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## John Lee Visits Fallon on His Way to Governor's Race



John Lee addresses potential voters at the Fallon Masonic Lodge on April 23 - Photo by Rachel Dahl

by Rachel Dahl

Launching into the '22 election year with an early announcement this week, Mayor of North Las Vegas, John Lee, is the first candidate to throw his hat in the ring for the office of Governor of Nevada.

In exploring his potential bid, Lee made a pass through Nevada last month, stopping in rural communities from Tonopah to Elko. He spoke to a group of 25 local voters at the Masons' Hall here in Fallon on a Friday morning and explained his recent switch from the Democrat party to filing as a Republican.

"When I was 19-years old I married Marilyn and we went down to register to vote. The lady says, 'Democrat or Republican' and I said 'what's the difference?' Marilyn pats my hand and says, 'We're Republicans.'"

After high school, Lee went straight into the construction industry. "No one in North Las Vegas unless they were an athlete ever went to college, we were the working class people of Southern Nevada."

Over the years, Lee served on several boards and commissions, hearing repeatedly that certain issues over the years where the responsibility of the state legislature. "I could do that job," he frequently told himself and finally decided he should go ahead and run to represent his community in Carson City.

He went to the Republican Party to discuss running for the Nevada Assembly. "I told them I wanted to run for this seat because the guy had received an F rating. After the interview they told me they didn't want me - they had been grooming someone else." Walking back into his shop, somewhat chastened, Lee said he passed through a group of his workers as they were leaving for the day. "I realized I liked these working guys a whole lot better than the party people, and maybe I was a Democrat after all, so I went and joined the Democrat party."

Lee ran for that Assembly seat and won, serving for four years, and then served in the Nevada Senate for eight years. "I never felt like a Democrat or Republican, I just felt like a Neva-

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## County Commissioners Find in Favor of Local Dairies

### *Cannons do not constitute a nuisance*

by Rachel Dahl

On Wednesday, May 19, County Commissioners heard two complaints brought against local dairies Hillside and Sage Hill by neighbors Jennifer Williamson and Thomas Keyes. Commissioners Greg Koenig and Justin Heath agreed that the practice of using propane cannons to disperse birds is not a nuisance in this community which is largely supported by the agriculture industry.

Hillside Dairy is owned by County Commission Chairman Pete Olsen and his brothers, therefore Olsen stepped away from the dais, recusing himself and leaving Vice-Chairman Koenig to chair the hearing.

On April 12 Williamson filed her nuisance complaint with the county against Hillside, asking county commissioners to prevent local dairies from using propane cannons in their bird control efforts. She maintains that when it comes to the cannons the Right to Farm laws at the state and county level do not apply and the cannons are injurious to health because they are indecent and offensive to the senses. Keyes filed his complaint against Sage Hill shortly after.

Procedurally, the hearing began with public comment, and a presentation by the county Code Enforcement Officer, Loreli LeBaron regarding the county's investigation into the nuisance complaint.

Brian Sorensen, a neighboring dairyman, said that within a mile-and-a-half radius of the Williamson's home are 12 dairies that have been there for at least the past 50 years. "Fallon has always been a very dairy oriented community with dairy being a very important business," he said. Doug Busseman, Executive Vice President of the Nevada Farm Bureau spoke on behalf of the agriculture industry and the ability of agriculture producers to continue their enterprises after other people move in near them.

LeBaron, defined 'nuisance' for the board, then explained the exception to the nuisance law in Nevada Revised Statutes 40.140.2 which allows for agriculture activity that was established before surrounding non-agricultural activities. As part of her investigation, LeBaron interviewed the neighbors of Hillside Dairy and found five of the six neighbors did not consider the noise from the cannons to be a nuisance, and in fact several articulated that the cannons are far less offensive than the overwhelming amount of starling droppings and dead starling bodies that are a part of life without the cannons.

The complainants, Williamson and Keyes, then presented evidence supporting their claims, which were answered by Olsen on behalf of Hillside Dairy and his sons, Mike and Pete Olsen, III on behalf of their dairy Sage Hill.

"We have never complained about the noise, the smell, or the flies," said Williamson. She maintained that because the cannons had only been used in the past three years, well after she and her husband bought their place in 1999, that they should not be considered normal farm practices. She said, "Nevada lawmakers intentionally put in protection for residential homeowners

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# From the Publisher

## Captain's Log – Life Preservers

We got a taker!!! In our “Egg on our Face” column last week, Leanna said we would take a proofreader willing to work for peanuts. And along came Sylvia.

In the cutest note ever, with references to peanuts and our in-office playlist, she provided her credentials and willingness to volunteer, and work from home. What a great sport and a great help she's been. Gotta find some Planter's somewhere.

We also got a real live male staff member. Vic can still be our token, but now we have Joe who has joined us, graciously as our advertising manager. The “ad guy” may be calling on you, so welcome him, please, with open arms and let him sell you an ad so we can help you get your word out to the community.

Which then led, naturally, to our staff photo session today – head-shots with Howieloo. Super fun break in the middle of press day. I mean, whose idea was that?!?!? Everyone is still looking all pretty and made up in their cute little outfits (and white shirt and tie) and we are cramming to get this paper sent to Becky to print.

And then... the bathroom sink breaks. Not joking, the pipe came loose and there's water all in the cabinet drowning the cleaning supplies, and Ginny's been under there a while. She's in her finery and hollering some unintelligible play-by-play from inside the bathroom vanity in fairly spicy, fluent Chicago mobster cursing. And now she is informing us there will be a trip to Louie's in the morning and there certainly will be no using the sink tonight.

The joys.

Speaking of which – you know you work in a publishing shop with a non-functioning sink when you discover the bone knife used to crease paper lying on the bathroom counter covered in evidence of the Lattin Farms lemon cake. Ladies. Really. I thought we had given up on sugar and carbs.

So here we go – finishing up layout, then some thorough proofreading, print, sleep, slap on labels, fix the bathroom sink, and as always, we'll be...

...keeping you posted,  
Rach



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## Carrier Air Wing TWO “BROADSWORD” Completes Air Wing Fallon



Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) “Broadsword” participates in Air Wing Fallon in preparation for its upcoming deployment later this year (U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Lydia E. Bock)

by Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Lacy Burkett

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) TWO “BROADSWORD” completed the new syllabus for Air Wing Fallon at Naval Air Station Fallon,

Nevada. This new syllabus fully incorporated two new aircraft, the F-35C Lightning II and E-2D Hawkeye, to CVW-2. This marks another major step in preparation for their upcoming deployment later this year.

NAS Fallon operates as the leading training ground for naval air warfare. Their slogan, “train the way you fight; fight the way you train” represents their aim to ensure mission readiness for all Carrier Air Wings. This large-scale training exercise focuses on specific missions the wing may be asked to accomplish underway. Air Wing Fallon is a part of the Navy’s optimized fleet response plan (OFRP) which outlines maintenance, training, deployment and sustainment operations. Completing Air Wing Fallon is a necessary phase for all carrier air wings to obtain the required qualifications to deploy.

“Our sailors have worked hard on their qualifications and this is their opportunity to be a fully integrated air wing accomplishing a mission as a cohesive unit. Air Wing Fallon is the culminating event before joining the strike group on the composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX),” said CVW-2 Commander, Capt. Matt Thrasher.

CVW-2 is the first carrier air wing to incorporate the Lightnings and the newest Hawkeyes. This is the first time in naval history that the F/A-18E/F, EA-18G, F-35C, and E-2D have been integrated together for an operational deployment. With the integration of organic 4th and 5th generation information, survivability, and airborne electronic attack capacity these aircraft will significantly increase the lethality of the Navy’s next generation air wing. Additionally, with a robust logistical support platform, CVW-2 is pioneering the future of naval aviation, proving the flexibility and resilience needed for the success of carrier operations.

Over the past few years, the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) and TOPGUN have been working to develop the skill-sets, curriculum and experienced instructors required to execute a syllabus that fully integrates F-35C tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP’s), while using the latest capabilities provided by the E-2D.

“Instead of focusing on very narrow problem sets and objectives, Air Wing Fallon now takes those early looks of integrated TTP’s that we’ve worked on and puts it on a broader and larger scale against an entire air defense system” said Deputy Air Wing Commander, Capt. Tommy Locke.

This syllabus was used at Air Wing Fallon to improve interoperability and unit cohesion within CVW-2.

This upcoming deployment with Carrier Strike Group (CSG) ONE aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN -70), will be the first operational deployment for the F-35C Lightning II. This aircraft complements the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and E/A-18G Growler capabilities and enhances the flexibility, power-projection, and strike capabilities of CVW-2. The F-35C was designed with stealth technology, making it a critical addition to the CSG’s integrated

warfighting package. The ability of this aircraft to penetrate threat envelopes, detect and fuse information from many sources, and link that fused picture to other strike group aircraft, ships and decision-makers makes it an unparalleled addition to the Carrier Strike Group.

CVW-2 currently consists of three F/A-18E/F squadrons (VFA-2 “Bounty Hunters”, VFA-113 “Stingers”, and VFA-192 “Golden Dragons”), one E/A-18G squadron (VAQ-136 “Gauntlets”), one F-35C squadron (VFA-147 “Argonauts”), one E-2D squadron (VAW-113 “Black Eagles”), one CMV-22B Osprey squadron (VRM-30 “Titans”), and two MH-60 helicopter squadrons (HSC-4 “Black Knights” and HSM-78 “Blue Hawks”). With a total of nine well-trained squadrons, CVW-2 is prepared to face any challenge that may come their way. -

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against new and emerging practices which may be considered a nuisance.”

Additionally, her husband measured the cannons at 94.6 decibels and therefore any reasonable person should find them offensive to the senses. Williamson provided a video recording from inside her home, of the cannons going off at 6:30 in the morning on December 14, 2020. The video demonstrated five cannon blasts that can be heard from inside the home over a 17 second period just before sunrise.

“Visitors are aghast,” she said about friends who come to her home and hear the cannons. “The propane cannons are offensive to the senses and therefore are a nuisance under Nevada law. 130 decibel cannon blast occurring over 5,000 times most days for a significant portion of the year would be considered offensive to the senses by a reasonable person.”

Keyes maintains that the cannons used at Sage Hill dairy affect his health saying, “I do have a problem with explosions.” He said the cannons cause massive blasts and people get thrown off their horses, and dogs run under the porch.

“My family has been providing milk for Nevada every day for 106 years, the last 49 years in Fallon,” said Olsen. He is proud of that and the ability for the dairy to support 40 employees. He said that because of the local dairies, there is a milk manufacturing plant in Fallon that provides 40 jobs, and a plant in Reno that provides 140 jobs. His sons are fifth-generation dairy farmers.

Olsen has said that the starlings can cost local dairies over \$3,000 a day in damages and lost production. He defended the use of cannons saying they are not a new practice and have been used off and on by the dairy industry in Fallon since the 1980s as a normal practice in the bird eradication efforts. He said the sheriff measured the noise level of the cannons at 45 to 50 decibels and the CDC says 55 decibels is less than normal conversation and the CDC threshold for annoyance is 70 decibels.

Commissioners deliberated briefly before passing a resolution finding that the propane cannons used at Hillside and Sage Hill dairies do not constitute a nuisance.

“To make a determination of a nuisance,” said Koenig, “courts use the definition of ‘a normal person in the community.’ I don’t have any doubt that the Williamsons find it a nuisance, but if one family feels it’s a nuisance, does that make it a nuisance?” He referenced the code enforcement investigation that found 83% of the people surveyed were not opposed to the cannons, as well as the Williamson’s own petition with 66 signatures in opposition, saying that in a county of 25,000 people, it is clear that the normal person in the community understands the cannons are a regular part of an agriculture operation.

Commissioner Justin Heath said a normal conversation is 60 decibels and he measured the room at about that during the hearing. “If you are at 55 decibels that’s less than what we’re doing here.” Additionally, he said, “When a farmer brings in a new truck, or dairy equipment that is louder than the old ones, would that become a nuisance?”



# Features

## Fallon Trap Club Hosts P.I.T.A. Shoot



by Ginny Bragg & Jo Petteruti

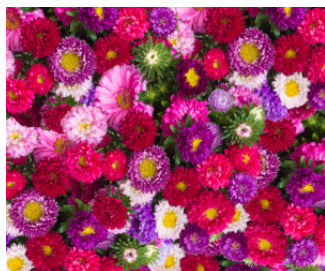
The Fallon Trap Club hosted the Nevada State shoot for the Pacific International Trapshooting Association on May 14 - 16 at their 2007 Airport Road facility in Fallon. Adult and junior shooters from Fallon Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington competed in the three-day event that began with preliminary shoots on Friday, leading into the Championship shoots on Saturday and Sunday.

The 200 Bird Singles, an all-ages event took place on Saturday with 132 shooters competing. Todd Delong of Winnemucca won by scoring 196 out of a possible 200. The Sunday Doubles event had 118 shooters in competition, with Mike Schotel of Lovelock winning the event by scoring 97 out of 100 points. The Handicap event, also held on Sunday, was won by junior shooter Alexis Haggard who scored 93 out of 100 points. High All-around Junior Champion was Matthew Ernest with a score of 358 out of 400, and Broden Pirkle claimed the Sub-junior Champion title with a score of 355 out of 400.

The next event scheduled at the Fallon Trap Club will be the Basque Shoot on November 6 - 7. For further information about the club or events, visit [www.shootnevada.com/fallon.html](http://www.shootnevada.com/fallon.html) or contact Gayle Webb, Club Secretary via email at [webb@cccomm.net](mailto:webb@cccomm.net)



From Left to right: Broden Pirkle (NV State PITA High All Around Sub Junior) Alexis Haggard (NV State PITA Handicap Champion), Matt Ernst (NV State PITA High All Around Junior) - Photos courtesy of Fallon Trap Club





## Home and Garden Show – Enjoyment, Rain, and Shine

-by Jo Petteruti

Attendees at the Home and Garden Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, weren't deterred by the rain, or lightening, or wind - instead they enjoyed themselves, shopping, munching, and playing Chicken Poo Bingo. The show was sponsored by Soroptimist International (SI) of Fallon, an organization working to improve the lives of women and girls in the community.

Vendors such as Workman Farms, Lattin Farms, Stampede Photography, Desert Owl Crafts, Sierra Enterprises, Western Nevada College (WNC), Churchill County Museum, Seacret Spa Products, Quality First Home Improvement, Susan's Homemade Aprons-Bags-Gifts, Argenta Phantom Screens, the Churchill Community Coalition, Parkside Bible Fellowship, and a host of others had plenty to offer those strolling through the Convention Center over the weekend.

The Churchill County 4-H Poultry Club had their flamboyant flock on display, hens and roosters in an array of styles and colors. And, these chickens had mad skills too - bingo skills that is. Multiple games were scratched off during which attendees could buy game squares drawn on a tabletop for \$1 each. The chickens would then scratch around on the table, corralled by the club kids to keep them from going off the table. The prize money, a 50-50 split of the chicken pot, was awarded to the owner of the square that was pooped on, with some bounce and roll factored in at times.

Stephanie Alexander, President of SI Fallon said, "I think for one



Phyllis Dowd, SI treasurer awards Wheel Barrow raffle prize to winner Diane Harl

of the first events since the restrictions lifted, we did pretty well and had a nice turnout. We hung in there, even with last minute cancellations, and the mini weather storm and power outage." Marcia Vinson, Home and Garden Show Chairwoman, agreed, saying, "This was a far different home show than we have had in the past but it was still enjoyed by all that attended. Many commented that they were so happy that the Home & Garden show was back and that it was a sign of things getting back to normal. We made it through the rain, wind and an electricity outage with everyone pitching in and helping each other." She would know about the differences too, as she's been chairing this event for 20 years now, since its inception.

SI of Fallon raffled off a dozen or more prizes, some donated by the show vendors

and others by Soroptimist members. The prizes included an indoor smoker, a stained-glass style teapot lamp, note cards, chicken cutting board, gardening basket, Seacret personal care products, and a handmade mini-quilt. The grand prize in this lot, a shiny new wheelbarrow donated by Louie's

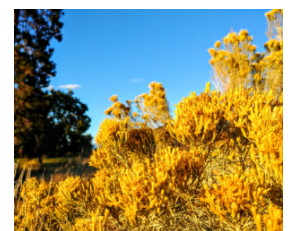
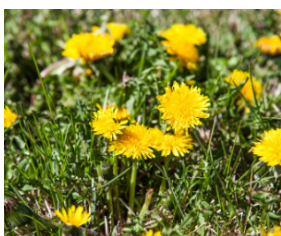


SI welcomes attendees

ACE Home Center filled with gardening goodies donated by Soroptimist members, was won by Diane Harl. The outdoor redwood table and chair set, made by a local woodworker that SI of Fallon raffled off on its own, was won by Mandie Koeckes. They also raffled off a \$500 Visa Gas Card, won by Bob Palmero. Alexander expressed her appreciation and said, "Thank you to all our vendors and community members who came out to support us and our cause."



Photos Top (L), 4-H Poultry Club Rooster - photo by Jo Petteruti, (R) Valerie Johnston with Cierra Garcia, owner of Desert Owl Crafts - photo courtesy of the Johnston family. Bottom (L) Handmade redwood table raffle prize - photo courtesy of SI, (R) Chickens select Bingo winners - photo by Jo Petteruti





# Features

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dan. It's not Democrat or Republican, it's right or wrong. I was never really brought into the fold."

Lee was asked several times to serve in leadership positions and one specific time for pro tem of the Senate. When he asked what he was expected to do and was told he would be running to get votes from people, "I said that's the stupidest job ever, people can make up their own minds how they're going to vote."

Upon his return to Southern Nevada, Lee realized the city he loved, North Las Vegas was in dire straits and needed new leadership. "The city was almost to the point they were going to

have to give the charter back to the state, with \$156 million in debt, they had just built a big, new City Hall and a regional park, along with a new water and sewer structure. And then the recession hit," said Lee.

"We've got to get someone to run for Mayor," he would tell friends, before realizing it might have to be him. "How can you let your hometown fail," asked Lee about the decision to run for Mayor.

During his first year in office at North Las Vegas, his staff would ask if he really wanted to be known as the first person who fired all the department heads. "We run this like a business. We only fill positions if we need them." He said the city had gone from an A bond rating to "junk, junk." Within seven years the rating was back to A.

"We had bond people flying out from Chicago asking what we were doing different from Stockton, Vallejo, or San Bernardino. We showed them we run this like a business. This is the people's money," he said and now, according to Lee, North Las Vegas is the strongest city in the state. "We are the third largest city in the state, and we are still investing in infrastructure, still diversifying our economy, and we still run on those principles."

Recently Lee has publicly changed parties again, saying he was quitting the Democrats. After a bout with cancer and some deep soul-searching, he likens what is happening in the Democrat party to dealing with malignancy. A slowly increasing discomfort in his face which he originally thought an allergy, eventually led to his doctor diagnosing Lee had two months left

to live. After chemo and radiation, his cancer went away. "But, when I see this socialist thing happening in the Democrat party, slowly taking over, I know this isn't going away, they are going the wrong way," he said, "and we have to fight it."

Lee says his Republican credentials are strong, from the establishment of a successful 3,000-acre shooting range in North Las Vegas, to his pro-life stance. "I was named Legislator of the Year by both the NRA and the National Shooting Foundation. My faith drives me, and I believe we all should be able to practice our faith without being embarrassed or ridiculed."

As he toured throughout the rural parts of the state, he was excited to see the growth and expansion. "You are exploding up here and there are so many opportunities, but there are growing pains, I can see. I do not like the way this state is being operated, it feels like were being run out of California," said Lee.

As Mayor, he is big on goals and looking toward the future. He still believes in the basic principles he used to save North Las Vegas and wants to bring those along with his goal-oriented thinking to the state level. "I would ask myself and my staff, 'where do we want to be in ten years,' and now that's what I want to be asking with the state."

John Lee - Photo courtesy of [www.votejohnlee.com](http://www.votejohnlee.com)

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# Yellow Petal Flower Farm – New Agritourism Facility



Rows of planted flowers at Yellow Petal Flower Farm

by Jo Petteruti

On Wednesday, May 12, the Planning Commission approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) requested by Kimberly Urso, owner of Yellow Petal Flower Farm, for her farm located at 3255 Lone Tree Road. The 32.9-acre parcel is in an A-10 zoning district, however Urso can now hold public events, farm related classes, and conduct U-pick sales as an Agritourism facility. Her idea is to provide the community with events and activities that will attract people to the farm to experience the community's agriculture lifestyle.

In general, commercial ventures are not allowed in an A-10 zoning district. However, Urso's plans for the farm can now proceed, as the current county development code allows for agritourism uses in that district via Special Use Permit.

Originally started in 2018 on a two-acre farm in Dayton, Yellow Petal has just recently moved out to Fallon. According to the website, Yellow Petal is the largest cut-flower farm in Northern Nevada, and although it is not currently open to the public, plans are to open soon. Their primary crops are the flowers, but they also grow a wide variety of tomatoes, tomatillos, squash, lettuce, herbs, beets, kale, green beans, and other produce, all using responsible and sustainable farm practices.

The farm is run by Urso, her daughter Kylie and mom, Sue. "Farming includes everyone," said Urso. "Quick to get called for muscle and machine work, is my husband, Tom, my son Alex, and my son-in-law-to-be, TJ. We are working on training up our two

youngest sons, Will and Ben. Even the smallest of the family participate with small 'jobs' and if you don't see them, you will certainly hear them, affectionately - the littles - they are our grandchildren, Jace, Kallie, and Mariah."

According to the Planning Office Staff Report, agritourism is defined as, "Agriculture or



natural resources facilities or events that support or promote the natural resources operation or natural resources industry (excluding mineral resources), including seasonal or permanent activities, events, tours, tasting rooms, etc., that are related to and on-site with the natural resources operation." Yellow Petal fits that description, as everything offered there is grown there.

Yellow Petal is providing the Fallon Food Hub with cut flowers for the Farm Share baskets and also sells directly to florists and other retail outlets. Urso offers farm-fresh bouquets and bouquet subscriptions, U-pick flowers, farm stand sales, and the farm is planning to offer on-farm events to promote agritourism. The farm's fields are mostly planted in alfalfa with the flower fields planted closer to the farm buildings. The U-Pick events are held in the flower fields where U-pickers are given very specific instructions including recommendations for the types of clothing to wear and things to bring, which are all included on the farm website (link follows).

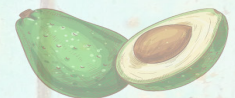
"I love Yellow Petal Farm," said Kelli Kelly, director of the Fallon Food Hub. "This is four generations of women on this 15-acre property along with all their attached men-folk. This is the first time we've been able to offer a flower subscription through our farm-share and after delivering the bouquets yesterday, I've had multiple people sign up for flower subscriptions. It is quickly becoming the most coveted membership."

There is also an Apothecary on the farm that offers various medicinal flowers in fresh or dried form, floral design and consultation services, and wedding flower designs and arrangements, all sourced from the farm to the extent possible.

More information about the farm, their offerings and opening plans, can be found on their website, <https://www.yellowpetalflowerfarm.com/>



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# Obituaries

## Margaret Christian Allyn



Margaret Christian Allyn passed into her eternal rest on May 17, 2021. She was born June 25, 1935 in Oakdale, California to John C. Christian and Irene Wonacott Christian. A devoted wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend, she lived a full life. She grew up on a ranch where her parents raised Shorthorn cattle. The love of ranching stayed with her throughout her life. She showed animals in her youth, married a cattleman (Jack Barnes) and supported and encouraged their four children to participate and exhibit animals in 4-H and FFA beginning in California and continuing later at the county and state fairs in Nevada. Margaret was never far from livestock. She began timing for team roping events and rodeos in the Oakdale area and soon, after moving to Nevada in 1963, she clerked at Gallagher's Sale Barn and the Fallon Livestock Auction. She owned and operated Ranchland Western Wear on Maine Street in Fallon, where her shining smile and welcoming personality made many lifelong

friends whether they bought anything or not. It was in Fallon where she met and married her second husband, Ed Allyn, a true cowboy, and they became soul mates pursuing anything related to horses, cattle dogs, fishing, hunting, vegetable gardening and never failing to support her, now even larger, family's activities.

Margaret enjoyed and enthusiastically followed her grandchildren's interests, attending 4-H livestock shows, track meets, volleyball games, plays, or any activity they were involved in. She was a true baseball fan and lifelong supporter of the San Francisco Giants, attending games in San Francisco with family and even keeping an accurate scorecard. A special joy came later in life, when she got to participate and help show her son and daughter-in-law's Clydesdale team at numerous venues and in particular at the Draft Horse Classic in Grass Valley, California. Margaret was a natural-born caregiver and nurturer, to animals as well as people. She constantly sought to give aid and support to others whether as a friend or with a helping hand. This trait became especially evident at her assisted living facility, Summit Estates, in Reno where she was always first to help newcomers and take those in need 'under her wing'. She was well-loved and respected there by residents and staff members alike. In many ways Margaret was the heart and soul of her family, never without a kind word or a smile, and she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by a sister Susan Ratliff of San Antonio, TX; her children Don (Christine) Barnes of Kennewick, WA, Larry (Annette) Barnes of Reno, NV, Shellie (Roy) Walker of Sierra Blanca, TX, and Jackie (Kevin) Baily of Carson City, NV; and by stepchildren Bill (Debbie) Allyn of Fallon, NV and Marilyn Banovich of Fallon, NV. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed, parents John and Irene as well as her brother John L. Christian. A service will be held Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at The Gardens Funeral Home in Fallon with burial to follow the next day at 11:00 a.m. at the Fallon Cemetery.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Summit Estates in Reno, the doctors and nurses at Geriatric Specialties, to Kindred Hospice, and to Seniors Helping Seniors. Even though she loved flowers please consider donations to a charity of your choice.

Poem:

*We little knew this morning  
God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same:  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
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You are always by our side.  
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## Tourism Authority Awards Grants to Promote Community

by Rachel Dahl

The City of Fallon's Convention & Tourism Authority awarded \$86,500 in grants to local organizations at their regular meeting in April 2021. Jane Moon, director of tourism and special events, presented each grant application and funding request to the authority board members.

The three-member board, Chairwoman and City Council member Kelly Frost, along with board members and local hotel owners Jay Bhakta and Ezra Bernardo heard from representatives of each organization before approving the requested funding.

- The Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club received \$2,500 for efforts to promote the Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Chukar Championship.
- The Fallon Trap Club received \$5,000 for their shooting season.
- Motor Safety Sport, Inc. received \$10,000 for the Top Gun Dragstrip race season.
- Churchill Arts Council received \$13,500 to support Core Programs for the year.
- Rattle Snake Raceway received \$10,000 for season promotion.
- Lahontan Auto Racing Association received \$10,000 to promote Octane Fest 2021.
- Lahontan Valley Claybreakers received \$2,500 to promote the youth trap shooting season.
- Fallon Ranch Hand Rodeo received \$3,500 to promote this year's Ranch Hand Rodeo.
- The Fallon Festival Association received \$15,000 to promote and market the 2021 Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair.
- The Cowboy Fast Draw Association received \$14,500 to promote the Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw competition held in Fallon every October.



The purpose of the grants is to promote Fallon events. These annual events attract people from outside the area to come to the community and spend money on food at local restaurants, buy fuel, and stay in local lodgings. Mayor of Fallon Ken Tedford said the funding awarded to the City of Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority grantees comes from room taxes collected by local hotels and motels.

## Maddie's Pet Adoption Days June 11 - 12

Staff Report

Maddie's Pet Project of Nevada is excited to announce that registration is now open for the Spring Maddie's Pet Adoption Days being held Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12, 2021. Thanks to funding provided by the Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation, all adoption fees are being waived for dogs and cats at participating animal welfare organizations across Nevada during this two-day event. In Churchill County, Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) and Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) will both be participating. CAPS will be open for extended hours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, as well as FAWG which will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. both days.



Maddie's Pet Adoption Days is traditionally held twice a year. The September 2020 adoption event resulted in 1,851 animals (1,068 cats and 783 dogs) being adopted from 44 participating Nevada animal welfare organizations, including large and small animal shelters and private rescues. More than 7,600 animals have found their forever homes during the Maddie's Pet Adoption Days event in the past three years. - Photos courtesy of Maddie's Pet Adoption Project.



*About the Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation:*

*The Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation is a private charitable foundation based in Incline Village, Nevada. The Duffield's are the founders of Maddie's Fund, a leading animal welfare foundation dedicated to revolutionizing the status and well-being of companion animals. While the Duffield's are long-time benefactors of companion animal causes, the Foundation also allows them to focus their philanthropic efforts in other areas they are passionate about, including supporting military veterans and giving back to their local community.*



# Organizations

## High Desert Grange - 6th Annual High Rollers Jackpot



Beef Grand & Reserve – Lonnie Adams

by Kathleen Leonard Rodegeb

The High Desert Grange held its 6th Annual Highland Rollers Jackpot Show on May 1st at the Churchill county Fairgrounds. The High Rollers Jackpot Show is for youth from 5 to 19 as a practice run for the Nevada Junior Livestock Show. A day of fun and excitement for all the participants, while receiving educational feedback and advice in preparation for the state show.

Members from Future Farmers of America (FFA), Grange and 4H as well as independent exhibitors from all over Nevada and border counties of California were in attendance. One hundred youth showed over one hundred animals this year. The official livestock breakdown included 5 beef, 35 swine, 40 lambs, 38 goats and 12 turkeys.

Haley Cole (pictured with winners below) was the judge for large livestock and Deb Cobb for small livestock. The Jackpot pays out to 6th place, with cash awards for quality and showmanship, with belt buckles for Grand Champion and Grand Champion Reserve in quality.

- Beef: Grand Champion – Lonnie Adams; Reserve – Lonnie Adams.
- Swine: Grand Champion – Allie Fait; Reserve – Kylee Simper.
- Lamb: Grand Champion – Amaia Sarratea; Reserve – Amaia Sarratea
- Goat: Grand Champion – Makenzie Voges; Reserve – Kaitlynn Hoffman.
- Turkey: Grand Champion – Acen Williams; Reserve – Josie Peek.

Additionally, a special award, known as the “Chrissy Award,” is given by her family each year in memory of Chrissy Emmons, who lost her life to melanoma at the young age of 24. The award consists of a special plaque and cash prize and is awarded to a lamb exhibitor who reminds the family of Chrissy. This year’s recipient is Charleigh Fender.



Turkeys – (R) Grand Champion Acen Williams, (L) Reserve Josie Peek,



Swine Grand – Allie Fait



Swine Reserve – Kylee Simper;



Market Goat Kaitlynn Hoffman



Market Goat Grand – Makenzie Voges



Lamb Grand & Reserve– Amaia Sarratea



Chrissy Award- This year’s recipient is Charleigh Fender pictured with Dave and Sue Emmons, and Christy Olivo

**Congratulations  
to all of this  
year’s winners!**





# Organizations



Josie Peek, Reggin Stonebarger, Ruby Dechambeau, and Judge Deb Cobb

The following youth scored in Showmanship:

### Lamb:

PeeWee: 1st – Mia Shuster; 2nd – Colton Fait.

Junior: 1st – Sarah Brown; 2nd – Dane Christensen; 3rd Jeffrey Cole.

Intermediate: 1st – Korntie Simper; 2nd – Charliegh Fender; 3rd Tyann Kern; 4th – Allie Fai; 5th – Cade Fender; 6th – Thomas Voges.

Senior: 1st – Amaia Sarratea; 2nd – Ella Bidourreta; 3rd – Evan Lawsrence; 4th – Delaney Bohach; 5th – Makenzie Voges; 6th – Case Emsoff.

### Turkey:

Intermediate: 1st – Jayden Walz, 2nd Rigggin Stonebarger, 3rd – Ruby DeChambeau, 4th Cade Peek, 5th – Kevin Masse, 6th – Ethan Mitchell

Senior: 1st – Richard Gomez, 2nd Josie Peek, 3rd Carsen DeChambeau, 4th – Tieris Williams

### Goat:

PeeWee: 1st – Chloe Kent, 2nd – Ian Paredes, 3rd – Kinsley Malay, 4th – Addie Flower, 5th – Allie Flower, 6th – Kinley Collins

Junior: 1st – Kenslee Wiessmer, 2nd – Kelsey Collins, 3rd – Hadley Malay, 4th – Callie Jordan, 5th – Laurin Chamlee, 6th – Mason Marshek

Intermediate: 1st – Tyann Kern, 2nd – Kadence Wiessmer, 3rd – Karlie Simper, 4th – Rigggin Stonebarger, 5th – Landen Blackburn, 6th – Avene Paredes

Senior: 1st – Makenzie Voges, 2nd – Josie Peek, 3rd – Kaitlynn Hoffman, 4th – Dakota Vest, 5th – Brook Vest, 6th – Ryan Olsen



Audrina Banta



Laurin Chamlee

### Swine:

PeeWee: 1st – Colton Fait, 2nd – Kynslie Malay, 3rd – Hank Malay, 4th – Ash Mackay

Junior: 1st – Payton Sowersday

Intermediate: 1st – Kylee Simper, 2nd – Allie Fait, 3rd – Kevin Masse, 4th – Joseph Marshek, 5th – Steve Banta, 6th – Taylor Sowersday

Senior: 1st – Layla Ramirez

### Beef:

PeeWee: 1st – George Malay Intermediate: 1st – Tyann Kern

Senior: 1st – Makenzie Voges, 2nd – Lander Smith, 3rd – Lonnie Adams

The total payout for all prizes was \$5,405.00. The High Desert Grange is grateful to its wonderful donors and supporters, without whom these prize payouts would not have been possible.



George Malay



Ruby Dechambeau and Carson Dechambeau



## Lewin Receives 4 - 8 Years for Luring a 15-Year-Old Girl



by Alicia Parsons

Jesse Ray Lewin appeared for sentencing on charges of Luring a Child with Intent to Engage in Sexual Conduct a Category B Felony with carries 2-15 years in prison.

Per plea negotiations entered into with the State, Lewin entered a guilty plea in District Court in January. During his arraignment, Lewin stated that he communicated with a female on Facebook Messenger and did not know she was underage.

Assistant District Attorney Jeff Weed stated that

Lewin was in contact with a 15-year-old female that included graphic photographs of his person and attempts to meet with the victim while under the impression that her parents were out of the area and she was home alone. During a routine check of the victim's cellphone, the mother and step-father found multiple Facebook messages between Lewin and the victim; acting as they were the victim, they began exchanging sexually suggestive messages.

Lewin maintained that he was highly intoxicated at the time of the messages, and he had no idea that the victim was only 15. The victim stated that she and Lewin had known each other since she was approximately eight years old, and she had run into him during a high school party where she told him that she was a freshman in high school. The victim's step-father claims that Lewin lives behind their home and that his step-daughter was friends with the defendant's younger sibling.

ADA Weed argued for a sentence of 36-100 months in prison, despite the psycho-sexual risk assessment that suggested Lewin was not a high risk to re-offend. Additionally, according to Weed, there was proof that Lewin knew the victim and had no reason to believe that she was of age to engage in sexual acts or photo exchanges. The state also cited a comment made by Lewin during his evaluation, in which he said, "It is sick for anyone to engage in behavior such as his own in this case."

Lewin was sentenced to 24-96 months in prison and remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Jail to await transport to the Nevada Department of Corrections. Upon release, he will be required to register as a sex offender and be subject to lifetime supervision.

## Patricia Turner Sentenced to 4-15 Years in Robbery Case

by Alicia Parsons

Patricia Maxine Turner appeared for sentencing in District Court on Tuesday, May 18. She previously entered a guilty plea on charges of being a Principle to the Crime of Robbery, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison, and Possession of Stolen Property, a Category B Felony, punishable by 1-10 years in prison.

ADA Chelsea Sanford stated that Turner committed the crime with an unknown accomplice. Turner claimed that she was so intoxicated during the act that she cannot recall any details of the crime or who she was with at the time. According to the charges, she and the accomplice were driving in the Walmart parking lot around 9:00 p.m. and saw a woman trying to return her cart. The accomplice confronted the victim, and forcefully tried to snatch her purse. When the victim tried to fight back because her purse contained her monthly supply of insulin, the accomplice pulled out a gun and asked the victim, "Do you want some of this?" The accomplice then went back to the car where Turner was waiting. Turner then drove away with the accomplice and the victim's purse.

The following day, law enforcement located Turner's vehicle, where officers found a cache of stolen property and the contents of the victim's purse. Turner claimed that this was a random act of violence. ADA Sanford refuted the statement as she believes that Turner and her accomplice identified the victim as a lone female in a darkened parking lot and decided to attack her.

Turner asked for probation and stated that she has no prior criminal history and is a new mom with a four-month-old child, who was present in the courtroom.

The victim was present at the sentencing and addressed the court during Victim Impact testimony, stating that Turner has forever changed her life and she is so disappointed that a woman would take responsibility for a man that she refuses to identify. She is suffering from fear that anyone approaching her will harm her. The victim also said, "Turner is wholly heartless for bringing the baby into the courtroom - that she is trying to garner sympathy to reduce her sentence." She asked the court to issue Turner a lengthy sentence and said she hopes serving time in prison will allow Turner the chance to focus on being a mother rather than protecting a man by refusing to cooperate with authorities and identify him.

CCPD Wright Noel, defense counsel for Turner, stated that his client was highly intoxicated during the commission of the crime, and she recognizes that alcohol has become a problem for her in her life. Noel asked that she be granted the opportunity for Drug Court.

Turner addressed Judge Stockard, stating, "I know that being intoxicated was not a good reason for my actions and I understand I committed that crime. I have to face the consequences even if I don't want to."

Stockard sentenced Turner to 48-180 months in prison for count one and 12-32 months in prison on count two, with the sentences to run concurrently. Turner was remanded to the custody of the sheriff department for the imposition of the sentences imposed.



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## District Court News



by Alicia Parsons

Audrey Camille Ottesen was to be arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol with her small children present. Ottesen, who resides in Ely, was scheduled for drug/alcohol testing with Court Services before appearing in court. She tested positive for marijuana and alcohol, admitting to drinking wine the night before her arraignment. Ottesen stated that she has held a medical marijuana card for over two years for treatment of pain from numerous medical

Audrey Camille Ottesen - Booking photo

conditions. Judge Stockard informed her that she is not to use marijuana while on Court Services. Ottesen stated that she was not made aware that she is not to use alcohol while on Court Services. According to Brenda Ingram with Court Services, Ottesen had been informed of Court Service's requirement, and she had signed a document to that fact.

The hearing was going to be continued for one week with an order for daily alcohol and marijuana testing. The case was then moved to the end of the docket after Ottesen said she had been driven to court by her ex-husband but could not contact him. Judge Stockard wanted to confirm she did indeed have a driver as both alcohol and marijuana were present in her system. Ottesen then fled the courtroom and did not return. A bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

Adam Anthony Ash plead guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a first or second offense, a Category E Felony, with potential penalties of 1-4 years in prison. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Wright Noel, counsel, stated his client was in possession of methamphetamine and asked that Ash be granted probation. Ash received probation on a suspended sentence of 12-32 months in prison.

Calvin James Johnson (in custody) plead guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a first or second offense, a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison. CCPD Jacob Sommer, defense counsel for Johnson, stated that his client did knowingly possess methamphetamine. A nontechnical probation violation was also filed against Johnson. Johnson received a suspended sentence of 12-32 months in prison and must enter and complete Western Regional Drug Court.

Ryan Lee Charleston (in custody) plead guilty to Possessing a Credit or Debit Card Without Consent and Failure to Appear on Admission of Bail, both Category D Felonies punishable by 1-4 years in prison. CCPD Jacob Sommer, counsel for Charleston, stated that his client did possess a credit card of an individual that had not permitted him to do so last December. Charleston was arrested in Chicago and extradited back to Churchill County. Sentencing is scheduled for August 10.

Derrick Carlyle Alexander plead guilty to Issuance of a Check or Draft Without Sufficient Money or Credit, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. CCPD Wright Noel, counsel for Alexander, stated that his client wrote a check to Fallon Ford Toyota knowing that he did not have the funds to cover it. Sentencing is scheduled for December 7, allowing Alexander time to pay restitution to Fallon Ford Toyota as per plea negotiations.

Jammie Lee Fink (in custody) plead no contest to Possession of a Controlled Substance by a Prisoner, a Category D Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and Battery by a Prisoner in Lawful Custody or Confinement, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. ADA Chelsea Sanford stated that Fink used force against Deputies Mounce and Valaster, striking them with his hand or head. CCPD Wright Noel noted that his client did sneak drugs into the facility after struggling with opiate addiction and suffering an injury. Fink received a suspended sentence on both counts; 12-34 on count one and 24-60 months in prison, which will run consecutively.

Kevin Nicholas Carlin (in custody) plead guilty to Burglary of a Business, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. ADA Chelsea Sanford stated that Carlin saw a construction company trailer left on a job site. Carlin hooked his Tahoe to the trailer, later abandoning it in the desert after taking the tools stored inside. Carlin received a suspended sentence of 28-72 months in prison and must complete the Salvation Army substance abuse treatment program.

Photos courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office

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## CCSD Board Cancels Special Meeting Regarding Masks



Masks still recommended for CCHS students - File Photo

by Rachel Dahl

A special school board meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday night to address the mask mandate and attendance at graduation was canceled early Wednesday morning.

Superintendent Summer Stephens placed a robo-call to school district families Tuesday night in which she provided an update regarding the reopening plan and Personal Protective Equipment requirements. She said in the call that the district was making “a slight change regarding the update from last week. Based on consultation with our local health authority representative, our chief nurse, and others in the district, we are proceeding as follows tomorrow, Wednesday, May 19, through the end of the school year.”

She said the district is instituting the CDC guidelines for schools, recommending unvaccinated people wear face coverings inside schools for the remainder of the year. Additionally, all children and staff must continue to wear face coverings as required while inside all district transportation.

According to Stephens, “The district has already made changes, based on the Governor’s Directive 45, no longer requiring children nine years old and under, as well as those individuals who are fully vaccinated, are no longer required to wear a face covering.”

The call did not address attendance at graduation, nor did the email that was sent canceling the special meeting.

In a request for more information regarding graduation, Stephens replied, “Seniors will be given more information on additional attendance for graduation.”

## Principals Report to the School Board of Trustees on May 7

by Rachel Dahl

Derild Parsons, Northside Early Learning Center, reported that in spite of many obstacles, they saw growth in their school year. Teachers are preparing program assessments, due during the last 30 days of each program. They are waiting for the State Legislature to pass the education budget to set the Pre-K funding for the next 2 years.

Kim Melendy, Lahontan Elementary, discussed the many activities at the school this month including the American Heart Challenge, Teacher Appreciation Week, MAP testing, United Way Book Give-away, and field days. During the last week of school, all students will receive Summer Fun Work that will focus on engaging their reading and math skills over the summer.

Keith Boone, E.C. Best Elementary, told the School Board they are wrapping up assessments, working with parents to determine summer school needs, and the four staff members retiring at the end of the school year.

Shawn Purrell, Numa Elementary, reported that MAP testing is underway, year-end field trips and a fun day are being

planned, and summer school needs are being determined. New staff members have been added for the 2012-2022 school year.

Amy Word, Churchill County Middle School, told the board their assessments and MAP testing are underway, the summer school program needs are being identified, and parents are being given information needed for registrations next year.

Scott Winter, Churchill County High School, reported on the preparations for their summer school program, CTE testing results by program, advanced placement testing, scheduling for next year, and the graduation press release.





## A Strong Year at Oasis Academy for FFA Students

The Oasis Future Farmers of America is 48 members strong and is organized in both high school and middle school. In spite of the strange year of COVID, this year FFA members were able to participate in several activities, including the Virtual Greenhand conference, Oasis FFA monthly chapter meetings and activities, Virtual leadership training, the Virtual State FFA Convention, the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, and the Chapter end of the year banquet. Additionally, FFA members took part in the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show, the Nevada Junior Livestock Show, as well as other state and area jackpot livestock shows.

This year, Oasis FFA has five Seniors graduating. Wilhelmina Albaugh has served the Oasis FFA Chapter as an officer for four years, this year she retired as the Oasis FFA President. Wilhelmina will attend Great Basin College this fall to study education and follow her passion for agriculture education by becoming an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor. Ali Norcutt has served the oasis FFA chapter as an officer for three years. This year, she retired as the Oasis FFA Vice President and will attend Texas Tech in the fall where she will continue her remarkable career in rodeo and study business.



Luke Rechel has been an active part of the FFA chapter serving on many committees. He will continue working for Pioneer General Engineering, and will also continue custom farming, ranching, and breaking colts. Emily Payne has been a member of Oasis FFA for her entire high school career, serving on many committees as well. Emily is headed to Boise St in the fall and will study



Ag Business. Lesley Gomez Holguin has been an oasis FFA Member for three years, participating in many chapter activities. After graduation Lesley will continue to study here at WNC to complete a degree in deaf studies.

Officers for the 2021-2022 year were announced at the end of the year banquet.

Brayden Blea, an incoming senior, will be President, Stacie Bogdanowicz, an incoming junior will be Vice President, Eddie Morrow, an incoming junior will be Secretary, and Hunter Arends, an incoming senior will be Treasurer.

*Staff Report with special thanks to Jackie Bogdanowicz, the FFA Advisor at Oasis for her assistance in providing the above information.*



## Tails and Tales @ the Library

Summer Reading Program signups begin June 7, 2021. The program is for all ages and includes in-library and take-home activities, books to keep, and much more. Come in or call for more information.

The library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon and [www.churchillcountylibrary.org](http://www.churchillcountylibrary.org)

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## CCHS Softball and Baseball Teams Celebrate Senior Day



Varsity Baseball Team, Coaches, and Parents

### Greenave Baseball Seniors

On Tuesday, May 18, the Varsity Boys Greenwave Baseball team celebrated their eight graduating seniors before their home game against Lowry. The graduating seniors this year are Toby Anderson, Cade Barton, Zane Bogdanowicz, Hunter Cooper, Mathew Davis, Shaw Lee, Avery Strasdin, and Kodus Wehe. The Fallon Greenwave Varsity team then played against Lowry, appropriately winning their last home game of their senior year, with a final score of 24-23.



Shaw Lee threw first pitch of last home game at Senior Night at being injured all season.

### Lady Wave Softball Seniors

The Fallon Greenwave Varsity Girls Softball team faced off against Lowry High School on Tuesday, May 18 at Churchill County High School for Senior Graduate Day. There were four graduating seniors this year that were honored before the game on Tuesday. Shaylee Fagg, Samantha Frost, Savana Manha, and Raelynn Neumann (pictured right). The Lady Wave went on to beat Lowry High 12-9 in Tuesday's game. Congratulations to the Lady Wave and also to all of the graduating seniors. Great job ladies!

Story and photos by Ginny Bragg



Varsity softball team with coaches and parents



## Oasis Boys Take 3rd at Regionals

The Oasis Academy Golf team finished their season by taking 3rd place in the Golf Regionals on an extremely challenging and windy day at Carson Valley Golf Course.

This was the first time Oasis participated in the Regionals and the team performed well. Unable to play due to final exams were Hunter Arends and Elijah Matter, leaving only four players to post the required four scores for the team.

Connor Ocegüera, Tyler Siebecker, and Keenan Waller displayed improvement over the COVID-shortened season by posting solid scores. Trevor Halloran completed an impressive Junior season by taking 4th place individually. This team will return with all six golfers and will add two promising 8th graders to their roster next year: Kemper Card and Drake Reid. The Oasis Bighorns will be an even stronger team as they challenge for first place next year.



Story and photos Submitted by Lisa Swan, Assistant Athletic Director



Trevor Halloran - 4th place season overall

## High School Rodeo

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<b>Barrel Racing</b>	13th Masen Schacht
<b>Breakaway Roping</b>	2nd Jayden Jensen 3rd Ali Norcutt 5th Tylie Norcutt
<b>Bull Riding</b>	2nd Flint Schacht
<b>Goat Tying</b>	1st Bethie Ikonen 5th Tylie Noreutt 9th Ali Norcutt
<b>Pole Bending</b>	3rd Masen Schacht
<b>Team Roping</b>	4th Jarrett Peek (HL) 22nd Jayden Jensen (HD) 7th Ali Norcutt (HD) 15th Tylie Norcutt (HD) 35th Bethie Ikonen (HL) 44th Masen Schacht (HL) (HD - Header/Roper) (HL - Heeler/Runner)
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## The Wingman Recommends – The Twisted Branch



Story and photos by Denise Edgmon

The plan was to go get flowers after breakfast for my mom for Mother's Day, but I got sidetracked. By the size of the crowd I ran into, I wasn't the only one who had the thought.

So where was this crowd? One of my favorite places - The Twisted Branch, owned by Megan Parrish. It is truly an oasis in this desert. The unassuming old house is situated on the corner of South Taylor and West First Streets. Nestled underneath a bunch

of cottonwoods, the patio offers customers a place to relax and visit with friends. Surrounded by flowers and lush greenery, the outdoor venue has become my favorite Friday night destination.

With a hint of the smell of flowers on the evening breeze, patios lights strung overhead, and the fire pit warming the cool night air, I get almost giddy as I approach the entrance. When you see it, you ask yourself, is it a nursery? Is it a gift shop? Is it a wine and spirits store? Yes - it is all of those. And it works.

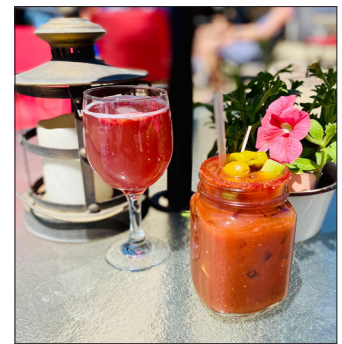
But, on this day - the day before Mother's Day, it was a place for families and friends to gather and celebrate their moms and for this mom to celebrate with her other mom friends. We soon forgot about our errands and settled into the warmth of the spring day. Inside, Megan even had us covered on shopping for

Mom and our daughters. Fresh cut flowers were arranged beautifully in vases from the shop. Lovely art and jewelry caught our eye, as we perused a treasure trove of candles, leather journals, décor, and antiques. Though our moms were on our mind (I chose a stunning vase with blush pink roses for my own), we also shopped for ourselves. Let's face it - we celebrated being moms.

Once you are there, you may not want to hurry off to your next errand or you pay even change your evening plans. This wingman is hoping *The* all of you check out The Twisted Branch and the great events in the garden patio every Friday evening. The bar is open from 5:00 to 8:00ish with Friday drink specials and event details posted on her Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/twistedbranchfallon](http://www.facebook.com/twistedbranchfallon).



Steven Christie entertains at



Denise (AKA the Wingman) is a Nevada girl, born and raised. This newly appointed entertainment specialist was party to the birth of *The Fallon Post* (#aPlanHatchedByThePool). By day she is a nail karaoke-ist, by night she stealthily checks out local favorites - from music to brews, to Nevada's gorgeous sunsets. When the Wingman is not doing any of these, she is an avid fan of good music, movies, and books and will be sharing her recommendations with her hometown.

## Books



### *The Bookshop of Second Chances: A Novel* by Jackie Fraser

Thea's pleasant life takes a turn when her husband of nearly 20 years leaves her for one of her friends at the same time she is let go from her job. She is adrift and out of sorts. Then she learns a distant relative has left her his house and large book collection in Scotland. She heads north thinking she'll sell it all but soon discovers this new place might be just what she needs to heal, move forward, and find happiness once again. A fun summer read

All titles are available in print at the library, located at 553 S. Maine St. or available for download from the library's online collection through Overdrive and Libby at [www.churchill-countylibrary.org](http://www.churchill-countylibrary.org)

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library Lloyd is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She likes to read about book-sellers because she was one before she was a librarian.





## Feral Housewives Horoscopes Weekly Horoscope - May 17

**Aries** - With clear financial goals, you have set the destination. Communicating your desire for more responsibility or that pay raise will go in your favor. You have a pull in specific directions; following that internal compass will take you to whatever goals you have in mind—making sure that those around you know what you hope to achieve will manifest—time to launch into the destiny you have always wanted

**Taurus** - Make a stand and hold your ground this week. It is simply a matter of principle here. With some insight into the underbelly of your company, you have an advantage in making decisions about how you'd like to play your cards. If that underbelly is unsavory, you know it is prime time to move on. A small financial windfall will happen; whether it is a side job or selling something, a moment of reprieve is coming.

**Gemini** - If it sounds too good to be true, it always is. You can smell the BS from a mile away. Resources are abundant. Make sure to get that application complete and submitted to receive the bounty that awaits you. You are attracting all sorts of new energy to you, the same energy you are putting out, which is to say there are charismatic and helpful relationships heading your way.

**Cancer** - Just because you are capable of doing a job doesn't mean you should accept it. There is a position of leadership offered. Unless your heart is set and determined, it is for the best to decline graciously. You have friends and relationships mingling this week, turning a simple acquaintance into something much more. Take the time to make a connection. This weekend stop and relax. You are going to be shocked by the inspiration that strikes when you turn all of your devices off and allow your mind to wander freely.

**Leo** - A wanderlust idea strikes, and you find your life improving considerably because of it. Find a way to streamline your work. You need a smooth automated procedure to help you get everything you need to accomplish. You will share an idea with a friend. It could be something life-changing, a goal, or asking for vacation advice, and that friend doesn't let you down. They offer friendship in the purest form.

**Virgo** - The significant changes headed your way will change the direction of your life. Enjoy the ride. You are feeling exceptionally "romantic" this week. If you are single, you will be attracting and inviting some serious adult fun. If attached, take the initiative, a sitter, coordinate schedules, and woo that love with all you've got. A supervisor will notice this attraction and confidence exuding from you. It might be a great time to ask about that promotion or some extra hand on that project you are loathing.

**Libra** - Be ready to open your arms and accept an abundance! You are blessed with a breakthrough in the family business, an inheritance, or even advice from the family investor.

Either way, you will be celebrating a bounty related to the family! Wisdom and knowledge are dancing together arm in arm for you this week. It may be prime time to enroll in the Fall semester. Start by talking with family and getting the application ready!

**Scorpio** - You have been waiting for a grand confession, and this week you will get it. You were right all along. You have a grace about you when it comes to speaking, and you will be able to connect with potential investors or collaborate with an influencer that lands you in social media celeb status. Take advantage of your communication skills and let everyone know that you are raising prices on products or go ahead and ask for that raise. You should negotiate any big-ticket purchases right now, don't sit on the power you have!

**Sagittarius** - You will be taking a deep breath as a windfall sweeps through regarding financial gains. Your partner gives you the green light to implement a new economic plan to achieve some goals. With them entirely on board to save up and pay off, you will be enjoying the fruits of your labor soon. You find yourself driven to make more money, and so the seeds have been planted, continue to water them for maximum growth.

**Capricorn** - You feel confident this week, perfect for launching that new project you have been researching for months now. If you are single, you will be feeling able to start that conversation with someone online that showed interest, or you might decide that you want to learn how to love yourself the way you want others to love you. You can't go wrong whichever direction you go. Make self-care a daily priority with yoga, journaling, diet, and exercise to help you get to that place of absolute adoration for yourself.

**Aquarius** - You have more control over your life and circumstances than you are willing to acknowledge. You best make quick work of readjusting your thinking! You won't have any trouble convincing the family of big new changes that you want to make. As you sit back, yearning for a walk down the road less traveled, go ahead and go on the adventure. Even if it is outside the family norm, they will understand!

**Pisces** - You will make an unexpected contact this week; they are a valuable asset to your life from here on! You will be asked to step up in a community organization to which you belong. This sense of community will do wonders for you, and heck, you are talented enough to rise to the occasion. As you prepare for a new adventure, whether it is a party at your home or a lover moving in with you, you won't be able to keep from giggling in preparation for the event. When you thought it couldn't ever be, you sold yourself short because here it is!

## Deck Hands: Venice Beach - Party Place Since 1905

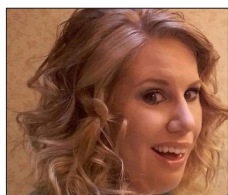
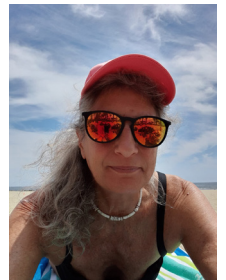
by Jo Petteruti

In early April, I had this hankering to be at the beach, especially after the cold winter we had. Warm sun and sand, the sounds of the ocean waves and kids playing in the distance. I could feel the warmth of the sun on my face just thinking about it. Coincidentally, I received an email from Southwest Airlines advertising low fares - you know, the \$59 specials. I found a non-stop, round-trip fare from Reno to LAX for a salty \$118, and the best part - Venice Beach was just eight miles north of the airport.

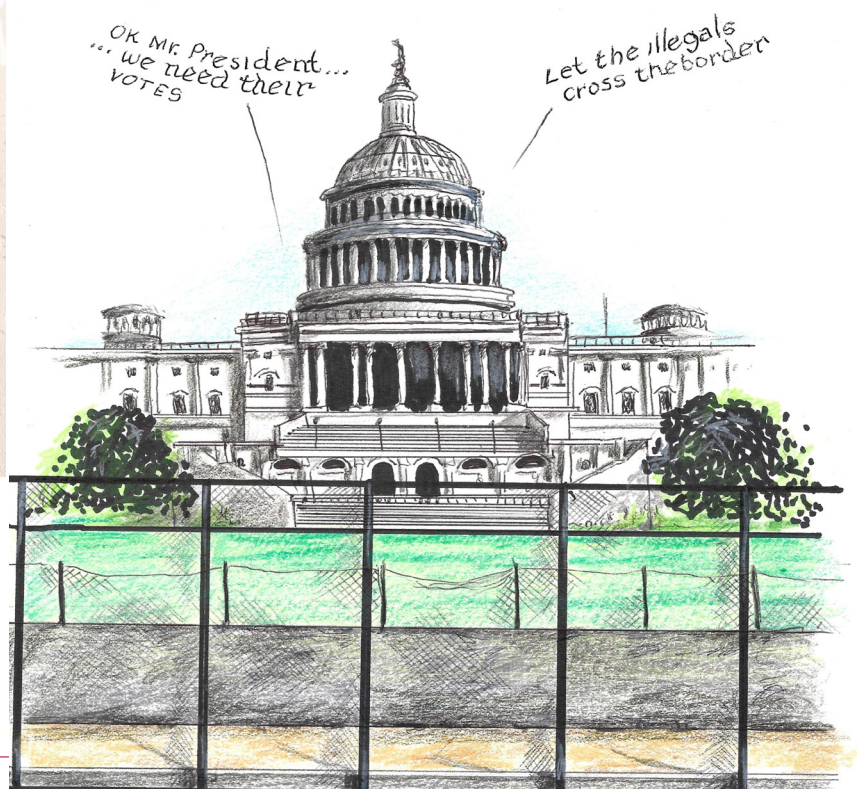
Next, I checked my AirBnB account for a beach location. If I'm going to go to the beach, I want to stay on the beach, and not in a tent. I found this cool private room with its own bath, facing the ocean, a side-street's width away from the sand and ocean in the Venice Beach Hostel. Cool, old, renovated place with stairs that I thought would give me a heart attack when dragging my too-large suitcase up and down them.

The whole Venice Beach scene was a kick, built back in the roaring 1920s complete, with a speakeasy that actually dated back to 1915. Italian immigrants established the area back then, and the stone architecture explodes with masonry exploits. Beautiful murals on the sides of buildings, fluted columns out front with scrolled bases and crowns. The beach went on for miles in both directions, wide and clean, north into Santa Monica and south into Los Angeles. Muscle Beach was right there too, just a few blocks down. But no muscle guys yet, it was still preseason. Store after store lined the boardwalk, with plenty of places to stop for a cocktail, lunch, dinner, snacks, whatever may float your boat. My favorite beachfront place served a Bloody Mary made with cannabis-infused vodka, called a Mary Jane - they ran out of that vodka that week. Performers of all types were on every corner: jazz horn players, blues guitarists, an older woman singing just like Ella Fitzgerald, a young Michael Jackson look-a-like boy dancing and singing like the real thing, street tumblers - the list goes on. Body art is also a really big thing there, with full body art not uncommon, and fully on display. The more art, the less clothing, it seemed.

The whole week was just amazing, and I would not hesitate to visit again. Although I may call ahead to ensure that my favorite beachfront place is well stocked and Muscle Beach guys in are season.



Alicia Parsons grew up in Yerington and has been a dishwasher, teacher's aide, patient care representative, and debt collector; before landing her current and favorite gig as a feral housewife to Trevor and card-carrying mother-of-the-year to three-and-a-half-year-old Rhett.





## Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Lahontan Reservoir**  
112,500 af

**Truckee Canal at Hazen**  
241 cfs

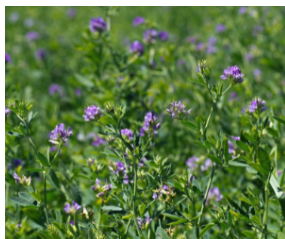
**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth**  
268 cfs

**Carson River Below Lahontan**  
799 cfs

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

May 19 Water Storage  
2021 : 113,278 acre feet  
2020 : 209,724 acre feet  
2019 : 233,747 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second  
af - Acre Feet



# FALLON THEATRE

## May Movies



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5/6 @ 6:00



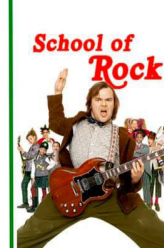
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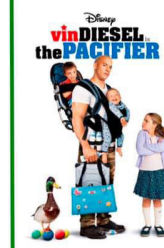
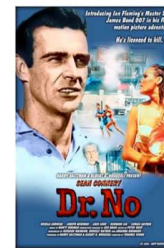
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Thursday  
5/20 @ 6:00



Saturday 5/22  
6:00 & 6:30

Thursday  
5/27 @ 6:00



Saturday 5/29  
6:00 & 6:30



### Crossword Puzzle Answers

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| alfalfaaster | daisy       | marigold    | silversagebrush |
| babysbreath  | dandelion   | Nevadaonion | snapdragon      |
| blueflax     | gravelghost | purplesage  | sunflower       |
| cactus       | hollyhocks  | rabbitbrush | tulip           |
| daffodil     | hydrangea   | rose        |                 |
|              |             | sagebrush   |                 |



## What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen?



to spend your food dollars in a way that supports agricultural producers who are your friends and fellow community members. If we value the role that agriculture plays in Churchill County, then we have an obligation to support those producers to ensure their solvency. Fortunately, there are many great producers here and many ways to enjoy their products.

This week, I had the privilege of distributing a fairly wide

variety of locally-grown produce on behalf of Fallon Farmers. There was napa cabbage, Swiss chard, speckled romaine and butter lettuce, asparagus, green garlic, artichokes, dandelion greens, mint, dill, sage, oregano, cilantro, parsley, thyme, broccoli, sunchokes, and arugula, just to name a few. And then there was kale—we had three kinds this week (Dino, white Russian, and a red Russian mix) and the season hasn't really even started yet. I sometimes spend a leisurely few hours thinking about how many varieties of kale one person can sell—don't get me started on melons (last year we sold over 10 varieties of cantaloupe alone).

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a resource to help you be better at cooking locally and seasonally.

Let's make 2021 the year that we all Eat Local—are you in?

Here are a couple of simple and delicious ways to prepare kale (and any other hearty green).

### Simple Wilted Kale with Garlic

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 bunch of kale (doesn't matter what kind) - stems removed and torn into pieces  
Olive oil  
3 cloves of garlic - thinly sliced (or green garlic, or a lot of garlic)  
Red Pepper flakes  
1 lemon - juiced  
Salt and Pepper

#### DIRECTIONS:

In a saute pan, warm the olive oil. Add sliced garlic and saute until golden. Add the kale in handfuls and saute until wilted, stirring regularly.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover the pan and let cook over medium heat until the kale is soft.

Before serving, toss with the juice from one lemon and sprinkle with red pepper flakes.

### Krispy Kale Chips

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 bunch of kale (I use thicker leafed varieties) - stems removed and torn into pieces  
Salt and pepper  
Olive oil

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 275 degree.

Toss kale with olive oil, salt and pepper. Then bake on a baking sheet until crispy (about 20 minutes)

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





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## Community Meetings / Events May 24-30

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Tues. May 25  
6:30 p.m.

**County Board of Health Meeting**  
Wed. May 26  
9:00 a.m.

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Thurs. May 27  
3:00 p.m.

**Fallon Pop Warner Football & Cheer Sign-ups Clubhouse**  
859 Miners Rd.  
Every Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Evening storm over the valley – photo by Jo Petteruti



# Meet the Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority

- Staff Report

The Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority (FCTA) oversees the promotion of tourism and attraction of visitors to the region. It is the marketing arm for the City of Fallon specializing in meetings & conventions, special events, advertising, and marketing for the city and all of its attractions.

The three-member FCTA board is chaired by Councilwoman Kelly Frost, joined by board members and local hotel owners Jay Bhakta and Ezra Bernardo. Jane Moon, Director of Tourism and Special Events and

a member of Mayor Ken Tedford's cabinet, also participates in the FCTA quarterly board meetings, held in the City Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. The next quarterly meetings are scheduled for July 20 and October 19.

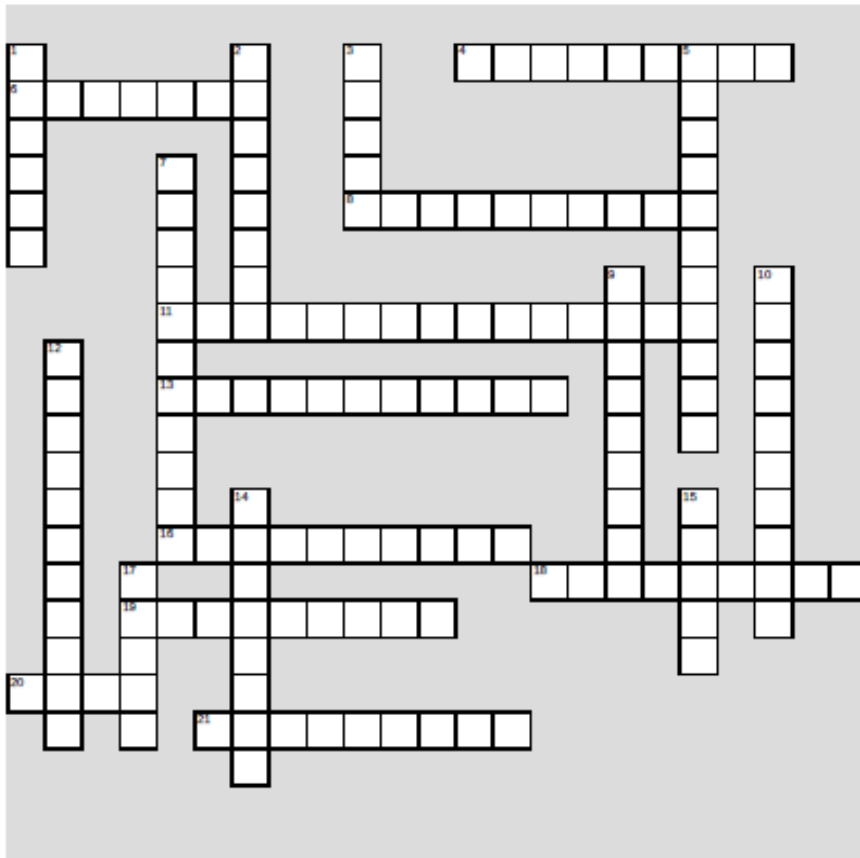
Upcoming agendas for FCTA meetings can be found at <https://www.fallonnevada.gov/city-council-meeting-and-agendas/#convention-tourism>

FCTA's archived meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <https://www.fallonnevada.gov/archived-meeting-agendas/>



Image courtesy of The City of Fallon

## Desert Gardens



### Down

- 1 Ouch!!!!
- 2 The first flower to bloom in spring
- 3 The spiritual meaning of forgiveness
- 5 From a distance these flowers float in the air
- 7 Used as a floral filler in bouquets
- 9 Good luck and lasting happiness
- 10 Resembles a dragon
- 12 Poisonous to humans
- 14 Short-lived perennial
- 15 Signifies purity and innocence
- 17 Blooms late summer and autumn
  
- 6 What is grown in Fallon
- 8 Attracts tons of bumble bees
- 11 Artemisia cana
- 13 Known also as chamisa
- 16 Classic cottage garden staple
- 18 Repels insects
- 19 Nevada state flower
- 20 The flower of true love
- 21 Just a weed to some....

## Egg on our (Collective) Face



If you received a copy of the paper in the mail, you may have noticed a headline in which we referred to an "Elementry" school. Luckily, one of our volunteer proof-readers caught the mistake after each one of us TFP people missed it for a solid day. Not however, before we had printed the entire run of the mail editions. If you bought the paper from one of our supporting stores you can be happy you got the re-edited version.

Other than that, we think we got everything else. Don't tell us if you caught anything. We now have Sylvia.



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