Elko High School 4:30pm Girls Freshman game vs. Elko at Elko High School 4:30pm Boys JV game vs. Elko at Elko High School 6:00pm Girls Varsity game vs. Elko at Elko High School 7:30pm Boys Varsity game vs. Elko at Elko High School

Saturday January 21
10:00am Girls JV game vs. Spring Creek
at Spring Creek High School
10:00am Boys Freshman game vs. Spring
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11:30am Girls Freshman game vs. Spring
Creek at Spring Creek High School
11:30am Boys JV game vs. Spring Creek
at Spring Creek High School
1:00pm Girls Varsity game vs. Spring
Creek at Spring Creek High School
2:30pm Boys Varsity game vs. Spring
Creek at Spring Creek High School

This Friday night, the #4 ranked Greenwave Boys Varsity take on the #6 ranked Indians in a great matchup in Elko. The Greenwave are 14-4 while the Elko Indians are 8-7. The Greenwave are led by Shawn Alexander and his average of 16.6 points per game this season while the Indians are led by Chris Amaya with an average of 12 points a game.

Heading into the weekend the Greenwave are 14-4 and the Spring Creek Spartans are 7-8.

Last Saturday night Churchill County Greenwave routed the Dayton Dust Devils 71-37 in a league match. They were led by Junior Brady Alves and his 23 points and team high 4 rebounds. Oasis Academy

Friday, January 20

Bighorns play at Sierra Lutheran at 7:30 p.m. and at Virginia City Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Bighorns are 6-4 and ranked #10 in the Nevada 1A and led by Fenn Mackedon with an 11.9 points per game average. They lost last week to enCompass Academy 46-30.

Middle School Volleyball teams kicked off the season with a tournament in Yerington. 7th grade went 1-3 and 8th went 3-1 in their four games.





Above, Oasis Bighorns Middle School Volleyball team in Yerington. Below, CCHS Greenwave girls basketball. Left, Oasis Bighorn boys' basketball. Photos courtesy sports social media accounts.





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Local Columnists

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes: January 20-26

This week we feel the influences of taking responsibility for overcoming our grudges, facing the situations where we are settling in our relationships, and facing the fears of correcting the injustices through being more supportive and relaxing our defenses. Thanks to Venus and Saturn gettin together (conjunct)... let the healing begin.

Aries_ focus on using your inner resources this week will help you free yourself from an undesirable situation. It's best to keep your plans to yourself while you gather your resources and work out the details. Your head is ready to take action, but your emotions may be what hold you back. Putting some emotional distance between yourself and the situation is ideal but could be challenging. Your strength is in your secret plans.

Taurus__ your strength is freedom that comes from closure, bringing something to an end, or desiring a successful outcome that you are willing to take a risk for. Knowing you want this to work out will help you overcome your shadow: lack of initiative. Your obstacle may be finding the courage to take the lead, but for happy endings small sacrifices are worth it.

Gemini__ a little break-through or a break-down leads to significant changes for the better. Your strength is to focus on the outcome; (very similar to Taurus) flow through the process naturally by letting go of any need for support. This decision for a successful outcome is yours alone, and should not be based on any outside influence. Take a risk straight from your heart.

Cancer__ face the obstacle of the week by getting off the emotional plateau. Rather than staying emotionally stuck you'll have the strength to take action by accepting that you don't need to know the outcome. You'll find freedom from the need to control the situ-

ation and instead focus that energy on choosing yourself. Invest your energy in something you love.

Leo_ you have the power to let go of what ultimately you know is not right for you. This may come with regret or sadness, knowing you have to turn down an opportunity or to say no to someone. You may have to let go of one thing in order to choose the other. Overcome your shadow of insecurity by listening to your intuition — and following it.

Virgo_lack of ambition, no desire to fight for it, or just afraid to engage could be holding you back this week. You become aware of this and it becomes your strength, as you do wish to express your feelings or ideas. Your awareness has the power to knock down the dominoes of excuses so you can focus on regaining trust and doing the right thing.

Libra_your desire for things to succeed is your strength this week. This will take you through realizing you must make a decision, work through emotional support, think about your future, and pursue what you love by facing the risk factor or facing regret later on. Waiting on love to prove itself to you first before you make a move will only hold you back. Rather than wait for it, dare to be love, dare to fight for love.

Scorpio_ defeat, it loosens the vice and allows you to release yourself from the struggle, the conflict, or the obsession. Now that you can think a little more clearly, ask yourself what you really want. Let go of the belief that they won't cooperate with you. The energy of reciprocity is present, you just have to make the choice and believe in yourself enough to try again.

Sagittarius_ the areas of your life that feel stuck are becoming quite clear this week. Don't let indecision hold you

back, or believing that things won't improve. Your strength is over-thinking, only because it will eventually lead you to take action and speak your mind. Whatever you have been holding on to can now be released, restoring and opening your channels of energy.

Capricorn__ a new level of understanding power and control reveals itself this week in your inner world. Your strength is seeing how to let go of what you cannot control in another person and turn that focus instead on what you can control within yourself. Letting go of trying to force a situation allows you to come home to yourself and strengthen your own personal power.

Aquarius__ break-out energy, engaging, vigor — what great strength you have this week. Focus on this moving-forward, choosing-what-you-want, and going-for-it-energy to overcome any old obstacles where you may have been pushing away thoughts. Not thinking about it won't make it go away. You're on the right track to make an important change in your life.

Pisces_you may not feel like expressing love to your partner due to the fear that if you try to work it out, you'll end up right back where the conflict lies. Although, there is energy present to have faith in what you want and be able to lead the way. Your strength is knowing you need to face your fears, become cooperative, find your inner strength, and do what is right.



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



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Local Columnists

What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen — Soup from Patches the Pig

This morning as I stepped outside to a fresh dusting of snow, I remembered my first winter in Fallon. My partner and I moved to Nevada in August of 2009 when he accepted orders to NAS Fallon.

It was the height of the summer, and we went to the Cantaloupe Festival and saw the Blue Angels. As the duration of our residency in Fallon turned from weeks to months, I began to get worried about what winter would bring. I didn't have any adult experience with snowy winters, and I was a bit anxious. The common winter trope from my new friends and neighbors was reassuring... "it snows, but it doesn't stick."

This is Fallon's winter equivalent of "it's a dry heat." While our shared winter mantra is mostly true, it certainly wasn't the case in 2009, when December snow stuck until February, and I would argue that it isn't true today.

I checked out the Farmer's Almanac to see what predictions that grand old oracle had for 2022/2023 winter for the intermountain west. The Farmer's Almanac is, at best, a reliable source of anecdotes and trivia and, at worst, completely inaccurate.

This year, ye olde farmers say, "Winter will be warmer than normal, with the coldest periods in mid-November and early February. Precipitation will be above normal, with above-average snowfall in the far north and far south. The snowiest periods will be in mid-November, late December, early to mid-January, and early February."

My own predictions are that there is no end to winter water in sight and in a mere two weeks, Punxsutawney Phil will forecast six more weeks of winter.

I know that I have written quite a bit about soups - but 'tis the season. We should all be making all the soups while it is frigidly cold and that certain hush that accompanies a blanket of snow falls over us each evening.

Since Rachel sent her pig to the butcher, I am going to dive right into a big bowl of split pea soup. Split pea soup is known by a variety of unusual names around the world. The Brits have Pease Porridge or Pease Pudding while the Dutch have Snert. A densely nutritious and hearty dish, dried split peas have been cooked into a soup since 500 BC when the Greeks and Romans were all in for the legume. French-Canadian millworkers brought split pea soup to America in the 19th century. Widely consumed during the colonial era, split pea in the US was served as a thinner soup with carrots and pork.

Whether you prefer your pease porridge thick, or your pease porridge thin - this delicious soup will put meat on your bones and warm you up on these cold winter nights.

Split Pea and Ham Soup From Serious Eats by J. Kenji Alt-Lopez

INGREDIENTS:

3 T unsalted butter
1 medium onion, finely diced
1 large rib celery, finely diced
6 oz ham steak, diced, or 1 smoked ham
hock
2 medium cloves garlic, minced
1 lb dried green split peas
2 qts homemade or store-bought low-sodium chicken stock, or water
2 bay leaves
Kosher salt and freshly ground black
pepper

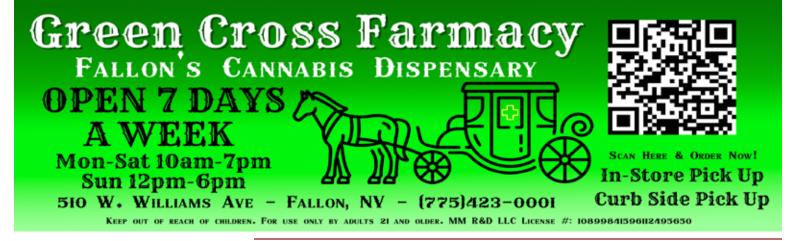
DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, celery, and ham (if using diced ham) and cook, stirring, until softened but not browned, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook until aromatic, about 30 seconds.

- 2. Add peas, chicken stock or water, and bay leaves; if using a ham hock, add it now. Stir to combine, bring to a boil, reduce to a bare simmer, and cover, leaving lid slightly ajar. Cook until peas are tender, about 1 hour. If using a ham hock, transfer to a plate, let cool slightly, then pick meat, discarding bones.
- 3. If a creamier soup is desired, pulse soup using an immersion blender (or puree a portion of the peas and broth in a countertop blender before returning to soup pot), until very roughly pureed but still chunky. Return picked ham hock meat, if using, to soup. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Soup can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

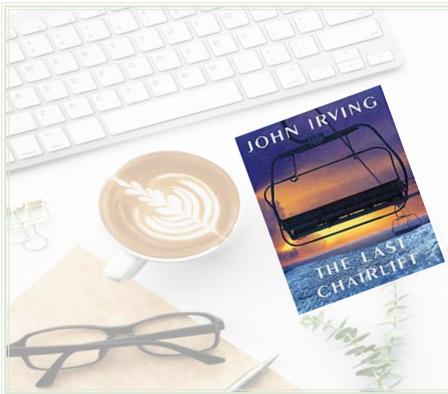


Kelli Kelly -Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings. Person of the Bean.



Entertainment

Carol's Book Report - The Last Chairlift by John Irving



It's 1941 and Rachel Brewster, Little Ray, fails to place in the National Downhill and Slalom Championships in Aspen, however she does manage to get pregnant before heading home to New Hampshire to teach skiing and raise her son Adam.

We follow Adam throughout his life as he tries to piece together his mother's past and who his father is

There is love, ghosts, Aspen's Hotel Jerome, feminism, sexual politics and tolerance.

This is a long and layered novel that covers lots of topics. Sometimes the going is slow but ultimately worth the ride.

Irving fans will appreciate it but if you're new him I'd recommend his earlier works; specifically, The World According to Garp and The Cider House Rules.

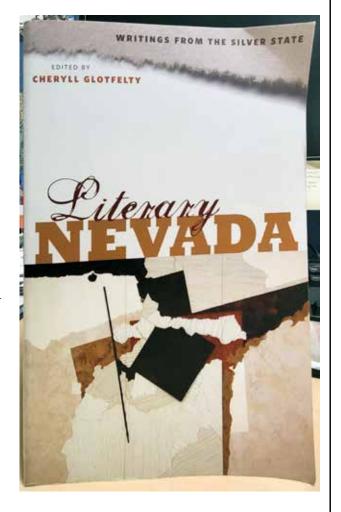
Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She is an Irving fan.



This week the Museum wanted to highlight one of the cool books in their reference library.

The book is titled *Literary Nevada* edited by Cheryll Glotfelty and it is highlights Nevada's natural diversity and an equally diverses population.

Literary Nevada is the first comprehensive literary anthology of the Nevada. "It contains over 200 selections ranging from traditional Native American tales, explorers' and emigrants' accounts, and writing from the Comstock Lode and other mining boomtowns, to compelling fiction, poetry, and essays from throughout the State's history."



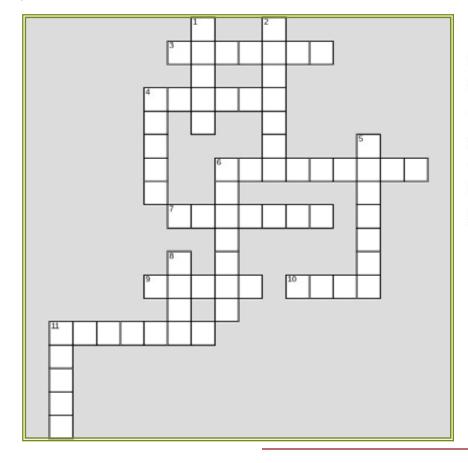
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NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTIVE POSITION

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking a public-spirited citizen who is willing to serve as a member on the Churchill County Park and Recreation Commission. Members of this commission will be responsible for assisting staff in developing policies and plans for the development and management of Churchill County Parks and Recreation activities. A commitment to community service, experience with sports facilities and long-term planning of future park development is preferred. The unexpired term will expire on June 30, 2026. This is a seven-member board with staggered terms.

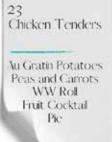
For more details, interested persons may talk to the Parks and Recreation Director for additional information about the commission and what the position entails. Interested persons may obtain an application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 177, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading at: www.churchillcounty.org/advisory. Applications are to be submitted to the above address not later than 3:00 PM February 10, 2023.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from Katie Marie Lee to KATIE MARIE BYRD.

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitle Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10th day of January 2023. Submitted by Katie Marie Byrd

Published in *The Fallon Post* on January 20, 2023. Ad #6047

HOUSING from page 1...

The commission voted unanimously to approve the PUD for Old Stone Ranch, and then approved the tentative map application.

Commissioners also considered an appeal of the denial by the Planning Commission of a Special Use Permit application for a multi-family development on Coleman Road, Riverstone Apartments, being developed by Vertex Fund 3, LLC, a Colorado company that answered a Request for Proposal by the county to provide apartments in this subdivision. Commissioners also heard an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of the application for a variance from the lot density and setback requirements, as well as a consideration of the tentative subdivision map for the development that would cover two parcels

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Spross again presented the staff report regarding the need for housing supply and recommended supporting the county policy to encourage higher-density single and multi-family residential development in the portion of the urbanizing area that can best support urban development.

He said in December of 2021, the county solicited RFP from developers to purchase and develop property for multi-family housing. The county received one proposal from Vertex and entered into the agreement. In March of 2022 the county approved a new R-3 zoning designation to limit the number of units per acre for multi-family development. In July 2022, the county changed the zoning to allow 16 units per acre. At the December 14 planning commission meeting the project was denied on a 4-0 vote.

Spross said county staff has been working with the applicant and stands by the recommendation to the planning commission to approve the development. The recommendation is based on the criteria review of the findings and the conditions outlined on the staff report. "The conditions should be included as part of the approval," he said.

Several members of the public and neighbors to the proposed project commented on their concerns and opposition to the project. Many of the comments addressed the issue of traffic and the intersections at Coleman and Highway 50 as well as Coleman and Venturacci.

The commission overturned the decision of the planning commission and approved the Special Use Permit, authorizing a multi-family development on the subject property.

The commission also addressed several other issues and those will be covered in a story for the January 27 paper.

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Community Meetings

Jan. 23 - Jan 27

Coalition for Senior Citizens Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 North Taylor Street

Churchill Library Association Jan. 23 at 4:15 p.m. Library Annex 507 South Maine Street

Social Services Advisory Committee Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. Pennington Life Center 952 South Maine Street

Planning Commission Joint Entities Workshop Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 North Taylor Street

Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 North Taylor Street

> Library Board of Trustees Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 North Taylor Street

Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken January 19, 2023 at 7:55 a.m.

> Lahontan Reservoir 91,370 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen 0.00 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth 0.00 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan 4.90 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill 904 cfs

January 18

2023 : 89,246 acre feet 2022 : 78,298 acre feet 2021 : 80,699 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second af - Acre Feet

Source: TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

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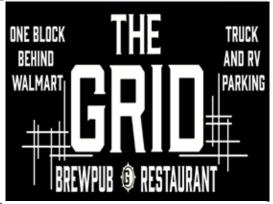






















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