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Nation's Largest Feeder Sale & The 55th Annual Bull Sale



Photo provided by Nevada Livestock Marketing
Story by Leanna Lehman

Fallon is known for many things, one of those being the faint smell of manure in the air. Well, it's *not* always faint. Some locals will tell you that is the smell of money. While that is also *not* always the case, a great deal of the stuff moved through the valley last week.

Feeder Sale: Nevada Livestock Marketing hosted its Special Feeder Sale cattle auction last Thursday, February 18. For those not in the cattle business, feeder cattle or "feeders" are calves generally less than 12 months. They are weaned steers (castrated males) and heifers that are large enough to go into feedlots, or out on grass.

According to Jack Payne, Nevada Livestock Marketing (NLM) owner, the Feeder Sale was a huge success. In fact, Corbett Wall, who attended the event, included the highly anticipated sale in a recent *Cattle Market Report*. Wall noted that 8,000 head of cattle were run through the auction on Thursday and Friday, stating, "It was the biggest sale in the United States last week." Some of the steers brought top-quota on prices at \$195.75 per 100 pounds or in the

range of \$1,000 per head. "You won't see prices like that anywhere," said Wall, "but you don't see cattle like that anywhere else either." Wall also attested to the apparent health and robustness of the animals. "They come off that high desert range, are dried off, and you couldn't kill one of them with a pick-ax," Wall said.

In addition to the astounding volume of cattle that NLM moved through the auction ring, is the even more astounding \$6.5 million that rolled through town as a result. Money exchanged hands over several fronts – buyers to sellers, to restaurants and hotels, and for supplies and feed. Not to mention, the hundreds of gallons of fuel that was purchased for the 200+ trucks and semi-trailers that transported the animals.

"The cattlemen's gang says Nevada is an export-only state", said Payne, referring to local ranchers and the number of Nevada cattle that are sold by out-of-state entities. "I have always disagreed. Of the 8,000 head that were sold, only 2,000 were from Idaho, Oregon, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

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County Health Board

Story by Rachel Dahl

County Manager Jim Barbee updated the Board of Health members on the County's COVID response efforts during the regular meeting, Wednesday, February 24. According to Barbee's report, since May of 2020, there have been a total of 10,258 COVID-19 tests administered and 739 positive cases. Churchill County has been in the "green" according to Governor Sisolak's COVID directives with a positivity rate of 5.6%.

"We are not seeing as much testing with the focus on vaccination," said Barbee, "but with the new sports testing requirements (for high school athletics) we will see an increase in testing which will be good for our positivity rate and total numbers."

Additionally, Barbee reported that the county staff administered 1,926 first doses of the COVID vaccine and 409 of the second doses. Last week, weather delays interrupted vaccine shipments, resulting in only 70 first-dose vaccinations were administered. However, Barbee said the vaccine shipment arrived, and County staff will catch up on all second shot boosters.

Through the Churchill County-Banner Hospital partnership, vaccinations have begun in the other tiers. Vaccines have now been offered to those age 18–65 with underlying conditions, food production, and agriculture workers. "To get through the last group, we had to clear all the existing appointments, before we could open up to 18-years-old and industry," said Barbee. He said the County is still "doing the dance" required by the state of working through one list of the population before moving on through the designated tier system. "We are well ahead of counties around us and we are seeing people from other counties at the vaccine POD."

Dr. Tedd McDonald, the county health officer, said the Churchill County response has been unique, stating, "It doesn't work this way everywhere." McDonald recommended that the County's process be documented as a future model for any rural community in a similar situation.

Barbee agreed, saying, "The biggest thing has been the cross department work and the complete cooperation with a laser focus on a goal. All departments, all staff, everyone is out there with a great attitude and a smile and that

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From the Publisher

Captain's log... And by Captain it's more like Captain Kangaroo This Week...

I've been keeping a list of all the funny things my little Rhett grandson says. He's here visiting from North Dakota and his momma is helping us with the paper so she and I basically tag-team the three-year-old all day. She more than me, I tap-out of that activity fairly often.

But man. He is a hoot. He told me the other day he is only going to eat ice cream and snacks this year. So we go to Harmon Junction a lot when his mom isn't looking.

We also go hiking a lot. His mom says she's pretty excited she's managed to keep him alive this long, and I think the hiking helps. He gets tired. She gets a break while he and I are hiking and then she gets a break when he falls asleep early, exhausted.

He likes to have a dance party, "with all my friends." That means an arm-full of stuffed animals and two real-live dogs. We also got to have movie night when I kicked his mom and dad out for a date. We were both super excited – we picked a cool spy movie with a little girl and this big wrestling-type guy. Then I got us some exotic cheeses and some fancy crackers, and we made this whole tray full of snacks. We sat down with our delicacies to watch the movie and pretty soon he's up going to the fridge. For a Lunchable. And then he ditched me for his tablet and YouTube.

Last weekend we went exploring and took our hike at Hidden Caves. Oh man! As soon as he rolled out of the truck and hit the ground it was, "Gramma there's a TRAIL." And running up the hill he explained with a lot of genetic hand-gesturing that "Gramma. I'll go in the cave first and make sure there is no bear and then you can come in." Then he explained that if I fall down he will save me.

But the coolest thing was when he went on this whole, mostly unintelligible rant in which he went into great detail about how, "I really like saving my own self, Gramma."

And then he did fall. With a spectacular splat, face first, going down-hill at a fairly brisk pace. Silence. Three-year-old embarrassment. Picking himself up and pretending I don't exist. Mad and stomping down the hill trying his best not to cry.

Of course, in the next moment he's running to read the little sign on the side of the trail, telling me, "Number 7 – no shooting, no dogs, no triangles (the symbol for tent)." I'm all worried asking if he's ok and trying to assess the scrapes and how much explaining I'm going to have to do with his mom. But he just says again all matter of fact, "I just really like saving my own self."

There's a lesson. I laugh because it's how I've gotten through life – saving my own self – and realize it must be genetic. What a great thought. What a great kid.

Keeping you posted,
Rachel

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Correction: Last week we inadvertently left off the photo credit and caption in Kelli Kelly's recipe. Jaime Sammons did the artwork in the photo. We regret that oversight and appreciate Jaime's gorgeous work.

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We are reviving the sale barn way of marketing cattle that the out-of-state video markets have taken away from Nevada, and we are bringing jobs and tax revenues back to Nevada! We have the momentum right now and have to keep it up.”

Bull Sale: The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association also held their 55th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale (FBS) last week. According to the Association, the bulls’ sifting and grading took place Friday morning while the dog trials got underway. Cattlemen from California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah participated in the sale.

This year’s sale featured bulls ranging from 16-24 months of age. Sixty-four bulls were sold at an average of \$4,245 each. Some breeds brought higher prices, with Angus at the top with an average sale price of \$5,009 and Herefords bringing in much less at an average of \$2,494. The Top Range Bull and the Angus Best of Breed were awarded to Hutchings Cattle Company, which proved to also be the top-selling bull at the sale. The Hereford Best of Breed was awarded to Hutchens Hereford. Steve Lucas of Lucas Livestock purchased the most volume at the sale, earning him the Volume Buyers Jacket.

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association expressed their sincere appreciation to this year’s volume buyer and all of the buyers and consignors along with the many sponsors, including Snyder’s Pinenut Livestock Supply, *Progressive Rancher* and *Nevada Rancher*, and Somewhere Out West. Along with these dedicated sponsors, the Association thanks Marie Sherman, Demar Dahl, Stix Cattle Company, Robert DePaoli, and Woodie Bell for contributing a donation calf, Churchill County FFA, Churchill County Cowbells, sale ringmen, Eric Duarte (auctioneer), Dr. Randy Wallstrum (sale veterinarian), Bea Lee (stock dog trial coordinator), the Grading and Sifting Committees, the Fallon Bull Sale Committee members, and Fallon Livestock LLC for helping with the sale.

While Texas froze over and Facebook was blocking Australia, Fallon was the livestock epicenter of the universe. It would seem that these ranchers didn’t just drive their cattle to town, but revenue as well.



Sarah Porter and her dog Molly during a dog trial. The Fallon Post/Alicia Parsons

NAS Fallon Wetlands Nature Trail



Story and photo by Rachel Dahl

Tucked in behind a stand of Willows and Russian Olive trees in what looks to be just another farmer’s field at the corner of Crook and Wildes Road, the unsuspecting nature lover can enjoy a secret little oasis. “Great Basin wetlands gentle some unlikely places,” reads the brochure for the trail, welcoming visitors to the mile-long hike.

The trail is actually located on NAS Fallon property and is maintained by various community and Navy organizations. Initial funding for the project was obtained through grant programs in the early 1990s, and the SeaBees completed the construction. The bridge was built long ago by a local Eagle Scout and maintenance is conducted whenever funds are available through the Public Works Department.

During the winter of 2019, Fed Fire conducted a training burn to remove vegetation debris piles and cattails in the pond area. In December of 2020, Public Works funds were utilized to replace the walking bridge and the gazebo.

In the early 1950s the Navy acquired lands withing the Newlands Reclamation Project to provide protection for aviators and aircraft against dust and fire in the vicinity of the runways. This also keeps these lands in agricultural production through leases to local farmers.

Since 1993 the Navy has offered the Nature Trail to the public as a wetland nature trail, providing an opportunity to observe and study the plants and animals of the Carson Desert within the Great Basin.

Churchill County Projected to See 1,500 Jobs in Next Five Years



Story by Rachel Dahl

Last year Churchill County and the City of Fallon partnered up to hire an economic development consultant and create a joint structure to promote the community to outside industry. Churchill Fallon Economic Development, CFED, was born, and former sportscaster, mayor, and perpetual state agency director, Bruce Breslow was hired to “drag it home and kill it,” as local elected officials like to say about landing a company.

Breslow reported to the county commission last week on his efforts on behalf of the community over the past year, saying, “I’d say we are looking at between 1,500 and 2,000 new jobs in the next five to ten years with all the activity. That’s what has attracted new homebuilders to the City and County.”

Currently, Breslow is working with several companies interested in the industrial land surrounding Hazen. Industrial Realty Group bought the rail park along with 250 acres and is looking to purchase 500 more acres that cross the Lyon County line. Additionally, TerraScale, a green energy data center serving high-security military clients, has purchased a large tract of land in the area north of Hazen and is working toward identifying water to fit their needs.

Enviorsafe DeMil is a company located on land purchased north of Fallon on Highway 95. The company has recently negotiated a \$200 million contract from the Army to dispose of ammunition. They intend to construct a \$20 million building and employ 60 local residents.

Also, Breslow says he is working with two California companies that sell e-commerce products and a company named Pergo-Roof that is looking to create a showroom for selling franchises nationwide. He continues work with Tim Tucker, who is developing an industrial park in Hazen he calls CHIP (Churchill Hazen

Industrial Park) and the Sky Ranch housing development.

To serve the housing needs driven by these projects, Breslow told commissioners he is working with a regional home builder that is “sincere about building a modern apartment complex with amenities like a gym and a pool.” He said that he toured a national home builder through 100 lots within the City of Fallon and met with the mayor and the Captain of the base, Even Morrison.

“The base [NAS Fallon] is 230 houses short of what they need,” said Breslow. “There are 30 people living in barracks who have left their families behind because there is no affordable housing available.”

Breslow said the county hired EKAY Economics to do a housing study in 2019, which came out before the Navy announced it would add up to 1,300 new jobs before 2025 at NAS Fallon.

Sara Bebee, operations manager of Churchill Economic Development Authority/Small Business Development Center, reported on her activities over the past year, including the last Farm Conference prior to COVID. She said between March 15 and May 11 of last year, her SBDC office assisted 15 businesses with COVID support, saving 64 jobs and obtaining over \$1 million in CARES Act funding. The CEDA office also administered the City/County COVID support grant for eligible businesses, helping 25 local businesses with relief funds.

The Chamber of Commerce has moved into the CEDA building on Williams Avenue, and CEDA continues working with the Fallon Food Hub and the Main Street program. Currently, the Food Hub staff is working with Frank Woodliff on the design and the construction details for the new Food Hub facility, which will be located on South Maine Street.

The CEDA Business Council currently has 75 members. CEDA will be working on a strategic planning process this year, updating their plan that is now five years old.

Andrew “Andy” Joseph Kieszkowski



Andy Kieszkowski joined our Lord in Heaven on February 15, 2021 after battling cancer for three years. He passed away at Renown Hospital with his wife Melissa and his children Koby, Kelsee, and Mikal by his side.

Born in Indiana on October 5, 1968, Andy has lived many places, but Fallon has been his home for 20 plus years. He was a devoted employee at Integrity Pest Management for five years and loved his job.

Andy was a devoted husband, father, and friend to everyone he met. He loved his family and children so very much, he inspired and encouraged so many people, he touched so many lives. Andy loved Jesus and loved speaking the gospel to everyone. He enjoyed adventures, water, theme parks, making people laugh, playing and goofing around with everyone. Andy truly enjoyed life and loved his family.

Andy is survived by his wife Melissa Cooper-Kieszkowski; his children Koby, Kelsee, Mikal, Felicia, Ashley, and Amber; his father Ronald; siblings Rita, Heather, Bonnie, Randy, and Matt.

A celebration of Andy's life will be held March 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene (1520 Grimes St. Fallon, NV) with a potluck following the service. Andy's favorite color was purple so please feel free to wear purple.

Verna L. Brady



Verna Brady was born on August 1, 1931, to Art and Alice Hooper in Owyhee, Nevada. She entered into eternal life on February 18, 2021. Verna attended school in Ione, Yomba, and a short time at Stewart. Verna would do household chores and helped care for her 13 brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces. Verna had a passion for riding horses and had such a strong faith in the Lord that she gave her heart to Christ at the age of 11.

Verna married her childhood friend Ralph Bill and had four children: James, Vernon, Dennis, and Esther; Ralph passed away six years later. Her brother Hugh Hooper introduced her to her future husband LeRoy Brady a short time later. Together they had four children: Lois, Kevin, John, and Alan Brady. Family values were instilled in the household and the family did everything as a unit. The family mined turquoise in Austin/Yomba and Mina for many years until settling down in Yomba to ranch and create a homestead. LeRoy and Verna were married just shy of 50 years, until his death in 2007. Verna sewed quilts, embroidered, cleaned turquoise, bucked bales, butchered and wrapped meat, picked pinenuts, gardened, raised pigs and chickens, and made the best yeast bread and donuts. Verna was a true example of a hardworking ranch woman.

Verna is preceded in death by her sons James and Vernon; father and mother Art and Alice Hooper; husbands Ralph Bill and LeRoy Brady and daughter-in-law Mary Brady.

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Verna is survived by her children Dennis (Valerie) Bill, Esther (James) Birchim, Lois Brady, Kevin Brady, John (Theresa) Brady, Alan (Jennifer) Brady, and Gary Brady. Eleven grandchildren Brian Bill, Arlo Brady, Teola (Matt) Tremayne, Kevin (Kerry) Brady Jr., Tony Bill, Sheena Bill, John (Monica) Brady Jr., Julia Brady, Britney (Cameron) Keele, Kenny Brady, and Casey Johns and numerous great-grandchildren. Verna is also survived by her siblings Laura Saunders, Darlene Dewey, and Ernest Hooper.

Services will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 10 am at the Country Church, 755 South Crook Road, Fallon, NV. Potluck following Services. Graveside services will be held at the Yomba Cemetery. Please maintain social distancing and abide by Covid restrictions. The Family would like to thank the Smith Family Funeral Home, Country Church, and the Austin Baptist Church.

Morton Pleads Guilty to Sexually Assaulting a Minor



Joseph Morton, photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

Story and photo by Leanna Lehman

Joseph Richard Morton, who is currently in custody at the Churchill County Jail, pled guilty to several counts of sexual assault in District Court on Tuesday, February 23.

Morton, according to plea negotiations entered into with the State, pled guilty to the following:

One count of Statutory Sexual Seduction by a Person Age 21 or older, a Category B Felony that carries 1-10 years in prison.

One count of Luring a Child or Mentally Ill Person to Engage in Sexual Conduct, also a Category B Felony that carries 1-10 years in prison.

One count of Lewdness with a Child under Age 14, a Category A Felony, punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years.

One count of Child Abuse or Neglect (a first offense), a felony that carries 1-6 years in prison.

In Nevada, sexual assault of a child technically qualifies as two separate crimes: (1) child abuse and (2) sexual assault. However, "double jeopardy" protects defendants

from being convicted of a similar offense for the same behavior. Defendants accused of sexually assaulting a minor can either be convicted of child abuse or sexual assault, but not both. In Morton's case, count four also includes the sexual assault of a minor but occurred on a different day than count two.

According to Nevada statute, if a psycho-sexual evaluation determines that Morton is not at high risk to re-offend, he could potentially receive probation on one or all of the charges. He will also have to register as a sex offender and submit to lifetime supervision.

In court, Morton stated that he used Facebook Messenger to communicate with the victim with the intent of persuading her to engage in sexual conduct. When addressed by Judge Stockard, Morton admitted that he knew how old she was. He further admitted to having sexual intercourse with the victim and inappropriately touching her to arouse sexual desire.

Jacob Sommer, Public Defender for Morton, informed Judge Stockard that the plea agreement reduced both the number of charges against his client as well as prohibited more serious charges from being filed or pursued. The initial charges against Morton included: Statutory Sexual Seduction, commonly referred to as statutory rape (six counts), Luring or Attempting to Lure a Child to Engage in Sexual Conduct (one count), Lewdness with a Child under Age 14 (four counts), and Child Abuse or Neglect (four counts).

Sommer cited his client's ties to the community and requested that Morton be released on his own recognizance (OR). Assistant District Attorney Jeff Weed opposed the request stating several factors, including Morton's intent and premeditation of the acts committed, the seriousness of the charges, the fact that the victim was also intellectually delayed, and the potential threat to the community. Judge Stockard denied the OR request, and set sentencing for May 11.

Davis Returned to Custody: Hazen Driver Test Positive for Meth



Cassandra Davis, Photo Courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

Story by Leanna Lehman

Cassandra Davis appeared in Justice Court on Thursday, February 25, for a status hearing. According to a Court Services report, Davis admitted to using methamphetamines on Wednesday, and tested positive prior to appearing for court on Thursday. Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Chelsea Sanford requested that Davis be returned to custody for failing to comply with the terms of her supervision after being released on her own recognizance (OR).

Wright Noel, public defense counsel for Davis, noted that Davis was making an effort to comply by appearing for court when most defendants fail to appear following a positive drug test. Noel argued for another OR release. However, Judge Trotter denied the request and reinstated bail for Davis. She was remanded to the custody the Churchill County Jail until she can provide a clean drug test.

Davis was arrested on February 1 in Hazen after allegedly driving under the influence of illicit narcotics and refusing to pull over on the signal of law enforcement. Davis also had several children in the car at the time of the arrest and reported hallucinating before driving. She has been charged with (1) Child Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment, (2) DUI, (3) Resist, Delay or Obstruct a Public Officer, and three traffic-related violations

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The 10th Judicial District Court convened February 23, with Judge Tom Stockard presiding

Story by Leanna Lehman

Brayden Walker Castillo appeared for violating the terms of his probation. Castillo pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny of a Firearm, a gross misdemeanor, in August, 2019. Castillo told Judge Stockard, "When I was sentenced, I was in a bad mindset. I didn't want to do probation at all." Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Castillo's probation and sentenced him to 30 days in the county jail with 15 days credit applied for time served. Judge Stockard warned Castillo that if he continues to violate his probation terms, he will continue to increase the days Castillo will spend in jail. Castillo must also obtain a substance abuse evaluation upon his release from custody.

Enrique Michael Campos (in custody) pled guilty to Furnishing an Intoxicant to a Prisoner, a gross misdemeanor that carries up to 364 days in jail. Campos admitted to making the alcohol from juice in a trash can. Campos was in custody on charges of Burglary of a Business, a Category C Felony, and for Possessing Stolen Property valued over \$5,000, also a C Felony. October 23, Campos broke into the StorWise storage facility on Grand Avenue with the intent to commit larceny and was later found with a 26-foot travel

trailer in his possession that had been stored at StorWise. Campos received probation on two suspended consecutive sentences of 24-60 months for the felony charges. He received a suspended sentence of 364 days in jail on the misdemeanor, which will run concurrently to the first two sentences. He must also complete the Salvation Army residential substance abuse treatment program.

Arthell James Duplessis appeared for violating the terms of the DUI Diversion program. Duplessis was granted entrance into the program in November, after pleading guilty to a 3rd or subsequent DUI. As a result, Nevada statute mandates a prison term of 1-5 years for Duplessis. Judge Stockard sentenced Duplessis to 46-60 months in prison with 68 days credit given for time served and fined him \$2,000 per Nevada statute.

James Lewis Greene, Jr., (in custody) was scheduled to appear on charges of domestic battery; however, the hearing was continued for one week. According to statements made in court, the initial criminal complaint included domestic battery by strangulation and noted that the victim was allegedly pregnant at the time of the incident. In Nevada, first offense domestic battery is usually a misdemeanor that carries up to 364 days in jail. In November, Greene received probation

on a suspended sentence of 17-44 months on two counts of fraudulently charging \$6,675.03 to his 69-year-old grandmother's credit card and has another case pending in Justice Court.

Sara Michelle Jones pled guilty to Forgery, a Category D Felony, and Obtaining or Possessing a Credit Card without Consent, also a Category D Felony, both carrying a potential prison term of 1-4 years. According to the allegations, Jones was illegally in possession of a forged check and a credit/debit card that did not belong to her. Court Services reported that Jones has multiple missed drug tests. Judge Stockard informed Jones that she had two choices, "I can put you jail or you can show up for your tests." Jones stated she would fully comply with the terms of her release prior to sentencing, which is scheduled for May 11.

Autumn Miller pled guilty to a second offense of Performance of an Act or Neglect of Duty, in Willful or Wanton Disregard, for Safety of Persons or Property, a gross misdemeanor, which can carry up to 364 days in jail. Miller received a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail. She was also fined \$500 and must write a letter of apology to the victim in the case. All other unrelated charges facing Miller were dropped.

Justice Court News

Story by Alicia Parsons

New River Township Justice Court convened Tuesday, February 23, with Judge Ben Trotter presiding.

Carol Jeanette Allen (in custody) was arraigned on multiple drug-related charges. According to the criminal complaint, Allen was charged with (1) Conspiracy to Violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, a first offense Class C Felony with a potential penalty of 1-5 years in prison, (2) Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (less than 14 grams and a 1st or 2nd offense) a Category E Felony that carries 1-4 years in prison, and (3), the Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a misdemeanor that can carry up to six months in jail. The allegations stated that Allen was in possession of oxycodone, methamphetamines, and a "tooter straw" (for snorting through the nose) with residue. Allen was released on her own recognizance (OR) under Court Services monitoring. A status check is set for February 25.

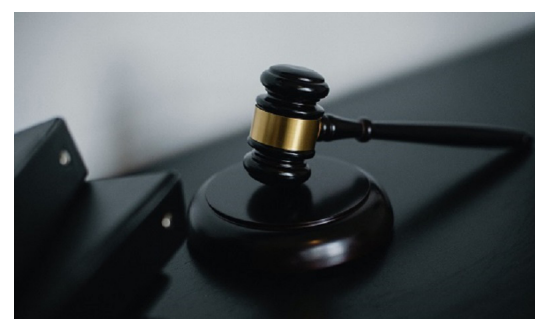
Marvin Michael Burns entered a no-contest plea for violation of a domestic protection order. He was sentenced to two years of probation, a 30-day suspended sentence, and a \$500 fine. Charles Woodman, Esq., defense counsel for Burns, will be arranging for his

client to remove all personal property from the victim's home, and the no-contact order is to remain in place.

Monica A Montes-Mullins (in custody) was charged with being a Principal to Robbery with the use of a Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony with a potential penalty of 1-6 years in prison, and Principal to Burglary with Possession of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony that can carry 1-10 years in prison. Montes is alleged to have aided and abetted two men who robbed the Comstock Casino with a shotgun on April 15, 2017, by acting as the getaway driver. Montes requested a OR release or bail reduction, which Judge Trotter denied. No plea has been entered. A status hearing is set for February 25.

In Nevada, robbery and burglary are different. Burglary occurs when someone intentionally enters a place without the consent of the owner with the intent to steal or commit a felony. Robbery occurs when property is taken from a person or place by the force or the threat of force.

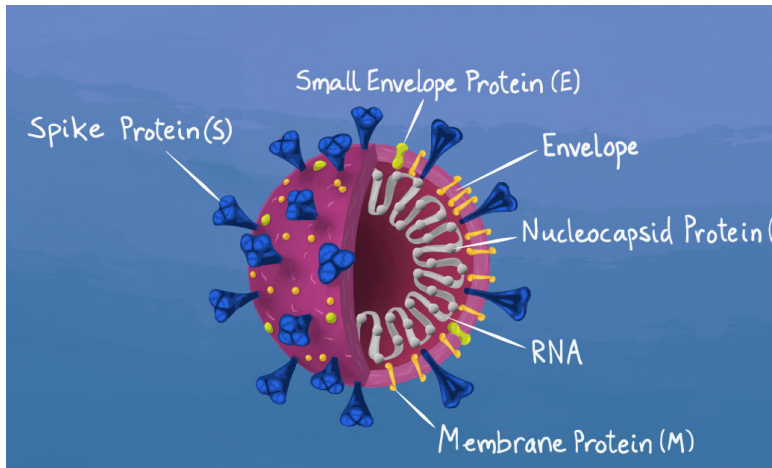
Nicholas Springfield (in custody) was arraigned on three alcohol-related charges; (1) DUI 1st Offense, a misdemeanor, (2) Minor Consuming Alcohol, and (3) Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor by providing alcohol. Public Defender (PD), Jacob Sommer,



asked that his client be released under Court Services' supervision pending the results of a blood test, which Judge Trotter granted. Additionally, Springfield is not to contact anyone under the age of 18 outside of his school may not drive with anyone under 18 without adult supervision. Sentencing scheduled for April 22.

Scott Allen Williams (in custody) was charged with Grand Larceny of an Auto greater than \$3,500. The allegations state that on December 31, 2019, Williams took a 2010 Chevy Impala without the owner's consent. PD Jacob Sommer requested an OR release since Williams has been incarcerated since the incident. A status hearing is set for March 4.

What you always wanted to know about COVID but were afraid to ask



Story by Leanna Lehman

Nearly a year into the global coronavirus pandemic, some questions about COVID-19 have made their way back to the surface. And, after many months and much research, a few answers have too.

Can COVID-19 be contracted through food? At present, there is no evidence to indicate that food can transmit the virus. To date, there have been no reports that food or food packaging has transmitted the virus. However, like all viruses, it can survive from hours to days on hard surfaces. The Food and Drug Administration states that warmer temperatures and exposure to sunlight

reduces the time the virus can survive on surfaces and objects.

Can COVID-19 be contracted through the mail or packages?

Despite the virus's ability to survive outside the body, it has low survivability as far as viruses go. According to the Center for Disease Control, "There's likely a very, very, very low, if any, risk of spread from products or packaging that is shipped over a period of days or weeks in ambient air temperatures."

Can COVID-19 be contracted through animals? The exact source of the Covid-19 coronavirus is unknown. However, it is suspected that it came from a bat, says the CDC. "At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus to humans. However, it appears that in some situations, people can spread the virus to animals, and people with suspected or confirmed cases should avoid contact with pets, livestock, and wildlife."

Does COVID-19 spread to people through the water in hot tubs, pools, or water playgrounds? The CDC states that they are not aware of any scientific reports of the virus spreading through the water in these areas.

Can children get COVID-19? Like adults, children and young people can contract the virus. However, they are most often asymptomatic or experience much milder symptoms (like a low-grade fever, mild cough, and fatigue) than older individuals. Early studies suggested that children did not spread the virus, but the CDC states that more recent studies conclude that children can also transmit COVID-19 to others.

Should pregnant women who plan to nurse be vaccinated?

According to a recently published article by the Harvard Medical School, the World Health Organization (WHO), recommends against the mRNA vaccine for pregnant women unless the benefit outweighs the potential risks. "There is a lot we still do not know about the safety of the vaccines in these populations and the actual risk of severe COVID-19 illness and death among pregnant individuals is very low." The CDC, on the other hand, recommends the vaccination. Both organizations strongly encourage pregnant women to consult their doctors as they are in the best position to advise and consider personal health risks and preferences.

Is it okay to make jokes about COVID-19? In short, yes. Laughter really is the best medicine, and psychologists agree that humor can be an effective coping mechanism. While not everyone may appreciate a witty COVID-ism, for many, it can offer a bit of relief from COVID fatigue. COVID fatigue occurs when a person reaches the end of their ability to cope with the constant exposure to pandemic stressors and is experiencing mental and physical symptoms. These could be loneliness, anger, depression, anxiety, isolation, or even increased alcohol consumption and substance abuse.

While it is not a cure-all, it certainly has benefits. "Humor helps people take back their sense of power in a powerless situation and it helps them connect with others—two things we have lost during this pandemic," according to a recent report by Sherri Gordon in *VeryWellMind*. But the advantages do not stop there.

There is scientific evidence that laughter reduces stress-related hormones while it activates feel-good hormones in the brain. It also increases the number of cells that produced antibodies, enhances our T-cells (crucial for adaptive immunity), and helps support our immune response. All of this equates to a more robust immune system.

Studies also show that humor has the ability to provide pain relief, help manage stress, expand positive emotions, and improve communication with others, according to Gordon. In fact, people experience a 39% reduction in stress just by anticipating humor.

So, go ahead and laugh about it.

As for the current status of COVID-19 in Churchill County, there is a continued downward trend in positive test cases with no new deaths or hospitalizations reported as of February 23.

Churchill County	As of Feb. 12th	As of Feb. 16th	As of Feb. 23rd
Active Positive Cases	27	23	20
Tests Administered since March	20,446	20,661	20,977
Recovered Individuals	1,785	1,812	1,823
Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0
Total Deaths	49	49	49
Total Positive Cases since March	1,862	1,876	1,892
Asymptomatic Positives Since March	124	*124	*124
Vaccines administered (1st and 2nd doses)	3,348	34,499	5,201
New Positive Cases		2	2
Positivity Rate	6.5%	6.0%	6.2%

Per Churchill County Data: <https://www.churchillcounty.org/covid-19>
<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/#covid-data-tracker>
 State data may lag up to 7 days

Sales Tax Revenue up Over Last Year



Story by Leanna Lehman

Despite nearly a full year of economic uncertainty, Churchill County recently received a little good news. In a recent report to the Churchill County Commissioners, Comptroller Sherry Wideman shared information that County sales tax revenue for November increased 9% over the same period last year. Further, despite statewide pandemic shutdowns and businesses operating below

capacity for most of 2020, there has been an overall upward sales tax trend since 2015.

In the most recent sales tax report by the Nevada Department of Taxation, as of November, Churchill County has generated \$4,214,707.55 in sale tax revenues for the first part of the 2020-2021 fiscal year (July 1 through November). Not all counties are experiencing increased sales, however. State-wide, sale tax revenue is down 4.7% over 2019-2020, with Humboldt County hit the hardest, reporting a loss of 29.8%.

The food service industry has suffered a catastrophic loss in revenue across the state, with a resulting sale tax revenue decrease of 38.6% and clothing stores seeing a decrease of 24.6%. However, offsetting that loss is a substantial increase of 107.4% for specialty trade contractors, a 52% increase for non-retail stores (online), and a 19.8% rise in building/gardening equipment and supply.

Interestingly, this fiscal year's cigarette sales tax revenue is down in Nevada by 5.7% over the previous year. Liquor sales tax at -12.7%, potentially due to bar and restaurant closures and capacity limits. However, sales tax on other tobacco products, like vape products, were up 67.7% and retail marijuana

sales tax increased by 35.3%

According to Wideman, sales were up in various areas, including motor vehicle sales, building/garden equipment and suppliers, and online retail sales. The county could also be looking at an increase in December sales. "Historically, December is a higher month," said Wideman. Although, that information will not be available until March.

Increased revenue for Churchill County couldn't come at a more opportune time. Sales tax may be steadily moving upward, but the pandemic shutdown has negatively impacted other county revenue. "The County has been impacted in non-sales tax-related ways," Wideman reported, "public services revenues are down due to reduced services such as at the Parks and Recreation facilities, and the Library and the Museum."

Meet the County Comptroller: After spending nearly 14 years in the Churchill County Comptroller's Office, CPA Sherry Wideman took on the role of County Comptroller in 2018. Before moving to the Lahontan Valley in 2007, her career was in external auditing, including her years as an external auditor for QVC in Pennsylvania.

Burning Ditches and Fields Safe and Customary



TCID crews burning canals along Sheckler Road to clean weeds and debris before start of irrigation season. (The Fallon Post/Rachel Dahl)

Staff Report

This is the time of year people notice fields and ditches on fire, and those new community members often wonder "what the heck is going on and why is no one noticing?"

Agricultural burning is a generally accepted farming practice used by farmers and wetlands managers to reduce crop residue, stimulate yield, control diseases, reduce unwanted plant species, and otherwise maintain the productivity of lands.

The practice of burning is applied to canals and ditches (open channels) to reduce or eliminate the presence of unwanted plant species that draw from the water supply and choke water flow intended for all beneficial uses –including agriculture.

Important to all water users is the concept of "head pressure." Impediments to water flow, such as weeds in a channel, reduce water velocity and its associated pressure at a delivery gate –making irrigation slow and inefficient. The build-up of weeds

and debris in open channels causes overtopping as well as mad neighbors.

Moreover, no one wants channels serving as delivery conduits for the seeds of unwanted plants that will end up growing on roadsides or fields. Burning serves to cleanse delivery structures and creates the beautiful fields that we all appreciate in the "Oasis of Nevada."



Clouds of smoke from TCID control burn at Stillwater. (The Fallon Post/Leanna Lehman)

Local Government

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vibe is felt by the community out there getting tested and vaccinated. It's really been the best staff."

Members of the community Health Response Team then gave individual reports: Melissa Mackedon, CEO of Oasis Academy, reported that her school is working on a plan to bring students back for full-day instruction. She asked about the governor's plan to return authority in these matters to local government officials by May 1. Commissioner Pete Olsen said decisions for schools would still be made by the Department of Education.

He did say that with proper precautions, bringing kids back to school all day is important. "Especially where we have offered vaccination to all school staff" said Olsen. "The district has done a phenomenal job under horrible conditions, but that being said, school in full session for the kids is the optimal solution and we want to get there as quickly as possible."

Barbee clarified that in the governor's Roadmap to Recovery, authority over school districts will not be passed to local health districts but remain with the state. Dr. McDonald agreed with that assessment saying, "We are seeing most of the schools moving to open full time and we should make sure we keep the channels of communication open."

Dr. Summer Stephens, CCSD superintendent, said she appreciates the conversation about fully reopening, "but there are a lot of things in play and a lot goes into fully reopening." She said the school board would be addressing the issue at the meeting scheduled for that evening. "This is not a time where we would be going back to full time instruction anyway, most likely CCSD will maintain the modified hybrid through the end of the year," she said. "We are trying to take a respectful approach and to be thoughtful about cost/benefit. Our kids are getting a lot of attention now when they are at school."

Barbee reported that 60% of the district staff chose to be vaccinated, and all employees were offered the vaccine.

Lana Robards from New Frontier reported that her staff continues to provide 70 food boxes each week to seniors and shut-ins

and 45 commodities boxes each Monday. She was disappointed that only one-third of New Frontier staff has chosen to get the COVID vaccine. They have roughly 200 rapid-testing kits that will expire at the end of April if anyone needs them.

Banner Churchill Community Hospital CEO Rob Carnahan reported that the hospital saw one of the highest volumes in COVID cases, for the most extended period of time, during the COVID spike. "It was incredible to see the team come together and do what they do for the community," said Carnahan. He is encouraged by the decrease in positive cases and is looking to support his staff, who have carried the heavy burden. "We are focusing on resiliency of the staff who have saved lives but experienced many deaths. It has had an impact and we have to make sure our team is ready to move forward."

The hospital has just moved into what they call "Yellow gate status," allowing one visitor per patient.

He added that 65% of the Banner staff had the COVID vaccine.

Community Health Nurse Pam Krause reported that her office is still providing clinical services by appointment only. They will also be assisting the high school every Tuesday by administering COVID test to coaches and athletes. Her office also has 43 testing kits that will expire on March 20.

Lisa Erquiaga, director of the Pennington Life Center, said her staff is still in a holding pattern, "serving and feeding seniors out the back door through Meals on Wheels and out the front door with the pick-up lunch program." She said for some of the seniors, it's their only outing. "They are tired of not getting out, but we're all tired of a lot of things."

Erquiaga is in the process of determining the requirements for opening the dining room with guidance from national programs. There has not been any direction from the governor's office on this issue.

Commissioner Justin Heath, and local family medical practitioner, said he is receiving many calls and emails from parents on the subject of reopening schools. He asked that the school district present at the next meeting on their plan for reopening.

County Offers Vaccine Options

If you or someone you know are unable to utilize CART to access the vaccine locations, please call 775-423-6695, option 2 to speak with the Churchill County Health staff about homebound options.

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Fallon Chamber Announces 2020 Award Winners



Chamber Board of Directors and Chamber Ambassadors celebrating local businesses during the Chamber Awards,

Story and photo by Jo Petterutti

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce held the Annual Chamber Awards ceremony on Friday, February 19 at 6 pm in a very different way this year. Broadcast on Facebook Live the event took only about 15 minutes. Lucy Carnahan, the Chamber Executive Director, stated in her email announcement of the Facebook event that, "Aside from all the stress of the year we have seen some amazing things happen in our community. Our small business owners and community leaders should be recognized for their efforts amidst the ever-changing business atmosphere the past year has brought."

Carnahan kicked off the event on Facebook Live by welcoming everyone to the 2020 ceremony. Cynthia McGarrah, the Chamber Board President, also welcomed the viewers to the event, and acknowledged the perseverance shown by the Fallon businesses in 2020. Carnahan explained that the event was being live-streamed with the help of the Chamber board members, ambassadors and CEDA/SBDC (Churchill Economic Development Authority/Small Business Development Center). None of the presenters knew who the winners would be until the moment each one was announced, with only Carnahan and the company that made the plaques privy to that information. The presenters would first state the three nominees in each category and then build up to the winning business by saying, "And the winner is...". The group cheered as each winning business was announced.

McGarrah announced the Adjustment Award, by saying, "This one was very hard because everyone had to adjust this year." As Carnahan made the final award of the evening, before announcing the winner of that category she said, "The Stuck with It award is actually awarded to all of you."

A total of 17 awards were presented. Each award was framed in a square shadow-box containing a mini face mask printed with the Chamber logo and an engraved nameplate with the award category and the winner's name. Award categories and winners for 2020 were: Outstanding Customer Service - Food and Beverage: Courtyard Cafe; Outstanding Customer Service - Retail Business: Big R Stores; Outstanding Customer Service - SMALL Retail Business: The Twisted Branch; Outstanding Customer Service - Services and Repairs: Cheek Construction; Outstanding Customer Service - Health and/or Beauty Services: Double Heart Healing and Massage; Outstanding Customer Service - Business and Professional Services: Sierra Nevada Properties; Best Business Start-Up: The Village; Outstanding Small Business: His Inspiration; Best Place to Work: Louie's Ace Home Center; Outstanding

Beautification Project: The Village; Outstanding Business Innovations: Huck Salt; Outstanding Local Non-Profit: C.A.P.S (Churchill Animal Protection Society); Business Person of the Year: Jesse Segura; Outstanding Helping Heart: Running Iron Cafe ~ Children's Breakfast Meals; Business Growth Award: Running Iron Cafe; Adjustment Award: 3 C's Catering; "Stuck With It" Award: Fallon Theatre.

At the close of the event, Carnahan said, "We have been following all mandates here at the Chamber, and we are so happy that you could join us at home in your pajamas. It was a fun event held in 15 minutes instead of 3 hours. We also wanted to show you all of our board members and ambassadors and how wonderful they are. And, since you can be home in your pajamas, so can they. Thanks once again and have a beautiful night!"

After the event, Carnahan posted this on the Chamber's website, "This year of course was different for all. We still had a good time. What can we say about having a fifteen-minute awards ceremony compared to a three hour one? I would personally like to thank my amazing Chamber Board of Directors and Chamber Ambassadors for attending our awards ceremony and presenting the awards. And a special thank you to CEDA/SBDC for being this year's sponsor." Certainly, 2020 was a year that will never be forgotten. Once again, the Chamber made sure that the community didn't forget what local businesses have accomplished by celebrating them.



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Organizations

Green Goddess Farmer's Market

Story by Jo Petteruti

Farmers, artists, and goddesses. Fallon's farmers market season is going to be heightened this year with the entry of a new market sponsored by the Churchill Arts Council (CAC). The Green Goddess Farmer's Market will be held on the first Saturday of May through September from 3 to 8 pm at the Oats Park Art Center and Lariat Courtyard.

Valerie Serpa, Executive Director of CAC is excited about the market being at the Arts Center. "We've thought about having a market here for a long time. It's a natural location with its proximity to the park, the beautiful greens in front of the center and the Lariat Courtyard outside. It's the perfect opportunity to utilize the space and showcase the Arts Center. The store and galleries will all be open."

The idea for the market name came from Jamie Sammons of Two Ravens Farm. Sammons was influenced by Korena Mewaldt of Mewaldt Organics who started the Garden Goddess Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and from Green Tara the Buddhist goddess of universal compassion, enlightenment, and liberation. "They say she's the mother of all Buddhas. Well, agriculture can

be liberating, and libations and liberation do go together," she said.

Sammons described the first market saying, "For some of the farms, it will be a seedling sale with vegetable plant starts, however a full selection of herbs and perennials will also be available. As the season progresses, more fresh produce will be available." Many other local items will be available each month including artwork, crafts, food and beverages. Munchies can be purchased from the 5 Star Indian Food truck. Telegraph Coffee and Tap will be roasting a special blend of coffee on-site. The "Will Shamberger Band" will open the market and is also scheduled to perform at the last market in September.

The farms planning to attend each month include Mewaldt Organics, Fisk Farm Herbs, Lattin Farms, Fallon Food Hub, Two Ravens Farm, Getto Farms, Ames Family Farm, Yellow Petal Flower Farm and Cherry Dog Orchards. From Sammons' point of view, "Fallon should be the center of the farmers market scene. All of the farmers are out here." Serpa said they have 22 vendors registered to date and there is still time to register. Serpa hopes to get most applications by April 1 to allow promotion time, but will accept applications anytime. Preregis-

tration for vendors is required and there is no vendor booth fee for this year. Serpa said, "Because of the economic concerns from the past year, we wanted to make it as easy as possible for anyone who wants to participate."

Every market will begin with a "Meet Your Farmer" cocktail hour from 3 to 4 pm in the Lariat Bar where a specialty cocktail for the month will be crafted from local ingredients from one of the farms and available for purchase. Sammons said she would be doing the first one for Mewaldt Organics who is already canning violets for that first cocktail. The cocktail hour will also be an opportunity to meet the farmers and gain an in-depth knowledge of what they do.

According to Serpa, the brick pads that are built in front of the Arts Center were originally installed by the City with the hopes that the area would be used for a farmers market, making this a historically ideal location. The signs of spring are starting and soon the warm feeling that comes with the summer season will be upon us, bringing with it the sights and smells of fresh produce. Serpa said, "This could be the perfect storm. People are so ready to do something fun and the farmers market will be a perfect choice."

Growing Farmers in Fallon

Story by Jo Petteruti

Fallon has a new growth opportunity. Kelli Kelly, Fallon Food Hub Manager, is introducing a new program she is tentatively calling Growing Farmers in Fallon. The program will consist of three workshops offered virtually from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on March 24, 31, and April 7. The program is being developed in collaboration with the Healthy Communities Coalition (HCC) that serves Lyon and Storey counties, similar to our Churchill County Coalition.

Food security is an area that organizers of the HCC feel need to be addressed. Food pantries and community gardens in those communities help in that regard. Kelly discussed other common problems such as the shortage of produce vendors. "One problem that they have run into with their farmers markets, and it's a similar problem we have run into, is that we don't have enough farmers coming to the markets to sell their produce," Kelly said.

Growing one's own food has become extremely popular, but most home gardeners grow more than they can eat. The program targets avid home gardeners with workshops that are intended to help them expand their garden footprint, get their producer certificate, and sell their produce at the farmers markets.

The first workshop will cover the goals and outcomes from the series, what a producer certification is and what it is not, along with farm food safety. Jill Moe, Interim Director of the Desert Farming Initiative (DFI) at UNR will facilitate the farm food safety training component. Kelly said, "It will help the home gardener to be safe on their farm and teach them how

to approach their garden with an eye toward controlling potential sources of contamination and pests."

The second workshop will show how to build a garden plan, what information is required on the plan, software with which to build the plan, and how to be ready to apply for certification. Randy Roberson, Nevada Master Gardener, one of the hosts of The Garden Show on Reno's KKO radio station 780 and a licensed Nevada producer will discuss the differences between leisure gardening for oneself versus growing produce to be enjoyed and monetized, and how to develop crop plans. Todd Jones from California will take part of the class to show the gardeners a free software tool that he created to do all the crop planning. He is customizing the Google-based document for the Fallon class to cover home-based farm planning needs. The class will wrap up with a walk-through of the producer certification application process, the requirements to apply, and the \$50 filing fee.

The third workshop will focus on how to sell directly to the public via outlets such as farmers markets. Kelly said, "You've learned how to be safe, developed your plans, acquired your producer certificate and have grown your stuff - now what do you do with it?" Farmers markets' policies will be discussed so that gardeners know what to expect and what they will need when they arrive at a market. Selling via wholesale outlets such as to farm shares and restaurants will also be covered so that the differences in packaging and pricing will be understood.

Kelly discussed how increased access to



Photo provided by Fallon Food Hub.

more fresh vegetables and increased vendor participation in the farmers markets can also be achieved. She also said, "The end goal is to grow five new farmers who will commit to selling their produce at four farmers markets per year, which also allows them to be eligible for reimbursement of the producer certification fee." If the newly grown farmers sell their produce at four farmers markets in Fallon or four markets in Dayton, they will be eligible for reimbursement.

Kelly said that a link to sign up for the workshops will be announced soon on the Fallon Food Hub's social media pages. Questions can also be sent to her at FallonFoodHub@gmail.com

Fallon has two farmers markets planned this season. The Churchill Arts Council is sponsoring the Green Goddess market on the first Saturday of each month from May through September from 3 - 8 pm at the Arts Center and Lariat Courtyard. Amick Events will be running the Fallon Food Hub market at Lattin Farms, details about this event will be forthcoming.

Churchill School Board Approves Revisions to Re-opening Plan



Trustees Fred Buckmaster, Gregg Malkovich, and Carmen Schank (left to right).

Story and photo by Rachel Dahl

Churchill County School District board members held a lengthy discussion last night over whether or not to bring students back full-time for the rest of the school year. In a 6-1 vote, with Trustee Gregg Malkovich opposed, the board ultimately voted to make modifications to the existing plan but keep the AM/PM hybrid model.

Trustee Carmen Schank made the motion to keep the existing plan, citing issues with cleaning, social distancing, transportation, and testing.

Malkovich said it is time for students to be back in school. “We need a 21-day plan to get kids back in school. A full day with a licensed teacher is much better than half-day.”

Recommended by Superintendent Summer Stephens, the adjustments to existing re-opening plan include an increase in capacity on busses and in school buildings to meet Governor Sisolak’s comments issued February 15 in Directive 038. Bus capacity can increase from 50% to 66%, keeping three-foot distancing, and building capacity can increase to a 75% capacity with the three-foot distancing of students and six-foot distancing of adults.

“People are content,” said board president Matt Hyde. He also expressed concern over how other districts will meet the Governor’s Directives. Lyon County school district returns to full time, in-person instruction this coming Monday, March 1. Some rural districts in Ely and Eureka have been open full time the entire year.

Director of Special Services, Derild Parsons has been tasked

to lead an effort addressing concerns for at-risk learners in a phased approach to additional support through the 4th quarter and into the summer months. Phase one of this plan includes extra help for seniors who need support to graduate, and students with disabilities as well as English Language Learners. Phase two looks at credit recovery for elementary and secondary students throughout the summer.

Stephens argued that her leadership team says, “things are working.” Citing benefits from smaller class sizes allowing for more teacher support for instruction and deeper learning, results of MAP testing showing students are making progress, attendance rates and lack of discipline rates, the limitations still on transportation, and the difficulty teachers face in rebuilding classroom communities, she said, “If you want to do something different, we won’t be able to stand that up for three weeks.”

Schank worries changing the schedule now would be disruptive. “Those in the trenches, teachers and principals, praise the board for making the existing schedule.”

Parsons said 60% of district staff has received the COVID vaccine which will ease some of the staffing problems with exclusions that happen if someone experiences and exposure to a positive case.

Trustee Tricia Strasdin said asking teachers to make changes at this point would be “cruel and unusual, they have made major changes in what they were doing.” She said it is important to not lose sight of support for mental health because suicide rates and substance abuse have gone up across the nation, and extra support for students need include these issues. “I also want to say many students and many families are just accepting the current situation and they’re just hanging on.”

There were 28 people attending the meeting remotely, and several made public comment. Principal of the middle school, Amy Word cited an English class with 14 students currently attending in person, but with the social distancing requirements a full class of students would not fit in the room. She said with a return to a normal school-day schedule it would take three hours to rotate kids through lunch between cleaning and social distancing. “I don’t know that we would actually be getting that much instructional time back.”

Parent of a high school senior and a sixth grader, Julie Guerrero-Goetsch said, “I agree, we are just sucking it up, and hanging on right now, and what we are hanging on for is the moment we are allowed to return to in-person.” She said the district needs to look at how things can be done rather than all the reasons things can’t be done. “I like some of the things that are done in smaller class sizes, but three hours a day is not enough.”

Trustees Approve Plan for Fall Sports – There Will be Football

CCHS FOOTBALL
GAME SCHEDULE

March 6, @DAYTON JV@Spanish Springs
March 13, vs SPRING CREEK
March 20, @ELKO
March 27, vs FERNLEY
April 3, vs LOWRY Sr Night
April 10, PLAYOFF GAME

JV 12:30
VARSITY 3PM

Story by Rachel Dahl

“Judging from the smiles on their faces,” said Athletic Director Brad Daum Wednesday night, as he presented the plan for fall sports to the Board of Trustees, “students are extremely excited.”

Soccer, Volleyball, and Football games are back on the roster for CCHS. Games will be held on Fridays and Saturdays during a modified six-week season. Tennis, Cross Country, and Golf will be played on various days as scheduled.

Eighty-one players on both the Varsity and JV Football teams will be competing this year, provided they comply with the strict list of COVID-19 protocols outlined by the Nevada Interscholastic Sports Association, NIAA.

Due to the modified season and school year, no freshman football will be played, but with any luck will start back up next fall.

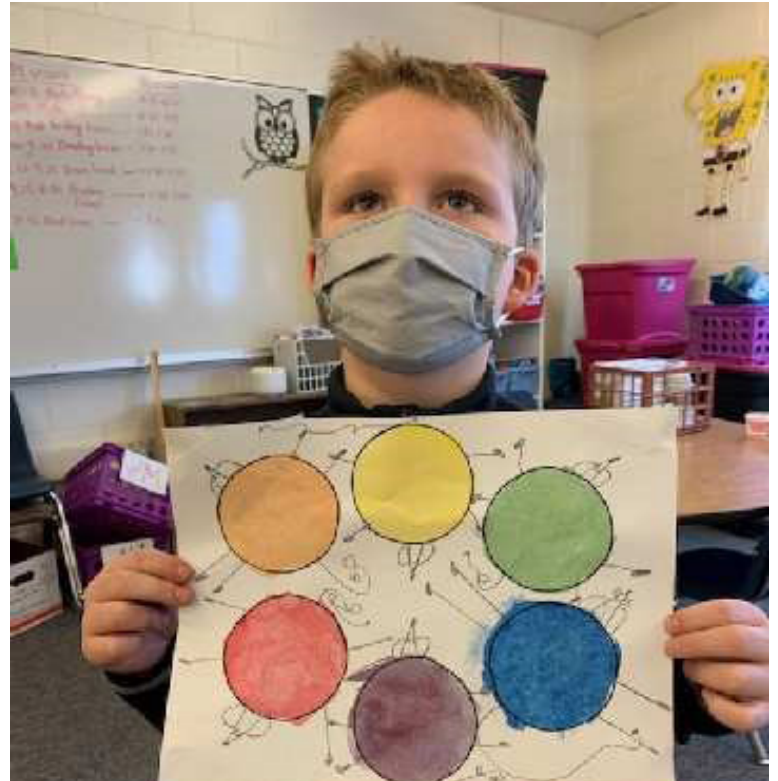
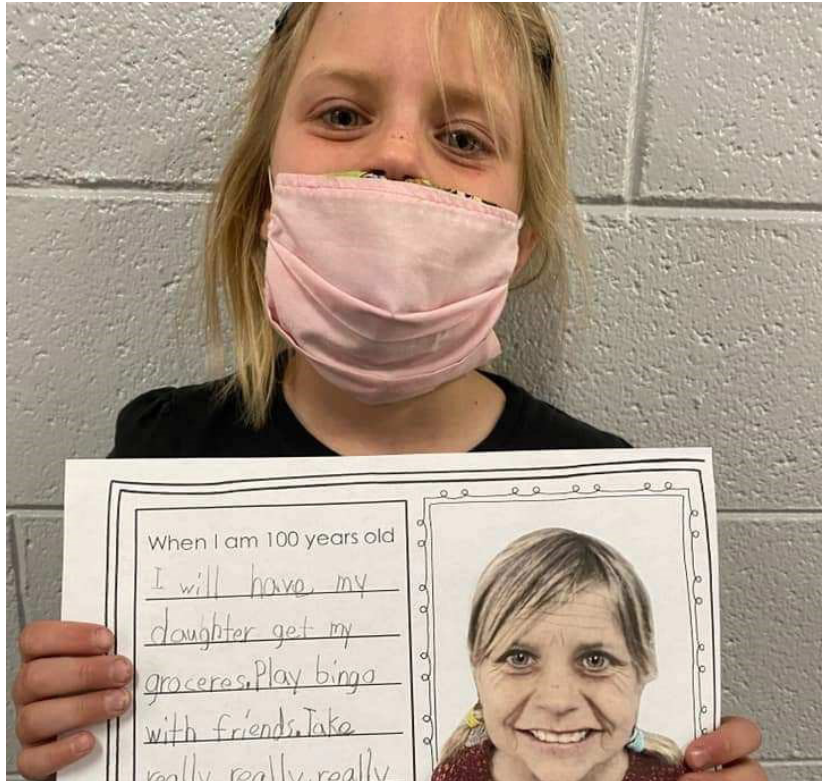
The first of the Saturday games will be held on March 6, with a regional-type tournament scheduled at the end of the six-week season. However, according to Daum, there will be no sanctioned state championship game this year and no overnight trips for games.

The NIAA has added two teams to the 3A League – Wooster and Hug High Schools. As a result, the league has been divided into two divisions, East and West. Churchill County falls in the East Division and competes against Elko, Spring Creek, Lowry, Fernley, and Dayton.

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Education

Student Work



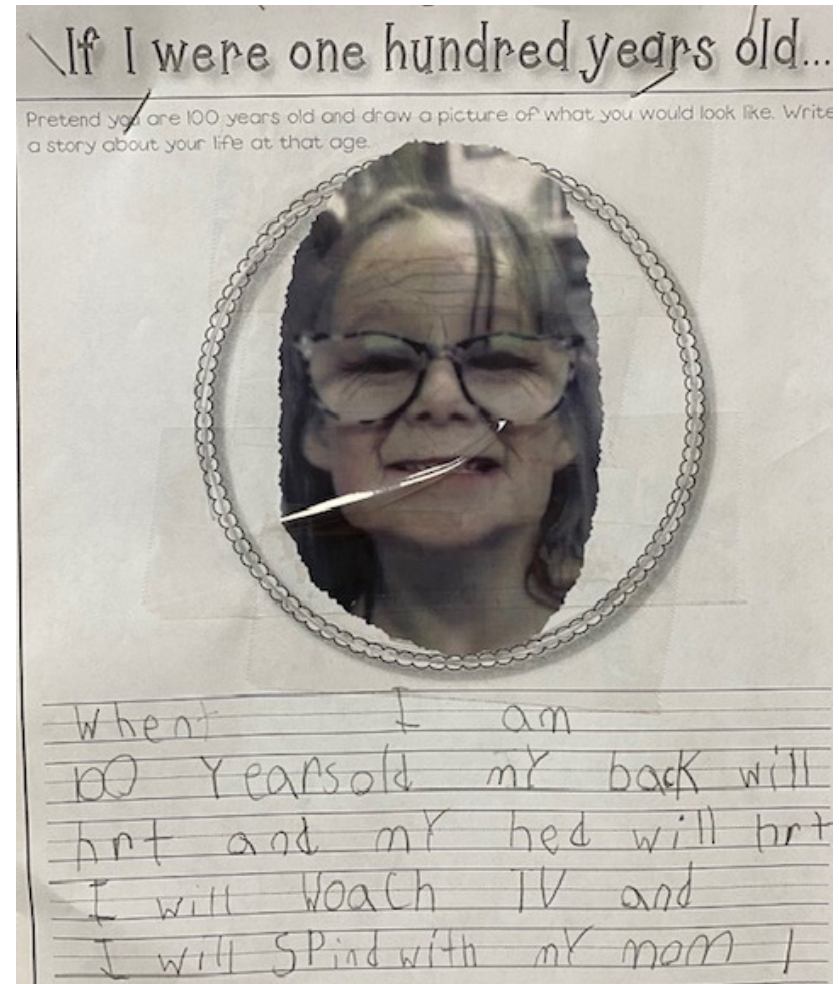
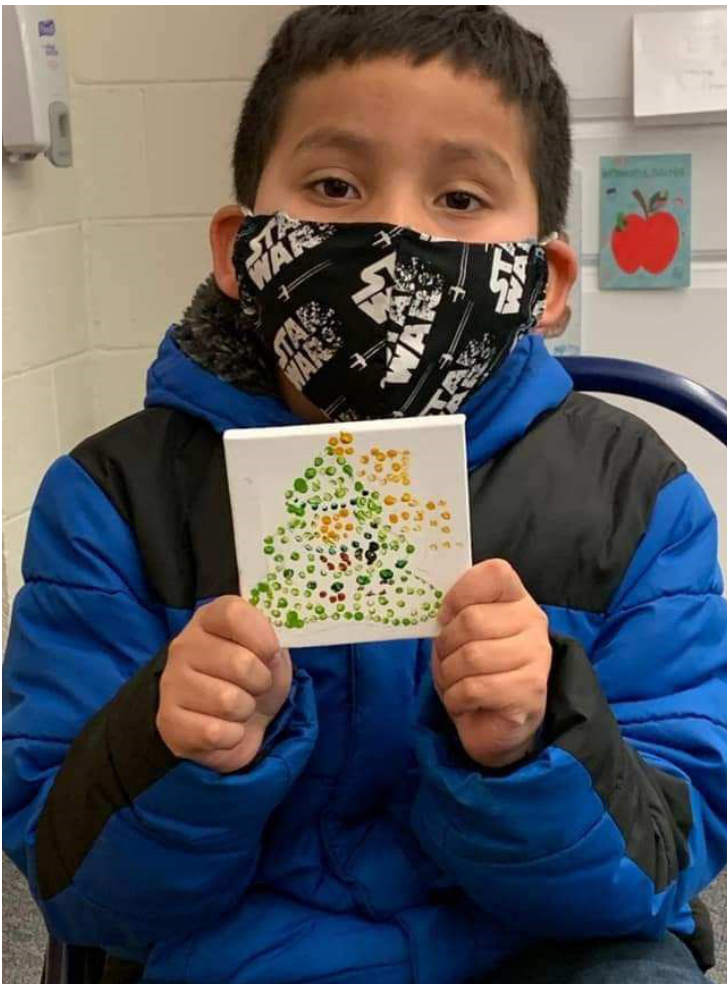
(above, below, & pg. 15 bottom left) Mrs. Phillips' class created pointillism paintings, and Mr. Boone said "Great work, second graders!" Students also worked on various projects to celebrate the 100th day of school. Second graders from Lisa Christy's class learned about the color wheel, primary colors, and how to make secondary colors. Photos provided by E.C. Best Elementary.



Student Work



(Bottom right) Mrs. Deller's First Grade - 100 day writing activity. Photo provided by Lahontan Elementary. (Above) Logos Christian Academy students will be displaying their Science Fair projects, after learning about and reviewing the Scientific Method during the "Science Matters" Family Science Night on Friday, February 26th. Class science projects from PK - 2nd grade will be on display, as well as individual projects from 3rd-8th graders. Judges from the community will score individual entries and 1st-3rd place ribbons will be on display that evening. Photos provided by Logos Christian Academy.





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This means considerable travel for teams in East Division, as opposed to the West Division, which includes North Valleys, South Tahoe, Sparks, Hug, Truckee, and Wooster High Schools.

The football teams started practice last Thursday with helmets only and have added shoulder pads this week, with full contact practice beginning on Thursday, February 25. "We're taking it slow," Daum said, "These kids have done nothing for a year, and we're hoping to prevent injuries."

Procedures for each sport include daily temperature checks and a five-question survey regarding potential symptoms. Coaches must keep a log for each athlete and make that available prior to contests.

"During the Athletic Director meeting, we left it to coaches on event day to test their teams," said Daum. "We are trusting them to do that." Additionally, an administrator must accompany the Football, Volleyball, and Soccer teams for away-games. "We will test each athlete before we leave and they will stay home if they have symptoms."

Additionally, there will be team boxes keeping athletes six feet apart on the side of the field and the gym. Daum said it would take an entire side of the gym for volleyball. All fans must be 25 feet away from the court and the field, which limits gym stands to the top four rows. Until March 15, the occupancy limit for fans is 100

at one time, and after that, the limit increases to 250, both inside and out. Masks must be worn at all times by everyone.

At this point, the decision has been made to give spectator tickets to the home team, with two tickets per athlete. "For football, with 50 kids on a team, that's all 100 tickets and that is the limit," said Daum. On March 15, that changes with the limit going up to 250 spectators.

According to Daum, the entire stadium and facilities work crew must be COVID tested and cleared or have received their complete COVID vaccination. Athletes, coaching staff, and managers must be tested weekly. Locker rooms cannot be used, but Daum stated that he is talking to the City of Fallon to see about using the big white tents for visiting teams. "There is talk about having the visiting teams come dressed and ready to play," he said, "but we're not sure how that would work." There are also the officials to consider, and classrooms may be opened for their changing needs."

The visiting team cannot arrive more than 45 minutes before the game, with 15 minutes set aside for testing protocols, which leaves the necessary 30-minute warm-up time. "As soon as the game is over, the visiting team has to leave," said Daum.

Spring sports have been approved to start on April 3 and will go through May 22, creating a bit of an overlap with the fall sports, which run through April 10.

The district has installed a camera system in the gym and is in the process of installing another system in the stadium that will allow spectators to watch games remotely.

Parent Julie Guerrero-Goetsch, who attended the board meeting, complimented everyone who put together the plan for athletics; however, she expressed concern that students are not returning to the classroom full time. "The state is allowing us to make changes both for athletics and for education and the same willingness to get kids on the field should be applied to getting students back in the classrooms full time," said Guerrero-Goetsch. "The NIAA is allowing the opening of sports and therefore we are finding solutions for students in sports and we should apply the same process to education."

Ready, Set, PLAY – Softball & Baseball

Story by Alicia Parsons

With the latest updates to the governor's directives for re-opening the state and sporting events, Youth Softball (ages 5-15), Fallon Youth Baseball/Cal Ripken league (ages 4-12), and Babe Ruth Baseball (ages 13-18) will soon be underway. The Churchill County Youth Softball Association and Fallon Youth Baseball are excited to start sign-ups for the 2021 season.

Things have started a bit unusually for this season, as COVID restrictions are still in place. With a lot of hard work and patience, both organizations obtained the required waivers to open the 2021 season. Regulations that are still in place will require parents, spectators, and participants to follow masking and social distancing guidelines. Players and team members will be required to do contactless temperature screening, health screening survey, social distancing when possible, and mask protocols that state when the player is not actively playing, a mask is to be worn.

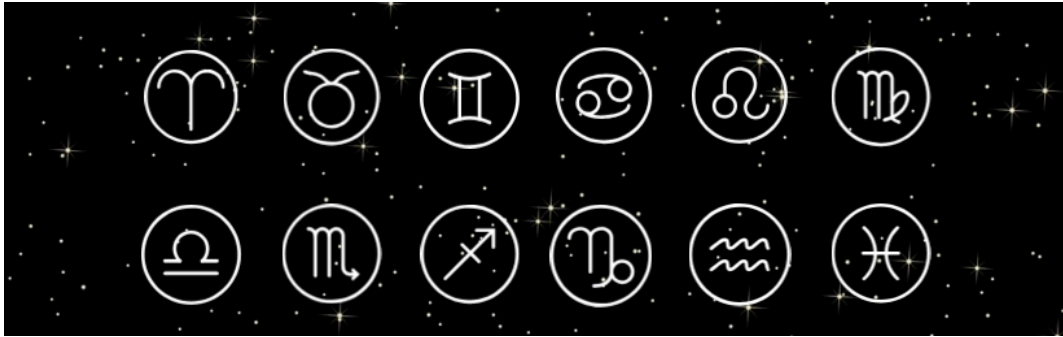
Sign-ups and registration for Fallon Youth Baseball, which continue through Sunday, February 28, are online-only and can be found at <https://fallonyouthbaseball.leagueapps.com>.

Skills drafts are Monday, February 29, 2021.

The Churchill County Youth Softball Association registration and the sign-up page are under construction. The updated link will post as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, the Churchill County Youth Softball Association is looking for volunteers to help the association or coach for the 2021 season. If you are interested, please reach Matt Johnson at 775-427-7815.



The Feral Housewife's Weekly Horoscopes



Capricorn- December 22 - January 19

The temptation to break your budget is strong. Resist the temptation for now! When the opportunity to leave the rat race for something that better suits you presents itself, know that you will be more than able to cover the bills. You don't have to sacrifice happiness for prosperity. You can lead the way in problem-solving, and shockingly you will help a friend navigate a hiccup in their relationship.

Aquarius- January 20 - February 19

As you break family tradition and shock those around you, the stars align with you to eliminate negativity in your life. You strive to find the most favorable space for happiness and peace in your overall life. Get ready to launch. Literally, you will be in contact with someone that can send that special something you have into orbit!

Pisces-February 20 - March 20

When you stumble across someone's secrets this week unintentionally, you should keep those secrets to yourself. Don't waste time looking around you at all the things that could go wrong; keep your focus on what is ahead of you and quit worrying about the rest. You will be making a huge impact this week; something you say or do will be felt worlds over.

Aries- March 21 - April 10

Things are changing. There is a breakdown in the structure of some relationships you have in your life. Whether that happens to be romantic or friendly, everyone's role will be changing. Camaraderie will be shifting drastically, be ready to deal with the emotions that come with that as it touches every relationship in your life. This shift will allow you to do something you have never felt you could before; GO FOR IT!

Taurus- April 21 - May 20

As you deal with a business change, take the time to ask for a transfer or raise. It might just be time to update the resume. You will glide through this week with a steadfast dedication to the cause, whatever it is. Those aspirations you have, go ahead and reach out and grab them by the horns, would ya?

Gemini- May 21 - June 20

Education does not always have to take form in traditional routes. You desire to learn and grow but can't quite let go of how that looks for you. It would be an excellent time for you to invest time into unconventional learning and see what those online classes or workshops may show you. While searching for education, make time to look at yourself and remember, you get out what you put in.

Cancer- June 21 - July 22

Resources are abundant this week, and technology is your friend. Find a way to use technology to manage the resources. There is a relationship in your life overdue for a change in titles. You have the time and ability to address that now, so make sure that you do. Whether a friendship or something more personal, it is high time to figure this out.

Leo-July 22 - August 22

It is about high time to grow up grasshopper. You need to evaluate the routines and habits you have and change anything that is not bringing you growth or that benefits you. You might feel like these great ideas are slow-moving, which leaves you feeling down. Be patient; they are moving in the right direction, and you will see the fruits of your labor soon enough. Life is an adventure, after all!

Virgo- August 23 - September 22

Out with the old in with the new. There is a new way of doing things that will change your life for the better. To reach the goals you have, you will need to make an effort to leave behind the comfortable routines you have fallen in. As you dive into matters of love, it is a good idea to take a step back and do some of the hard work that it takes to make these types of things stick. Go ahead and get outside help in learning to juggle how to address the hard road love is!

Libra-September 23 - October 22

You can move mountains, dear. When you are not sure which road to take in life, and everyone is pulling you one way or another, do what no one expects of you! You will be caught in a fierce battle as you defend a family member; stand tall, they need you. You will be the shoulder to lean on and the shelter from the storm for that person and that person will appreciate it beyond what words can ever express.

Scorpio- October 23 - November 22

Well, that was unexpected. When you have some words thrown your way, you will be struggling to process what they mean in the end. You will toss traditions aside while trying to sort out where and what you should be settling down; if it is unconventional, that is ok too. You will have a deep sense of communication and understanding, and it is a great time to navigate those hard discussions.

Sagittarius- November 23 - December 21

Well, all eyes are on you now! You will be shocking those around you. Change your routine dear, it will stop the negative juju surrounding you. What you get out of it is what you put into it. You have to choose right now if you want to be a spectator in your life or if you want to start playing ball. You have the power to do something significant, but you have to be the one to do it.

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

What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen



In the “before times,” my husband and I spent a lot of our non-working time out and about in the community. A side effect of going out regularly meant that we spent less time hanging at home doing home-things like preparing “project” recipes and streaming lengthy tv series. Last March, when many of the places we frequented were closed, we were forced to pivot our leisure time --with this pivot came some growing up. I have joked/marveled/complained regularly over the past year that it seems like all I am doing is filling, running, and emptying the dishwasher; filling and emptying the trash can; asking and answering the question “what should we have for dinner tonight?”

In this episode of Kelli's Kitchen, I want to talk about two distinctly different scenarios that played out in my house this last week: a project meal and an exhausted meal. Both are truly a result of the ways that life has changed in our household in these new “after times.”

THE PROJECT MEAL

Neil and I have developed an affinity for the show “The Blacklist.” In our search for regular entertainment in a time where we quickly move through limited series, the Blacklist has been a delight. The seasons are long, the characters are engaging, and the plot line is compelling. In the latest episode, Raymond Reddington refers to a “meat and potato pie” from Bosnia, sharing a slice with the deputy director of the FBI -- Neil immediately hit the pause button, turned to me and said “well, that sounds delicious. You should make that this week.”

Thank God for Google. A quick search revealed that the pie in question was likely a burek. The Burek is a ubiquitous dish throughout the Balkans -- while the ingredients vary, the dish is basically a savory filling baked in a flaky pastry wrapper. Not one to back away from a challenge, I decided to give it a go. There were a few limiting factors (predominantly the limited availability of specialty ingredients in Fallon -- come on International Market), but creative substitutions enabled a delicious final product. I decided to fill our bureks with both meat and creamy cheese filling. Paying homage to the bureks' region of origin, the meat filling that I made features ground lamb, pine nuts, and dried apricots; the cheese layer was a mix of Greek yogurt, crumbled feta, and mint. Both of these fillings are spooned onto a layered base of phyllo pastry, wrapped up like a burrito,

and baked until golden brown--Crispy, crunchy, creamy, sweet and savory, and DELICIOUS.

THE EXHAUSTED MEAL

There is a time and place for a project meal -- the one that involves research, shopping, multiple steps, lots of dishes, soaking, marinating, assembling, and more all before the eating happens. There are also days where the idea of even boiling water sounds like too much work. The truth of the matter is that it doesn't matter how late it is, how Zoom-fatigued I am, how much I just want to “Netflix and Chill,” we still need to eat. This week, I found my new favorite recipe for this inevitable situation -- and I love it so much that we have eaten it twice in the last 5 days.

Scarlett's Tuna Salad is the child of chef Scarlett Lindeman from her restaurant Cicatriz in Mexico City. This tasty salad features oil-packed tuna, marinated cucumbers and spring onions, and a ton of fresh herbs. It is alternatively bright, salty, fresh, and tangy--and most importantly it takes almost no energy to make.

Kelli's Take on Bosnia Bureks

INGREDIENTS:

Meat Filling

- 2 T Extra virgin olive oil - plus more for brushing phyllo
- 1 T unsalted butter
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 1 russet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 lb. ground lamb
- Salt and pepper
- 1 t cinnamon
- 1 t cumin
- ½ - 1 t crushed red pepper
- 1 T sumac powder
- 2 T ginger syrup (you can find this by the pancake syrup at Safeway. It is delicious but you don't REALLY need it - you can substitute a squirt of lemon juice and some honey)
- 10 dried apricots - fine diced
- ½ c pine nuts

Cheese Filling

- 6 oz package of Feta Cheese - crumbled
- 1 c Greek yogurt
- 1 egg - lightly beaten
- 2 T parsley - chopped
- ¼ c fresh mint - chopped

For Assembly

- 1 package of phyllo dough (about 18 sheets) - defrosted
- 1 egg - well beaten
- Sesame seeds, Everything Bagel Seasoning, Nigella Seeds, Poppy seeds (optional - for garnish)

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a pan over medium heat, melt butter and oil together. When hot, add diced onion and sauté until lightly browned. Add potatoes and lamb and cook stirring regularly and breaking up chunks with the back of your spoon until the lamb is browned. Add all dry spices, ginger syr-

up (if using), apricots, and pine nuts and cook another few minutes stirring frequently until well mixed. Season to taste with salt and pepper and set aside to cool.

2. For the cheese filling: mix together crumbled feta and yogurt. Season with salt and pepper then mix in beaten egg. Stir in parsley and mint.

3. Preheat oven to 350. Unroll defrosted phyllo dough and cover with a damp cloth. Lay one sheet of phyllo on your work surface and brush with olive oil. Carefully place another sheet of phyllo directly on top of the first and brush with olive oil. Repeat with a third sheet of phyllo. Fold layered phyllo dough in half to form a rectangle and turn so the short side of the rectangle is facing you.

4. Spread about one-sixth of the cheese mix towards the bottom of the rectangle and smear with the back of your spoon. Spoon about a ½-¾ c of the meat mix on top of the cheese. Roll/fold the pastry up, tucking in the sides to create a roll (like a burrito) and place on a lined baking sheet.

5. Repeat 5 times to form 6 total meat pies.

6. Brush bureks with beaten egg and sprinkle with garnish.

7. Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden brown. Enjoy warm or at room temperature.

Scarlett's Tuna Salad

Adapted from Tejal Rao

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ c rice wine vinegar
- 1 T sugar
- 1 T salt
- ½ red onion - thin sliced
- ½ cucumber - peeled and sliced
- 1 spring onion (at Safeway these are called Mexican Grilling Onions) - thin sliced
- 1 lime - juiced
- 2 cans oil-packed tuna
- 1 avocado - peeled and cubed
- Salt and pepper
- Basil leaves - washed and torn
- Cilantro - washed and torn
- Mint - washed and torn
- Extra virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a bowl, mix together rice wine vinegar, salt, pepper, and a ¼ c hot water. Stir until combined. Add in sliced red onion, stir, and let sit.

2. In a large bowl, season cucumbers and spring onions well with salt and lime juice. The mix should be fairly wet. Stir to combine. Split cucumbers and onions between 2 bowls including all of the liquid.

3. Break up tuna into the mixing bowl. Add in cubed avocado, 3 spoonfuls of pickled red onions and 2 spoonfuls of pickling liquid and gently mix together with your hands. Split the tuna mix equally over the cucumbers and onions in each bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Top with torn herbs and drizzle with olive oil.

5. Eat immediately with a spoon (or a fork as pictured).

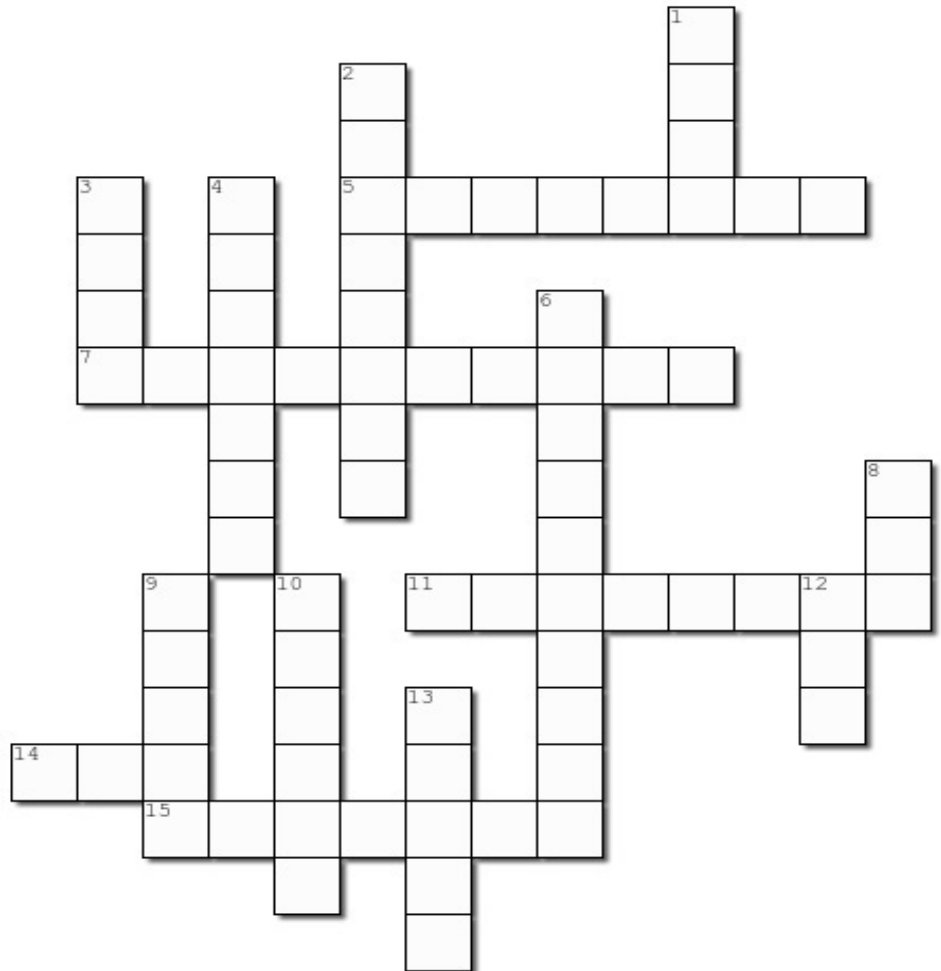
Kelli Kelly - Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings. Person of the Bean.

Across

- 5. To arrest someone for a crime
- 7. To educate a child at home instead of sending them to a school
- 11. The condition in which things are happening or being done
- 14. a mainly nocturnal mammal who flies
- 15. a place giving temporary protection from bad weather or danger

Down

- 1. a long walk in the country or wilderness
- 2. the son of one's son or daughter
- 3. A solemn promise, often invoking a divine witness
- 4. The activity or business of growing crops and raising livestock
- 6. A person who take part in an athletic contest
- 8. grass that has been mown and dried for use as feed
- 9. A main accent or rhythmic unit in music or poetry
- 10. A person or thing that wins something
- 12. A contribution to state revenue, levied by the government
- 13. A narrow channel dug in the ground used for drainage



Grad Night 2021 Hosts Drive-In Movie



Photo provided by the Grad Night Committee.

Story by Alicia Parsons

This year marks the 34th year of Grad Night, in which 221 Churchill County High School graduates will celebrate one of the most significant moments of their lives - safely!

Plans for Grad Night 2021, the annual safe and sober party for local high grads, are well underway. With only a few months left in the school year, students, parents, and event organizers are having to hustle in hopes to fully fund this year's event.

Unfortunately, the annual Father-Daughter Dance, which helps raise money for Grad Night, had to be canceled due to COVID restrictions. In an effort to find another fundraising opportunity, organizers decide on a creative alternative - drive-in movies!

The Drive- In Movie Grad Night fundraiser was held in the CCHS student parking lot last weekend and deemed a success by moviegoers and Grad Night organizers alike. However, they could still use your support. If you would like to donate to the event, see their Facebook page @Gradnight21.

Judas & The Black Messiah

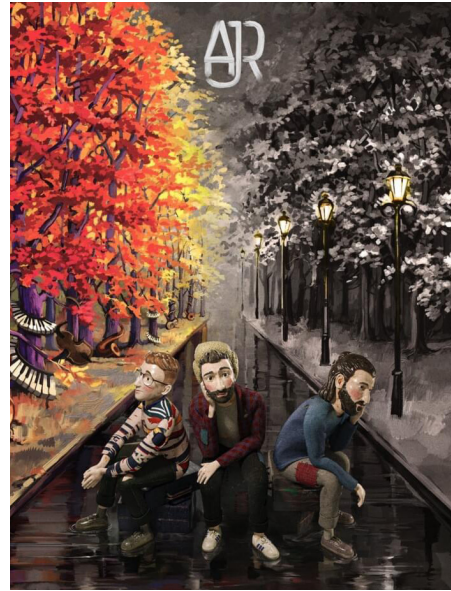


Newly released, *Judas & the Black Messiah* follows the black panther chapter leader Fred Hampton, and his run-in with an FBI informant William O'Neal.

While period dramas are already a popular genre on their own, this period drama had an interesting artistic look as well. In my opinion, many period dramas are overwhelming in costume preparation and stage setting. Some really force these background details down your throat, and make you

notice that the entire production team tried really hard to make it look real. However, in this film, between the cinematography and editing, the entire film was poignant, subtle and very well done. This film is available in theaters and HBO Max, as part of Warner Brothers Pictures new simultaneous releases program. It is a great watch, and the first movie in some time where I was truly immersed.

Way Less Sad



AJR, a pop-rock or alternative genre band released an EP featuring some singles that will undoubtedly appear on a full album soon. *Way Less Sad* as an installment is a great collection for any AJR fans. The tracks include "Bang!" and the title track "Way Less Sad." I have always liked AJR because of their happy tunes mixed with serious lyrics. The contradictions between sound and lyrics make the songs more interesting.

For those who have never listened to AJR before, they are a great band to start listening to as the weather warms up, people prepare for a summer vacation, or a spring full of baseball and brunches. While there isn't much experimentation in their sound, it is all fun and a great way to get excited for summertime.

Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken February 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
1044,400 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen
212 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
208 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
1.13 cfs

Carson River at Ft. Churchill
115 cfs

February 24th Water Storage
2021 : 104,403 acre feet
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2019 : 174,676 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet



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A raptor and his cows north of NAS Fallon. The Fallon Post/Rachel Dahl

Community Meetings

February 26th - March 5th

City Council
3/1 - 9:00 am

Employment Management Committee
3/1 - 10:00 am

Parks & Recreation Commission
3/2 - 7:00 pm

Board of County Commissioners
3/4 - 8:15 am

Highway Commission
3/4 - 1:15 pm

CC Communications
3/4 - 2:00 pm

TCID Board of Directors
3/2 - 9:00 am

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| 6. COMPETITOR | 14. BAT |
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ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF MOBILE HOME

Pursuant to NRS Chapter 108, notice is hereby given that the mobile home hereafter described will be sold at public auction to satisfy the lien claim of AVMGH Three LLC dba Montgomery Mobile Home Park and Mini-Storage.

1. The name of the owner or person under whose account the mobile home is held is: Donald B. Jeakins or Mary A. Jeakins.
2. The description of the mobile home to be sold is: **1986 Fleetwood, 28 x 40 ft., Serial No. CAFLAM2AGBG441707393**

The time and place of the sale are: 3/9/21, at 1:00 PM, at AVMGH Three LLC dba Montgomery Mobile Home Park and Mini-Storage, 1205 S. Maine St., #45, Fallon, NV 89406.

Dated this 8th day of February 2021.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GAIL LOUISE McCALL, Deceased

Case No. 21-10DC-0164

Dept. No. 1

PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE VALUED <\$200,000.00

(for hearing date of 03/16/2021 at 9:00 a.m.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES McCALL, Petitioner, has filed in this Court a PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE VALUED <\$200,000.00 in the matter of the Estate of GAIL LOUISE McCALL, deceased, and a hearing has been set for March 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 1, at the courthouse of the above-entitled court. All persons interested in the estate are notified to appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted. Reference is made to the Petition on file with the Clerk of the Court for further particulars.

DATED this 16th day of February 2021.

KARLA K. BUTKO
ATTORNEY

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NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking a public-spirited citizen who is willing to serve as member on the **Churchill County Audit Committee**. Members of this committee will be responsible for reviewing audits, related to the general management of Churchill County and CC Communications. The appointee shall have expertise in accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and internal controls. This is a three-member committee enacted by Resolution 35-2013.

For more details, interested persons may talk to Comptroller Sherry Wideman for additional information about the committee and what the position entails. Interested persons may obtain an application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 155, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading at:

<http://nvchurchillcounty.civicplus.com/773/>

Advisory-Board-Openings. Incumbents are required to submit a letter indicating interest in being reappointed to the position, together with a resume showing their expertise in the required areas. All letters, applications, and resumes are to be submitted to the above address **not later than 3:00 PM on March 22, 2021.**

DATED this 24th day of February 2021.

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