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Gibbs Sentenced in Death of Sean Green

By Teresa Moon

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Torri Anne Gibbs appeared for sentencing on a count of Accessory to Manslaughter, a Category D Felony, and a charge of Destroying or Concealing Evidence, a Gross Misdemeanor.

Gibbs was originally arrested, on February 24, 2022 as a result of a Criminal Complaint from Justice Court charging her with being a Principal to First Degree Felony Murder with the use of a Firearm, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Principal to Discharging Firearm at or into Occupied Structure, and Destroying or Concealing Evidence in the death of Sean Green. According to the criminal complaint, Gibbs did "directly or indirectly counsel, encourage, hire, command, induce or otherwise procure Robert Shannon Collins, Jr. to willful, deliberate, and premeditated kill Sean Green by shooting him multiple times with a handgun," on or about March 25, 2020. The complaint alleges she did, "conceal a gun magazine in a hidden compartment in a vehicle."

Collins was sentenced October 4, 2022. (See the October 7 edition of The Fallon Post or read the story online at TheFallonPost.org.)

ADA Chelsea Sanford, speaking for the state, requested Gibbs be sentenced to the maximum prison sentence allowed. Sanford said, "While she sits in prison, the state hopes the defendant will be forced to understand her criminal conduct - it has consequences. The state hopes the defendant will be forced to understand the human toll of her actions, the impact of this criminal conduct, and the sad, sad ripple effect it will have forever. This is meager compared to the value of Sean's life and the future that was robbed from him and his children." The crime committed by Gibbs will forever shape multiple lives. Sanford told the court that Gibbs decided to go to the victim's home that night, her cell phone showed she was circling the home before the event. "She didn't warn Sean about

what was going to happen, what they were doing." Sanford said the defendant's actions took this away from Sean, his community, his friends, his family, and his children. "Life and time are exceedingly valuable. That is why the state is asking for time in prison. No probation. No rehab. Time, Your Honor."

Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court, "What is abundantly clear is that there is pain and there is suffering, there is mistake." He said nothing the court can do will ease or take away the pain, "it will not undo what has already been done." Sommer said Gibbs has been engaged in counseling several times a week in September and October. She is trying to make changes and would like the opportunity to pay the restitution. "There are no words to describe the sorrow that is felt by everyone in this case." He asked the court to grant the defendant the privilege of probation.

Gibbs apologized to Sean's family for "my lack of action" and said she understands they have suffered and endured an incomprehensible amount of pain because of this. She told the court she apologizes for her actions. "I have made mistakes in my life, but I am dedicated to bettering myself and my life." Gibbs concluded with the hope the court would consider probation.

Sean Green's daughter, Olivia, spoke via Zoom. "Torri Gibbs willfully and successfully aided Robert Collins in the murder of my father and the destruction of critical evidence." She asked Gibbs why she didn't call an ambulance and why she "drove around for hours getting rid of evidence and googling what the death penalty was?" Olivia said if the defendant felt true remorse for her involvement "we could have achieved true justice for my father with your testimony." For her family to truly heal she asked the court to hand down the maximum sentence for "the measly charges brought against the defendant and let karma do the rest."

Sean Green's sister-in-law, Starla Green, who is now the adoptive mother of Green's minor son spoke tearfully,



Torri Gibbs from Vinelink

telling Gibbs, "You have taken so much from us, and it wasn't yours to take." She cannot understand how Gibbs could go from being romantically involved with Sean to being involved in taking his life. "I listened night after night to a young boy, who was heartbroken and devastated himself by the loss of his father, pray by name for the very people that took his father's life." It is her prayer the "court is fair and just and that you are given the maximum consequence for your action."

Stockard sentenced Gibbs to 16-48 months in the Nevada State Prison on the charge of Accessory to Manslaughter, and 152 days in the Churchill County Jail on the charge of Destroying or Concealing Evidence, to be served consecutively, with 152 days credit for time served. Gibbs was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,412.41, and was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.



From the Publisher

Captain's Log – *The Idea Bin*

When I was writing for our dear Anne Pershing at *The Fallon Star Press*, she let me do a weekly column called “Losing it.” It started as an eight-week ditty about weight loss and morphed into a long-running, rambling about where your brain goes during life as a single-mom-grad-student. Mostly it was funny and light, but sometimes came more from the Pits of Despair than anything else.

People would often ask how I came up with ideas for columns. Once I started writing the column crazy ideas would just pop up all week and I would think, “Oh, that’s got to be a column.” I would quickly write down the thought on whatever was lying around and then gather those scraps of paper and throw them in a file folder. (Which I do still have, and no, I am NOT a hoarder.)

On Wednesday morning at 5 a.m. I would get up and look in the file and grab whatever sounded like it would work that week and pound out some thoughts that might make the Berneys snort orange juice out their nose over the Friday morning paper.

Over the years that process has evolved into lists kept in my phone in the Notes app rather than the trusty manilla folder on my desk. There’s a note for titles, one for novels, one for columns, and one for the brilliance that happens right between sleep and awake in the very early morning.

Just now I had to reference the idea list because I don’t know what to write today. I was laughing as I read through the list. These quickly written notes that get left in there when I’m in a hurry sometimes don’t make any sense later on. What in the heck was I thinking when I wrote, “Four Tiki Torches and a High-Speed Fan.”

Who knows, but I’m pretty sure I want to read that. The note attached to it says, “for my autobiography.”

Or this one, “I could have been chopping weeds,” and the notes below say, “an ode to a bad date.”

I also steal ideas from my friends when they say something profound or wildly hilarious. With permission of course. The first line of a book I’m writing is from Bookclub Beth who always starts a story she’s telling us with, “So no kidding, there I was...”

One of my battle-worn friends burst out one day with horror across her face, “I think I’m having a feeling; how do I make it stop.” Quick, open the Notes and capture that one.

One of these days I’ll get to all these great ideas, but until then, I’ll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted
Rach

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Sheriff Speaks at Candidates' Night

By Rachel Dahl

Publisher's note – Both The Fallon Post and Lahontan Valley News are writing recaps from Candidates Night on Tuesday. The LVN is reporting on the school board, while The Fallon Post is reporting on the city council and sheriff. Questions were submitted by members of the public by email and in person at the event.

Sheriff Richard Hickcox is being challenged in his bid for re-election by political newcomer Daniel Sharp. Hickcox spoke during Candidates' Night this week. Sharp did not attend and did not return the questionnaire sent to all candidates.

At Candidates' Night Tuesday, Hickcox told the crowd he has worked at the Sheriff's Office since 1999 serving in the detention center, on patrol, investigations, and as a captain for four years over the operations division. He was elected as sheriff four years ago. His wife Barbara is a schoolteacher here and his two daughters graduated from Churchill County High School.

"I'm very close to this community, it's the community that I love, and I have fought for and will continue to fight for," he said. "When I got elected four years ago, I made some promises to the community and one of those was to seek out grants and we have received over a quarter-million dollars in grants." He said with that money he purchased equipment and provided training. Additionally, in cooperation with the City of Fallon Police Department, work is being done to reinstate the Task Force. "We have worked with Chief Alexander to continue the Task Force and the close relationship that I believe is vitally important to the community that we have between the Sheriff's office, PD, and our other partners in law enforcement."

Partnerships

The first question focused on the role of the Sheriff's Department with other community agencies such as the Division of Child and Family Services and County Social Services, especially during and after COVID.

Hickcox explained the process of reviving the Task Force along with FPD and how effective the force has been in combatting narcotics in the community. He said he has a member of his agency that sits on the Safety and Security Advisory Team for the School District and Oasis Academy as well. A member of his team sits on the Multi-Disciplinary Team

for DCFS, and they have a close working relationship with the District Attorney's office as well as the Fire Department, working to provide safety and security to our community.

School Safety

The next question was regarding whether schoolteachers should be armed and the role of the Sheriff's Office with the school district and the police department for the safety of our schools.

"Our role is to support the city police department. If there is an active shooter at the school, Chief Alexander and I have already discussed this at length, we will be there and we will respond. We will go in and we will stop the threat in conjunction with the police department. We aren't going to play Texas-style stuff, (in reference to the Ugalde shooting) we're going to actually go in and do what we do here in Nevada and that is stop the threat and save our kids." In regard to schoolteachers being armed, if the school district were to have that policy, "I would ask that they make sure the teachers know how to defend themselves if they have a gun. You have to know how to protect that gun. You cannot just leave it in the filing cabinet or in a purse and leave it on the counter. You have to have some kind of plan."

Drugs and Inter-Agency Cooperation

The next question was about drugs in the community and working with other agencies.

Hickcox said the Task Force has won several awards and is considered the most successful in the state and the drug situation is better than it was five years ago. "One of the biggest problems we're facing right now, however, is Fentanyl. We've had a number of overdoses over



the past two weeks just within the county," he said. "We have to face the Fentanyl problem." All the officers are trained in the use of Narcan for themselves and the canine units and they have administered it three times in the past two weeks. Hickcox said he also sits on the advisory committee of the Nevada Threat Assessment Center for rural Nevada law enforcement to provide a voice for rural communities.

Staffing

Staffing shortages that are affecting businesses, schools, and agencies across the country were discussed.

"Yes, the shortage has hit us, we've had a number of people retire, and we are glad for them," he said. As far as recruiting, all departments are pulling from the same pool, but our community is definitely a draw. "I think one of the big tools is that we have awesome support for law enforcement in our community," he said.

All candidate replies to the questionnaire can be found in the Voter Guide which was published on October 14 and is located online at TheFallonPost.org.



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City Council Candidates Have Their Say

By Rachel Dahl

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Candidates for the Fallon City Council Ward 3 seat faced each other on Tuesday answering questions about why they would make a good councilman for the next four years. Paul Harmon and Geoff Knell attended Candidates Night at the Fallon Convention Center, which was sponsored by the Churchill County Republican Central Committee, Lahontan Valley Broadcasting, The Fallon Post, and the Lahontan Valley News.

The same four sponsors also presented Candidates Night in May before the primary election. Editor Rachel Dahl of The Fallon Post and editor emeritus Steve Ranson from the Lahontan Valley News asked each candidate five questions. They also explained their candidacy and what inspired them to run for City Council, which is a four-year term. Candidates also answered questions for both newspapers before the Candidates' Night.

Paul Harmon introduced himself as a native Nevadan, married to Tami, a retired schoolteacher, with two grown children who graduated from Churchill County High School. He has worked at the Nevada Department of Transportation for 26 years, 18 of those in a leadership position. He has been involved in youth sports, and many service organizations. "I want to continue to serve the residents of this town," he said. "I'm willing to listen to the citizens and make decisions based on fact." He wants to focus on roads and streets, youth and adult programs, and make sure existing facilities are safe and friendly where families can enjoy what the city has to offer.

Geoff Knell said he is running for city council because he believes in the First Amendment and the Declaration of Independence. "We are endowed by our creator to pursue life, happiness, and property," he said. Knell is a 20-year Navy retiree and a combat veteran who said he worked in supply and logistics so he can perform the tasks of government and listen to the constituents. "I have a problem with the city because they don't want to listen at all," he said. "It took me 21 years to get a stop sign on my street. We're in trouble. "We don't want the state to rule

us, but the political philosophies and ideologies of the state government are restraining us and our freedoms. It's We the People. I hope you vote for me, and I'll fight for you."

Economic Development

Knell said he encourages entrepreneurship, but taxes are too high. "I will work with the county to work together to bring ease to you," he said. He then discussed Agenda 21 and Agenda 30 saying they are in play, explaining them as the United Nations' global new world order. "The Commissioners are following it and they need to stop, they are out of control, they're giving money away like crazy. We need to bring fiscal responsibility to the city and the county. We are in a fiscal demise." Knell said he knows the county manager and Greg Koenig and they are giving away too much money. "We need more law enforcement. I'm out there on the streets and it's getting crazy. Entrepreneurship is great, it's capitalism. But the problem with capitalism is its greed and corruption. So, we have to work with the entrepreneurs and make sure they have a good frame of mind and honor the law and respect the taxes." He said we need to go to Carson City to the legislature and be lobbyists to bring down the cost of taxes so people can increase their wealth and have employment.

Harmon said we are different from most communities with one city and one county. "We need to cooperate with the county to be able to support economic development to continue to thrive in this city." He said by supporting local businesses and encouraging people to shop locally we will raise sales tax which benefits the city and the county, and he will continue to work with the county to bring more businesses into town. Enterprise Accounts,

Electricity, and Renewable Energy

Harmon said the city already has a focus on renewable energy as part of its portfolio. "The City of Fallon is the first city I've lived in that has its own power



*Paul Harmon, left and the street preacher, Geoff Knell on the right.
Photo by Rachel Dahl*

grid and power company," he said. "The mayor and city do an outstanding job of operating that system to benefit the citizens of Fallon. We need to continue to look at where we're going to purchase power and get into long-term lease agreements to be able to sustain that power for the community."

Knell said that he introduced to the city council systems for renewable energy. "In 2011, you couldn't net meter anymore, they developed a bill to make you pay with your solar power, they manipulated it, it's incredible," he said. "I introduced an idea to develop a power plant and use linear energy within ourselves instead of relying on another company, and I got rejected." He said we need to plan and make it quick because things are happening, globalism. "How are we going to live when the stuff hits the fan."

Relationship with Navy

Knell led the response saying he was transferred here in 1998 and was involved in the PRIDE bus system that provided rides to Reno, and Ely, interacting as the Navy Liaison representing the Navy with permission of the Command Master Chief. He said the Navy is important because it provides jobs and knowing we have the support of the Department of Defense.

Harmon said the Naval Air Station is a huge part of our community and the people the Navy brings help us support

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our businesses. The interaction with the Navy is very good and we need to continue that. "If the DOD were to close the base there would be a tremendous loss to the community, the base is a tremendous economic boost to our community." Value of Western Nevada College Harmon said the college is important and provides access to higher education in the community. "It is a great asset to our town. To have that opportunity in our community is vital and whatever the city can do to support WNC we need to do that."

Knell said he attended WNC and got experience for his degree after he got out of the Navy. "Carson City dominates and finances are the problem. Talking to the staff at Carson City where the college is run, we need to have a discussion about finances and ideas."

Housing

Knell said that housing is interesting, and he's studied it. "We get grants, recently we had another grant come in, it's an annual grant and we found out the money is

coming in from the federal government, money they don't have and want to offer this money for roads and sidewalks which is a good thing but look at the poverty situation we have right now." He said there are a lot of job openings, and we need more people here. "I told the mayor I want to be like Los Angeles and San Francisco where we're spread so thin we can't handle it." Knell also referenced the Chinese Communist Party saying the Chinese are investing in a multi-family complex being built in Fallon.

Harmon said within the city limits there is not a lot of space left to build houses. "We are getting built out. There are a lot of houses going in, but there's not a lot of space in the city to build new houses and there is a need for affordable housing." He said with the costs of housing increasing so much, we need to look at how people who are working can afford to have a house and not live in poverty.

Knell responded saying, "We don't have a housing shortage, it's all about getting people in but we can't support it

because crime will increase."

Closing Remarks

Knell quoted scripture, reading from the book of Proverbs, "When the righteous rule, the people rejoice." He said he wanted to run against Kelly Frost because she did not knock on his door and wouldn't talk to him, but the district was gerrymandered. He said he will hold town hall meetings to hear what the public has to say.

Harmon wants to serve the people of Fallon and represent the city as a distinguished person who is approachable and will listen. "I have no agenda going into the city, it's now my turn to serve the community."

Early voting begins this Saturday, October 22, and runs through November 4. Election Day is November 8, with voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The County Clerk is available to answer questions at 775-423-6028.



KENDRA ATLEWORK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Reading of Award Winning Fiction by California-based Writer

Kendra Atlework was born and raised on the dry edge of California at the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada mountains. She moved away for a decade, mostly spent being homesick and researching the place she left behind—the product of which is her first book *Miracle Country* (2021), winner of the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award and the 2021 Women Writing the West WILLA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction. Her writing has appeared in *Best American Essays*, *The Atlantic*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and elsewhere. She received her MFA in creative writing from the University of Minnesota

and now lives in her hometown of Bishop, California. A bittersweet tribute to home and family in breathtaking prose, Atlework melds the story of her family—broken and bereaved after the death of her mother—with the ravages of climate change and its permanent destruction of the way of life in one particular town. A story of flight and return, bounty and emptiness, and the true meaning of home, *Miracle Country* unveils our complex need for home and our fear and love for the awe-inspiring Earth.

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Mural Design by Kenyen Hicks

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If you're interested please contact Marilyn at 775-423-3677 or at mgoble@ccmuseum.org.



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School Board Candidates Tackle Questions

By Steve Ranson
Nevada News Group

Editor's note – Both The Fallon Post and Lahontan Valley News are writing recaps from Candidates' Night on Tuesday. The LVN is reporting on the school board, while The Fallon Post is reporting on the city council and sheriff.

Candidates for the Churchill County School Board squared off against each other on Tuesday answering questions about why they would make a good trustee for the next four years.

Seven candidates competing for four seats attended Candidates Night at the Fallon Convention Center, which was sponsored by the Churchill County Republican Central Committee, Lahontan Valley Broadcasting, The Fallon Post, and the Lahontan Valley News.

The same four sponsors also presented Candidates Night in May before the primary election. Editor Rachel Dahl of The Fallon Post and editor emeritus Steve Ranson from the Lahontan Valley News asked each candidate four questions. They also explained their candidacy and what inspired them to run for the school board, which is a four-year term.

Incumbents seeking another term on the nonpartisan school board are Matt Hyde and Amber Casey-Getto. Newcomers include Julie Guerrero-Goetsch, Walter Henderson, Joe McFadden, Bill Post, and Ivy Ward. The school board race is nonpartisan.

Candidates also answered questions for both newspapers before the Candidates' Night.

Career and Technical Education

The first question focused on Career and Technical Education. The CTE programs have deteriorated from one of the premier programs in the state to its current status over the last five years. Is CTE important?

Ward is the owner of Ivy Land, a preschool/daycare that also offers gymnastics, martial arts, and dance. She also attended Churchill County schools. She is running for school board because she believes that she can help improve our school district. "I care about our kids, and I want them to have a great experience going to school," she said. "Our teachers need to know that we support them and our parents. CTE programs are wonderful and amazing. We have to have them. Not all of our children will go to college." Before completing high school, Ward said students must be able to enroll in some type of CTE programs

such as woodshop or mechanics. She said the school district must continue offering agricultural education classes and computer programs. "We need to give them a basic trade and that will help keep them ready to go at least until they figure out what they (students) want to do," she added.

McFadden is a managing member of McFadden Electric. He said he's a product of the CTE program and took classes in welding and ag mechanics and attended state competitions as a member of Skills, FFA, 4-H. "Not everyone wants to go to college," he said, "you can build a successful life through this path." McFadden said there are great CTE programs offered locally, at the state level, and national. He added the school district should also look at successful programs and model those programs for Churchill County.

Hyde, who is seeking his third and final term due to term limits, is employed by CC Communications. "I am a product of CTE," he said. "It's not going anywhere." Hyde said more jobs are available for employees in the trades than those who completed a college degree. Hyde also said not many classes are offered in CTE and it has been a struggle for school districts to find educators qualified to teach CTE classes. "It's difficult to find them and more difficult to retain them," he said of CTE teachers. Hyde said he's currently organizing a round table where a group of like-minded individuals can have a dialogue about CTE careers and learn-on-the-job such as students working with local contractors.

Guerrero-Goetsch, Administrative Services manager for Churchill County, said she supports CTE programs. If elected as a trustee, she would like to see added opportunities for Churchill County students. "Not all students are college bound," she said, adding the school district should provide every opportunity for students to be successful. Guerrero-Goetsch said she would still encourage the partnership between the school district and Western Nevada College that would allow the two education institutions to fill jobs with qualified students. She said there are unique opportunities in the geothermal industry, as civilians working at Naval Air Station Fallon and in other trades located in the Lahontan Valley. Guerrero-Goetsch said she would look at expanding those programs and also seek assistance from the Churchill Entrepreneurial Development Authority (CEDA) to provide opportunities so students can be successful in whatever

trade they enter.

Henderson, a retired custodian with the Churchill County School District, said he agrees with the previous candidates, but he said the school board needs to find the money. He said teachers need to be respected and assist students with their education. "They (students) have to decide themselves," he said. "Teachers help students go through life."

Post, a former broadcaster and most recently a state representative (assemblyman) in the Oregon Legislature, said CTE is crucial. "So many trades, so many jobs are available right now," he said.

Post said good paying jobs are available for those workers who have a CTE career background. He said the school district must fund the CTE classes. He said many students won't attend college and instead enter the trades. "The kids have to have the opportunity to get career education as has been stated already," Post said. "Kids aren't necessarily going to college and that might not even be the best thing for them. A career education, that's what's needed and whatever it takes is what I will give."

Getto is seeking her second term on the school board. She and her husband John farm more than 1,200 acres and are co-owners of Desert Oasis Teff & Grain. "I agree that CTEs are super important," she said. "Every small business owner in the agriculture industry recognizes the need." Getto said she also recognizes the need for CTE programs and the importance of developing strategies for the vocational industry. Currently, she said businesses such as construction or even Desert Oasis Teff could develop entrepreneurialships or internships for the students. Getto, though, added it's difficult to find the staff to teach the CTE courses.

Parent Involvement with Curriculum

The second question asked the candidates their thoughts on allowing parents to be involved with the creation of the curriculum.

"Obviously, parental involvement in the school and the home is priority No. 1 for the students," McFadden said. The parents' input on the curriculum is important and they should be able to know what's being taught. They need to be involved to exercise their opinion," he added.

Hyde said as a parent he recognizes the professionals who create and write the curriculum. He said the state of Ne-

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vada requires standards to be taught and met, and that's an issue. "We try to hire the best people we can," Hyde said. In programs such as sex education, he said it's important for parents to be involved and have a say. Hyde said he encourages parental involvement, but parents must understand the required state standards. "I want parents involved."

Guerrero-Goetsch said trustees must listen to their educators and obtain more input from them, the curriculum must meet guidelines and adhere to state standards. The school district needs to involve teachers more when selecting the curriculum and parental involvement is important. "We work with our families, and everyone has unique situations," she concluded.

Henderson said the district needs a curriculum. He said many households don't have both parents. He also said teachers have enough problems with budget cuts. "They need to up the teacher wages," he said. Henderson said the district needs to have more instructional aides to help students with their subjects such as math and science or if they, the students, don't live in a two-parent household.

Post said he doesn't want parents writing or developing curriculum, but he said they should know everything that's being taught in the schools and have a say. "Teachers have a lot on their backs," he said, adding his wife is a special education teacher and spends time developing individual education programs (IEPs). "I would urge those parents here and listening to the radio to get involved if you are not now." Post talked about his mother and the high standards she established when he attended school. "You are not going anywhere until your homework is done," Post said, reflecting on her edict. Post said that type of parental enforcement has been missed during the last several generations.

Getto said parents need to be involved, but not too involved with creating the curriculum.

"My parents wanted to pick out my curriculum, and I was homeschooled for a few years," she said.

Ward said parents are not the enemy, and they should be involved with what's being taught in the schools. She also praised the teachers who develop the curriculum. "Teachers are educated professionals," she said. "They are taught how to teach subjects. They are taught to write curriculum, and therefore, they need to be given the opportunity to do that." Ward said teachers entered the field to reach out and touch children's lives.



School Board candidates field questions from the public Tuesday night. From left: Ivy Ward, Matt Hyde, Julie Guerrero-Goetsch, Joe McFadden, Walter Henderson, Bill Post, and Amber Getto. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

Staffing Issues

The third question dealt with staffing. The school district doesn't have enough substitute or regular teachers and consequently, they teach classes during their prep times. What can the school district do to entice more teachers to Churchill County schools?

"There's a teacher shortage across the country," Hyde said. Professionals who begin their teaching careers are not receiving a great starting pay or living wage. "It becomes bad if you're a starting teacher, you would qualify for a free or reduced lunch if you have a child. That's terrible. That's why we don't have teachers." Hyde said the district must think outside the box because he doesn't think the state government will fix the problem. "I don't have a lot of faith, it's up to us."

Guerrero-Goetsch said teacher pay is an issue, and she would also like to look into the salaries and see where Churchill County falls with other districts its size. "Being paid a living wage is important," she said. She knows many teachers enter the profession because they love to teach, but there are also teachers leaving the district. "It's the culture. They have issues with the way things are being handled. They feel they're micromanaged." Guerrero-Goetsch said teachers have expressed their desire to teach, but they're required to attend meetings that take them away from their jobs. "We need to create a more positive culture," she added, emphasizing teachers should have a more positive environment.

Post said it's the environment. He said it's not the pay but other items such as the healthcare benefit. "Churchill County School District needs to attract

teachers," he said. Post said he's heard from bus drivers, custodians, and teachers, and the stories break his heart. "It's not the teachers. It's across the board," he said. "As you know we're kind of stuck with what the state gives us." Post said the school board must develop priorities to ensure teachers and classified employees are happy.

Getto said she doesn't feel like it's a teacher shortage but rather a worker shortage. She said it continues to be a problem at the state level. "I would like to see Nevada (the legislature) fund education first in the budget," she said.

Ward said as a small business owner, she has faced staffing shortages. "Our teachers are not different," she said. "We cannot put our teachers in a situation where they don't have recourse or support from the administration." Ward said other teachers also said they don't feel the administration supports them, especially with discipline issues. "If your teacher doesn't feel like they have support not only from the parents but from the administration, then why be there?" she said.

McFadden thanked the staff who have done more than what they're paid to do. He also said the district walks a tight-rope in what money they receive from the state. "We need to advocate for our district the best we can and to get things right," he added. "Many of us are not happy with what's happening at the state level where changes need to be made."

School Competitiveness

The fourth question asked how Churchill County can be more competi-

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Community

September Marriage Licenses from County Clerk

September 1

Peter James Budahl age 42 to Chazz Rhey Crouch age 35 both of Fallon
Jeffrey David Covington age 66 to Catherine Marie Carpenter age 28 both of Fallon

Randall Scott Greenwell age 51 to Elizabeth Jean Kolbe age 45 both of Fallon

September 2

Antonio Gomez II age 29 to Brenda Morales age 30 both of Fallon
Andrew James Pettit age 25 to Rachel Lynn Prideaux age 24 both of Fallon

September 6

Robert Delicino age 60 to Teresa Nelson age 46 both of Fallon
Joshua Michael Ford age 39 to Kelly Marie Price age 39 both of Fallon
Manual Fernando Penunuri-Robles age 22 to Wendy Galeno-Espinoza age 21 both of Fallon

September 13

Travis Lee Sylte age 33 to Anna Desiateryk age 26 both of Fallon

September 14

Jonhanthan Ramos Terriquez age 22 to Michelle Farah Manzo Duenas age 20 both of Reno

September 16

Brandon Chris Acquistapace age 33 to Jamie Nicole Johnson age 40 both of Fallon
Garrett Michael Llamas age 27 to Caitlin Rana Biggs age 28 both of Fallon
Francisco Jose Rivera-Ruiz age 39 to Heather Louise Cordell age 42 both of Fallon

September 21

Donald Wayne Harrell, Jr. age 51 to Lisa Marie Romero age 53 both of Fernley

Cody William Reeves age 34 to Alexandria Jordan Skiles age 30 both of Fallon

September 23

Franky Deith Oliva, Jr. age 22 to Brynn Wood Clabaugh age 18 both of Fallon

September 26

Wyatt Earl Over age 36 to Samantha Jo Fairbanks age 29 both of Fallon



Banner Churchill Community Hospital

Parker Olivia Kaylor to Josh and Bridgit Kaylor on September 8 at 6:40 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz and measuring 19.5 inches.

Cassidy Lynn Moore to Angela Moore on September 9 at 5:15 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz and measuring 17.5 inches.

Theodore Edward Bloomfield to Cheyanne Key and Christopher Edward Bloomfield on September 13 at 8:48 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz and measuring 19.75 inches.

Daemon Alexandar Kerves to Patrick and Rhiannon Kerves on September 19 at 10 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz and measuring 20 inches.

Lilynn Lynn Trousdale to Ryan and Angela Trousdale on September 23 at 12:35 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 8.6 oz and measuring 18.5 inches.

Dawson Michael League to Paula and Kevin League on September 26 at 4:42 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz and measuring 19 inches.

Mary Block Danielson

December 22, 1948 – October 11, 2022

Mary Block Danielson, 73, of Fallon, NV, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Mary was born on December 22, 1948, in Britton, South Dakota to Margaret and Melvin Block Sr. She was the oldest of five children, two brothers: Michael and Melvin Jr, and two sisters: Melvina and Michelle. Mary grew up on the family farm, helping to raise her siblings after their mother passed away in 1964.

She married Jerry Danielson at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grenville, South Dakota. They shared 56 wonderful years together. In 1969 they moved from South Dakota to Fallon, NV, where they would remain and raise their son Michael. She was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. She cleaned homes for dear friends and supported the Eagle Ranch hay farm operations for many years.

Mary loved to host family and friends. From huge family gatherings in the single wide for the holidays to always having coffee on for when a neighbor stopped by for a visit. She made the best

macaroni salad and taco salad and didn't mind sharing her recipes. Mary rooted for the Denver Broncos in the good years and even the bad. She had a knack for decorating the most beautiful Christmas trees. She was never without her lipstick or Black Hills Gold rings. It was easy to call her for a quick question and end up talking to her for hours. She had an amazing sense of humor and a genuine laugh. Her care & concern for others and opinion on anything will be missed.

She is survived by her husband Jerry, son Michael (LaKrisha) of Fallon, NV, grandsons, Tyson (Alexis) of Fallon, NV and Jake (Sarah) of Kalispell, MT, sisters Melvina Rau (Jon) of Fallon, NV, Michelle Strother (John) of Winnemucca, NV, brothers Michael Block (Bev) of Grenville, SD and Melvin Block Jr (Kathy) of Gwinner, ND, and numerous nieces and nephews who all adored her.

Mary is preceded in death by her infant son Terrance, and her parents Margaret and Melvin Block Sr.

No services are planned at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in South Dakota.



September Divorces

Divorces and Annulments granted in the 10th Judicial District Court during the month of September 2022.

Ahloy, James Keonaona IV v. Ahloy, Leonala, Divorce on 9/28
Anderson, Sophia Carolina v. Anderson, Samuel Porter, Annulment on 9/6
Ashley, Nicholas Pierre v. O'Donnell, Kandi, Divorce on 9/16
Auch, Andrew Aaron v. Auch, Ashley Jo, Divorce on 9/12
Bagntasarian, Gkevork v. Sarkisian, Ruzanna, Divorce on 9/16
Bonner, Richard Thomas v. Bonner Tonya Faye, Divorce on 9/13
Bridges, Ronald Wade v. Duchkar, John Henry, Divorce on 9/13
Bunyatyan, Ani v. White Robert, Divorce on 9/27
Carrington-Rodriguez, Sabrina v. Rodriguez, Eddie, Divorce on 9/16
Chamblee, Darla Gail v. Hillman, Gary Warren, Annulment on 9/14
Cooper, Ann M. v. Cooper, Matthew B., Divorce on 9/23
Dement, Stephanie Melton v. Dement, Aaron Paul Dover, Annulment on 9/14
Dodge, Jeffrey Allen v. Dodge, Stacey

Lynn, Divorce on 9/16
Dominguez, Jorge v. Gonzalez, Aura Marina, Annulment on 9/22
Elston, Nicholas James v. Alford, Madison Rae, Annulment on 27
Francis, Alyssa Marie v. Francis, Alex Michael, Divorce on 9/29
Froebe, Madison Jane v. Ronsman, Dean Forrest, Divorce on 9/16
Gasperoni, Jonathan James v. Gasperoni, Kylisha M., Divorce on 9/8
Georgieva, Anna v. Georgiev, Kirill, Divorce on 9/14
Gomez, Darren v. Gomez, Marylou, Divorce on 9/27
Hughes, Daniel Allen v. Hanna, Georgette Naguib, Divorce on 9/12
Jackson, Lorina Alma v. Jackson, Todd Allen Jr., Annulment on 9/29
Lampthey, Kals E. v. Wilson-Lampthey, Gloria E., Divorce on 9/27
McClelland, Rhonda v. McClelland, Kevin Joseph, Divorce on 9/16
Mejia, Antonio v. Florian, Marlen Eunice Morales, Divorce on 9/27
Nakabayashi, Charlene v. Zelaya-Tobar, Ismael, Divorce on 9/1
Nunez, Eduardo Gabriel v. Arango, Luz Elena, Annulment on 9/29
Pace, Curtis v. Nolan, April Dawn,

Divorce on 9/8
Pettit, Tracey Alexander v. Miller-Pettit, Kelli Marie, Divorce on 9/19
Pittington, Alyssia v. Pittington, Joshua, Divorce on 9/8
Rice, LaDonna Faye v. Rice, Philip Nathan, Divorce on 9/8
Roller, Bryan Nikolos v. Roller, Brittini Jean, Divorce on 9/19
Rowan, Angela D. v. Rowan, Joseph, Divorce 9/8
Sawejka, Rick Randall v. Sawejka, Patricia Ward, Divorce on 9/7
Shai, Karen v. Shimoni, Israel, Divorce on 9/8
Stoddard, Lara Christianne v. Smith, Matthew Lewis, Divorce on 9/26
Vernon, Maril v. Ward, Sidney Brice, Divorce on 9/6
Walia, Balbir v. Verma, Deiptii, Divorce on 9/27
Wilson, Ashley Michele v. Marchian, Maria Emilia Evelyn, Divorce on 9/28



Community

Assistance Available for Churchill Residents

Services Offered by Churchill Community Partners

By Jo Petteruti

Four local community partner agencies gathered together at the Pennington Life center on October 13 to share the services each one offers to the community. The next meeting for this group will be held on January 12, 2023, at 8 a.m. in the small dining room at the PLC.

Rick Fairbanks of EmployNV, formerly known as Job Connect, said his agency offers employers job posting assistance and help to find the right people as well as providing help for those seeking employment. EmployNV is a state-sponsored service which means its services are free to use for those employers who pay for them. "Our services are paid by the taxes paid by employers. Some small businesses don't pay taxes in, so they are not eligible for our programs. However, we do also help small non-profits," explaining that the agency is funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. They are comprised of four divisions: Employment Services at the Fallon office, the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation, Research and Analysis Bureau, and Economic Development and Data. The agency can provide housing and cost of living statistics for Fallon. They pre-screen job applications to ensure the applicant will meet the job qualifications and can help the applicant find the right training to meet those qual-

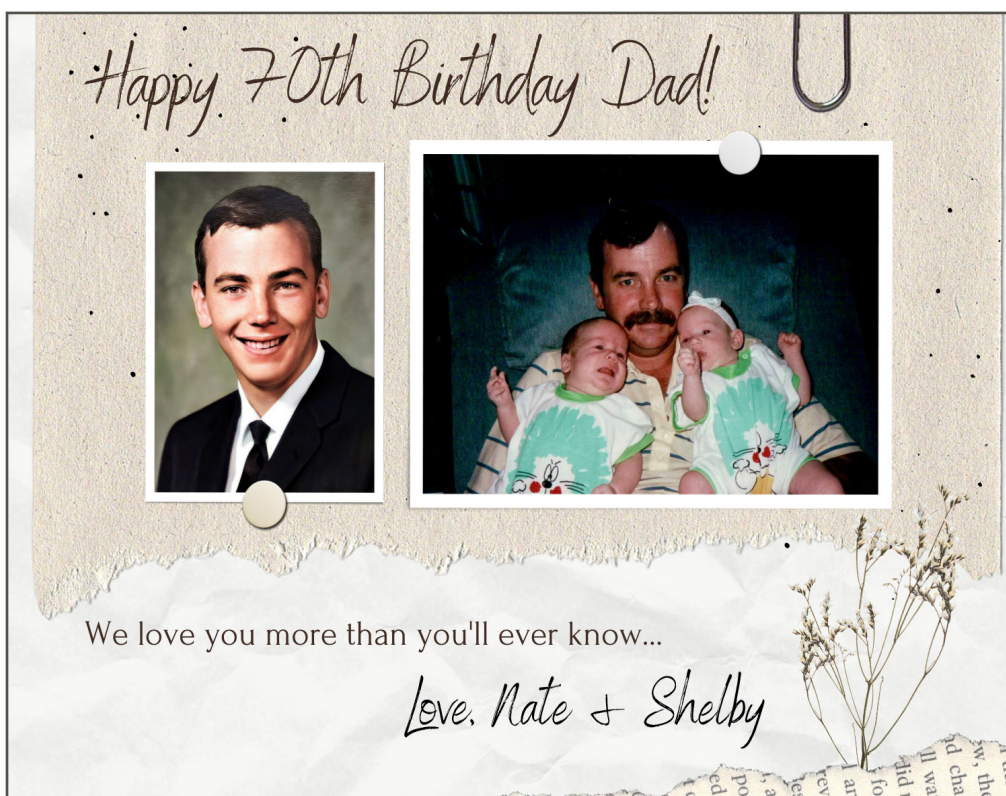
ifications if needed. They also help with resume building, background reviews, and tax credit service to job seekers in addition to employment transitions for those exiting the military into civilian life. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.employnv.gov>

Jackie Gonzalez, Market Manager for the Fernley Manpower office discussed their services. "We're a staffing agency and we work very closely with our partners to find the right person for the right job. We are a locally-owned franchise and the owners are from Fallon. The Hargigan family has owned Manpower since 1979. We have eight offices that include Reno, Sparks, Fernley, Fallon which is a remote office, Carson City, Winnemucca, Elko, and Stead." The agency offers pre-screening, career planning, temporary job placement, and payroll services for a variety of industries and trades. More information about Manpower's services can be found on their website, <https://www.mpreno.com/>

New Frontier's Intake Director Kelsey Hurlburt talked about that agency's new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. "The stigma associated with behavioral health was crippling. We realized that the national delivery model was disjointed and didn't meet consumer needs. A new federal model was developed, and 24 states applied to use it. Nevada was chosen as one of eight

states to participate, even California was not. New Frontier applied to and was accepted by the state as the first new CCBHC in Nevada and it changed the face of what we do. It's about bringing people together to heal." New Frontier has 24-hour crisis hotlines, one for youth and one for adults, and they work closely with the Nevada Crisis Center as needed. Other services include child and daycare assistance, transitional housing in Room For Ruth, a 24-hour food bank, hot meals, clothing, gambling, and substance abuse counseling. More information about their services can be found on their website: <https://www.newfrontiernv.us/>

Churchill County Social Services Director Shannon Ernst provided an overview of the new Central Nevada Health District comprised of Eureka, Churchill, Pershing, and Mineral counties. The effort started about 15 years ago. "At the time, it was expensive and time-consuming, but things changed. There were gaps in Nevada public health and a lack of health districts in the state. By creating this district, we are able to maximize the use of everyone's assets. The mission of the new district is to enhance and protect a healthy community by meeting our unique rural needs. Our values are adaptable to meet those needs through integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect, and excellence." Ernst described the new district as part of the Churchill County Board of Health with its own District Office, Administrator, Fiscal Agent, and Legal Services. Its scope of services includes public health and preparedness, environmental health, public health nursing, population health and disease prevention, administration, and access to care. More information about the new health district can be found on Churchill County's website, <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1071/Central-Nevada-Health-District>



Community Prayer

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is open every Wednesday from noon until 1:00 pm for 'Community Prayer'. This is not a worship service. Folks are encouraged to drop in for a few minutes or remain the entire hour to pray or sit in silence. All are invited to savor this sacred space.

Annual Witches Ride on Saturday

By Rachel Dahl

The Annual Fallon Witches Ride is Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. The event will begin at The Grid and will continue through sunshine or the welcomed rain. All ages are invited to dress up in their favorite witch (or warlock) costume for the bike ride around town. All participants will be included in the raffle for a chance to win prizes donated by participating businesses.

Riders 21 years old and over can participate in a poker ride to 13 participating businesses where they will draw a card for their poker hand. The best five-card hand will win. Entry is \$10. Half the pot goes to the winner of the best poker hand. The other half will be matched by The Grid and donated to CAPS and the City Animal Shelter.

Several local businesses have donated prizes for the raffle, including a new bicycle provided by The Grid. The raffle drawing will be held at The Grid at 3 p.m. Participants must be present to win.



Fallon Annual Witches' Ride Poker "Flight"

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Poker Draw Card

Draw	Poker Card	Dealer
Card 1	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	The Grid
Card 2	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	The Twisted Branch
Card 3	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	Memorie Boutique
Card 4	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	Malkos
Card 5	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	Cranberry Cottage
Card 6	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	His Inspirations
Card 7	♥ ♦ ♣ ♠	No Filter Fitness

Above: the witches at the 2021 Witches Ride outside The Grid. Left is the bicycle that has been donated for the raffle as well as a sample of the poker run card. Photo by Tiffany Picotte.

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Patricia Pruitt (Owner)

TopGun Gymnastics
39 South Maine Street
Fallon, Nevada, 89406
775-830-7788
Mserv
Jenna & Shane Dixon (Owners)

Conway, Tahnisha
C/O 625 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada, 89406
775-423-4141
Salon
Tahnisha Conway (Owner)

Northern Nevada Properties LLC
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Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Rentals
707-761-0905
Dustin Somers (Owner)

Vaqeros Sports Bar Cantina
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Johan Luis Vera (Owner)

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Local Government

Planning Commission Approves One, Tables Another

By Jo Petteruti

The agenda was long for the last Planning Commission meeting on October 12, with 11 applications planned for review and discussion that included a new casino proposal and the possible revocation of the Omaha Track Special Use Permit previously issued on July 13, 2022. The meeting started on time at 7 p.m. and didn't adjourn until almost 11:30 p.m.

A new Bourbon Street Casino and Sports Bar was approved for 2254 Reno Highway on the vacant land between Fallon Physical Therapy and the series of office buildings located to the west. The commission had a few questions for Nitin Bhakta of Summit Engineering of Reno who attended to represent the applicant, Fallon 50 LLC's Special Use Permit application. Bhakta told the commission that the owners had no objections to the guidelines and conditions recommended for their SUP request. Bhakta estimated that it would take them eight months to one year to construct the facility which will contain a new casino, a bar/drinking establishment, and an eating establishment similar to a snack bar. The business is planned to operate 24 hours per day. The application described the building's interior and exterior as being divided into three spaces to create the feel of three separate casinos. It stated, "The Bourbon Street Sports Bar will be the most prominent as a Mardi Gras-themed sports bar. The La Villita section will have a festive Mexican atmosphere, and UI will be a less defined atmosphere with specialty gaming machines. The application proposes 135 gaming positions with most being slots or similar machines, rather than table games. Aside from the building, landscaping, and other required features, the rest of the site is devoted to 102 parking spaces, far more than required."

The review and approval of the new casino took about 13 minutes, and many other agenda items moved even more quickly.

The review of Omaha Track's SUP took up almost 3.5 hours. The review began early in the meeting but was tabled until the end of the meeting due to additional research needed on the official issue date of the recent SUP and other questions. The discussion resumed and continued for over 3 hours only to be tabled again.

Omaha Track's current SUP came under review for possible revocation during an investigation by the County Public Works Department which found that multiple conditions of the SUP



Planned location for the Bourbon Street Casino and Sports Bar at 2254 Reno Hwy.
Photo by Jo Petteruti.

were being violated. Those conditions included having no more than 150,000 railroad ties on Omaha Track's Hazen site at any one time, ensuring that the stacks of rail ties or scrap piles did not exceed a height of 10 feet, and making all improvements recommended by the County Fire Marshall. Omaha Track received its first 3-year SUP to operate a rail yard at the Hazen site in July 2019 but was almost shut down a couple of months later due to similar violations. The company felt that they complied with the current permit and stated that the issuance of the SUP was done after the fire that occurred at the site on September 8. However, the commission pointed out that the fees to issue the SUP were not paid until the day after the fire even though it was approved at the Planning Commission's July meeting. James

Soulia, Omaha's Director of Operations, and Chris Spross, Planning Department Director were sworn in for their testimony at the behest of the Omaha Track's attorney. County officials and others in attendance also testified for or against the permit.

The Fallon Post story about Omaha Track's 2019 permit can be found at: <https://www.thefallonpost.org/news/985,omaha-track-nearly-off-the-rails>.

Stories on The Fallon Post about the Hazen rail yard fire in September can be found at <https://www.thefallonpost.org/news/4972,fire-in-hazen-at-the-omaha-track-facility> and

<https://www.thefallonpost.org/news/4997,hazen-fire-is-under-investigation>

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tive with other area and local schools so students will succeed with their post-high-school education.

(Note: Answers veered off the topic to compare schools to Oasis or to focus on discipline. This was a general question. Nothing was mentioned about home-schooled students, either; consequently, the second half of the question was ignored in how Churchill County students will succeed with their post-high-school education.)

Most of the candidates said it's not fair for Churchill County schools to be compared to others.

"We don't need Oasis Academy," Guerrero-Goetsch said. "We can be competitive if we raise our standards and raise student achievement." Guerrero-Goetsch said charter schools are not a good fit for everyone, and many parents choose the district school for various reasons such as the expanded athletics program. She did admit Oasis doesn't have the discipline problems as the Churchill County schools.

Henderson said the teachers are doing the best they can do. He also said Churchill County schools have more discipline issues. "When I went to school, and if we messed up, we got the paddle," he said. Henderson said he doesn't know how the district can fix the problem, but he said it needs to be fixed.

Post was surprised the question morphed into behavior. "We all agree we want more money from the state," he said. Funding needs to be prioritized and money should be taken away from "some of the crazy programs. There is so much wasted on projects," he said. Post said teachers can't have a hands-on approach to their teaching and discipline is a problem in the classrooms. "Discipline will make us more disciplined in some ways," he added.

Getto said she doesn't want to see competition. "Parents should have the right to send their children to whatever school they want," she said. Churchill County, though, has 3A athletics, a large vocational program, and diversity with faculty and students. "The whole community should work with each other and not in competition against Oasis or Oasis against Churchill County," she said.

Ward said, "It's unfair to compare Churchill County students to Oasis because they have a different way of going about things." Ward, however, said Oasis has a good discipline policy and that should be adopted in the Churchill County schools. She continued his response by saying students must understand the rules, boundaries, and limitations.

McFadden said students must be given any and every resource to help them. He also said the last several years of education during the coronavirus pandemic have been difficult for everyone. "As a community, we have to get together for our students and support them, our staff, and get through this," he said. He sees a cultural shift and morale seems to be improving at the high school. "There are great things happening nationally there," he said.

Hyde questioned the topic and wondered why the two schools are being compared. "Our high school is way better," he said. The district schools are preparing their students for the next step, and at the middle school level, students are recognizing their pathway to learning. Graduation rates concern him. "What I worry about is getting 27% of the kids not graduating. That's what I worry about."



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Law & Order

Notes from Justice Court

By Teresa Moon

New River Justice Court convened Monday, October 17th with Judge Ben Trotter presiding.

Elijah Blue Aughe was not present for Arraignment on a charge of Conspiracy to commit grand larceny. A felony bench warrant, \$2,500 bondable, was issued.

Zacharyyah Assad was arraigned on a charge of reckless driving. Assad pled guilty to doing 129 mph in a 65 mph zone.

He received fines and fees totaling \$640 after time served was applied.

Laura Esmeralda Garcia pled guilty to a charge of speeding - 75 mph in a 60 mph zone; a charge of having no proof of insurance; and a charge of operating an unregistered vehicle. Garcia received fines and fees of \$245 for speeding, \$740 for no proof of insurance, and \$115 for unregistered vehicle; for an aggregate fine of \$1,100.

Ronald E Tidwell pled guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of

alcohol, and a charge of required position and method of turning at an intersection - Tidwell ran over a stop sign. Sentencing was set for December 15, 2022 to allow Tidwell time to obtain an Alcohol and Drug Dependency Evaluation.

Jessica N. Littlejohn pled guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, and a charge of speeding - 83 mph in a 65 mph zone. Sentencing was set for December 15, 2022 to allow Littlejohn time to obtain an Alcohol and Drug Dependency Evaluation.

District Court -- Stockard Law & Motion

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District convened Tuesday, October 18th with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Jason James Teeter, in custody in Tonopah, appeared via Zoom for arraignment on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st or 2nd Offense, a Category E Felony which carries a possible penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000, and the Manufacture, Duplication, Possession, or Use of a Deadly Weapon or Silencer, Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a Permit, a Category C Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Teeter pled not guilty to both charges. The trial date was set for November 30, 2022, with a Motion to Confirm Hearing set for November 15.

Daniel Peter Jeppsen appeared for Arraignment on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance a 1st or 2nd Offense, a Category E Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Jeppsen pled guilty and received a sentence of 16-48 months in the Nevada State Prison, suspended. He was placed on probation for a period not to exceed 18 months with conditions attached. Fines and fees were imposed.

Darren Scott Evans pled guilty to a

charge of Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Crime Under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act a 1st offense, a Category C Felony which carries a possible penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The judge ordered a Pre-sentence Investigative Report and Sentencing was set for January 10, 2023.

Christopher Madison Chandler appeared for sentencing on a charge of Possession of More than 1 Ounce but Less than 50 Pounds of Marijuana, a Category E Felony. He was sentenced to 19-48 months in Nevada State Prison, suspended. Chandler was placed on probation for a period not to exceed 18 months with conditions attached and ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000 at a rate of \$150 a month for 3 months, then at \$300 a month. He was also ordered to complete 200 hours of Community Service at the rate of 10 hours a month.

Charles Christopher Franklin Wells failed to appear for Sentencing. An active Warrant already exists.

Daniel Lee Williams, in custody, pled guilty to a charge of Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Substance for the Purpose of Sales, a Category D Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Williams pled guilty to a charge of Trafficking a Controlled Substance Low Level, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-20 years in Nevada State Prison

and a fine of up to \$100,000. A Pre-sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for January 10, 2023. Williams was released on his own recognizance with conditions applied.

Kevin Andrew Sneed, in custody, admitted to a non-technical Sentence Violation, Absconding. The judge continued the case to October 25 to allow Sneed's probation officer to get confirmation of all contact Sneed has had with Elko Probation Office.

Julie Anne Holmes was present in Court for a Status Hearing. Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the Court that Holmes was removed from the Specialty Court through no fault of her own. ADA Priscilla Baker explained it was reported that Holmes did not qualify because they couldn't find a diagnosis. The terms of her probation were modified to add Holmes is to get a mental health evaluation within the next 30 days and she is to follow the recommendations of the evaluation.

Marcos Aguilar Topete, in custody, admitted to a non-technical Sentence Violation, failure to complete the specialty court (drug court). The judge revoked Topete's probation and ordered him to serve a modified sentence of 22-60 months in Nevada State Prison, with credit given for 130 days' time served. Topete was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

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Candidate Profile -- Amber Getto for School Board

Editor's note: Last week Amber's responses to the questionnaire were inadvertently replaced by the answers of another candidate. We have reprinted the Voter Guide with the correct answers and print them this week with our apologies for the terrible mistake. We also told Walter Henderson we would print his answers this week due to a family medical issue he is dealing with, but he has not sent the answers yet.

My name is Amber Getto, and I am 47 years old. I am a native Nevadan born and raised in Churchill County. I have been married to John Getto for 26 years and we have raised four children here, all of whom have graduated from CCHS. We currently farm over 1,200 acres in this valley and are co-owners of Desert Oasis Teff & Grain.

I am running for re-election because I am determined to continue the work put in place by the board. Over the past two years, the governance team has worked diligently to realign policy and set goals that focus strictly on student achievement. Many of these new strategies are developing and the data collection process has just begun. I look forward to the opportunity to see these plans through. The board is committed to prioritizing student outcomes, which is sometimes difficult to do in an adult-run system.

Churchill County has been designated a Purple Star school district that shows a commitment to students and families connected to the military. How can the school district build upon that designation?

CCSD's Purple Star designation is a superior way to show our commitment to military families. It is something the entire community can be proud of and something the district will continue to honor. As far as building upon that designation, keeping open communication and a strong working relationship with our military liaison will be key.

In addition, the relationship between the district and the military could be strengthened by inviting our active military personnel to volunteer in our schools. There are lots of ways in which their participation could create more connections with students and contribute to learning. There was a time when some of our military men and women would come to school and teach self-defense. I would like to see opportunities like that return to our campuses.

The school district has outsourced food services. Would you be in favor or not in favor if the school board wanted to extend outsourcing for janitorial services and transportation?

Topics such as these are extremely complicated and sensitive. As a trustee,

financial solvency is critical. At the exact same time, community relationships and quality control are a priority. When a superintendent makes proposals, board members must remain open-minded. Outsourcing has been in front of the board since I was elected, and as you can see, we still handle janitorial and transportation within the district. I am committed to continuing to do what is best for students.

In selecting superintendents during the past 32 years, trustees have selected only one candidate from the local school district. Should the district continue with this trend, or should the district develop administrative talent from within the district who would be qualified to lead the school district and build upon the status quo?

As a trustee, I have not gone through the superintendent selection process, but I am 100% in support of the district developing administrative talent from within. Since my time on the board, we have begun an aspiring leaders' program. Superintendent is a terribly demanding job and I hope to see highly qualified local applicants.

Would you favor the continuation of the partnership between the school district and Western Nevada College by expanding more programs for high-school-level classes? Please explain.

I fully support the continuation of the partnership with WNC and CCHS. Although I do not believe every student can benefit from such programs, I want the district to be able to offer as many varied learning opportunities as possible. At a time when hiring enough educators gets more and more difficult, districts have to think outside the box of traditional high schools and strive to meet every student's needs.

School districts across the state have experienced problems in hiring staff and then keeping them in the rural setting. As a trustee, what would you do to help Human Resources attract more educators and keep them in Churchill County?

In fact, school districts across the nation have struggled to retain educators. It is very disheartening, to say the least. One of the keys to retention is creating a work environment in which the employees feel valued and supported. Supporting teachers in their classroom when it comes to discipline is a priority of mine. Also valuing their work by paying them more is also a top priority of mine, which has proven difficult with the budget the state gives us to work with.

What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of our current school system?

Strengths – Teachers and staff who



work so hard to meet the needs of every student.

Weakness – Inadequate funding. State legislators who haven't been in a classroom in decades, social media misunderstandings.

What is the one biggest change, issue, or improvement you would like to see occur or would you advocate for during your term on the school board?

I'd like to see the State of Nevada fund education first from their budget and then fund everything else. I would also like to see more parental involvement at all levels and more early intervention at the middle school level.

What is your opinion about communication between the board and the staff, visiting schools, and how many opportunities would you have to spend observing and talking to staff at school sites?

My opinion is that I hope all staff knows that I am more than willing to chat any time. All of my contact info is public. I love visiting all of the schools and attending events and volunteering at different sites. It's honestly one of the highlights of this position.

How would you proceed if your opinion is different from the rest of the board – would you be willing to stand your ground, build a coalition, or go with the flow?

I am not afraid to stand my ground. My voting record proves that. I'm also in favor of tabling big decisions that require more time and research.

What would your support level be for maintaining or improving the Career and Technical Education programs at the high school and middle school?

As a small business owner in the agricultural industry, I have the highest level of support for CTE programs. I would love to see CTE expanded to the Middle School level.

Education

Bighorn Bulletin -- Update from Oasis Academy

Senior Spotlight: Sophia Jeffs

Senior Sophia Jeffs started at Oasis Academy as a freshman and the school has helped her develop into a critical thinker and furthered her love of science.

"I'd like to thank Mr. Eric Grimes. His class made it easier to focus on the good things. We were also allowed to debate topics a lot and it created many interesting discussions," said Jeffs. "Some of my favorite classes have always been Mr. Grimes. Not just for what was being taught but because of the memories that were made also."



Along with Grimes' classes, another of her favorites has been math. "In terms of academics, math has also always been one of my favorite classes. It's consistent, easy, and incredibly useful in science. It's like a little nerd haven of peace," explained Jeffs.

Jeffs wants to eventually work as a forensic scientist and received significant experience in the laboratory while being part of Dr. Gary Evett's INBRE research group at WNC. "Being able to participate in the INBRE research with Dr. Evett was incredible. I learned quite a bit. The project helped find more evidence to support a potential vaccination for certain cancers."

Her advice for future students is, "there are going to be the days where it doesn't seem worth it. It's going to be hard and it's going to suck, but it will always get better. Just give it time. Let yourself have a break and prioritize and you'll get by fine. There is always someone you can talk to and there are plenty of resources that you can take advantage of to keep your academics and your health in a good place."

Jeffs will graduate with her high school diploma and an Associate of

Science from Western Nevada College in May. The senior's goal is to earn a master's degree and work as a forensic scientist.

Eighth-grade Teams Win Championship in Undefeated Season

The Lady Bighorn eighth grade girls' basketball team finished the season undefeated and as Sagebrush League Champions. The team beat Pershing County in the championship game on Friday, October 14 at the Venturacci Gym.

"It was a lot of fun this year and we had a great team. I appreciated Coach Amanda Gilbertson helping us this year. Winning the championship two years in a row is definitely something I'll always remember. It's been a great two years," said guard Kaylee Craig.



"It is an incredible team and was an incredible season. Coach Amanda Gilbertson and Coach Dusty Casey taught me so much and really brought the team together. It was a lot of fun to have a team like we had and to be able to win with them is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said starting forward Hazel Mackedon. The team has played together for two years now and has been undefeated in both seasons, winning the seventh-grade championship last year. The teammates are Caitlin Oyler, Kadence Wiesmmer, Raegan Johnson, Reese Laca, Hazel Mackedon, Kaylee Craig, Karlie Simper, and Kortnie Simper.

"An undefeated season is a huge accomplishment in and of itself, but to seal it with a championship just makes it even more special. I really have to give all the credit to the girls. They truly are amazing. They were motivated this season and put in all the work and continued to grow throughout the season. But I do believe what set them apart was their chemistry both on and off the court, as well as their determination to play as a team, that made the biggest difference for us," said

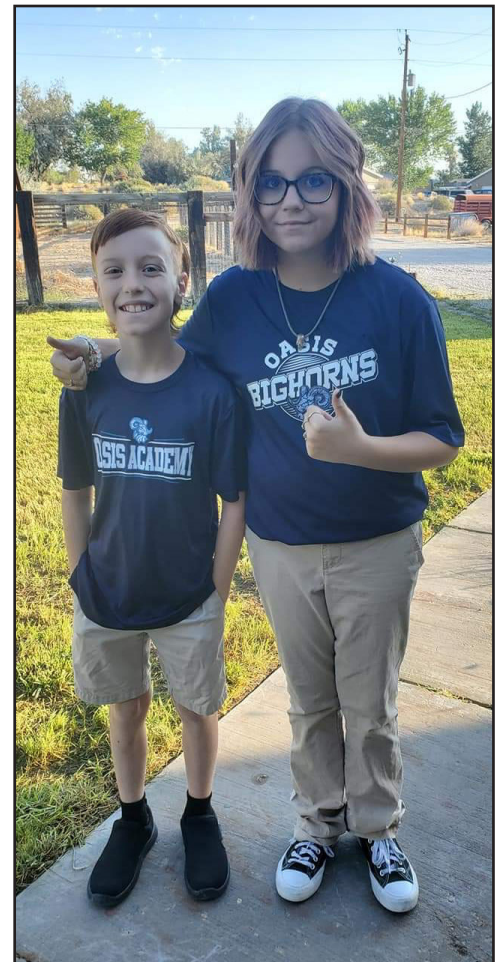
Coach Amanda Gilbertson. "I am just super proud of the girls and the season we had."

To learn more about Bighorn athletics contact Assistant Athletic Director and Coach Amanda Gilbertson at agilbertson@oanv.org.

Scholarship Fund Created for Sweeney family

As many of you may know, two of our students lost their mom, Katie Sweeney, last week. Our hearts are breaking for this family. Oasis Academy has created a scholarship fundraiser for the students.

If you would like to donate, please visit <https://www.oanv.org> or stop by the school and spread the word. Losing a mom is so hard, Oasis Academy wants these students to have support not only now, but throughout their life. Having some money set aside for education will be a huge benefit. Thank you in advance for your generosity. This community pulls through every time, and we know this one is no exception.



Submitted courtesy of Angela Viera.

Student Work from Churchill County School District

CCHS

Students in Anne Smith's Outdoor Adventure class took a field trip to Sand Harbor State Park. They learned paddle boarding/kayaking safety and got to explore Lake Tahoe from the water. "It was a perfect day. Clearly, Tahoe Adventure Company was awesome. Lauren and Josh were our instructors, and they were patient, friendly, and very knowledgeable," said Smith. The outdoor adventure class is not your traditional PE course. Smith uses the curriculum from the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation to teach outdoor education and promote the conservation of nature and wildlife worldwide. Many topics are taught from survival, angler education, archery, camping, camp cooking, backpacking/hiking, orienteering, boating education, wildlife conservation, and fauna. This field trip was the culmination of the kayaking/paddle boarding unit. "We had it planned for earlier in the school year but the smoke from the fires postponed it, so we are thankful we had a perfect fall day," said Smith.

CCMS

Advisory students participate in a kindness activity from the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation every Wednesday. This month the focus was on caring about others. Students created a compassion wall where they shared how they show compassion. "Our students are amazing and show compassion by giving kind compliments, being kind, showing gratitude, and helping others in need," said Vice Principal Deana Porretta. Students enjoyed working on the compassion walls. Eighth-grader Angel Mendez said, "It's a great way to learn more ways to be kind." CCMS was awarded a Kindness Grant from the Choose Kindness Foundation during the 21-22 school year. A supplemental grant was awarded for the 22-23 school year. This grant has allowed CCMS to enhance the PBIS program with lessons on Kindness. These lessons focus on the school-wide expectations of mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciation, and kindness.



Numa

Students in Janine Mello's class took a field trip to Fort Churchill as an extension of what they learned in the classroom about the geography of Nevada in social studies and weathering, erosion, and deposition in science. "This field trip allowed students to connect their learning to the real world, which makes it more meaningful and exposes them to the rich history of our state," said Mello. Students got to make adobe bricks, tour the ruins, and also got to see different Nevada artifacts like gold, silver, and tulle ducks. "The ruins were so cool. I saw the office quarters, the hospital, the barracks, the bakery, and the mess hall," said student Connor Magana. Students experienced firsthand what life at the fort was like. Student Cynorah Mitchell said, "I learned so much and liked making bricks and even got to try hard tack. I also got to learn about the barracks, and about old ways to communicate like pony express and the telegraph. It was fun so people need to make sure to go to Fort Churchill."

E.C. Best

Many ECB Bulldogs graduated from the Leveled Literacy Intervention program last week. LLI is a powerful tool to help struggling readers and is a scientifically based system designed to prevent literacy difficulties. "In our district, we have roughly 250 students who are serviced with LLI, which helps children enter the world of literacy and continue to expand their reading and writing abilities," said teacher Linda Rassmussen. Students take a well-selected sequence of texts home every night and learn fluency through poems, and direct word patterns to help them become successful readers. "It is our goal to encourage students to gain



enough skills to leave the program and rely on classroom instruction only," said Rassmussen. Student Oceanna Lopez moved through four levels in LLI in five weeks and enjoyed the program. "Going

to LLI was fun. I learned to not be afraid to read and I can now read hard words and words I didn't know yet."

Lahontan

Families attended a pirate-themed Family Literacy Night and Book Fair on Wednesday. The purpose of Family Literacy Nights is to build a sense of community and provide a different way to engage children while developing their reading and writing skills in a setting aside from their regular classroom. "At our Family Nights, parents are exposed to a variety of ways they can support their child's literacy development at home," said Literary Specialist Katy Loop. Pirate Family Literacy Night was the second Family Night Lahontan hosted this year. The staff loves opportunities to interact with students and their parents and have opportunities to provide them with additional tools that can be used at home to facilitate learning. "The ultimate goal is to make reading, especially learning to read, fun for all, and sharing a variety of different ways to make reading fun is what we do at these Family Literacy Nights," said Loop.



Northside

Students in Rhonda Maynes' class are learning about pets and even got to make figures of their pets out of Play-Doh. Students then worked on their speech as they presented to the class the animal they made. These activities are not only fun and educational, but they also help these young students build their fine motor skills while covering the Pre-K curriculum. "Learning about animals ties into science, then investigating and comparing their similarities and differences carries over into math concepts," said Teacher on Special Assignment Amanda Lister.

Submitted courtesy of Kaitlin Ritchie.

Education

Local Homeschoolers Visit the Sheriff's Office



Staff Report

A local homeschool group was recently given a tour of the Sheriff's Department. One mom, Brook Allen said, "They totally went above and beyond for the kids. It was really great."

Sheriff Richard Hickox, along with

several deputies, showed students around the offices and let them check out a police car. A "Crime Scene" scenario was set up for the students to investigate. They learned about fingerprinting, paying attention to clues, and collecting evidence. The officers showed the group how lie detectors work and many other

procedures.

"The kids loved it and left really appreciating law enforcement," said Allen. "I especially loved that one of the detectives made sure to tell them to learn English and writing well if they are interested in law enforcement."



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Huntsman's History -- The Other Van Voorhis Boy

Many of you know that Bruce Van Voorhis, a young Fallonite who graduated from Annapolis and became a naval aviator, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in World War II.

But there was another Van Voorhis boy, Wayne, Bruce's younger brother, who also served in World War II and gave his life. Wayne was born in Fallon on December 9, 1909, to Walter and Lillie Simson Van Voorhis. On January 8, 1919, Wayne's father died of pneumonia and in September 1921, his mother married Leo Pinger.

Wayne graduated from CCHS in 1927 and went on to the UNR, graduating with a degree in psychology in 1933. He also completed four years of ROTC and was commissioned an officer in the Army Reserve upon graduation. Following college, he lived with his mother and stepfather in Fallon, working as a bookkeeper for the I.H. Kent Company. In August 1941, he was called to active duty and entered the Army Air Corps. After a brief period of training, he was sent to Luzon in the Philippines and stationed at Nichols Field, an airbase south of Manila.

On December 8, 1941, Japanese aircraft began a bombardment of Manila and U.S. military installations in the surrounding area, including Nichols Field. Two days later Japanese ground troops landed on the northern end of Luzon and set began a powerful and unstoppable thrust southward. On December 14, Leo Pinger died, leaving Wayne's mother a widow for the second time. But that was information Wayne would never receive as, at this point, all U.S. military personnel in Luzon were ordered to withdraw to the Bataan Peninsula, on the opposite side of Manila Bay. Miraculously, Lt. Van Voorhis and others from Nichols Field

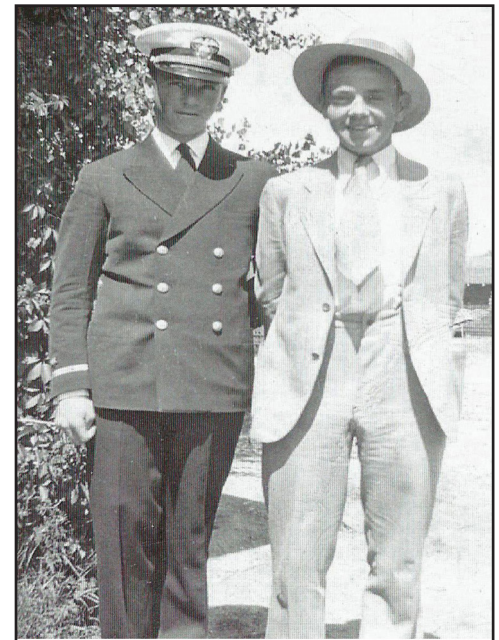
made their way through the ensuing mayhem and chaos to Bataan.

On January 2, 1942, Manila fell to the Japanese. Four days later the Battle of Bataan began an ill-fated and hopeless struggle that ended in defeat for the exhausted and beleaguered defenders on April 9, 1942. It had been hoped that the U.S. Navy could rescue them in time. But the Navy simply didn't have the means at that early stage of the war.

Among the approximately 12,000 Americans and 63,000 Filipinos who became prisoners of war that day was 32-year-old Wayne Van Voorhis. Many unspeakable hardships and atrocities followed. Lying before these weary and broken captives was the infamous and brutal "Bataan Death March" to Camp O'Donnell, a Filipino base that had been taken over by the Japanese and hastily converted into a temporary POW camp.

For most of the captives, and likely Lt. Van Voorhis as well, that historic and horrific march began at Mariveles. From there the exhausted, hungry, and dehydrated prisoners were marched 61 miles north at bayonet point to San Fernando. A significant number did not survive the ordeal. At San Fernando, the men were crammed toe-to-heel into filthy, sweltering boxcars and transported 32 miles to Capas, then marched seven additional miles to Camp O'Donnell.

The facilities there were wholly inadequate for the number of prisoners. Supplies of water and food were always drastically low. Medical care was nonexistent. The death rate rose rapidly, steadily, and uncontrollably. The notorious camp closed on January 20, 1943, and all remaining U.S. military personnel were relocated to other POW camps. The total number that died at Camp O'Donnell is estimated to be 1,600 American soldiers



**BROTHERS BRUCE AND WAYNE
BEFORE THE WAR**

and 26,000 Filipino soldiers. Among that tragic number was Fallon native Lt. Wayne Simson Van Voorhis, who died of malaria on July 10, 1942.

After the war, his remains were exhumed from the forlorn and neglected mass burial site at Camp O'Donnell and relocated to the Manila American Cemetery where he now lies in Plot N, Row 12, Grave 99. Wayne Van Voorhis was a polite, kind, and congenial individual who possessed a jovial, witty personality, as attested to by a descriptive quotation beside his yearbook photo. Surely his was a bitter fate for such a promising, well-liked, and gregarious young gentleman.

Wayne and Bruce's mother, Lillie Van Voorhis Pinger was widowed twice and lost her only two children to war, but she was not one to give in to despair. After the death of her first husband, she found employment as a bookkeeper at the Experimental Farm. In 1920 she became the secretary to the Board of Directors of the Truckee Carson Irrigation District, a position she held until 1934. She was elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1928 and served in the 34th session of the legislature. During her tenure there she served on four committees: Claims, State Institutions, Federal Relations, and Irrigation, a committee she chaired. Born in Kansas in 1878, Lillie Simson Van Voorhis Pinger died on December 28, 1959, in Redwood City, California, while visiting friends over the holidays. She was brought back to Fallon and buried next to Leo on January 7, 1960.

Pat Huntsman is a lifelong Fallonite and history buff. He regularly posts on social media for the Fallon/Churchill Community Reunion

**WAYNE
VAN VOORHIS**

"A rare compound of oddity, frolic and fun, who relished a joke and rejoiced in a pun."

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Local Columnists

Horoscope Hideout - October 21 to 27

Hey Horoscope friends, this week's updates: Saturn turns direct 10/22, and we enter Scorpio season the next day 10/23! New Moon is Tuesday 10/25, along with a partial solar eclipse.

Aries: Now is a great time to make the first move. The focus you've had to improving your surroundings is paying off, and will continue as long as you can keep the distractions to a minimum.

Taurus: Drop the baggage. Free up your hands, and your time for new experiences and new ways of thinking. If you feel like you're the only one you can trust, well at least you've got that.

Gemini: This week and next are best for tying up loose ends and finishing projects before Mars retrograde zaps your follow-through. What needs a second or even a third look?

Cancer: Your compassionate edge means you're extra approachable and empathetic this period. Practice letting others express their feelings without

making them your own.

Leo: Have you been feeling the need to turn a new leaf, or extend an olive branch? If so, seize the moments as they arrive this week. Your efforts will be well received.

Virgo: A rekindling of energy and motivation return as the week progresses. You can count on your attention to detail paying off in your home and work life right now.

Libra: The attention is extra bold this week leading into Scorpio, but you've got goals to accomplish. Lasering in on your next steps will help in business or education.

Scorpio: A little privacy for a long way when recharging your batteries. The partial solar eclipse will bring your attention inward, and may provide a boost in your personal improvements.

Sagittarius: As busy as you may be, it's still important, if not absolutely necessary, to carve out a little time for your own positive outlets: art, exercise, naps,

whatever. Don't skip this week.

Capricorn: What's your long game look like? Chances are you've already got it figured out. Flex your analytical mind, and investigate any "what ifs" that may arise.

Aquarius: While the light diminishes outside, inside is aflame with creativity and desire to appreciate all the beautiful things and possibilities. Colorful exchanges breed hope and potential.

Pisces: Don't seek out the trap door of dissociation or distractions, dear Pisces! Write down those crazy thoughts instead of blurting them out to strangers right now. Thank you for coming to my Tedtalk.



Mandie Koeckes is a lover of misunderstood plants and people. She enjoys keeping her feet in the earth and her head in the stars.



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What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- *Wild West Dishes*

If you all haven't figured it out, I enjoy doing a lot of things that most people think are kind of strange and wonky. For example, I get irrationally excited about strategic planning. Throw some Objectives and Key Results my way and I am happier than a pig in... well, you know.

So, I am happy to report that I am writing today's column from the annual Nevada State Small Business Development Center retreat where we are setting priorities for the next three years. Woo-hoo.

Since the retreat is taking place in Virginia City, I decided that I would use location as inspiration for our recipes this week. Virginia City is an amazing and unique place. There is so much history squeezed into such a small and hilly hamlet. I rode on the historic V&T railroad and saw the specters of countless mines. I drank a beer at the oldest continually operating saloon in Nevada. And I argued vehemently that, despite assertions by the VC Chamber of Commerce, Mark Twain is not a separate entity from Samuel Clemens, so it is disingenuous to claim that he was "born" in Virginia City.

The theme of our gathering is tied directly to the "Wild West." When I think of the west and of western history, I think about dishes that can be prepared from staple ingredients over (or in) a fire. Staple ingredients are important because they can store without refrigeration, ship easily over long distances, and provide reasonable nutrition. Two essential staple ingredients that can be converted with relative simplicity into a delicious and nutritious meal headline this week's recipes.

Cowboy Beans

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound dried pinto beans
1/2 yellow onion, peeled
2 cloves garlic, peeled
Water
3 ounces beef jerky, diced
1/2 cup brewed coffee
2 tablespoons molasses
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 tablespoon chili powder
Salt and black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- In a large pot, cover the beans with 1 inch of water and bring to a boil. Turn the heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes, uncovered. Drain the beans and rinse.
- Preheat the oven to 250°F, return the beans to the pot, and add the onion and garlic. Cover with water by 1 inch and bring to a boil. Remove the pot from the burner, cover the pot, and bake in the oven for 1 hour.
- Remove the pot from the oven and stir in the beef jerky, coffee, molasses, mustard, and chili powder. Return the pot to the oven, turn up the oven temperature to 350°F, and continue to cook, uncovered, until the beans are tender, and the liquid is reduced and thickened, 1 1/2 hours to 2 1/2 hours, depending on the age of the beans. (If the beans are tough and don't soften within this time frame, you may need to add a bit more water to the pot to keep the beans from becoming too dry.) The final consistency should be like a slightly soupy pot of baked beans.
- Once the beans are done, add salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

Cast Iron Cornbread

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/4 cups coarsely ground cornmeal
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 cup whole milk
1 cup buttermilk
2 eggs, lightly beaten
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 425°F and place a 9-inch cast iron skillet inside to heat while you make the batter.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Whisk in the milk, buttermilk, and eggs. Whisk in almost all of the melted butter, reserving about 1 tablespoon for the skillet later on.
- Carefully remove the hot skillet from the oven. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F. Coat the bottom and sides of the hot skillet with the remaining butter. Pour the batter into the skillet and place it in the center of the oven. Bake until the center is firm, and a cake tester or toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 to 15 minutes and serve.



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

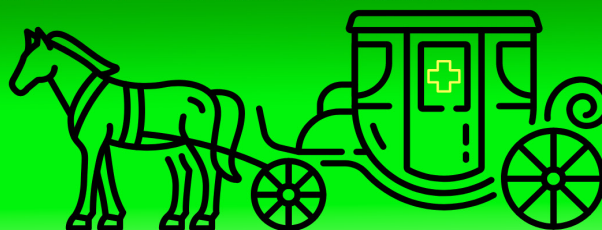
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Entertainment

Carol's Book Report – *The Bequest* by Joanna Margaret



Isabel Henley, fleeing a doomed relationship, moves to Scotland to begin her PhD with a renowned feminist professor only to discover she took a deadly fall prior to Isabel's arrival.

And then her only friend in Scotland Rose turns up dead.

Thus begins a wild ride through archives in Scotland, Florence, and Paris as Isabel searches for the link between the court of Catherine de' Medici and a priceless Brazilian emerald.

This gothic mystery had lots of interesting characters, many twists and turns, and is rich in history. A very good read.

This title is available in print at the Library.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She is enjoying the fall which offers her more time to read.



October is Bat Appreciation Month so we're sharing some of the bats in our collection. All of the bats in the case were collected in Nevada except one Vampire Bat from Jalisco, Mexico. Prepared as study skins, they represent only a few of the kinds of bats which occur in Nevada. The Hoary Bat (bottom right) was tested as positive for rabies when captured near Fallon in September, 1963.

In case you find a dead bat, contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife or the Department of Agriculture for rabies testing.



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Movies & More

At Your Community-Owned and Operated Fallon Theatre

Happy Halloween from all of us at the Fallon Theatre!!

This weekend, October 28th and 29th, we have two great movies for you which will be playing both Friday and Saturday evenings. Our first feature each evening, starting at 6:00 PM is the 1982 classic film, directed by Steven Spielberg - E.T.

After a gentle alien becomes stranded on Earth, the being is discovered and befriended by a young boy named Elliott. Bringing the extraterrestrial into his suburban California house, he introduces E.T., as the alien is dubbed to his brother and sister who decide to keep its existence a secret. Soon E.T. falls ill, resulting in government intervention and a dire situation for both Elliott and the alien. Stars Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore and Peter Coyote.

Our second feature each evening, starting at 6:30 PM is the 1990 comedy/horror film TREMORS. Repairman who are tired of their dull lives in the small desert town of Perfection, NV. But just as the two try to skip town, they happen upon a series of mysterious deaths and a concerned seismologist studying unnatural reading below the ground. With the help of an eccentric couple the group fights for survival against giant monsters hungry for human flesh. Starring Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward and Reba McEntire.

Plus we have two great events coming up for you in November. First, Saturday November 12th stand up comedy returns to our stage with VETERANS DAY WEEKEND COMEDY! Advance tickets -\$20. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:30. For more info please visit: brianleecomedy.ticketleap.com/veterans-day-weekend-comedy-night.

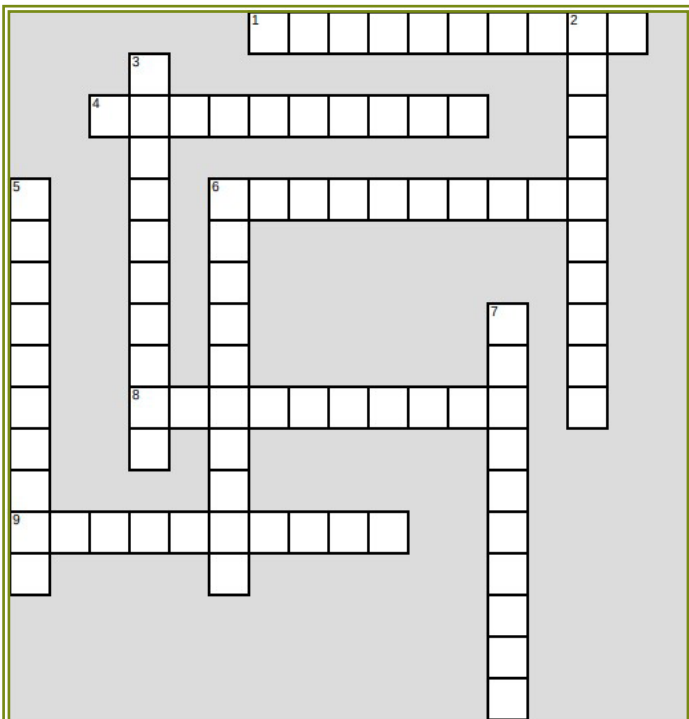
On Monday November 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM we welcome acclaimed husband and wife mediums Michael and Marti Parry who are featured on SciFi Channel's 'Proof Positive' and The Travel Channels 'Ghost Adventures'. Mediumship and Psychic Art Demo. \$35 earlybird, \$45 online, \$55 at door. For more information please visit www.spiritart.com, for tickets please visit <https://spiritart.ticketleap.com>.

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Friday 10/28 6:00 & 6:30pm	TREMORS E.T.	TREMORS E.T.	Saturday 10/29 6:00 & 6:30pm

Most movies are free!!

Crossword - October the Tenth Month



Across

- 1 Designer
- 4 Commemoration
- 6 GM's Cutlass or Firenze
- 8 Death notice writer
- 9 Sea World

Down

- 2 Mother of pearl
- 3 Responsibility
- 5 8-sided polyhedron
- 6 Intermittant
- 7 Hopeful

Bulletin

CCHS Volleyball Annual Pink Out



The Greenwave Pink Out volleyball games were played at the high school Tuesday night against Fernley. All the proceeds from the games are donated to the Banner Churchill Hospital Foundation. Photo courtesy of Toni West-Guillen

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Oct. 24 - Oct. 28

Coalition For Senior Citizens

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**CCSD Bord of Trustees
October 26 at 5:30 p.m.
690 South Maine Street
District Office**

Newlands Project Water Levels

*Measurements taken
October 20, 2022 at 9:44 a.m.*

**Lahontan Reservoir
10,370 af**

**Truckee Canal at Hazen
180 cfs**

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
211 cfs**

**Carson River Below Lahontan
1.62 cfs**

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

October 19

2022 : 9,909 acre feet

2021 : 6,523 acre feet

2020 : 51,059 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet


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