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## Events and Ceremonies to Honor Memorial Day



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Local observance to remember veterans to be conducted in Fernley and Fallon

-Staff Report

Memorial Day activities will be low key at area cemeteries, while a number of groups across the region are inviting the public to their events to honor the deceased who have served their country.

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services is conducting in-person, flag-in and Memorial Day events this year, and because of COVID-9 protocols as mandated by local jurisdictions, the events will be shortened.

The flag-in falls on Saturday. According to the NDVS, as participants arrive at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, attendees will be assigned to sections of the cemeteries for flag placement. The flag-in begins at 9 a.m.

"The cemetery will have an abbreviated ceremony," said Brett Palmer, president of the Nevada Veterans Coalition. "Our speaker this year will be Congressman Mark Amodei."

The Carson City native represents Congressional District 2. Amodei has served in Congress since 2011, received a commission in the U.S. Army and served as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Locally, he has also been involved with the Fallon Range Training Complex modernization plan and veterans' issues.

The abbreviated ceremony on Memorial Day at the NNVMC begins at 11 a.m., and at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City at 1 p.m. where Gov. Steve Sisolak will attend a short ceremony.

The Centers for Disease Controls recently issued new COVID-19 guidelines that became effective immediately. The NDVS states that people who have been vaccinated are no longer required to wear a mask in both settings, indoor and outdoor.

"In this case, you will not be required to wear a mask, if you are vaccinated," the NDVS stated in a release. "However, as always, we are asking attendees to be respectful of those who may still choose to wear their mask."

Churchill County will have three Memorial Day observances beginning with the Churchill County Cemetery at 11 a.m., the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's cemetery at noon and the Gardens Funeral Home's veterans' section at 1 p.m.

Mike Terry of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1007 said flag placement at the county cemetery is at 8 a.m. on Sunday and removal is Monday at 5 p.m. He said volunteers are needed to assist with either the placement or removal of more than 1,000 flags.

Flags are lowered to half-staff on Memorial Day to honor veterans who gave of themselves in service of the United States.

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### HONOR FLIGHT NEVADA

A "Community Coffee" sponsored Jim-4Heroes, KOH Radio News Talk and the At-

lantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno is an event to bring the community together to honor, respect and remember Memorial Day — as it was intended.

The "Community Coffee" is Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Atlantis Casino's west parking lot. Organizers are encouraging attendees to bring a chair and "tailgate together" or bring a favorite car, truck, bike or tank for an old-time get together. There will be free hot and cold beverages and Danish pastries. Honor Flight Nevada partners include the Blue Star Mothers, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge Reno, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans #1, Paws for Passengers, Patriot Guard Riders, Nevada Veterans Coalition, Quilts of Valor and many other partners.

Authors Steve Ranson and Ken Beaton, who write military and veterans-related articles will be selling "Legacies of the Silver State: Nevada Goes to War." Profits from each sale go to Honor Flight Nevada, and since its official roll out on Nov 11, 2020, the book has raised more than \$12,000 for veterans to go on a flight.

Recently, the Washoe Republican Women's group presented a check to Honor Flight for selling 79 copies of the book.

"Legacies of the Silver State" has been featured on every Reno television station, the program "Aging and Awesome," a number of radio stations, major and weekly Nevada newspapers and KFBK Radio in Sacramento. The authors have spoken to civic organizations about the book, and the stories included in the 71 chapters.

# From the Publisher

## Captain's Log – Ship of Fools

“Oh, Captain, my Captain!” they said as I walked into the office earlier this week.

Crazy kids. They make me so happy. Sometimes, they give me a twitch, not gonna' lie, but mostly this group of people who have come together in a ramshackle way to bring you the paper every week is a marvel to watch. It's a lot of really strong personalities. Everyone came to the team with a specialty of some sort, but the coolest thing to watch has been when something absolutely HAS to be done and whoever is half-way free steps up to the plate and figures out how to get it done.

I cannot begin to explain the acquisition of skills that has happened in the old Walco building this week. We have a new court reporter, a new graphic designer, and our ad guy is knocking it out of the park. And thank goodness – the Special Keepsake Graduation section is printing as we speak.

Malko just asked me if that's why there's been no update to the online version. Yes. Yes it is. Man. We had no idea we could pull this off – it's been touch and go and we still have a ways to go tonight. The special section will take until 1:00 a.m. to print and then we print the paper. Then we'll meet back here earlier than early to do labels and insert the grad edition in the paper and get it to the stores and the post office. If all goes well.

We think it's straight-up beautiful. And we hope the kids like it. They need everything they can rustle up to celebrate after this sorry excuse for a senior year. We have loved testing out our ideas and expanding our abilities. It has been a heck of a week.

We wish our graduates one more congratulations, and then we'll get back to...

...keeping you posted,  
Rach

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## Governor Sisolak Stops in Fallon - Visits Tribal Vaccination POD and Small Businesses



-by Rachel Dahl

Governor Steve Sisolak visited Fallon this week, where he toured the Fallon Tribal Health vaccination POD (Point of Delivery) at Fox Peak Cinema and stopped by local businesses who were awarded small business PETS (Pandemic Emergency Technical Support) grants from the State.

“Today, I took a trip to Fallon to visit some local businesses and see the amazing work underway to ensure Nevadans have convenient access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Every vaccine gets us one step closer to our full economic reopening,” said Gov. Sisolak. “I want to thank organizers at the Fallon Tribal Health Center’s vaccination pod at Fox Peak Cinema and all of the small business owners in Fallon who opened up their doors to me today. We are well on our way to a full economic reopening and building back a better Nevada for all those who call our State home.”

While in Fallon, Governor Sisolak had the opportunity to visit the following small business PETS grant recipients: The Fallon Food Hub, the Wok, and Fallon Pet Oasis.

The State’s small business grant program provided funding to thousands of small businesses during the pandemic. Earlier this year, Governor Sisolak signed legislation bringing the total funding for the program to more than \$100 million, making it the largest small business program in Nevada state history.

Top left, Kelli Kelly, Rick Lattin with Gov. Sisolak discussing the farm share through the Fallon Food Hub; above, Gov. Sisolak with Fallon Tribal members at the Fox Peak vaccination POD; below, Sisolak and Kelly discuss local farming with Bill Mewaldt



Photos by Ginny Bragg and Kelli Kelly

## Highway Patrol Needs Your Help

NHP Northern Command West is looking for witnesses or dash camera footage for a fatal crash involving a white Ford pickup truck and a gray motorcycle with red wheels. If you were in the area of US-95 (Schurz Highway) and Lazy Heart Lane, south of Fallon, on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 between 2-2:30 p.m. and observed either of these vehicles, please contact [ncw-mirt@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:ncw-mirt@dps.state.nv.us) in reference to case #210501783.

## NAS Fallon SAR Conducts Rescue at Double Hot Springs



Rescue Aircrewmembers (HIRA) and a SAR Medical Technician (SMT) to coordinate the transfer. With the assistance of ground personnel, the crew carried the patient via litter into the aircraft.

With the survivor, who had sustained severe burns on 36% of his body, safely onboard the aircraft, the crew, along with two REMSA Health SAR Techs provided in-flight care during the 45-minute transit to Reno where the survivor was turned over to the Renown Emergency Room.

The crew consisted of mission commander Lt. Conrad Schmidt (Silverthorne, CO), copilot Lt. Elizabeth Frey (Virginia Beach, VA), RCC Chief Petty Officer Jeffery Roscoe (Bay City, MI), HIRA Petty Officer 2nd Class Abdullah Nurmohamed (St. Rose, LA) and SMT Hospital Corpsman Jacob Parker (Pensacola, FL).

This rescue was the fifth rescue of 2021 for the NAS Fallon SAR Team. The Navy-trained and equipped SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/

MEDEVAC) platforms with the primary mission of military SAR alert for the Fallon Range Training Complex in Nevada.

Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the AFRCC for inland missions, and/or tasking by the NAS Fallon Commanding Officer for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

*U.S. Navy Photo*

—by Lt. Conrad Schmidt

The Longhorn Helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) Team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon conducted a rescue of a man who fell into Double Hot Springs on the Black Rock Playa, about 30 miles northeast of Gerlach on Friday, May 21st.

NAS Fallon received a request for immediate response from Washoe County Sheriff via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).

Washoe County had received an activated rescue beacon via a personal GPS tracking device and initiated their rescue efforts. Due to current weather conditions in Reno delaying Washoe County's RAVEN and recent

precipitation at the playa, the NAS Fallon SAR Team was activated at 6:16 Friday night.

A crew of four departed NAS Fallon at 7:14 p.m. in Longhorn 02 for the 100-mile transit to the incident scene. Just prior to launch, Washoe County's RAVEN was able to launch from Reno to assist in patient packaging with the intent to transfer the survivor to 02 for further transfer to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. After arriving on station, the crew immediately spotted the location of the survivor thanks to RAVEN personnel signaling via red smoke. The Longhorn 02 crew made an immediate landing near ground personnel and deployed the Rescue Crew Chief (RCC), Helicopter Inland

## Bill and June Jamerson Celebrate 75th Wedding Anniversary



by Carol Lane

On May 25th Bill & June Jamerson celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary at the Highland Estates Retirement Apartments.

Bill is a World War II Veteran who landed on Normandy Beach and served in the Battle of the Bulge as a Medic under General Patton and awarded two bronze stars. After the war, Bill fell in love with June where they were married on May 25th 1946. Bill became a minister and they served 10 years as missionaries in Perce and Bolivia.

They have three sons Gary from Orlando Florida, Dennis from Nampa, Idaho and Kevin from Reno, Nevada. In August of 2020, they were named the "Longest Married Couple in the State of Nevada by Marriage Encounter."

—Photos and story courtesy of Highland Estates of Fallon



# 3C Civic Center – “An Adventure in Economic Development”

-by Rachel Dahl

In a massive economic development undertaking the City of Fallon and Churchill County are making use of COVID funding to construct a \$12 million Civic Center at the Churchill County Fairgrounds.

Designed to be used as an emergency shelter/service delivery/ command center in the case of public emergency situations such as the flood of 2017 or this past year of COVID, the facility will double as a tool to attract multi-million-dollar events to the community.

County Manager Jim Barbee spoke this week to the Fallon Rotary Club and shared information regarding the progress of the joint City/County project. “Last year during COVID we recognized the need for a facility like this in order to meet testing and vaccination needs. We also thought back to the flood and could have used a facility like this for sand-bagging and the coordination efforts,” he said. “In addition, we looked back on the long-term conversations that have been happening over the years about the need for an arena to draw events.”

Barbee said the primary purpose for this facility is economic development. The 75,000 square foot building will provide 35,000 square feet of concourse that can be used for trade shows along with the arena space that can also be used for car shows and can fit three basketball courts side-by-side. The front entryway has a pleasing design similar to what Stockman’s Casino recently created on the west side of their building, with a rock front, and a 100’ X 40’ covered pavilion.

There are plans to hire two full time staff, one of which will be responsible for marketing the facility, targeting out-of- community events that will draw attendees to drive room-nights at local hotels, and “bring millions of dollars to the community that wouldn’t otherwise be here,” said Barbee. “We will lose money on this every year,” he said frankly, “but what we lose at the county level will be made up for in the community and the revenue we will see in sales tax.”

Barbee said that the Silver State International Rodeo alone, that Fallon lost to Winnemucca several years ago, accounts for \$5 million in economic activity to the Winnemucca community. He recently toured the South Point Casino event facility in Las Vegas and said, “it is the most impressive facility I’ve seen anywhere.” There are 1,000 indoor horse stalls with heated water, so the horses don’t get cold when they are washed. And while the 3C facility won’t be quite that fancy, several design ideas and lessons learned came from that trip, including the dirt.

Apparently, when it comes to indoor, timed events, the quality of the dirt is of prime importance. Barbee said that is one of the first questions someone asks when they are being courted to bring their event to a community. “We are investing to get that right,” he said.

Nearly \$2 million of the total costs are direct COVID Recovery funding that is going to pay for the HVAC system and backup generators. Additionally, County Commissioners recently agreed to use \$9 million in bond capacity toward this project.

Community leaders are hoping to see this investment pay off. “There are many livestock shows looking for homes,” said Barbee. “Our idea is to have a permanent event or more, like the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale,” for instance, “that return to a community year after year, becoming permanent attractions and investments.”



Renderings of the new 3C Civic Center that will be located off Sheckler Road at the Churchill County Fairgrounds

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## County Board of Health Hears Reports

—by Rachel Dahl

Social Services Director, Shannon Ernst, reported to the Board of Health on Wednesday that the COVID testing and vaccines have slowed considerably in the past couple of weeks. The positivity rate has stayed low, hovering around 4%, and county staff continues to push for people to test in order to keep the positivity rate down. “We’re only seeing 12-15 new individuals a day for the vaccine,” she said. “The more vaccines we get in people, the more open we will stay.”

Vaccines are given at the Miners Road Vaccine POD (Point of Delivery) on Tuesdays from noon to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tests are given on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in hopes that results come back before the weekend.

Ernst’s staff has been holding “pop-up” vaccine sites at Mid-legate and Oasis Academy, as well as the homebound vaccines which are given five-days a week. On June 8, her department will provide 200 vaccines to Stockman’s Casino’s sister property in Incline Village.

There has been a total of 2,072 positive cases of COVID in Churchill County since March of last year; currently there are 10 active cases. Thirty-nine deaths have been attributed to COVID, and 1,968 people have recovered from the virus.

She also reported a total of \$2.4 million received by the county for COVID related activities. This includes the funding of the satellite lab being built by the county and the University of Nevada in the annex building at 485 West B Street.

In other business, Ernst reported on the grant program administered by her department to disburse \$88,000 in marijuana tax revenue collected by the county last year. Brief reports are given quarterly by the organizations that are granted the funding and the next grant application opportunity will be in June.

The Churchill Community Coalition staff reported on their “Too Good for Drugs” program. The school district is running the intern program, along with the University of Nevada, it is a pilot project to provide mental health access to students and teachers. This is year three of the program and the district is planning to restart the program in the fall and extend the program into the elementary schools.

Jaime Shafer, in year two of the #WhyYouMatter campaign, reported on the activities of the program. The first year focused on photograph/portraits of students and teacher in the district displaying their messages explaining why they matter. The photos were hung at the Churchill County Library, throughout the second year of the program, students and community members are invited to make Positivity Flags from a kit provided through

the program. There have been 2,254 flag kits distributed, so far 820 have come back completed. The flags are currently hanging on display at the library and are also printed in the local paper. In addition, Lisa Erquiaga, director at the Pennington Life Center, sent 288 flag kits to seniors, delivered along with their food, as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on June 23 at 9:00 a.m.



Positivity Flags created by local community members for the #WhyYouMatter campaign funded

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## John S. Brown



John S. Brown, 81, passed away on May 19, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. John was born on January 13, 1940, to John & Eva (Williams) Brown in Schurz, Nevada.

John loved playing baseball and his 1957-58 high school baseball team was recently inducted into the Greenware Hall of Fame (Fallon, NV). He was coached by the late Elmo Dericco and late Ron Engel, assisted by Ed Arcniega, who coached the team to capture Churchill County High School's first baseball state championship. John's outstanding pitching skills resulted in him being recruited by the San Francisco Giants to play on their Farm Team. After graduating from Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nevada, John moved to San Francisco to pursue his baseball career and attended San Francisco State University. While in San Francisco he met his wife, Anna Marie Pond.

John worked for United Airlines while living in the Bay Area. He then moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he continued his college education at the University of Oregon. Upon finishing college, John accepted a job in Portland, Oregon, where he spent over 10 years working for the Portland Area Office Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Real Estate Appraiser. Upon retiring from the Bureau, John and Anna Marie moved to Pendleton, Oregon.

Retirement didn't last very long as John became a Blackjack dealer for Wildhorse Resort & Casino. He moved up the ranks and became a renowned Pit Boss. John formed many life-long friendships and will be missed by many.

John's pride and joy were his grandchildren—Martin Tanewasha Brown, Sonara Malumaleumu, Raymond Brown, No'alani Malumaleumu, Malealoa Malumaleumu, and Solomona Malumaleumu. He often said that his grandchildren kept him young at heart. He loved being a parent and grandparent.

John is survived by his sister, Shirley Bear & niece Marisa Bear (Reno, NV), son John L. Brown (Warm Springs, OR), daughters Deanna Brown & her partner Larry Crus (Pendleton, OR), and Joann Malumaleumu and her husband Fotu (Pendleton, OR), along with nephews Gary (Dawna) Brown (Yerington, NV), and Marlon (Mary) Segura (Michigan), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his wife Anna Marie (Pond) Brown, parents Eva and John Brown, brother James Brown, sisters Thelma Segura, Joan Brown, Mary Brown, and Beatrice Blancy, and daughter-in-law Melva Tanewasha Charley.

Pastor Lloyd Commander will officiate a church service at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m., followed with burial at the Umatilla Agency cemetery officiated by Wilson Wewa.

The family will host a dinner that celebrates his life at a different date/time when COVID restrictions are less strict.

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneer-chapel.com](http://www.pioneer-chapel.com).

## Ronald Dale Kuykendall



Ronald Dale Kuykendall, a resident of Hendersonville, North Carolina died unexpectedly on May 18, 2021 in Fallon, NV.

He was born on March 13, 1948 in Kern County, CA and is the son of Myrtle Faye (Delone) Kuykendall and Jay B Kuykendall. Ron grew up in Redding, California.

He worked for Morgan Equipment Company in his early years and was able to travel as a mechanic and mechanical trainer on mining equipment. He spent some years overseas in places like Saudi Arabia and Iraq with the love of his life Janis. Together they travelled the world taking so many beautiful pictures as Ron loved photography. In his later years he built a career with Cashman Equipment in Reno Nevada. He then took on the role of a consultant for Cashman's warranty service department. He retired in 2017 and move to Hendersonville, NC with his wife Janis. Ron had a vibrant personality that was coupled with intriguing intelligence that made him such a delight to converse and spend time with. He tirelessly took care of his wife Janis in her final years and unselfishly gave to make sure Janis was taken care of at the highest level before her passing. It was a true representation of selfless love. His dedication to hard work, his great love for Janis, his outgoing, funny personality and generosity will leave a legacy in our hearts forever.

Ron is survived by his companion dog "Teddy," his sisters, Faye McNabb, and Sue Richards, great friends (Jan's Brother and Sister-in-Law) William McVay & Kathleen Metcalf... "Bro & Sis," a special friend he and Janis met at Starbucks and quickly grew to love, Brecke English, and his three children who are all from Redding California, Ron Kuykendall Jr, Danny Kuykendall, Jeff Kuykendall and his four stepchildren. Sheri Negri from Lincoln, CA., Joe Ragusa from Camas, WA, John Ragusa from Fallon, NV and Michael Ragusa from Folsom, CA., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ron will truly be missed by all who loved him. At his request, no service will be held.

## District Court News

Tenth Judicial District Court convened May 25, 2021, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

-by Alicia Parsons

Jasmine Jessica Gonzales pled guilty to Count One, Possession of a Controlled Substance a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and Count Two, Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance, a gross misdemeanor punishable by 354 days in jail. Charles Woodman Esq., counsel for Gonzales, stated that on May 5, his client did conspire to possess methamphetamine. Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Chelsea Sanford says that Gonzales lived with her boyfriend, who was under parole and probation supervision, when an officer came to the home to do a random check. When the officer arrived, the boyfriend admitted to using methamphetamine. Gonzales was asked to retrieve the substance causing her to incriminate herself. Gonzales is sentenced to 364 days in jail which is suspended for probation not to exceed 12 months.

Debbie Ann French was sentenced on Count One, To Offer, Attempt, or Commission of the Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacturing or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Count Two, High-level Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Category C Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison, and a potential fine of up to \$50,000. French was found to possess 14.9 grams of methamphetamine in Count One and 75.5 grams of methamphetamine while driving from Fallon to Reno in Count Two. ADA Chelsea Sanford asked for prison time and a hefty fine for her actions. She stated that drug dealers are not welcome to conduct business in Churchill County, asking the court to show her friends, clients, and competing drug dealers that this is unacceptable behavior. "If you decide to sell methamphetamine, you will not be given a slap on the wrist and probation. You will have severe



consequences". Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer, counsel for French, stated that his client has lived a hard life and made horrible mistakes, but this is the first time his client has ever faced felony charges. She is a human who deserves

the ability to be rehabilitated. French apologized to the court, stating that she is just really scared. Judge Stockard sentenced French on Count One to 19-48 months in prison and Count Two to 24-60 months in prison and \$10,000 fine. Count Two will run consecutive to Count One, and the court has to aggregate that sentence so it will be 43-108 months in prison with credit for seven days served. Judge Stockard stated that everyone should receive rehabilitation, and he hopes she takes that opportunity while in the Nevada state

prison. She was remanded to the sheriff's custody for the sentence imposed.

Scott Michael Loewe was sentenced on one Count of Ex-Felon In Possession of a Firearm, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison. District Attorney (DA) Lane Mills stated that the victim was scared for their safety, and the victims' wife is still fearful. Loewe, who should not even possess a firearm, was pointing a weapon at innocent victims on a roadway. Loewe was reported as driving down road, blocked the road in front of the victims, got out of his vehicle and pointed a gun fitted with laser sights at them. Due to the lack of identifying signature on the victim impact statement, Judge Stockard did not allow the victim impact statement to be considered for sentencing. CCPD Wright Noel stated that his client did make a horrible mistake. That regardless of his past criminal history, he is working hard to be a productive member of society and start over in Fallon. Judge Stockard sentenced Loewe to 24-70 months in prison suspended and placed on probation not to exceed 36 months with

credit for five days served, complete an approved anger management court, 120 days in jail to be served over a period of 12 months, at a rate of no less than ten days a month. A status hearing will be set for July 2022 to make sure the sentence has been satisfied.

Della Ann Bruce (in custody) pled not guilty to Count One, Trafficking a Controlled Substance, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-20 years in prison and Count Two, Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance For The Purpose of Sale, a second offense punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Bruce is scheduled for a jury trial on August 4, 2021, at 9 am.

Darren Neil Albury (in custody) pled guilty to Possession of A Controlled Substance, a first offense, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison. CCPD Wright Noel stated that his client was in possession of methamphetamines. Per negotiations, Albury will be applying for the Western Regional Drug Court diversion program. Albury did successfully complete drug court in 2019 after a domestic violence charge. Judge Stockard asked why he should be granted the opportunity to complete drug court again since he has already done it once. Albury stated that the first time he went through the drug court program, he had just gone through the motions to get it over with and did not actually do any work or take anything from it. Albury stated that he is getting too old to continue struggling through life with substance abuse; he would like to take this opportunity to address his underlying addiction and make a lifelong change. Judge Stockard sentenced Albury to probation not to exceed 18 months, and he will remain in custody until drug court Thursday.

Celestina Renee Ortiz (in custody) was scheduled for removal from drug court. Due to another case in Justice Court currently pending resolution, CCPD Jacob Sommer, counsel for Ortiz, asked that this case be moved out two weeks until he and the state can resolve the other case, affecting the negotiations for her removal from drug court. Ortiz is scheduled to return on June 8 and will stay in custody until that time.

*Pictured is Debbie French - Booking photo courtesy of the Churchill County Sheriff*

### LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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(come early)

**The Food Pantry at Epworth Church**  
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Monday 10:00-1:00

Check the FBNN Calendar  
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<https://fbnn.org/gethelp/programschedules/>

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

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



## Back Roads Vintage Market - Success in Spite of Weather

- Story and Photos by Ginny Bragg

The Back Roads Vintage Market held their annual sale on Auction Road in Fallon last weekend. I ventured out with my husband hoping to find some really neat buys for my home and office. We were so excited to see what treasures we would find; or at least I was excited. As we pulled into the parking area, I was incredibly surprised to see so many people out enjoying themselves and the large number of vendors.

As we scanned each booth to see what they were selling, I noticed the sound of music coming from the back of the grounds. Wandering in that direction, we discovered The Lincoln Highway Band playing some Johnny Cash. The sweet voice of the lead singer made me stop in my tracks and just take it all in.

There were many food vendors also, so of course, we had to sample some of the goodies they were selling. I ordered El Pastor tacos from the King of Kings food truck, they were amazing. I also had to get a drink from For Goodness Sake Juice Bus which was right up my alley with all the fruity goodness! Twisted Branch was there with the adult beverages many people were enjoying. There was even a kettle corn stand filling the air with a sweet aroma. I definitely felt some sense of normalcy returning to our small town after the past year – it was wonderful.



*Backroads Vintage Market was back after a COVID hiatus and better than ever*

Honorable Mayor Ken Tedford  
City of Fallon  
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Fallon, NV 89406

May 21, 2021

RE: APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FROM FALLON TRAP CLUB

Mayor Tedford,

The FTC would like to publicly thank you for your long-lasting support for our local Trap Club, most recently during the Nevada State Shoot held at the club May 14 - 16, 2021.

Once again, you have reinforced your efforts to help the FTC in continuing with our program to make Fallon a place to stay and play. You also financially supported us in that endeavor, and we are grateful.

Our mission to succeed in holding the Nevada State Trap Club Shoot was a huge success. We supported 130 registered shooters competing in the three-day shoot. They were accompanied by their friends and family coming from other Nevada communities such as Winnemucca, Lovelock, Yerington, and Reno, and from neighboring states of California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The RV campground was full with several extra sites in the dry camping area. The FTC provided breakfast, lunch, and dinners, the hotels were booked, and eateries benefited as well.

All the FTC Board members listed below want to personally thank you. Your actions to support us are gratifying and much appreciated.

Respectfully,

President Lester Webb, Vice President Wayne Norcutt, Secretary Gayle Webb, Treasurer Steve Montana, Handicap Chairman Jason Homer, Range Construction Ken Pirkle, and Member Reps Brett Frank, Chet Norcutt, Dan Prockish, and Rebb Rebbetoy



## Local Authors Gather for Group Book Signing

-by Jo Petteruti

On Saturday, June 12, His Inspirations Bookstore and owner Wende Hook will be hosting a Local Author Book Signing event, the first group book signing event held in the City of Fallon in a very long time. It will be held at the store's 200 S. Maine Street Fallon location from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., featuring authors Nita Barnes, Steve Bond, Judy Carlson, L.F. Falconer, J.L. Pattison, Steve Ranson, and Bill Slentz.

Hook recommended that attendees purchase their books in the store first, before heading outside to meet the authors and gather their signatures. Some of the books that will be available include Arthur the Airplane by Slentz, Legacies of the Silver State by Steve Ranson, Pray Naked by Bond, A Debt of Survival by Falconer, and The Man Who Thought He Could Fly, The Island, and Saving Kennedy by J.L. Pattison. Pattison also has a fourth book out titled Alibi Interrupted, and The Visitor, a short story.

The event came together when JL Pattison, who lives in Silver Springs, approached Hook about a book signing idea he had. The two originally met through church, and now that Pattison has his fourth book out she told him, "Sure, and let's try to get a whole bunch of local authors if we can." Hook and Slentz work together on the Logos Christian Academy School Board together, and his grandchildren attend the school, so she pitched the idea to him. She also reached out to Ranson,



Wende Hook with some of the local authors' books at the store – Photo by Jo Petteruti

and by chance saw Carlson so she invited her too. Hook then posted on Facebook that she was seeking local authors for the event, and Falconer responded. Barnes is a friend of one of the store's employees, who asked if she could join in. "Of course, we'd love to have you," responded Hook.

Hook is hoping for a good weather day, as the authors are planned to be outside under pop-up tents, which they will secure against

any winds. "This is Fallon after all," Hook said. If the weather forces a change of plans, Hook said, "We'll just push some books aside, and move them all inside. It might be a little snug, but we'll make it work."

The Indian Tacos truck, and the For Goodness Sake Juice Bus will be onsite providing food and beverages for attendees to enjoy.

## Ask the Owl -- Can you print the percentage of Churchill County residents who have been vaccinated, please?

-by Rachel Dahl

As of May 21, 37.51% of the Churchill County population aged 12+ have been vaccinated, according to the State of Nevada NVHealthResponse.nv.gov website. The state figures track all county residents who are vaccinated.

On the county website is posted the figures for the vaccinations conducted by County Public Health at the Miner's Road site. As of May 18, that figure was 13% (<https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15803/Vaccine-data-051821>)

The difference between the two percentages is the vaccinations conducted by Banner and local pharmacies which the county doesn't track, but the state does, therefore their percentage is higher as it is more inclusive. That may also include people who do not live in Churchill County but have chosen to come here to receive their vaccine.

The state uses 25,876 as the Churchill County population number.

Churchill County reminds folks dates for those 18 and older to receive the free Moderna, Pfizer or Janssen vaccine and those 12 and older to receive the Pfizer vaccine:

- Tuesday noon to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All vaccines are administered at the Churchill County Public Health Drive-Thru site off Miner's Road, just south of the county fairgrounds. Please follow the signage and enter the fairgrounds via Miner's Road off Hwy 95 South.

First and second doses served at all clinics which are drive-through in nature. No appointment needed; second doses are guaranteed so come by anytime the site is open. Please bring a photo ID. For those seeking their second dose, please bring your vaccination card with you and refer to it to see when you are eligible for your second dose. You are able to get your second dose any time after the due date but are not

eligible to get it before the due date, per the CDC.

If you or someone you know is homebound, or cannot access the vaccine site for whatever reason, please call (775)423-6695, option 2 to discuss alternative options.

### Forms

Please print and fill out the "COVID-19 Questionnaire" and "Pre-Vaccination Checklist" forms and bring them with you to the vaccine site for both first and second doses. The forms will also be available at the vaccine site.

### COVID Testing

Free COVID testing is available at the Churchill County Public Health Drive-Through site on Miner's Road off Highway 95 south on Tuesdays from noon to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rapid tests available only on May 25 and 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. No testing Thursdays this month.

## Tha Painted Goat- A Family Affair

-by Alicia Parsons

While browsing Facebook, I stumbled across a business named - Tha Painted Goat (yes, Tha), a husband and wife duo specializing in couture indigenous jewelry and artwork. Colton and Crystal Tohannie are the dynamic duo that has a new take on beaded jewelry, and with their catchy slang title are an imposing team. Crystal is the artist behind the beaded custom regalia accessories, while her husband Colton takes all of the product photographs and manages the website [www.thapaintedgoat.com](http://www.thapaintedgoat.com).

Crystal made custom orders while networking through the powwow circuit until COVID brought everything to a halt. Hence, Colton stepped in and launched the website, so people could access the beautiful works of art they were still creating. While interviewing the two, I was tickled to hear how they referred to the other as the company's heart. They both have such a unique skill set that comes together to showcase stunning handmade works of art. Beading is no easy task if you ask me. There are so many details that go along with it, and even tinier pieces are required to be layered upon each other to result in one-of-a-kind pieces.

If you are looking for a unique gift for someone in your life, it is simple to get in touch with Crystal and Colton and let them know your idea, the colors you would like to have in the piece, and when you need the work completed. Crystal has a swift turnaround time, and she can accomplish most pieces in a few short weeks. The products are of the highest quality, filled with an energy that I find difficult to describe as a firm believer that you put your energy into whatever you do. Tha Painted Goat energy is like champagne bubbles that tickle you when you take a sip; it is warm and fun, dare I say refreshing. When I looked through their online market, the photographs were rich and engaging, Colton a self-taught rookie photographer, sets up his wife's art against backdrops that showcase the colors and detail without taking away from the product itself. Each piece and picture complimenting the other in a perfect dance, much like Tohannie's themselves.

Crystal's custom creations blend tradition, personal style, and new trends that are fitting for any occasion. It can be a delicate balance between keeping with the traditions of the Elders and making a stand with the latest fashion trends that pull you in. This balance is perfectly aligned at Tha Painted Goat, giving unique, never-before seen spins of traditional patterns and designs. Tradition is the cornerstone to everything we do as humans, following in the footsteps of those before us while passing along the best parts of our heritage to our children.

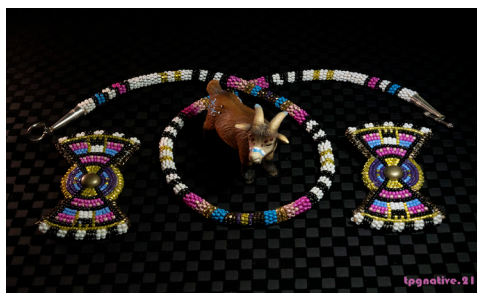
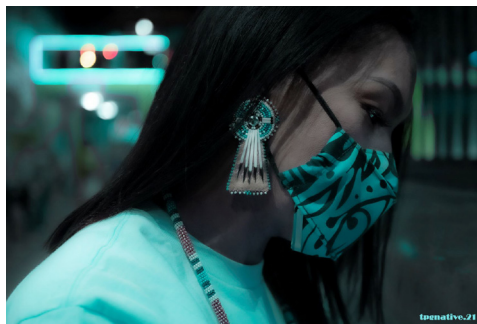
It can be hard to strike the perfect balance of tradition and creativity, especially in something so personal as regalia. If you have never experienced a powwow before, you might not know what regalia is or why it is worn. Regalia is a traditional ornamental dress that is distinctively Native American. It is handmade. Usually, a collection of pieces is passed down within the family. It can take years to complete one's regalia adding bit by bit to have a complete outfit.

Powwows are gatherings that began during a time in history that is rather dark when tribes were broken apart to assimilate to European lifestyles. These gatherings were a way to stay connected to each other and their culture. Regalia is sacred, a visual representation of one's culture and heritage. It has many parts and pieces that relate to ceremonial function, and often various accessories are created from visions or dreams.

The skill required to make regalia is outstanding. You have to, of course, have to possess an eye for design and detail, the ability to sew not only fabric but leather, the ability to create a pattern and bead that pattern, and an understanding of the dance style that goes along with the outfit. Because of this, it is impossible to mass-produce regalia, and every detail has to be handcrafted by someone who understands the nuances and spiritual association with each and every stitch and bead, making Tha Painted Goat more than just a business but an integral part of powwow culture.

If you are interested in placing an order for any custom beadwork or regalia accessories, you can find Colton and Crystal Tohannie at [www.thapaintedgoat.com](http://www.thapaintedgoat.com) or on Facebook and Instagram @ThaPaintedGoat. Please stop by and admire the beautiful work for sale and get ideas for a unique piece of art to add to your

collection or a signature gift for that special person in your life to show them how much you appreciate them! Crystal and Colton will be more than happy to help you create a truly heartfelt gift for any occasion.



*Tha Painted Goat, a husband and wife duo specializing in couture indigenous jewelry and artwork. Colton and Crystal Tohannie*



# Adventure

## A Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim Hike in a Day

-by Jo Petteruti

And what a day it was for Leslie Paul and eight other hikers on Thursday, May 20 who traversed the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim 24-mile trail in about 14 hours. When they started their journey on the North Rim, the temperature was 36 degrees at an altitude of 8,240 feet; at the bottom, after a 14.5-mile descent, where the Colorado River flows through, the temperature was almost 100+ degrees at an altitude of 2,500 feet. The 9.5-mile hike back uphill to the South Rim, at an elevation of 6,880 feet, was their final stop. The National Parks Foundation refers to this hike's challenge level as "strenuous" and also as one of the most memorable lifetime experiences.

Paul was accompanied by hikers Chris and Ember Henning, Nate and Deanna Rogne, Pete and Emma Paul, and Shauna and Guy Gibson. Her husband Marty Paul and son Tom were the drivers of the 15-passenger van that dropped them off on one side of the canyon, then drove around to the opposite side to retrieve them.

There is said to be magic in hiking the Rim-to-Rim trail, or Rim2Rim as referred to by some of its biggest fans. There is even a website, <https://www.rimtorim.org/> that is dedicated to capturing stories from those who have hiked the Rim2Rim, and even the Rim2Rim2Rim, a 48-mile hike that Paul plans to do in a 24-hour period on June 3 with Shauna Gibson. According to the RimToRim.org website, "Less than one percent of all Grand Canyon visitors take on the Rim-to-Rim hike." Some hikers love the challenge of the Rim-to-Rim trail; some simply desire to hike through the canyon for the expansive views breathtaking scenery.

For Paul, who is now 69 years old, this hike was on her bucket list. She said, "It's been a bucket list for me for many years, and I been trying to do this hike down to Phantom Ranch and spend the night. But I was unsuccessful in drawing a permit for a campsite or one of the cabins." Permits are issued based on a lottery-type system, where thousands of entries for the not too many accommodations are received, and only 20 percent of the entries received "win" a spot. So, the only way that Paul would be able to do this hike would be to do it in the course of one day. She pitched the idea to her hiking club friends in Arizona where she and her husband snowbird, and those folks all said no. Paul said, "I called my friend Shauna Gibson, who is an athlete and had run a marathon the year before. I knew I could count on her, and she said



yes." Paul also pitched the hike to her son, saying, "How much do you love your mother and is it the kind of love where you would do anything for your mom? He said that, of course he loved me, and what was I up to? I told him about the hike, and he was in." A few others expressed an interest as the Rim-to-Rim hike was a bucket list item for them too. Soon, the band of nine hikers was formed.

"I've had an amazing life, with lots of experiences that I feel most fortunate for." She has been married to her husband for 29 years, and prior to that she was a Special Agent with the Secret Service for years serving a few presidents. Her husband and his son Tom did all the driving, plus moved the hikers' equipment and bags in and out of the van and hotel and had everything ready for them at the hotel at the end of the hike. Paul said, "They took care of everything for us, they were just amazing, and we couldn't have done the hike without them."

Paul stressed the importance of training for a hike, and put in 600 miles on her hiking boots to train for

this one. The Rim to Rim-to-Rim hike may be the biggest physical challenge of her life, but the three greatest accomplishments have been getting married, having her son Pete, and hiking the Grand Canyon. She can't wait to go back.

*Photos provided by Leslie Paul - her group of nine hikers who tackled the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Trail in 14 hours. Top left - the group departed for*





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## Lahontan Elementary Slimes for Kid's Heart Challenge



*Jayden Jacobs slimes her dad Officer Zack Jacobs. Jill Stetka slimes the Safe School Professional, Sean Lacow.*

Officer Zack and social worker Sean were slimed for the Kid's Heart Challenge at Lahontan Elementary. On Friday, school secretaries, lunch ladies, and Principal Kimi Rechel will be getting slimed. The school has raised nearly \$10,000 – and if they reach that goal, which they are about \$700 short, rumor has it, Superintendent Summer Stephens will get slimed.



Photos by Denice Pinder

## LEAD On Awards Scholarships

-Submitted by LeadOn

LEAD On, a local nonprofit organization committed to preparing Churchill County students for life after high school, awards two scholarships to graduating seniors.

"Our team wants Churchill County youth to know and believe they can do and become anything," said Board Member and Scholarship Chair Paolo Narag. "We are thrilled to offer two scholarships to students with experience and values of leadership, service and education."

Vera Vaz was selected for the LEAD On Scholarship. She served as Student Body Vice President of Churchill County High School, President of CCHS National Honor Society, and Northern Region Vice President for Nevada HOSA Future Health Professionals. Vera was the first Health Occupations Students of America state officer from CCHS. She also participated in track and field, soccer, and academic team.

With the goal of becoming a family practice physician, Vera plans to major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) where she will also be a part of the BS-MD program, which guarantees her a medical school seat upon completing her bachelor's degree.

"My dad was a family practice physician and I remember going to his work where everyone would say he was just like a superhero," said Vera. "Since seeing the positive impact my dad has created, I have been inspired to help others. I want to continue volunteering throughout all my schooling and one day travel to underserved communities to provide quality health care to those who cannot afford it."

Melanie Moran was selected for the LEAD Forward Scholarship. She attends Oasis Academy

and plans on graduating with both her associates degree and high school diploma. Melanie enjoys painting and spending time with her peers.

With the goal of becoming a hospital social worker, Melanie plans to complete Western Nevada College's (WNC) 3 in 1 Social Work program where she will complete three years at WNC and her final year at UNR.

"I would like to thank my parents," said Melanie. "They pushed me to keep going in whatever path made me happiest."

LEAD On congratulates all graduating seniors and wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

"Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to LEAD On's programs this year" said LEAD On President Monica Davis. "Together, we are empowering Churchill County youth to achieve their dreams."

LEAD On created short videos about our 2021 scholarship winners. To view them, visit their website: [www.leadonnevada.org](http://www.leadonnevada.org)

LEAD On awarded scholarships to Melanie Moran (below), Oasis Academy and Vera Vaz, CCHS (right)



## WNC Fallon Grad Jump Starts Career with Dancing

-Submitted by WNC

Melanie Plasse's academic achievements would thrill any high school student and their parents.

For one, she is the Jump Start valedictorian for Churchill County High School.

Furthermore, Plasse earned an associate degree through Western Nevada College's Jump Start program before realizing her high school diploma, graduating on Thursday morning on the Fallon campus.

"She's one of our rock stars," said WNC Fallon Campus Director Holly O'Toole, who is equally impressed with Plasse's work in the college's library where she shows "professionalism, helpfulness and excellent customer service."

However, Plasse's academic accolades and people skills are only part of her success story. As a high school freshman, Plasse was diagnosed with scoliosis, the sideways curvature of the spine. Not exactly what an aspiring dancer initially wants to hear.

"We found that I did not have enough muscle around my spine and in my back to help properly support my developing spine, so my chiropractor encouraged me to dance," Plasse said. "Dancing allows me to work with every muscle in my back, neck, abdomen and arms to give me the proper support I need. It also keeps me flexible and mobile, helping my joints grow accordingly."

Three years later, Plasse has danced and studied her way into the University of Utah's prestigious School of Dance. That honor didn't happen until Plasse auditioned for the program.

"I'm so so happy that I was one of the few selected," she said. "The University of Utah is a classified school of dance and I am honored to be represented there."

"I have always had a passion for dancing; it gives me joy in this world. I didn't let this inconvenience stop me from doing what I love, and I am thankful that I have the opportunity to continue my passion with other professionals."

At Utah, she will double major in Modern Dance and Applied Positive Psychology. Following graduation, she hopes to combine those two passions into a career of sports psychology.

"My goal is to one day work with athletes or dancers to improve the mental aspect of their talent," Plasse said. "Helping them overcome anxiety, eating disorders, PTSD or any other mental blocks they may face to help them become the strongest athlete they can become."

In becoming one of 139 graduates from WNC's Jump Start College this spring, Plasse has enjoyed challenging herself and being around other students committed to excellence.

"I loved being in a classroom setting with other students who



NSHE Regent Cathy McAdoo, Melanie Plasse, WNC President Dr. Vincent Solis

wanted to be there," she said. "I was able to challenge myself academically and take on harder classes that pushed me to my limits. I loved the professional setting WNC offers, and as a high school student, I felt like this opportunity allowed me to grow my maturity and in a more adult setting."

That undaunted approach and conscientious work made her graduation from WNC even more special.

"It means to me that all my hard work over the last two years is shown here at this moment," she said. "The whole reason I am here is to work toward my degree and it is these long-term goals and rewards that can get lost along the way. All the countless nights of homework or studying for finals, it's this moment of graduation that makes all those strenuous nights worth it. It is my reward and what I have been looking forward to these past two years."

For more information about WNC's Jump Start College and high school dual enrollment programs, go to <https://www.wnc.edu/high-school-programs/> or contact Tricia Wentz at [tricia.wentz@wnc.edu](mailto:tricia.wentz@wnc.edu).



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## WNC Honors 641 Graduates in Class of 2021



Western Nevada College will celebrate the achievements of its 2020-21 graduates on May 24 and 25 in Carson City and May 27 in Fallon.

Collectively, the three drive-through ceremonies will honor 641 students who are approved to receive 669 degrees and certificates of achievement.

One of WNC's largest Jump Start graduation classes – 140 – will be celebrated as these students graduate with an associate degree as they are graduating from high school.

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*Photos listed from top to bottom: Wendy Bullock receives her certificate in Criminal Justice, WNC faculty members cheer on students during the Parade of Graduates on Thursday, Family moment: Family members cherished the opportunity to get photos of their favorite grad, Alexandria Matter of Oasis Academy displays her diploma after graduating from WNC,*

*(Right) Encouraging signs said it all as the WNC Fallon campus celebrated its graduates and wished them well in the future.*



## Have Team, Will Travel – With The Force

-by Jo Petteruti

Some things come back full circle to the community, and the Girls Fast-pitch Tournament Travel Team is a perfect example of that, also known as Fallon Force. Under the direction of Head Coach Crystal Smotherman Cypher, the team is in their second year of playing tournament-level traveling softball together. The team is comprised of 12 Fallon girls, with 11 of the 12 returning to the team after a year off due to COVID-19. This year is their first year playing in the 12-and-under tournament division. Their first year was played in the 10-and-under division. The full circle is created by having some members from the 1994 Greenwave Softball team now coaching the Fallon Force team. The players from 1994 were Crystal Smothermann, Dawn Smotherman, Jodi Dolan and Dee Dee Allyn.

Cypher has a dedicated staff assisting with team functions, which includes Assistant Coaches Robert J Yost, Jason Walker, and Randy McClelland; Pitching Coaches are Ed Smotherman and Jodi Dolan; the team Manager is Deby Smotherman.

Eddie Smotherman, dad to past players and grandfather to present team members, described the full circle effect this way on Facebook, “Crystal was All-State first baseman, Dee Dee was All-State catcher; Dawn and Jodi both earned the Nevada All-American Pitcher title. Now, 27 years later, Crystal’s coaching her daughter Hali Jo, who is also Dawn’s niece and is pitching to Dee Dee’s niece, Emi.”

The full line-up of players is Emi Allyn, Jada Anastasio, Hayden Cooper, Kaitlyn Hornby, Brylee Parsley, Phynex Hunt, Kesley Sandberg, Hali Smotherman, Destinee Tapia, Layla Walker, Lea Williams, and Sutton Yost. Hali and Sutton have both been pitching for 3 years. Hayden and Kaitlyn will start their first year of pitching this season. The team catchers are Destinee, Emi, and Lea.

Cypher said, “It is amazing to see these girls learn and grow together as a team as well as individuals. Having almost the entire team back, gives them an opportunity to gel as a team and learn to play together as a unit. They grow friendships and unity as a team throughout the season.” Cypher went on to say, “Softball is a team sport, not one player can carry a team. It’s awesome to see these girls learn to depend on each other, give their best to the team, and work hard for one another.”



Cypher described this age group as one where coaches see the players’ talents develop as they learn the game’s strategic aspects. They will start more complex plays this year, and add focus to the “short game”, which includes bunting, drag bunts, and slapping for the offense. Mechanics are taught to the players for basic hitting, followed by new aspects to help advance runners into scoring position. Cypher said, “Base running is key when using short game techniques.”

The scheduled tournament games will take place on June 12-13 in Fallon, June 19-20 in Winnemucca, June 26-27 in Fernley, July 10-11 in Yerington, and July 17-18 in Carson City. The team thanks everyone for the continued support, and hopes that some Fallon locals turn out for the games to cheer them on. The team also wanted to acknowledge their sponsors, who make the team’s participation in the tournament possible with their volunteer time and donations. The businesses shown on the banner in the picture donated \$250 or more, which paid for uniforms, helmets, equipment, bat bags, and tournament registration fees.

In addition to donations from the players’ parents, the following businesses also donated to the team: A & K Earthmovers, Affordable Document Solutions, Aunt Jeanne and Uncle Jim, Aunt Jessie and Uncle J.R., Benham’s Diesel and Auto Repair, Buttsup Duck (Visors), Buttsup Duck Designs, Camacho Auto Sales, CC Communications, Cheek Construction, Dooley Family, DoTERRA Licia Rogne, Electric Chairs, Fallon Family Dental Care, Fallon Ford Toyota, Fallon Family Dental Care, Fallon Glass, Getto Subs, Glenn the Mover, Grace Gandolfo, Grandma & Grandpa John,



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- ★ 2 person team; format will be:
  - Holes 1-9 Best Ball (individual stroke play, best score recorded for each hole)
  - Holes 10-18 Scramble
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  - 2 Mulligans
  - Roll the die for your tee box (Hole 4)
  - 12" of string to aid you in being closer to any hole without a stroke (limit 1 piece of string per team; cannot be used for closest to the pin or longest drive)
- ★ Prizes for the Longest Drive and for Closest to the Pin (Men and Women) and Winning Team
- ★ Silent Auction!!!

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### GREEN GODDESS FARMERS MARKET

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Join us at the Oats Park Art Center & Lariat Courtyard for the Green Goddess Farmers Market featuring produce for sale from local farmers, artwork from local artists and crafters, music by local musicians, food from the 5 Star Indian Food Truck, and more!

The Market begins at 3PM with a "Meet Your Farmer" cocktail hour in the Lariat Bar, where a specialty cocktail composed using local ingredients will be available for purchase, along with a variety of other drinks.

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## Feral Housewives Horoscopes Weekly Horoscope - May 28

### Gemini - May 21 to June 20

You start this week with a light-hearted debate with a friend that thankfully allows you some practice in the art of communication. There is a storm brewing with a family member ready to unleash and prove itself rather tricky. By the weekend, the storm will pass, and you will be working on a new challenge, romance.

### Cancer - June 21 to July 22

You deserve the best, don't settle for anything less. You can afford to wait for the right opportunity. With such confidence, you will be making power moves. Things will start going your way as you're not scared to put in the work to make yourself happy. Start by cleaning up the house and move from there to self-improvement. You won't regret it. When overwhelmed with options, slow down and avoid being tangled up with anything that makes you feel unsure of yourself.

### Leo - July 23 to August 22

Like a unicorn, you are oozing majesty and grace, perfect timing as you need to buckle down and reassess money matters. It is time to focus on the finances you have neglected and get ALL of your bills caught up. Once you situate repayment, set aside that task and go spend some much-needed time with friends or host an impromptu party at your place! Trust your gut to steer you over the weekend. Life throws a curveball smack in the middle of your romantic life, a rather welcome curveball!

### Virgo - August 23 to September 22

You make juggling look like art instead of a task. You have had plenty of practice recently, and you will continue to do so. You look cool as a cucumber, and it pays off at the beginning of the week. There is a big purchase for you and your lovebug in the stars! You feel a bout of indecisiveness that almost seems suffocating, but you will discover the goals and path to achieve those goals if you ponder on it!

### Libra - September 23 to October 22

Everyone around you is looking to you for all the answers, and although you have some, you don't have them all, so make sure that you disclose that to all parties involved. Utilize all the resources at your fingertips to maintain healthy relationships because a romantic one will be a piece of the puzzle this week for ya! This weekend you find yourself consumed with lingering business questions. Take some time to try and work out the answers.

### Scorpio - October 23 to November 21

Resist the urge to ask for that raise you have been working toward. There is a maze of tangled dynamics going on. Keep your distance and stay out of the wrath of a peeved peer! When you run into questions and need guidance go to that friend you have grown incredibly close to recently. They will be able to help navigate solutions by going back and forth about different ideas. You make a great impression with your patience.

### Sagittarius - November 22 to December 21

You will find yourself on the receiving end of a travel upgrade that is nothing short of unexpected! When a coworker shows up with a bad attitude, you might find yourself on the receiving end of their tantrum. The social calendar is booked solid for the end of the week and into the weekend. You will laugh yourself silly and enjoy all the moments of friendship but still make sure to take a day off and decompress before another week begins.

### Capricorn - December 22 to January 19

You are stretched a bit thin this week and find that no matter where you turn, there isn't a helping hand in sight, that is until a long-lost pal reaches out unexpectedly! The chance to unload your burden to someone else gives you a renewed energy, and Wednesday, you will tackle more than you thought you could in one afternoon. You try to keep that same momentum through the end of the week, but something is just off. It will right itself by the weekend.

### Aquarius - January 20 to February 18

At the beginning of the week, you are playing mad scientist with social experiments. You learn in short order that the way you interact with others has a whole lot to do with the type of relationships you have now. You can't seem to understand what people expect from you and struggle through Thursday. You will figure it out and enjoy these relationships in a new way this weekend. When you have deep thoughts flooding your mind, ride it out.

### Pisces - February 19 to March 20

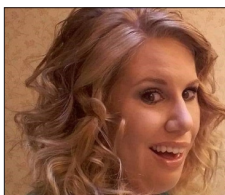
Life is like a movie playing before your eyes. Rather than react to a friend in need with criticism, try to help them find lasting solutions. You get the spring cleaning bug in all facets of life staring with your actual space and then the people in it. If someone hasn't made right the loan, you gave them, make sure to remind them on Friday. This weekend is not a good time for you to sign on the dotted line. Although you feel like you have a handle on it, you will regret it later on.

### Aries - March 21 to April 19

You are absolutely unstoppable on Monday. Work, play, and romance are all working in your favor. Enjoy it while it lasts because it won't last long. Come mid-week, you are caught in a war between friends, and it is threatening your sanity! The battle will soon end, leaving you ample time to lavish that special someone in your life with all of your attention they rightly deserve. Spend extra time nurturing your love, and you will be able to sit back and watch it grow.

### Taurus - April 20 to May 20

Are you ready to rumble? If not, get prepared as you will be starting the week refereeing a battle between friends. The rest of the week, you are floating on cloud nine with punch drunk love. With lightness and adoration surrounding you, it will feel like you are dancing on the sun. Over the weekend, an intense situation will only show how much you care for one another but be careful not to overreact.



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.

## Books



### On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It is commemorated on the June 19, 1865 anniversary announcing freedom from slavery in Texas. Gordon-Reed is a Texan, historian, and writer who offers up some back stories to add perspective to popular Texas history. She describes her experiences being the first black to integrate in her

hometown of Conroe, the story behind the lyrics of the popular song "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and a short history of slavery in Texas. Gordon-Reed is clearly a proud of her home state despite its thorny history.

Annette Gordon-Reed won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Heminges of Monticello: an American Family*. Both titles are available in print at the Library.

*Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library. She is glad to be introduced to Juneteenth and wonders why it never came to her attention before.*

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



### Introducing the Deck Hands - Joe Kiele

We are so happy and very excited to introduce Joe Kiele this week as our newest team member at The Fallon Post. Joe is a Fallon native with extensive sales background, and he has come on board to help us out with advertising sales. You may have noticed a marked increase in ads for the graduation special - thanks, Joe. And to all of you who have gotten to meet him and work with him this week, we are grateful for you as well.

Joe will be making calls to all our local businesses, but if you need him before he gets to you, please just call the office at 423-4545 or drop him an email at [joekiele@thefallonpost.org](mailto:joekiele@thefallonpost.org)



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## Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken May 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Lahontan Reservoir**  
113,400 af

**Truckee Canal at Hazen**  
207 cfs

**Truckee Canal at Wadsworth**  
211 cfs

**Carson River Below Lahontan**  
238 cfs

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

May 27 Water Storage  
 2021 : 113,278 acre-feet  
 2020 : 213,210 acre-feet  
 2019 : 243,036 acre-feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second  
 af - Acre Feet

# FALLON THEATRE

## June Movies



Thursday 6/3 6:30	 1hr 38min (TV-G)	 1hr 52min (G)	 1hr 50min (PG)	Saturday 6/5 6:00 & 6:30
Thursday 6/10 6:30	 1hr 35min (R)	 1hr 55min (PG)	 2hrs 2min (R)	Saturday 6/12 6:00 & 6:30
Thursday 6/17 6:30	 1hr 32min (G)	 1hr 44min (G)	 1hr 45min (PG)	Saturday 6/19 6:00 & 6:30
Thursday 6/24 6:30	 1hr 57min (G)	 1hr 42min (G)	 1hr 48min (PG-13)	Saturday 6/26 6:00 & 6:30

*All movies are FREE!*

### Crossword Puzzle Answers

#### WORD LIST:

AIR	DECORATION	NAVY	THIRTEEN
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ARLINGTON	FLOWERS	PATRIOTIC	VETERAN
ARMY	HALFSTAFF	PICNIC	VIETNAM
BLUE	LIBERTY	POW	WAR
BUGLE	MAY	RED	WHITE
CEMETERY	MEMORIAL	REMEMBER	WREATH
CIVIL	MIA	SIX	
CONFEDERATE	MONDAY	SMITHSONIAN	

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



Greetings fair readers. Before I delve into my weekly missive about all things local food and cooking, I want to take a moment to celebrate an auspicious anniversary. This article marks 6-months of my cooking contributions to The Fallon Post. To date, I have heard from a number of you—mainly that you regularly read this column but have yet to try cooking any of the recipes. On rare occasion, someone stops me at the golf course or in the grocery store to tell me that they tried (and enjoyed) one of the recipes. Let me tell you straight up, I LOVE IT. I hope that you are, not only enjoying what I write, but are also attempting to prepare some of the dishes in your own kitchens AND I encourage you to share your experiences. Jump on to The Fallon Post website and leave a comment on the article, or post and tag on Facebook—I thrive on feedback especially when it involves cooking new dishes.

This week, like many of you, I received my first farm box stocked with goodies from local farms (and a couple in California). While the Great Basin Basket Farm Share is intended to celebrate and support Churchill County farmers, at the beginning of the season our Nevada farms are a little behind in their harvests thanks to the unique experience of growing in the high-desert and we have to supplement with some produce from our neighbors to the west. My farm box was stocked with (amongst other ingredients) Green Garlic from Lattin Farms, YaYa Carrots and arugula from the Desert Farming Initiative, and English Peas from Durst Family Farms.

There are so many things that make me happy about a box of locally grown produce. Green Garlic is one of my most favorite spring ingredients—as I have waxed philosophical about in previous columns. Carrots that taste like Carrots is a joy, whether chomped into raw and un-peeled,

shredded into a salad, or slow-roasted and glazed with Rau Bees honey. But the English Peas were my week one highlight.

A brief history of my relationship with English Peas is in order. For the most part, veggie lovers in Northern Nevada regularly see two types of peas: sugar snaps and snow. While I do love a good sugar snap pea, they are typically prepared and served in the pod. The English Pea, on the other hand, is intended to

be shelled and added (either raw or quickly blanched) into salads, served in a light butter sauce, or whirled into a fresh pea soup ideally topped with mint and sour cream or creme fraiche. The (two) bags of English Peas that stocked my farm box immediately reminded me of the gardens of my childhood. I took to shelling them with gusto, remembering days in my mid-western backyard when at least half of my harvest was eaten before I took the basket inside the house. By the way (Dad, if you are reading), when a pea or two escaped my waiting bowl, I obligingly made the pronouncement “whoops, I pea-d on the floor,” to the chagrin of my visiting in-laws.

The same day as farm box number one, I also received my latest Rancho Gordo bean club package. Tucked into the box was an ingredient that I have NEVER seen before: Ceci Neri - a bag of jet-black chickpeas. Between the abundance of fresh and local produce, a new stock of heirloom legumes, and the visiting in-laws, salads were in order. Alongside an herb-crusted roast Kennedy Ranch chicken (from Lamoille, NV), I served a fresh pea and feta salad, and a tasty mix of black chickpeas, shredded carrots, and mint.

These salads scream SPRING.

I hope you give them a try—do not worry about the specialty ingredients; I have included substitution suggestions in the recipes.

### Fresh Pea and Feta Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 # English Peas shelled - about 1 cup (you can substitute Sugar Snap Peas but if you do, try to get really plump ones to shell or consider slicing the whole pods on a bias)  
2 cups baby arugula  
½ c mint leaves, torn (I used a half a bunch)  
1 lemon, juiced  
Extra virgin olive oil

Salt and pepper

½ c Feta cheese, crumbled (about 2 oz)

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring 2 cups of water to a boil, seasoned liberally with salt. Add shelled peas (or sliced snap peas in pod) and let simmer for about 1 minute. Drain and shock in a bowl of ice water. Once cool, drain again and let dry.
2. Combine together arugula and mint. Add blanched peas. Toss lightly with lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper until the leaves are glistening. Top with crumbled feta and serve immediately.

### Chickpea and Carrot Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 bulb of green garlic, separated (you can substitute 1 clove of regular garlic)  
White part fine minced  
Green part chopped  
1 lemon, juice and zest  
¼ c olive oil  
Salt and Pepper  
4 carrots, peeled and shredded  
2 cups cooked chickpeas (I used the ceci neri black chickpeas but feel free to use regular ones, ideally cooked yourself but if you must, the canned varieties are fine)  
½ c mint leaves, torn (I used the other half bunch of mint leftover from the pea salad)

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small bowl, combine the white minced garlic, lemon juice and lemon zest. Slowly whisk in the olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper.
2. In a serving bowl toss shredded carrot with as much dressing as you would like. Add the cooked chickpeas and mint and toss gently. Season to taste with salt and pepper and service immediately.

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



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## Community Meetings / Events May 31 - June 6

**Memorial Day**  
**Mon. May 31**  
In memory of all that  
gave their all for us

**TCID Meeting**  
**Tues. June**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Oasis Academy Board of  
Directors Meeting**  
**Tues, June 2**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Wed. June 3**  
**8:15 a.m.**

**County Highway Commission  
Meeting**  
**Wed. June 3**  
**1:15 p.m.**

**Green Goddess Farmers Market**  
**Sat. June 5**  
**3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Arts Center / Oats Park



Early morning Blood Moon eclipse -- Photo by Rich Antuzzi

## Meet the Regional Transportation Commission

-Staff Report

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is responsible for preparing and approving budgets for the street and highway fund, the public transit fund, and the funds it receives from other sources for bridge and road maintenance and projects. They commission has the authority to audit, inquire, or examine dealers and retailers of petroleum products and carriers, and to enforce collection of taxes on these products and services. Every petroleum dealer in Churchill County must be registered with RTC.

According to the Churchill County Code, the RTC board is to be comprised of three members, two appointed by the County Commissioners and one appointed by the City Council. Mayor Ken Tedford is the board's Chairman, Commissioner Pete Olsen is Vice-Chairman, and Comptroller Sherry Wideman is Treasurer.

Others present and participating are City Attorney Lem Mackedon, County Road Supervisor Gary Fowkes, Public Works Director for the city Brian Byrd, Deputy District Attorney Ben Shawcroft, County Manager Jim Barbee, City Engineer Derek

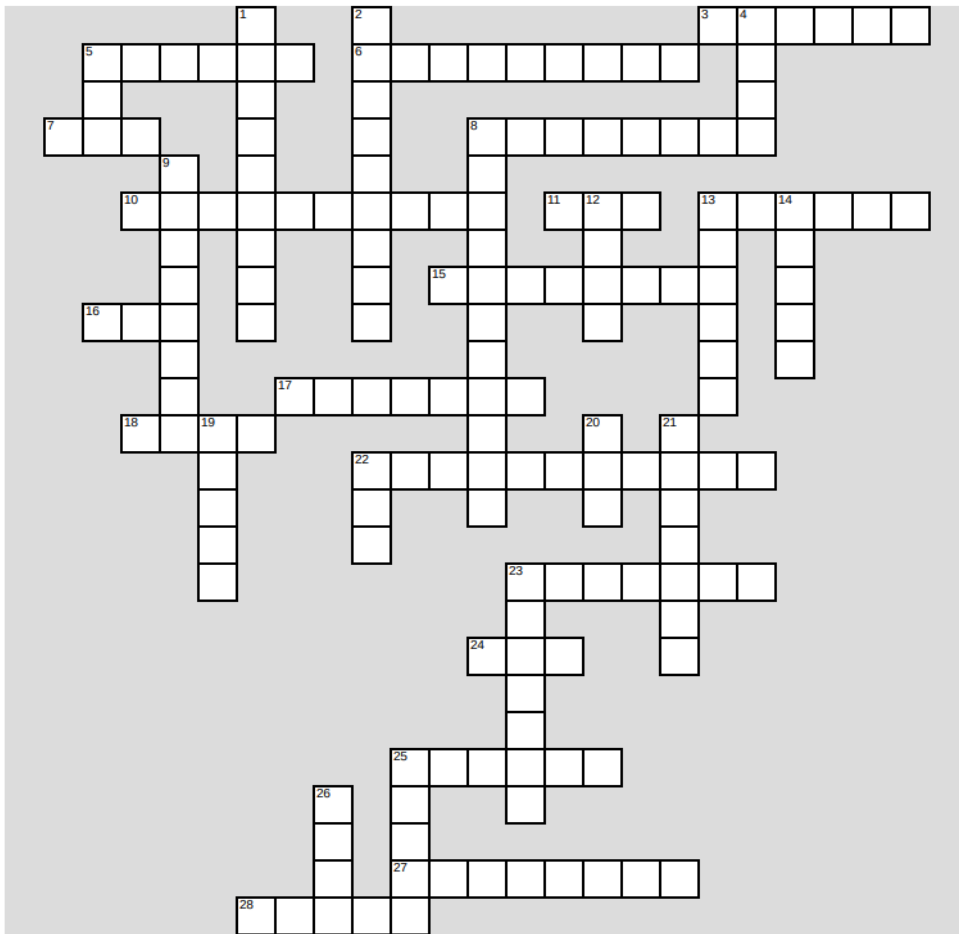
Zimney, and Recording Secretary Naomi Steele.

The RTC meets in the County Commission Chambers on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on Churchill County's website, <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/37/Agendas-Minutes>.



## Memorial Day



### Across

- 3 The National \_\_\_\_\_ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- 5 Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- 6 260,000 flags are placed in this cemetery on Memorial Day
- 7 The opposite of peace
- 8 A place with many graves
- 10 Memorial Day was originally known as \_\_\_\_\_ Day
- 11 Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- 13 A meal eaten outside
- 15 The opposite of forget
- 16 Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the \_\_\_ Force
- 17 Often placed on graves
- 18 A color of the flag
- 22 Where the original star spangled banner is on display
- 23 One who has served in military
- 24 A color of the flag
- 25 Ring of flowers
- 27 Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- 28 Used for taps

### Down

- 1 Inspired by love of country
- 2 Position of flag when flown midway up the pole
- 4 Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Missing in action
- 8 Army of the South
- 9 A day for remembering those who have served our country is \_\_\_\_\_ Day
- 12 Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- 13 People march in this
- 14 Memorial Day began after this war
- 19 Army of the North
- 20 Prisoner of war
- 21 Freedom from bondage or restraint
- 22 The number of USA flags that are on the moon
- 23 50th commemoration of this war
- 25 A color of the flag
- 26 Old Glory



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