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Community Theater is Back -- *Freaky Friday* Starts Tonight

By Rachel Dahl

Fallon has a long-standing tradition of Community Theater musical productions going back to the early 90s when a troupe of talented, local thespians produced "Oliver" at the Churchill Arts Council Barkley Theater.

After a forced hiatus the past two years in deference to Covid, Community Theater is back in Fallon. The new drama teacher at Churchill County High School, her students, along with several community members have been working since late January to bring the old favorite, *Freaky Friday*, to life for the community audience.

We all remember the movie when an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again. "*Freaky Friday*," a musical based



on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a heartfelt, comedic, and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic. By spending a day in each other's shoes, Katherine and Ellie come to appreciate one another's struggles, learn self-acceptance, and realize the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter.

Shows are on April 29 and 30 and May 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. with a 1 p.m. matinee on May 7. at the CCHS Theater.

Tickets are on sale now online at bit.ly/CCHSFreakyFridayTickets or at the door.

Ashley Adams directs the show, with Jan Bice and David Ernst providing the music. Adams received her BA in Theatre Arts with an emphasis in

Secondary Education. She previously taught and directed for five years at Adams City High School in Colorado and five years at Spanish Springs High School. She has directed nine musicals and ten plays, including "Shrek the Musical," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Footloose."

"When I was interviewing for the position," said Adams, "Mr. Mike Hogan mentioned that there had been a community play every other year and I was excited to carry on the tradition. I decided to hit the ground running in my first year here in Fallon with a community show, so I reached out to people I knew had been a part of it before and tried to spread the word on social media and in the community."

Senior Kamiah Henning, like the entire cast, is very glad to be back on stage. She has been singing since she was five years old, a student of Dana Barton, and has performed in several previous community productions including "The Sound of Music," "Annie," and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

"I'm really excited to be working with these really talented people. They are great role models. Summer and Timothy are amazing to be around and to learn from," she said. "The play is funny,

Top: Sandra Marquez Garcia, Leah Bake, Sofia Basurto, Kass Perrotta, Ambra Illiano, Kennedy Irving, Matthew Melancon, Jackson Moon, James Sorensen and Miles Henning behind James Sorensen.
Left: Kass Perrotta, Kennedy Irving, Kamiah Henning, Kelly Melancon, Ambra Illiano, and Sofia Basurto.

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Captain's Log - *Never say "Never"...*

When I was a little kid and well into high school, there were a lot of chores before school. Milking Rose our cow, feeding horses and sometimes lambs, gathering eggs. It was fairly regular to get on the bus and have to pick alfalfa hay out of my jacket and my hair. I was pretty sure my future adult life would be hay and pet free – I was going to be footloose and fancy free with very little in the way of things depending on me and getting me dirty.

And here we are. Yesterday at my Pilates class when I took off my jacket to get ready for class, I noticed pieces of hay tucked all in the fabric. And then – a look in the mirror showed little pieces of timothy laced through my hair.

Indeed. Never say never.

The bunnies eat timothy hay. Lots of it. And I have to traipse out there first thing in the morning and last thing at night because they're relying on me. How did it come to this. But it's also a good trade-off. They are very soothing. Very adorable. I used to not believe in comfort animals, but now I have several.

We won't go into how many there are now. But there isn't a stereotype about bunnies for nothin'.

The breeding program has been halted, however. I've got enough bunnies to provide plenty of fiber to keep up with my rudimentary spinning skills. Until I get better with the spinning wheel we're holding tight. And I have every color I want except chocolate. So a sweet, brown sweater will have to wait until I find a pretty chocolate rabbit and can spin much better than I do now.

So, while I pluck bunnies and practice this ancient art of making yarn – I'll be right here...

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Rach

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Will Shamberger Band Releasing *Mondegreen*

By Jo Petteruti

Ready to release their second album, the Will Shamberger Band is rocking and rolling with new songs such as “89406” and “Know No Better.” The album release show will be held at the Fallon Theatre on June 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the theater for \$10 each. The band is planning to play all of the new album songs plus the tunes from their last album, “1020 EP.”

The new album will be titled “Mondegreen.” When asked why that name was chosen, Will said, “It’s a \$30 word which just means mishearing a lyric. The name was sparked by multiple events and ideas that we floated around, one of them was from a song where I wrote about mishearing a lyric or getting a song lyric wrong. Then there also multiple times that our recording guy, Dogwater Dick, got things wrong. He was always messing up our lyrics and every time he emailed us about the song, “Write Me Off” he would call it “Right Me Off.” Once that happened, I said that’s it, that will be the album title.”

Lead Guitarist Charlie Gomes agreed with the mishearing, “There are lots of songs that I’ve listened to over time that are some of my favorite songs, and if I didn’t look at the lyrics, I would have thought that’s not what they said. AC/DC lyrics are the perfect example.”

The band has 11 tunes recorded on the new album, many of which are new and others are ground-up restorations making them completely different. “Four of the new songs have been heard already in our recent live shows and in our podcast. Even with songs that people have heard, they haven’t heard them the way they are now,” Will remarked. Drummer Stone Suess concurred, “It’s super fun being able to do this with our songs. It will be a surprise.” The four of them agreed with Charlie when he said, “This album is the best representation of what we do.” Bassist Jesse Morrow added, “And what we aspire to do.”

They continue to work on new songs, always having one in progress. Will writes the lyrics, the chords, and the basic song structure for all of their tunes now but would like the writing to be more collaborative. “I have ideas, but I would like them to bring theirs in too.” Charlie added, “He’s the melody. Those guys (Stone and Jesse) are the heartbeat and the rhythm of it, and I just add all the goofy wanky stuff on top – the sprinkles,” which



they all laughingly agreed with. Will likes to call Charlie “the fastest hands in the west” because of his flying lead guitar style and ability.

The band is investing in recording equipment of their own and will eventually look for a permanent location in town to record and practice. Being able to just walk in and start playing has huge creative benefits, as opposed to having to travel, set up, and break down every time they get together. Charlie said, “A permanent spot would allow us to collaborate and be so much more creative, plus it would make better use of the time we can spend together.”

Each band member is multi-instrumental. Charlie plays guitar and dabbles with keyboards, a synthesizer, and a bass guitar. He has toyed with a dulcimer and a mandolin that now have no strings. He also tried trumpet and saxophone in high school but wasn’t a fan of those. Will started with guitar, then went to trombone, followed by seven years of piano lessons. He also plays the accordion, organ, kalimba, and a steel drum made from a propane tank tuned to “B-flat or B-flat minor.” Stone plays drums, the Cajon drum, acoustic guitar, ukulele, and anything else percussion. Jesse started young with violin, then moved

on to drums, bass, and acoustic guitars. He also dabbles in keyboards and ukulele. He plays a fretless bass because “I wanted a challenge, and they are harder to play. But it’s made me a far better musician. It tuned my ear better than I ever heard before. If I’m a quarter of an inch off on my fretless, I can hear that and move. I can finally, truly tune a guitar for the first time, and I attribute that to playing the fretless.”

The band has several live performances on its horizon from Fallon and Reno, to Truckee and Lincoln, California. They have music videos due out along with promotional items and the new album.

More information about the band can be found on their website, <https://www.thewillshambergerband.com/>. They can be contacted via email at willsambergerband@gmail.com. Their music and podcasts can be found everywhere, including on Spotify and YouTube.

Above: Will, Stone, Charlie, and Jesse.
Photo by Jo Petteruti

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Churchill County Junior Livestock Show Results

Thursday, April 21 results

SWINE Breeding

Swine Gilt – Grand Champion - Kylee Simper
Reserve Champion - Blake Bernstein
Swine Boar –
Grand Champion
– Travis Bradley

SHEEP Breeding

Lamb Ram –
Grand Champion
– Allie Fait
Reserve Champi-
on – Colton Fait
Ewe Lamb –
Grand Champion
– Allie Fait
Reserve Cham-
pion – Haley
Hancock
Senior Ewe Sheep
– Grand Champi-
on - Kenadee McKnight
Reserve Champion – Caden McKnight

BEEF Breeding

Bull Calf – Grand Champion – Lonnie Adams
Junior Heifer – Grand Champion – Lonnie Adams
Reserve Champion – Lonnie Adams
Senior Cow – Grand Champion – Haley Hancock

GOAT Breeding

Buck – Chloe Kent
Young Doe – Grand Champion – Kadence Wiessmer
Reserve Champion – Kenslee Wiessmer
Senior Doe – Grand Champion – Karlie Simper
Reserve Champion – Zachary Haase

Dairy Cow

Dairy Cow – Grand
Champion – Dakota
Vest
Dairy Cow Senior
Showmanship – Da-
kota Vest

Dairy Goat

Dairy Goat Buck –
Grand Champion –
Zachary Haase
Reserve Champion –
Alyssa Gardner
Junior Dairy Goat
– Grand Champion –
Bailey Peixoto
Dairy Goat Senior
Showmanship –
1st place – Zachary
Haase
2nd place – Garrett
Gardner
Dairy Goat Interme-
diate Showmanship –
1st place – Alyssa Gardner
Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship – Bailey



Peixoto

Market Result Friday, April 22, 2022

Market Hogs

Super Light Weight
Market Hogs –
1st place – Stephanie
Tidwell
2nd place – Rhett
Hammond
3rd place – Travis
Bradley
4th place – Sadoni
Downs
Light Weigh Market
Hogs -
1st place – Maddie
Keller
2nd place – Grace
Laca
3rd place – Raygen
Bartel
4th place – Avery Laca
5th place – Zachary Haase
Medium Weigh Market
Hogs -
1st place – Garrett Bartel
2nd place – Jameson
Barbee
3rd place – Rusten
McKnight
4th place – Cody Frey
5th place – Eddie Mor-
row

Heavy Weight Market Hogs -

1st place – Kylee Simper
2nd place – Haley Hancock
3rd place – Kalaya Downs
4th place – Claire Barbee
5th place – Rylee Ham-
mond

Super Heavy Weight Market Hogs -

1st place – Isabella So-
rensen
2nd place – Jackson Barbee
3rd place – Calvin Snyder
4th place – Thayne Hatch

Grand Champion – Kylee
Simper
Reserve Champion – Haley
Hancock

Best Home-Grown Hog -

1st place – Isabella So-
rensen
2nd place – Jameson
Barbee
3rd place – Claire Barbee
4th place – Jackson Barbee
5th place – Jacob Sorensen

Market STEERS

Light Weight Steers –

1st place – Ruby Hiskett
Middle Weight Steers –
1st place – Stacie Bogdanowicz
2nd place – Caitlyn Dock
3rd place – Clayton Hiibel
Heavy Weigh Steers –
1st place – Rio Segura
2nd place – Addison Allegre
Super Heavy Weight Steers –
Lonnie Adams
Grand Champion – Lonnie Adams
Reserve Champion – Rio Segura

Best Home-Grown Steer –

1st place – Lonnie Adams
2nd place – Addison Allegre
3rd place – Clayton Hiibel

Market Lambs -

Light Weight Market Lambs –
1st place – Ava Bunyard
2nd place – Kenadee McKnight
3rd place – Abby Bird
4th place – Daniel Anderson
5th place – Addison Diaz

Middle Weight Market Lambs –

1st place – Haley Han-
cock
2nd place – Reese Laca
3rd place – Caden McK-
night
4th place – Angel Ar-
teaga
Heavy Weight Market
Lambs –
1st place – Allie Fait
2nd place – Gianna
Salisbury
3rd place – Alain Bar-
erra



4th place – Trace McKnight

5th Gabe Houyoux

Super Heavy Weight Market Lambs –

1st place – Kortnie Simper
2nd place – Dana Buckmaster
3rd place – Colton Fait
4th place – Bailey Beebe
Grand Champion Lamb – Kortnie Simper
Reserve Champion – Allie Fait
Best Home Grown –
1st place – Colton Fait
2nd place – Daniel Anderson
3rd place – Addison Diaz

Market Goats

Light Weight Market Goats –
1st place – Abby Bird
2nd place – Victory Heafner
3rd place – Zachary Haase
4th place – Kesley Sandberg
Middle Weight Market Goats-
1st place – Karlie Simper
2nd place – Kadence Wiessmer
3rd place – Riggin Stonebarger
4th place – Chloe Kent
5th place – Carley Dock
Heavy Weight Market Goats –
1st place – Madison Gregory
2nd place – Zoey McCartney

Livestock Show Puts the New 3C Arena to Work

Grand Champion Market Goat – Karlie Simper
Reserve Champion Market Goat – Kadence Wiessmer
Best Home-Grown Market Lamb –
1st place – Kadence Wiessmer
2nd place – Chloe Kent

Swine Showmanship
Senior Swine Showmanship –
1st place – Kylee Simper
2nd place – Haley Hancock
3rd place – Maddie Keller
4th place – Raygen Bartel
5th place – Kade Snyder
Intermediate Swine Showmanship
1st place – Claire Barbee
2nd place – Hannah Montalvo
3rd place – Jackson Barbee
4th place – Allee MacKay
5th place – Kalaya Downs
Junior Swine Showmanship
1st place – Owen Olsen
2nd place – Kalven Snyder
3rd place – Jameson Barbee
4th place – Garrett Bartel
5th place – Cody Frey

Beef Showmanship
Senior Beef Showmanship –
1st place – Caitlyn Dock
2nd place – Stacie Bogdanowicz
3rd place – Ruby Hiskett
4th place – Dakota Vest
5th place – Dawson McKnight
Intermediate

Beef Showmanship –
1st place – Rio Segura
Junior Beef Showmanship –
1st place – Addison Allegrè
2nd place – Clayton Hiiibel
3rd place – Anna Lewis

Sheep Showmanship –
Senior Showmanship –
1st place – Haley Hancock
2nd place – Dana Buckmaster
3rd place – Addison Diaz
4th place – Allie Fait
5th place – Angel Arteaga
Intermediate Showmanship –
1st place – Kortnie Simper
2nd place – Abby Bird
3rd place – Ava Bunyard
4th place – Gabe Houyoux
5th place – Bailey Beebe
Junior Showmanship –
1st place – Gianna Salisbury
2nd place – Colton Fait
3rd place – Trace McKnight

4th place – Autumn Thomas

Goat Showmanship
Senior Showmanship –
1st place – Madison Gregory
2nd place – Rachial Wempner
3rd place – Zoey McCartney
4th place – Josh Gusewelle
5th place – Zachary Haase
Intermediate Showmanship –
1st place – Karlie Simper
2nd place – Rigin Stonebarger
3rd place – Abby Bird
4th place – Kadence Wiessmer
5th place – Victory Heafner

3rd place – Jaylee Vest
Junior Turkey –
1st place – Payton Sowersby



Cavy & Rabbit Show –
Grand Champion Cavy – Ellie Carrasco
Reserve Champion Cavy – Emma Carrasco
Cavy Showmanship –
Junior Showmanship –
1st place – Emma Rabbit
Quality –
Grand



Junior Showmanship –
1st place – Kenslee Wiessmer
2nd place – Chloe Kent
3rd place – Drew Palanivelu

Poultry
Grand Champion Breeding Poultry – Kaylee Montalvo
Reserve Champion Breeding Poultry – Trace McKnight
Grand Champion Meat Pen – MacKenzie Schowmeier
Reserve Champion Meat Pen – Kody Wilson

Grand Champion Turkey – Taylor Sowersby
Reserve Champion Turkey – Payton Sowersby
Senior Poultry Showmanship –
1st place – Rachial Wempner
2nd place – Lucia Caride
Intermediate Poultry Showmanship –

1st place – Kalaya Downs
2nd place – Mackenzie Mills
3rd place – Ava Bunyard
4th place – Cameron Wilson
Junior Poultry Showmanship –
1st place – Chloe Kent
2nd place – Trace McKnight
3rd place – Kody Wilson
4th place – Lucas Holcomb
5th place – Mackenzie Schoenmeier
Senior Turkey Showmanship –
1st place – Talon Johnson
Intermediate Turkey Showmanship –
1st place – Taylor Sowersby
2nd place – Nala Jones

Champion – Macady Bogdanowicz
Reserve Champion – Macady Bogdanowicz
1st place Mini Lop – Macady Bogdanowicz
1st place Holland Lop – Meirra Cavanaugh
1st place Mini Rex – Macady Bogdanowicz
2nd place – Karlie Simper
3rd place – Kylee Simper
4th place – Kortnie Simper
1st place Mini Satin – Chloe Kent
1st place Californian – Macady Bogdanowicz
2nd Macady Bogdanowicz
3rd Chloe Kent
Grand Champion - Mini Lop – Macady Bogdanowicz
Reserve Champion – Mini Rex - Macady Bogdanowicz
Rabbit Showmanship –
Junior Showmanship –
1st place – Chloe Kent
Intermediate Showmanship –
1st place Karlie Simper
2nd place – Kortnie Simper
3rd place – Meirra Cavanaugh
Senior Showmanship –
1st place – Kylee Simper



Obituaries

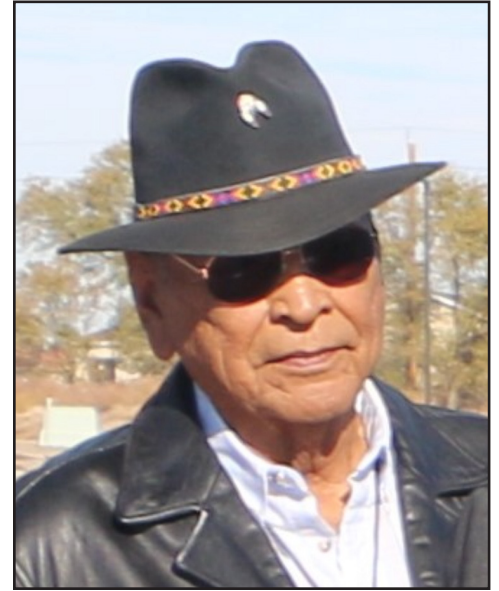
Herman Glenn Dixon

Herman Glenn Dixon passed away at his home on April 18, 2022, after a lengthy illness. He was born on November 28, 1933 in Schurz, Nevada. He was a member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe and proudly served as a Council Member of the FPST Tribal Council as well as a member of various boards, including the Fallon Tribal Development Corporation. Herman graduated from Churchill County High School. Soon after graduation he joined the US Army and later made his career working at the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot and later at the Fallon Naval Air Station in Ordinance. Herman was an avid sportsman; he was always up for fishing and hunting. He loved working with his hands especially with woodworking projects. He loved the great outdoors. He enjoyed coaching and playing softball in his younger years. He was a generous and gentle man, sharing his wisdom and sense of humor with all.

Herman was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Ann Dixon, his mother Agnes Weeks, his father Gardner Allen, as well as siblings Dorlen Dixon, Laverne Champagne, Sandra Allen, and Harriet Allen.

He is survived by his son & daughter in law Jeff & June Cox, granddaughters Kimberly Cox and Morgan Dixon, great grandson Barrett Claussen, stepchildren Jacqueline Privett, Tracy Sullivan, James Busby and Patrick Busby, siblings Merlin Dixon, Linda Oxborrow, Jenevie Lucero, Nellena Allen, Jack Allen, Nora DeWitt, and Norman Allen, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on May 14, 2022, at 11:00 am at The Gardens Funeral Home, with internment to follow. Luncheon will immediately follow at the FPST Tribal Gym located at 8955 Mission Road, Fallon, NV.



WE ARE SAD TO ANNOUNCE
THE PASSING OF

*Ruth Virginia
Cowling*

September 29, 1943 - April 18, 2022

Everyone called her "Bonnie".

Bonnie passed away in her home after an extended illness, with her husband, Steven by her side. She was 78 years old.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her eldest son, Reynaldo (Ray) Cardenas Jr. She is survived by her husband, Steven, her children, Wendy (Gene) Draper, Stephanie (Bruno) Hucal, Shawn (Shana) Cardenas, 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, her beloved sister Skip (Lou) Carrica, and many nieces and nephews, as well as many dear friends.

Some of Bonnie's favorite things to do were visiting her sister in Fallon, going to animated and superhero movies, and hunting for treasures at the local thrift shops. She also enjoyed reading, painting miniature houses, and planting flowers every spring. Pansies were one of her favorites. "I love their little faces," she would say with a smile.

No memorial is planned but it would be nice to plant a pretty flower in her honor. Her kind spirit will be deeply missed.

Announcement Celebration of Life for Josefina Manahan

Professionalism in services for our beloved mother, Josefina Manahan will be held to celebrate her earthly birthday a day late, on the 5th of May, 2022.

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 11 a.m. will be the inurnment at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veterans Way in Fernley, Nevada.

A Celebration of Life in the genuine family gathering will be potluck style 1 p.m. at the New Beginnings Community Church, 1191 East Stillwater Avenue in Fallon, Nevada.

Chamber Luncheon Highlights The Library

By Jo Petteruti

Speaking about the Fallon Chamber of Commerce's choice to have its April 21 lunch meeting at the Churchill County Library, Director Carol Lloyd said, "Why the heck not," and then asked the attendees, "How many of you have never been in the library building?" Quite a few people raised their hands in response to which she replied, "Really? What you want to do to start is apply for a library card."

Lloyd then asked how many people in the room had library cards, and that also got quite a few hands raised. "It's a really good way to start. I spoke to someone earlier who listens to audiobooks while driving via Audible. I told them about the downloadable services we provide, Overdrive and Hoopla, and that they are free to use just by having a library card. They offer eBooks, audiobooks, any video, streaming services, it's all for free. Why would you pay for a service that we provide for free?"

The library offers many services for children of all ages including Storytime on Wednesdays and Thursdays and a STEAM program (science, technology, engineering art, and math) on Friday afternoons. Lloyd said, "We started this program in response to the school getting out at 1 p.m. We had activity around the library that wasn't always 100% positive. So, we tried to figure out a way to spin that around to give those kids something to do when they get out of school. That has now evolved to also include virtual reality and 3D printing."

A Storytime session had wrapped up just before the luncheon. Jeslyn MacDiarmid, the Children's Librarian, reads a different story



to the young ones twice a week. Joe Salsman, Information Technology Librarian, handles everything tech – teaching computer classes, VR experiences, and 3D printing, as well as managing the library's computer systems. He also provides technology help at the Pennington Life Center on Fridays, helping the seniors with anything from their phones to their computers.

The library has a presence on every possible social media platform, making information about its programs readily available from anywhere. During COVID, they started filming Storytime with Jes and posting each one on YouTube drawing a large audience and a following. "We have both kids and parents that watch the episodes. Nobody knows the parents watch them, but they do tell us sometimes."

Lloyd told the group about some of the upcoming fundraising events planned at the library. The Summer Reading Program will kick off on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. with a carnival to be held in the vacant lot on the north side of the library building, with

several games planned plus a dunk tank, a putting green, food, snacks, and beverages. The annual Books, Bites and Beverages event, a community favorite, will take place on Friday, August 5 featuring six books, a variety of wines and other beverages, a wine pull, and finger foods. Smiling, Lloyd said, "If any of you haven't participated in that yet, well, this is fun. But that is really fun."

"I encourage you to get a library card, and we don't collect fines anymore. If it's been lost under your bed, just dust it off and bring it in. If you don't return a book, we will send you a bill for it. But the last thing we want is for you to not use the library because of an overdue fine."

Lloyd said they are grateful for the people that participate in their events, as it wouldn't be possible without them. "And it was nice to have lunch in the library again. I look forward to doing it again."

Chamber luncheon attendees fill the library. Standing to the left are Library Director Carol Lloyd (red shirt) and Chamber Director Lucy Carnahan. Photo by Jo Petteruti

Local Blood Drive Results

Blood Drive April 12, 2022: In total, the Banner Churchill Community Hospital blood drive drew 97 donors register at the blood drive held on April 12.

From them there were 90 successful donations. Those donors gave 102 units of blood which will be used to save up to 258 lives.

The Just Serve organization held a blood drive on April 13, where 32 donors gave blood.



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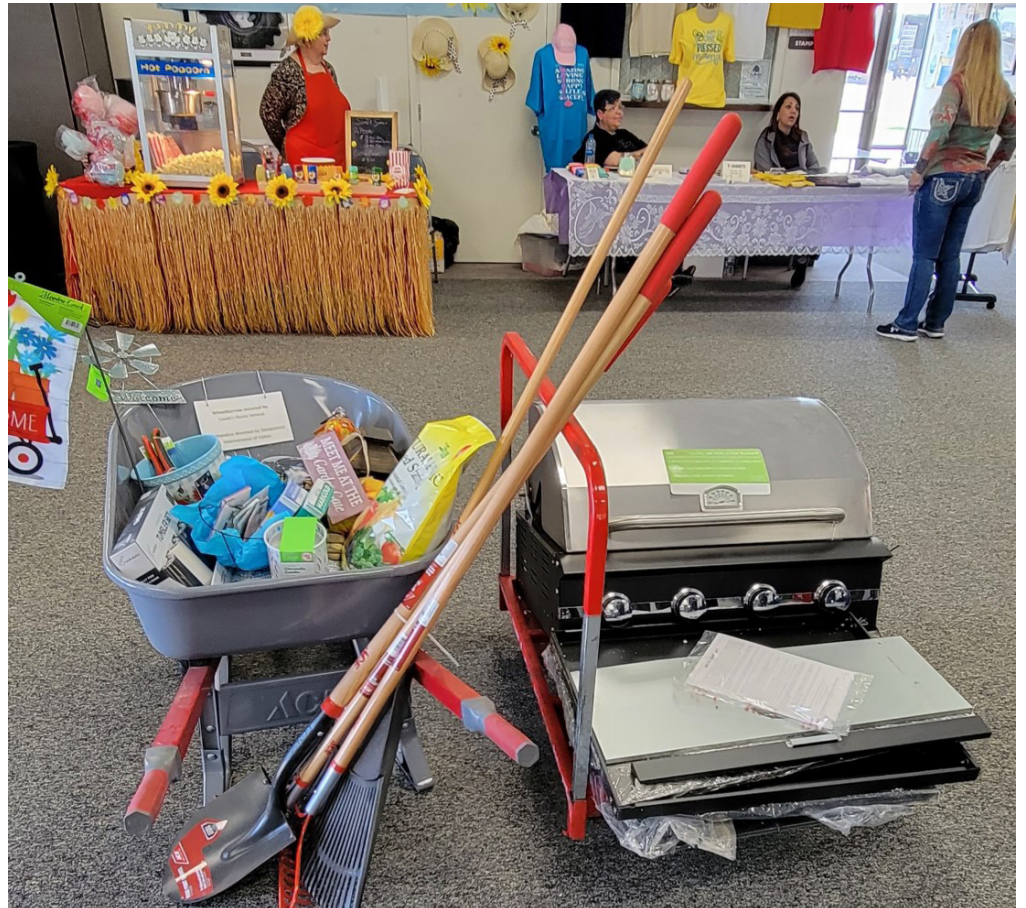
By Jo Petteruti

It was a very busy weekend at this year's Home and Garden Show at the Fallon Convention Center sponsored by Soroptimist International of Fallon. Hundreds of people visited the show, shopping and finding some amazing items. Plants and garden supplies, fresh vegetables and condiments, hand-crafted quilts, jewelry, wooden specialties, screen doors, real estate, and banking services, food, beverages, and snacks made for a shopper's delight.

Raffle prizes donated to the event were awarded all weekend, including one adult and one child's redwood outdoor table and chairs sets, and an outdoor gas grill donated by one of the Soroptimist sisters. Louie's Home Center generously donated a wheelbarrow that the Fallon Soroptimists filled with all types of gardening goodies, and this year Louie's also donated four long-handled garden tools to accompany the wheelbarrow.

SI of Fallon President Stephanie Alexander said of the event, "Thank you to our lovely Marcia Vinson who put this event together. We had a great show. Thank you to all of our lovely ladies who came out to volunteer, we had a great time. The monies we raised this weekend from donations at the door, from the raffle prizes donated by our vendors, the Fallonopoly game sales, and outdoor table set raffles totaled \$1,855.00. On Saturday we raised \$1,207.00 and Sunday \$648.00."

All monies raised go toward the scholarship programs that SI of Fallon awards each year.



The wheelbarrow and grill Grand Prizes were raffled off on Sunday. Photo by Jo Petteruti

May
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Fallon Rotary Gives Service at Local Parks with Boy Scouts



Local Rotarians at work painting the gazebo at Laura Mills Park and planting trees and bushes at Oat's Park. A lot of helping hands... thanks to the added volunteers of the Cub Scouts.

Local Government

Commissioners Hold Hearing on R-3 Density Ordinance

By Rachel Dahl

Last week at their regular commission meeting, county commissioners held a public hearing and unanimously approved Ordinance 27, 32, and 39 that adds a new zoning district designation to the County Code, called Intensive Multi-Family Residential District, or R-3. The ordinance set the uses, standards, and requirements for multi-family development in all zoning districts.

During the April 7 meeting when the public hearing was set, county Public Works Director Chris Spross and Senior Planner Dean Patterson made a presentation to the commission on the R-3 Zoning concept, which was approved by the Churchill County Planning Commission in March.

www.thefallonpost.org/news/4447/planning-commission-approves-new-zoning-district

The new residential zoning district would allow for multi-family development in the form of large apartment complexes and incorporates the potential new zone into the Planned Unit Development standards. It also creates a new section in the county code that provides development standards for all multi-family development whether that development is in an R-2 zone, R-3 zone, or a PUD.

Spross explained that the county staff would not be going through the community designating R-2 or R-3 zoning, but a property owner must bring a proposal and go through the entire planning process to have the project designated.

Several community members were in attendance to give public comment during the hearing, a majority of whom live in the Birch/Pine/Dallas Drive areas. Long-time Fallon resident Jackie Ugalde said the new apartments in Reno on the north of I-80, going into town “look terrible. They look like ant hills and I can’t see anyone living in them, its too compacted. This is not Reno,” she said. “We have a lot of area, don’t jam it up. You have to give breathing room, Yes, we need houses.” She said she looked and saw that there are currently 59 properties for sale in Churchill County, three of those are for ground only. “People aren’t buying, the prices are so high, who is going to buy these apartments,” she said. “This isn’t going to solve any problems we have here.”

Lori Souba said, “We have lost trust and faith in the leadership of the county because of what’s happening in our neighborhood. We want our neighborhood to stay rural. We want our lifestyle to stay rural. We don’t want 600 units.” Souba lives in the Allen/Silver Circle area.

Steven Blais talked about the set-back issue and said there is not a lot of faith in the commissioners. “You’re beholden to the entire community, not just us in this neighborhood. He and wife Reana who also spoke live in the Allen Road/Christie Circle area as well, saying, “Please consider the rapid growth you are proposing and the irreparable harm it may cause...who is going to want

to live in an area next to a noisy park, who is going to want to live with increased crime rate because of lower income housing next to nice county homes, who is going to want to live with traffic,” she said. “You say you love this town, show us you care about rural Nevada and we’ll show you our gratitude when it comes time to vote.”

After hearing extensive public comment, County Manager Jim Barbee went through a list of concerns expressed to specifically address.

He reiterated that the action on the agenda was a code change, not a zone change on any property in the county. Any changes in zoning would have to go through the planning process and go before the planning commission before it was heard again by the county commissioners. The action is not tied to any property or proposed project.

Currently in an existing R-2 zoning, a developer would be able to bring forward a proposal of unlimited density with smaller setbacks. This code change would restrict the density by creating the R-3 zone and putting restrictions and requirements on any projects.

According to Barbee the unemployment rate in Churchill County is currently at 2.4 percent, and in reference to the EKAY Economics Consultants housing study that was completed in 2019 and updated in the fall of 2021, that said projected new jobs in the community from 2021-25 range from 1,577 to 2,257. In order to keep up with the new jobs created in the community, housing requirements to meet that need are 328 to 470 units per year. He said jobs at NAS Fallon 2025 are at a low, 1,088 to a high of 1,801.

Barbee also repeated information from the April 7 meeting where Chris Mahanna, the water consultant for the county reported on the water resource holdings the county has. Currently, the county has 2,200 acre-feet of underground water rights, 1,056 acre-feet of surface water rights, “We have permits on an estimate, as estimated by USGS and the Bureau of Reclamation, for future development in Dixie Valley somewhere between 10 and 20,000 acre-feet of rights, and currently at the Sand Creek water plant, 1,449 EDUS or what would be an equivalent of that at a multiple of 1.12 acre-feet for a single family home, recognizing for a multi-family home you get double that benefit because your water consumption is less.”

He also addressed concerns with the setbacks, saying this action changes the existing setbacks from 15 feet in the front from the property line, five feet from the side of the property, and 10 feet from the back property line, making all sides 20 feet from the line.



Photo by Leanna Lehman

In relation to roads, Barbee said when a Planned Unit Development or a zoning change is brought forward by a property owner, the process requires a road study to be completed by an independent engineer, the results of which becomes a condition of the approval of the project. For example if the engineer says there must be a turning lane installed that must be incorporated in the plans for the development.

The existing water and wastewater infrastructure at Sand Creek is at 31 percent capacity, with 31 percent purchased but not delivered and 21 percent in reserve for projects that are being proposed, for a total of 83 percent committed capacity.

Commissioner Greg Koenig took exception when Del Thomas, who lives in the Dallas Drive area said, “There is a way to meet the needs of housing without building all these multi-family buildings, there’s got to be some other reason.”

Koenig replied that he had received numerous letters and emails accusing commissioners of, “taking bribes and lining our own pockets. You know you’re accusing us of committing a felony? And for what?” He said several people had commented in support of the ordinance and he asked why they weren’t coming to the meeting to comment. “They told me ‘I’m not coming into that room to get attacked.’ We represent the whole county, not just your neighborhood. There is a portion of this county that this is what they want and what they need. You guys are pretty inflexible and you say unless you do what we want, we’re not going to trust you.”

Chairman Pete Olsen allowed more public comments saying, “You folks are here and you’re passionate and that’s great. This is the opportunity for us to hear what you think.”

Souba spoke one last time saying, “You’re not implementing or addressing our concerns, so we don’t trust you. Don’t put us on the back burner in preference of possible future itinerant residents of this apartment complex living. They’re going to come and go. We’re invested in this community. We should be protected. Anything less than that and it’s going to be a fight to the end.”

School Board Approves New Hires for Next Year

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School Board met this week in a workshop to continue their work of goal setting. The workshops are led primarily by Sharla Hales, legal counsel to the board.

Under the consent agenda, board members approved several new hires for the upcoming school year, including the licensed rehire list, and several administrator positions. Joe Wood will serve at the high school where he has taught Math, drafting, and design as Vice-Principal and Athletic Director, along with Reema Menesini who will serve as VP as well. At the Middle School Deana Porretta and Brad Barton will serve as VPs to Robbie Wickware who was recently hired as Principal.

Kevin Lords, who currently serves as the Directory of Administrative Services and Operations and was formerly the Principal at CCHS, has resigned to take a position in Battle Mountain. Scott Wilson, long-time Science Teacher is retiring.

There are currently seven open positions at the high school and two at the middle school, along with 22 other positions throughout the district including five in the transportation department.

Upcoming board events include CCHS Scholarship Night on May 13, at 6 p.m. and the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony on May 26, at 7 p.m. Graduation will be held this year on June 3, at 7 p.m.



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Election

Senator Ted Cruz Joins US Senate Candidate Adam Laxalt on Campaign Stop in Fallon

Staff Report

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Nevada Republican Senatorial candidate Adam Laxalt made several stops in Northern Nevada on Thursday, April 21. Their travels included an hour in Fallon. Adam Paul Laxalt is one of the Republicans running for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by first-term Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV). An estimated 150 people attended the Fallon event held at Telegraph Coffee and Tap.

Sen. Cruz derided President Biden and joined former Nevada Attorney General Laxalt in linking Sen. Cortez Masto to a key campaign issue heading toward the June 14 GOP primary – the cost of gasoline. Sen. Cruz tied prices to President Biden's campaign promises and administration policies. The largely republican base crowd clearly appreciated the words spoken by both men.

Laxalt was specific in his remarks about “flipping the U.S. Senate” and “flipping this seat in Nevada.”

Many local candidates were present in the crowd including Churchill County Commissioner Greg Koenig who is running for the State Assembly, Assemblyman Jim

Wheeler running for the State Senate, and Bill Post and Joe McFadden who are running for Churchill County School Board.

Opening prayer was given by Patty Saake, a long-time local Republican activist, and the pledge was led by Post.

Laxalt is being challenged in the Republican Primary by Sam Brown, a U.S. combat veteran.

The Laxalt campaign said that this week Florida Governor Ron DeSantis will join them at a rally in Las Vegas.

Adam Laxalt speaks to a room full of voters while Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) looks on. The event was held at the Telegraph



Candidates Night Set for May 17

Staff Report

The Churchill County Republican Central Committee along with local media will present Candidates Night on May 17 at the Fallon Convention Center for the Churchill County Commission, Assembly District 38, and State Senate District 17. For those who can't attend, The Lahontan Broadcasting Company and KKTU (99.5 FM) will broadcast the event.

The CCRCC is sponsoring the event while the Fallon Post and the Lahontan Valley News will serve as moderators for Candidates Night. Each candidate will be asked questions about the role of their specific office. Several questions have been tailored to the Lahontan Valley.

Running for Commission District 2 are Tanya Freeman, Myles Getto, Kenneth Harmon, and Thomas Riggins. Since all the candidates are Republican, the winner of the primary election will serve as commissioner for the next four years.

The two candidates seeking the Nevada Assembly District 38 seat are Vida Keller, a Lyon County Commissioner and real estate agent, and Dr. Greg Koenig, a Churchill County Commissioner and an optometrist. As both candidates are Republican, the winner of the primary election will serve as assemblyperson for the next two years.

Running for State Senate District 17 are Dr. Robin Titus, a Lyon County physician and current assemblywoman in District 38, and James Wheeler, a Douglas County rancher and current assemblyman for District 39. As

both candidates are Republican, the winner of the primary election will serve as state senator for the next four years.

Richard Grondin is the only candidate who filed for the nonpartisan Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed Abatement Board.

Important Dates to Remember

The Churchill County Clerk's office will be sending out sample ballots no later than May 11.

The Clerk's Office encourages voters to check their registration by contacting 775-423-6028 or elections@churchillcounty.org. Voters can also check their registration at <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>

May 17 is the last day to register to vote, update registration, or change party affiliation by mail or by appearing in person at the Churchill County Clerk's offices. After that deadline, they may make any changes online at www.nvsos.gov until May 27th for the current election cycle.

Online registration or updates are available May 17 - 27 at www.RegisterToVoteNV.gov. For citizens using this method, your ballot will be mailed to you.

If you do not receive a ballot by May 27, or you need a replacement ballot, contact the clerk's office at 775-423-6028. All requests for replacement ballots will be processed and mailed by 5 p.m., May 31.

The only location for early voting will be the Churchill County Commissioner's Chambers from May 28 through June 10. Times will

be listed on the sample ballots. The polls will be closed on Memorial Day.

Primary election voting will be held at the Fallon Convention Center on June 14. Times will be listed on the sample ballot.

For voters who wish to drop off their mail-in ballots at secure locations, there will be several sites available. Drop boxes will be placed at the Churchill County Administration Building at both the east and north entrances, inside at the Fallon City Clerk's office, and the Tribal Administration office.

Same-day in-person registration, registration updates, or party affiliation changes will be available at the Churchill County Clerk's Office during both early voting hours and. Voters must provide a valid Nevada Driver's License or Nevada Identification Card and proof of residency.

For a list of statewide candidates who are running for U.S. Senate, Congressional District 2, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer, secretary of state, controller, and the courts, go to www.nvsos.gov and search for 2022 Statewide Certified List of Candidates.



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Sharp Changes Plea – Charges Reduced and Dropped

By Leanna Lehman

Candidate for Churchill County Sheriff, Daniel Ray Sharp, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court before Judge Thomas Stockard on April 24 to enter a change of plea. Sharp, who is being represented by the law offices of Jesse Kalter, Esq., was arraigned in January on three felony charges, including 1) Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison, (2) Burglary with Possession of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, also a Category B Felony, punishable by 1-10 years, and (3) Coercion with use of Physical Force or the Immediate Threat of Physical Force, a Category B Felony that carries 1-6 years. Sharp waived his right to a speedy trial and pled not guilty on all three charges.

According to the amended information set in the plea agreement, on January 6, 2020, at or near 1044 Butte View Drive in Fallon, Sharp “did conspire with another with intent to compel another to do or abstain from doing an act that the other person has the right to do or abstain from doing, use physical force or the immediate threat of physical force to violence or inflict injury up the other person or any of his family, or upon his property, or threaten such violence or injury; deprive the person of any tool or implement, or clothes, or hinder him the use thereof; or attempt to intimidate that person with threats of force, to wit: said defendant did use the immediate threat of physical violence upon Eli McDonnell and demanded he leave his own room.”

A jury trial was scheduled to begin on April 27, but Sharp elected to change his plea upon reaching a satisfactory plea agreement with the state. Per that agreement, Sharp pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Coercion with the use of Physical Force or the Immediate Threat of Physical Force, a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail. The defense and the state reached a joint recommendation for sentencing, in which Sharp will spend one day in jail, pay a fine of \$2,000, and pay restitution of \$2,000 to Eli McDonnell, the named victim in the case.

Judge Stockard asked Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills what the state was prepared to prove should the matter have gone to trial. According to Mills, Eli McDonnell testified in a preliminary hearing stating that Sharp, who was his landlord at the time, came into his room and poured oil (or a similar substance on him), pointed a gun at him, and threatened to light him on fire and kill him unless he moved out. After which, Sharp forced McDonnell off the premises.

Sharp's attorney would have likely disputed this assertion during the trial; however, the state was confident that there was adequate evidence to substantiate McDonnell's testimony. The court set sentencing for May 24 at 3 p.m., at which time McDonnell will have an opportunity to provide a victim impact statement if desired. Sharp will also have a chance to address the Court at that time.

The Fallon Post reached out to Sharp for comment. He said since there is one final hearing next month, he should ask counsel before making a statement. He did confirm that he is still running for sheriff in the 2022 election.

All defendants are innocent until proven guilty. The Fallon Post reports on statements made in open court and may rely on court documents that are public records.



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Education

Bighorn Bulletin -- An Update from Oasis Academy

Senior Spotlight: Madison Davis

After attending Oasis for over seven years, senior Madison Davis feels prepared to reach for her goals as graduation approaches.

"Oasis has the most supportive system I could have dreamed of. They helped me form my goals and turn my passions into a solid



career plan," said Davis.

Davis' favorite memory from her time at Oasis is the lemonade stand project in Mr. Lewis's class. But along with that, she also has many people she'd like to thank for their help and guidance. "I have so many teachers I would like to thank. In fact, all my teachers at Oasis helped me grow into the human I am today, and for that, I am so grateful. However, there are a few I would like to highlight."

"First and foremost is Mr. Andy Lenon, thank you for putting up with me and rolling with my consistent breakdowns and complete 180's when it came to my education and career goals."

"Mr. Jake Lewis, you will always be my favorite teacher, and thank you for forcing me to love math. Mrs. Jenna Maclhannon thank you for teaching me how to read despite having dyslexia."

"Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, you're the best. Thank you for teaching me that I can't live without cows. Mr. William Martin, you may not teach at Oasis anymore but thank you for making history tolerable. Mr. Eric Grimes, I will forever love our country's Constitution thanks to you."

"Finally, Ms. Rochelle Tisdale, thank you for chewing me out when I needed it and not taking my crap. And to Oasis thank you for years I wouldn't trade for the world. OK, so that was a lot but not all of my teachers."

She has advice for this year's eighth-graders starting high school next year. "To the future high schoolers who will take on the extreme task of college while in high school, stop stressing it's still high school, enjoy it and remember that you are not defined by your grades, but keep them up because it makes life way easier. Also, listen to your counselors, they know what they are doing. And now I say a heartfelt farewell to school, it went by too fast but can't end soon enough."

Davis will graduate in May with both her high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College.

Florida Trip to Learn Ag and Ecology

Seventh through twelfth-grade students will learn about the agriculture and ecology of Florida in a one-of-a-kind trip scheduled for January 2023.

Students will tour local farms, the Kennedy Space Center, Ocala Horse Farm, Epcot at Walt Disney World, and more to discover firsthand how the agriculture industry works in one of the country's wettest states.

Oasis Academy students that are interested in participating in the trip should contact Mrs. Page Hiskett at phiskett@oanv.org or by calling 775-423-5437.

Fundraising opportunities will be available to students to help cover the cost of the trip. If you are interested in helping contact Angela Viera at aviera@oanv.org or by calling 775-423-5437.

Senior Spotlight: James Cosman

Having a strong college experience in high school is setting Senior James Cosman up for success. His collaboration with professors at Western Nevada College through the Jump-Start program during his time at Oasis Academy College Prep has increased his confidence and given him a one-of-a-kind experience as prepares to attend Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas this fall.

"My favorite memory from Oasis is working with the team at WNC, as I feel that it truly helped prepare me to move on



to Southwestern University," said Cosman. "I'd also like to thank Oasis Counselor Andy Lenon and Advisor Cheryl Venturacci for all

their help."

The science-focused student will double major in Biochemistry and Biomolecular Engineering. "I intend on working to help solid-cell transplant patients avoid rejection."

"My favorite classes are Cellular and Molecular Biology with Dr. Evett and American Sign Language (I-IV) with Ms. Craig. I feel like they both pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me a very different way of seeing things. Also, Ms. Jones as she always had great jokes on her door. Thank you."

"Work with your professors, they are people too and are there to help you. Go in during their office hours and meet with them face-to-face is the best advice I can give," continued Cosman.

During his tenure at Oasis Cosman has been active in the community, working with Mayor Tedford to proclaim March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month and working with local companies to hold a community outreach event for the cause.

Along with studying science, Cosman will be attending Southwestern University on a swimming scholarship. Cosman recently attended the Far Western meet (athletes from the western part of the United States). Placing 13th in the 200 breaststroke, 21 in the 200 freestyle, and 6th in the 1650 freestyle (the mile).

Baby Chicks Hatched in Second Grade Class

Students in Mrs. Heather Wiessmer's second-grade class got to experience the miracle of chicken hatching. The eggs were placed in an incubator for 21 days and hatched on their due date.

"This is the second year of hatching chicks in the classroom. We learn about the lifecycle of chickens, and this helps promote agriculture awareness in the classroom. The concept is brought into all subjects including math, writing, and projects," said Wiessmer. "Beyond the lifecycle, it teaches students to be aware of caring and providing for animals and livestock. The kids absolutely love it."



Ukrainian Relief from Logos Christian Academy



Logos Christian Academy students and families donated \$1,319 to Ukrainian Refugee relief through Globe International. The top pictures are families that represent 45 families from Kharkov that had been living in the basement of their school since the war broke out. They were recently relocated and we have been informed that our contributions will help them settle in a new place. Funds were raised via a Pajama Day for Students and a Family Bingo Night! The additional photos show students sharing posters they made to encourage the refugees - these have been shared with those in need.

Oasis Students First in Nevada to Receive Certification through WNC's Tech Express

Leah Bake and Donovan May of Oasis Academy College Prep are the first two SACA-certified high school students in Nevada, receiving training for this special honor in Western Nevada College's unique Tech Express mobile lab.

The Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) Certified Industry 4.0 Associate-Basic Operations credential is nationally recognized and will give the students an advantage if they choose to work in the manufacturing or robotics industry. It represents a partnership between education and industry for entry-level access to workforce credentials and is endorsed by international partners such as Fanuc and Rockwell Automation.

Bake and Donovan tested during the WNC dual enrollment class last week. They received online instruction and in-person lab time and received hands-on instruction in the college's new Tech Express Lab weekly since their WNC Automation and Industrial Technology 198 course began at the end of March. This certification exam was part of the six-week course, which provides them with an understanding of Industry 4.0 factory floor automation equipment and processes and gives them modern career possibilities in automation.

"Luckily for me, mechanical and engineering types of jobs and lessons are my thing, so I actually found it quite a lot of fun," Donovan said. "In a normal class like Algebra, we learn things most people won't really ever use such as parabolas, although everything in AIT is applicable to real life. I want to take



some of the other AIT classes such as robotics. I hope that in the near future I will be able to find jobs in this field."

Students in the class will have another opportunity to pass the certification on Friday, April 29.

The intensive six-week class was taught by WNC Professor Emily Howarth. The grant-funded mobile lab is serving as a novel way for WNC to bring rural community outreach with the college's high-tech and hands-on courses to #MakeItInNevada.

"Western Nevada College is proud to lead the way with opportunities to earn certifications that tie to what is actually going on in high-tech industries through the emergence of Industry 4.0," Howarth said. "This silver level certification is for individuals seeking to become familiar with Industry 4.0 factory floor automation equipment and processes and we are moving fast to respond to what future careers will be built upon. Technology moves at the speed of business, and we are able to offer these responsive opportunities



to lead the way to modern careers in automation."

Students experienced an immersive experience through learning a large volume of new material quickly, including concepts of smart manufacturing, blueprint reading, and basic fundamentals of electrical, pneumatic, precision measurement, and robotic systems.

SACA's goal is to develop and provide modular industry 4.0 certifications for a variety of industries. The non-profit organization is determined to provide more highly skilled workers to companies and increase worker success rates.

For more information about the program, contact Howarth at emily.howarth@wnc.edu.

Submitted through the Oasis Academy and WNC Public Relations offices.

Above left: Emily Howarth, Donovan May, Jessica Rowe. Right: with Leah Bake. Photos provided by WNC

Local Columnist

High Desert Dirt -- The Raven's Rant: *On Vinca*

Spent the good part of a downright perfect weather afternoon this week cleaning up and topdressing several flower beds in a sheltered part of our garden that is walled off by a few evergreens. Their canopies make partial shade, a niche area where I can grow things that don't thrive in the sunnier parts of our landscape. The pine needles that fall provide an insulating mulch for the beds every winter and I enjoy the unburying process at this time of year. The needles and other leaves are gently removed and relocated to pathways in our vegetable garden, where we'll walk on them all season. They help hold down weeds and add organics to the perimeters of the planting areas. I'm always happy to find my slow-growing Solomon's Seal patch emerging every year. Along with the Hosta in the area, it looks like a bed of odd, pointy fingers at this stage. In a month or so, it will be full of gorgeous foliage. The Solomon's Seal patch is full of green arching leaves on single stems that are adorned with small white bell-shaped flowers. I let delicate sweet woodruff creep in and around it and other plants in this bed as it doesn't seem to bother much. I'm thinking about transplanting a few Ajuga and Voila in the area as well for some added color. There are some Snowberry and Mock Orange shrubs as well as a few random Peonies collected from my Flower Tree Nursery days here, too.

One thing I would not introduce to the area is Vinca. The genus name is said to come from the Latin word vincire, meaning to bind

or fetter, a hint at the plant's trailing, running habit. I'm certain a single plant could fill the area in a few seasons. There's not much delicacy to the fast-going, mostly evergreen type ground cover, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't plant some. You just need to find the right place, one that you want it to thrive in for many years. Sometimes called Periwinkle, or in old tomes under many names like Ground Ivy. My favorite Harry Potter-sounding name is Sorcerer's Violet. There are 12 or so species of Vinca contained in the Dogbane (Apocynaceae) family. You'll often see them planted in city landscaping for good reason. It's a plant that requires very little maintenance. They are made for shade, partial shade, or sun and are a little drought tolerant but look much better with regular water. More sun will produce more flowers, more shade will result in lush, glossier foliage. Vinca is a great plant for a new gardener to experience some success in our difficult gardening area. It also holds up well in our summer heat and can handle sand, clay, or city water. It is commonly used in erosion control and on difficult slopes. It makes a good addition to container plantings too. Serious container gardeners will plant large containers with several plants in a "thriller, a filler, and a spiller" theme. Vinca is your spiller, plant them near the container edges.

While some perennials are just waking up, Vinca's five-petaled, pinwheel-shaped, periwinkle flowers are blooming now. They are an early source of nectar for bees,

butterflies, and hummingbirds. Vinca Major and Vinca Minor are usually easy to find at our local nurseries. The species look very similar. Vinca Major is a bit more cold-hardy and has somewhat larger flowers. Talented plant breeders have developed cultivars with variegated foliage, lime chartreuse foliage as well as white, magenta, and lavender flowers. These plants are not related to the annual Vinca, Catharanthus Roseus that you will soon find on nursery shelves

Vinca has an interesting worldwide, ethnobotanical history. It was commonly used as garlands and in bouquets. It was woven into crowns on the heads of prisoners or the biers of dead children in Italy. Germans call it the Flower of Immortality, the Scot's Joy of the Ground. In France, it is considered a symbol of friendship. In the Middle Ages, it was called the virgin flower and was tied to the Virgin Mary, who is often depicted in blue.

There are pages of medicinal uses for Vinca. Some advanced level herbalism in my book shows periwinkle is full of alkaloids that are used in chemo medicines. Also, I should note Vinca Minor is toxic to pets.

As always, happy gardening!

Jaime Sammons carries a pair of pruners in her glove box - just in case, and believes you can be a gardener even with a single plant container on your porch. She's ready for a break and wondering if anyone wants to take on a weekly gardening column?

Horoscope Hideout - April 29 to May 5

We've got Pluto going retrograde 4/29 (continuing through October) AND a partial solar eclipse 4/30 in this final weekend of April as we transition into May.

(Heads up: next Mercury retrograde is 5/10)

Aries: Free yourself from the thoughts and things that are no longer serving you. New possibilities become visible when you carry a lighter load.

Taurus: New week, new you. The solar eclipse is bringing powerful energy for you to shape and create exactly who and what that looks like. Loosen your bone, Wilma, and use an open mind.

Gemini: Your fears and insecurities may feel front and center at the moment. Does the give and take feel more like a power struggle? Putting yourself first may help reestablish balance.

Cancer: Alone you'll travel faster, but it doesn't mean you should. Your needs become more apparent with the retrograde, and it does not make you

selfish to voice them. Let gentle expression lead the way.

Leo: All eyes on you, and the world is your stage, but that's nothing you aren't used to. This can either hinder or help you, so keep your drama in your pocket and your eyes on the prize.

Virgo: Your natural strengths in practicality and reflection will be helpful this week as well as the next few months. Don't jump the gun on any new ideas.

Libra: Sharing is caring, and whether it's material possessions or physical presence, use the energy this week to iron out the details on what you want, you're in charge.

Scorpio: You may be feeling like your relationships are leaving a lot to be desired, and the eclipse is only going to exacerbate those feelings. Don't circle the drain, a little hope goes a long way.

Sagittarius: The work you've been putting in to establish routine may continue, and new paths cleared because of it. Remain on course, and those positive changes you seek can't

be too far off.

Capricorn: Feel free to express that playful side of yourself with those around you now. Endeavors where your creativity gets to shine may come to fruition.

Aquarius: Have you ever heard the saying let bygones be bygones? A clean slate may be in order for the most long-term benefit. Sometimes being happy is better than being right.

Pisces: "Rationality" and "concentration" aren't normally words associated with you, Pisces, but you're feeling it right now. Enjoy the extra focus for work or studies during this period and remember to take time to rest.

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



What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen -- Wild Asparagus on the Ditch

It's that time of year, local produce starts springing up out of the ground and into my kitchen. When I moved to Fallon almost 15 years ago, I heard that asparagus grew wild on the ditch banks. After a few years of working to get inside circles of trust, I was invited out to harvest a bounty of asparagus on the property of a friend of a friend, with permission, of course. We showed up with beers and good sharp knives, and after a lesson on proper harvesting techniques, I went to collect the delicate, delicious spears. Over the years, it seems like the ditch bank asparagus has decreased through incorrect harvesting, weed mitigation efforts, and drought. But fear not, lovers of spring asparagus, the Lattins have started to harvest their asparagus fields.

Asparagus is a perennial plant that is a member of the lily family. The part of the plant that we eat is the young shoot. If left unharvested, the asparagus spear will become a large stalky plant with feathery, fern-like leaves. Each of the little nubbins on the top of the spear become branches that will ultimately develop seeds in late fall. If you are lucky enough to have asparagus growing on your ditch bank or in your yard, or you know someone who does, it is important to follow a couple of guiding principles when you go out to harvest. First, for the first few years, your asparagus should be left alone to go to seed. Second, asparagus spears should be cut at an angle below soil level. Harvesting asparagus using this technique allows the plant to send up new shoots throughout the season. Third, if the head of the spear has started to grow into branches, leave it alone.

Whether you pick your own asparagus or buy a bag at Lattin Farms, you are in for a treat. There is something truly exceptional about Fallon-grown asparagus. I can never stop myself from chomping down on a couple of raw spears before I even get home. There are a ton of ways to prepare asparagus.

Blanching/steaming/sauteing the spears until they are bright green, seasoning with salt and a squeeze of lemon juice, and eating with your fingers is my preference.

Today's recipe is for a soup that just screams "Springtime is here."

Creamy Asparagus Soup with Mushrooms

INGREDIENTS:

6 T olive oil
8 oz mushrooms (shitake, cremini, or white button), stems removed and sliced
Salt & black pepper
1 yellow onion, chopped
1 qt water
1 qt chicken stock
1/3 cup long-grain rice
2 # asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 T tarragon, minced (optional)
1 baguette - sliced into 1/2" thick rounds
4 oz Gruyère, shredded

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large pot over medium-high heat, warm 2 T of oil then add mushrooms, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally until the mushrooms are golden brown. Remove mushrooms and set aside.
2. Reduce heat to medium-low, add another 2 T of oil to the pot and sauté onions, stirring occasionally until translucent (about 5 minutes).
3. Add the water, broth, rice, and 2 teaspoons of salt to the pot. Bring to a boil. Continue boiling for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.



Add the asparagus. Cook until the asparagus is tender, about 5 minutes.

4. Using an immersion blender puree the soup until completely smooth. Add reserved mushrooms and tarragon.
5. Put the bread on a baking sheet and brush both sides of the bread with the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil. In a broiler or toaster oven, toast the croutons until golden brown about 2 minutes. Turn and top with the Gruyère. Broil until the cheese melts, about 2 minutes longer.
6. Reheat the soup if necessary. Serve topped with the Gruyère croûtes.

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

Maliah's Minute -- A Most Memorable Date

April 29 is a very extraordinary day. Not only is it my birthday, but it's also my uncle's, too. I was born at 4:48 on April 29, 2009, on the same day my uncle turned 29. Although I was born on the 29th I was expected on the 17th.

Ever since then our party has been 2x the fun and 2x the love. Sharing a birthday with someone is different than what some people think. It's fun to share such amazing

moments with someone. My uncle is someone who I am close with because we share the same birthday and the same personality.

Sharing a birthday is amazing but also being born on their golden birthday is even more extraordinary. This year on our birthday I will be turning 13 and will be finally an official teenager. My uncle on the other hand let's just say he'll be turning 30 this year. I have been counting down the days till my

birthday for over a month and planning fun things to do. I enjoy and am thankful for all the stuff my mom has done for me including having fun birthday parties for me. I'm also grateful for being blessed with such an amazing family. Right now, I'm 12 years old and next time you read another one of my columns I'll be 13.

Maliah Harris is our 12-year-old entrepreneur and goafy pre-teen with big opinions.

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Entertainment

Carol's Book Report -- *Overdue: Reckoning with the Public Library* by Amanda Oliver



Oliver, a professional former librarian and now a writer, takes a hard look at libraries; who they are for, how they evolved, and why they fill so many roles in society.

She gives a history of libraries and discusses why it is the only institution of its kind. And why they became a refuge for the unsheltered. Why they won't be replaced by the internet. What it means to be able to get reliable information. The toll covid took on libraries, librarians, and the people who use them. And why it needs to be acknowledged what exactly libraries provide in a community.

As Oliver notes, astronomer and astrophysicist Carl Sagan hits close to the truth regarding libraries, "The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinning of our culture and our concern for the future can be tested by how well we support our libraries." An insightful read.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She is excited about the Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival on Saturday June 4.

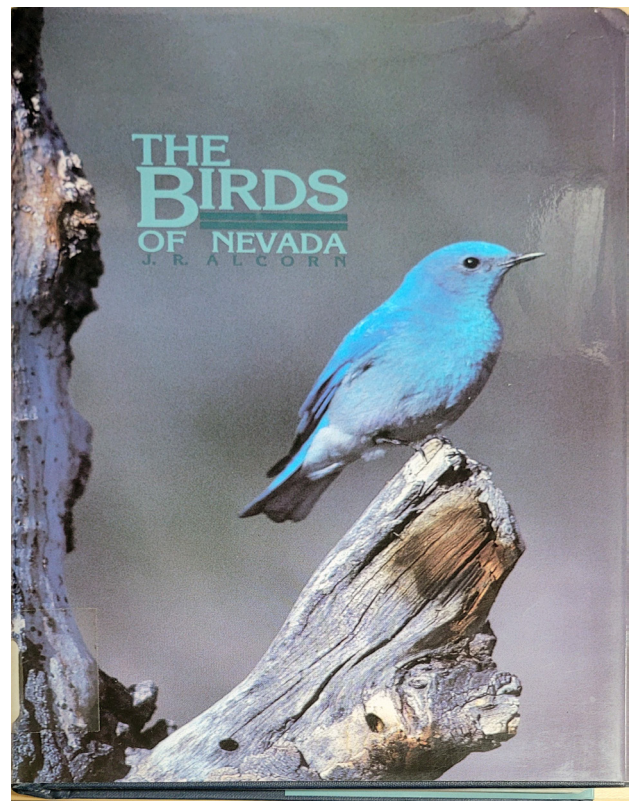
Museum Treasures -- *The Birds of Nevada*



In honor of the 2022 Spring Wings Festival, the Churchill County Museum decided to highlight one of the many books in our Reference Library that focused on birds in Nevada.

One of the reasons this book, *The Birds of Nevada* by J.R. Alcorn, is special is because it was written and published in Fallon in 1988. It is a culmination of a lifetime of work by J.R. Alcorn.

Be sure to come by the Museum to look at this book and the others that we have in our library as well since bird watching season is starting. It is also available for purchase in the Museum Store.



Movies & More

At your community-owned and operated Historic Downtown Fallon Theatre, this week, we continue with our classic movies along with other great films for your enjoyment.

The fun begins Friday evening, May 6th at 6:30 with a community fundraiser for P.E.O. They will be showing the 1986 action-drama "Top Gun" starring Tom Cruise, Anthony Edwards, Val Kilmer, and Kelly McGillis. They are asking for a \$10 donation per person to attend and will be holding a raffle.

Saturday, May 6th at 6:00 is our classic 1946 film noir "The Killers" based on a short story by Ernest Hemingway. It focuses on an insurance detective's investigation into the execution by two professional killers of a former boxer who was unresistant to his own murder and stars Burt Lancaster and Ava Gardner. At 6:30, join us for the 2002 animated family film, "Lilo and Stitch." A young girl adopts a dog from the local pound. She is completely unaware that it's supposedly a dangerous scientific experiment and it's taking refuge on Earth, hiding from its creator and those who see it as a menace. Featuring the voices of Tia Carrere, David Ogden Stiers, Ving Rhames, and Daveigh Chase. Both Saturday movies are free.

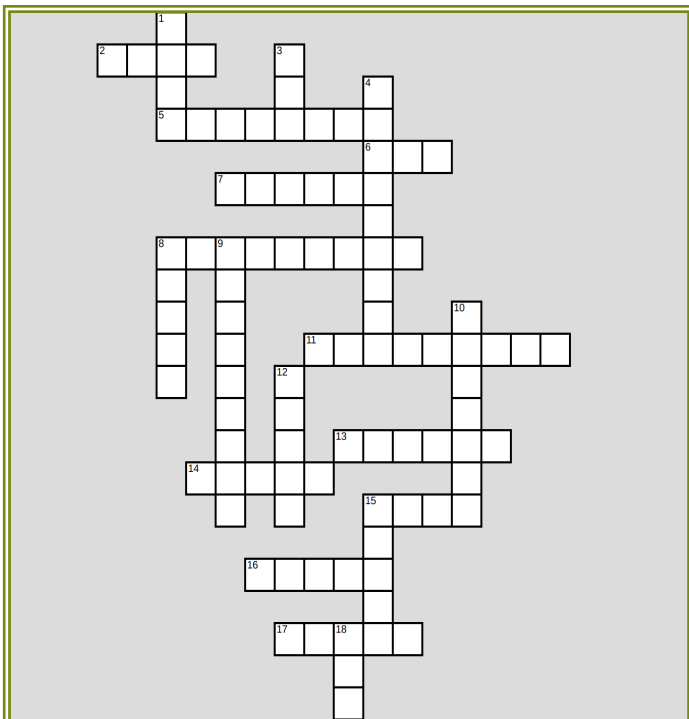
Hope to see you at the movies!

MAY MOVIES

<p>Friday PEO Fundraiser 5/6 @ 6:30pm \$10</p> <p>Friday 5/13 @ 6:30pm</p> <p>Friday 5/20 @ 6:30pm</p> <p>Friday 5/27 @ 6:30pm</p>		<p>Saturday 5/7 6:00 & 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 5/14 6:00 & 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 5/21 6:00 & 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 5/28 6:00 & 6:30pm</p>
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ALL MOVIES ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED!

In honor of the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day on April 29th, this week's puzzle is titled "TREES"



Across

- 2 Smallest branch
- 5 "A Tree Grows in ____"
- 6 Boo Radley's tree
- 7 Hogwart's Whomping ____
- 8 Van Gogh's "A Wheatfield with ____"
- 11 Oldest living thing in Middle-earth
- 13 Pine
- 14 City in Colorado
- 15 "I ____ to the Trees"
- 16 Orange trees
- 17 Thicket of small trees

Down

- 1 Largest brance
- 3 ____ Ridge, Tennessee
- 4 Eden's Tree of ____
- 8 ____ Rapids, Iowa
- 9 Pine
- 10 Socrates' final beverage
- 12 Quaking ____
- 15 Joyce Kilmer's poem
- 18 ____ Springs, California

Continued...

THEATRE continued from front page...

there is a lot of humor and adults can relate, but so will teens and even the little kids. It is very relatable, and the aspects are very real."

Henning plans to attend the University of Nevada in the fall and will major in early education. She will continue to participate in the performing arts program as well. "Theater, singing, choir have been a big part of my life and I don't want that to end with high school."

Adams said her favorite part of the play is when Mike tells Katherine that Ellie can be mad. At the time Ellie is actually in Katherine's body and it is the first time she feels seen by an adult. She's been struggling to accept Mike into her family, but he gives her permission to feel what she feels and act like a teenager when she struggles to meet her mother's high expectations for her.

"We spend a lot of time together, it's like a little family," said Henning. "This is how it has always been in all the productions; this one is no different."



Mathew Melanson, Shannon Anderson, Summer Stanton, and Amber Housel at rehearsals this week. Photos by Rachel Dahl

FREAKY FRIDAY - Cast and Crew

Ellie Blake: Kamiah Henning
Katherine Blake: Summer Stanton
Fletcher Blake: Braedon Mitchell
Mike: Timothy Garcia
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Grandma Helene, Mrs. Time: Trudy Dahl
Ms. Meyers, Officer Sitz, Gretchen's Mom, Wedding Guest: Melissa Derby
Danielle, Mrs. Luckenbill, Officer Kowalski, Savannah's Mom: Amber Housel
Dr. Ehrin, Wedding Guest, Pastor Bruno, Parker's Dad: Amanda Petersen
Mr. Blumen, Hannah's Dad: Jackson Moon
Gretchen: Kass Perrotta
Hannah: Kennadee Irving
Adam: James Sorensen
Savannah: Kelly Melancon
Parker Lewis: Matthew Melancon
Wells: Miles Henning
Laurel: Sofia Basurto
Savannah's Followers: Sofia Basurto, Ambra Illiano

Wedding Guests: Leah Blake, Sofia Basurto, Ambra Illiano, Janie Irving, Elaine Lewis, Zoey Loughheed, Sandra Marquez Garcia, Sonora McInturff, Brooke Mitchell, Jackson Moon, Mayu Steinbaugh
Student Ensemble: Leah Blake, Sofia Basurto, Ambra Illiano, Sandra Marquez Garcia, Jackson Moon
Director: Ashley Adams
Music Director: Jan Bice & David Ernst
Choreographer: Suzette Benecke
Stage Manager: Megan Housel
Run Crew: April McCutcheon & Ashley Williams
Set Design: April McCutcheon
Props Master: Ember Henning
Set and props crews: Mrs. Adams' Technical Theatre Class, Trudy Dahl, Brock Cecil, Timothy Garcia, April McCutcheon, Jackson Moon, Kass Perrotta, Shirl Thomas, & Ashley Williams
Costume Crew: Trillis Bake
Light Design: Ashley Adams
Light Board Operator: Keileene Kato
Spot Light Operators: Janie Irving, Elaine

Lewis, Zoey Loughheed, & Mayu Steinbaugh
Sound: Joe Stieber & Keith Adams
Show Artwork: Ashley Williams
House Manager: Lori Souba

The cast and crew would like to thank the following people for their support in putting on the production:

To all of the family members that supported us by taking us to and from rehearsals, running lines, listening to us sing, having dinner early, putting kids to bed alone, and all the sacrifices it took for us to be involved in the show. Thank you for your support and patience through the rehearsal process. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

All of the people that lent props, costumes, and helped bring this show to life. We couldn't have done it without you.

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Parks and Rec. Commission
May 3 at 7 p.m.
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Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
May 4 at 7 p.m.
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Board of County Commissioners
May 5 at 8:15 a.m.
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Highway Commission
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Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken April 28, 2022 at 9:55 a.m.

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Truckee Canal at Hazen
412 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
439 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
629 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill
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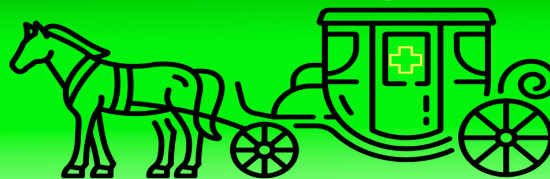
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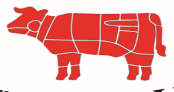
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