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Taking Things into Their Own Hands – Carson River Cleanup

By Rachel Dahl

Amanda Daigh and her family moved to Fallon a year ago from Alaska, via Fernley. She is raising her two children on a small farm; a daughter who will be a freshman, and a son who is 10. They have animals and chores and know how to work.

Last weekend, unable to stand the mess of an abandon homeless camp left under the Carson River bridge near Gummow Drive, she took matters into her own hands and dragged her children, along with her nine-year-old nephew and a 4' X 6' trailer to clean it up. After posting their results of a day's work on social media, several community members joined them Sunday for about an hour to finish the job.

It took the group a total of three hours, and four dump runs to remove 1,500 pounds of trash. The total bill at the transfer station was \$30.

Daigh said a couple days before the group did their good deed, there was a bunch of complaining on social media about how bad the situation was under the bridge, but there was no one proposing any solutions. "Everyone was venting and raging, but nobody had a plan for it. There was a whole lot of a problem, but no solution."

Her daughter is getting ready to start high school and she will need to earn volunteer hours and experience for her college applications. "What better way to contribute and get valuable volunteer experience?" questioned Daigh. "Yeah, she was not very impressed at first, but when she saw the progress and then came back, she was really excited." Her best friend came to help the next day.

Daigh discussed the issue of homelessness here, and while there is nothing we can do to get rid of the epidemic, she questions "what can we do to make it less of an eyesore?" The problem spills out of the city and into the county, and neither is addressing the issue. "But the county is so big at what point are they going to help us, at what point will the city say it's still our town. It's one of the first things you see when you drive by that giant airplane we're known for."

She is excited to see what the group of volunteers can make happen again and hopes to start a monthly meet up and get other places cleaned too. "I'm glad that it got done," said Daigh, "it looks a lot better."



Photos by parent, Amanda Daigh
Above - Area before cleanup along Carson River (near Gummow Drive and Reno Highway), north side of highway/bridge
Below - Area after cleanup efforts



From the Publisher

Captain's Log – Are We Having a Mutiny?

It's hot in here. Our air conditioner isn't working and we're in a room full of over-50 girls. There was a lot of landlord instructed activity on the roof at the beginning of the week. Then there was water leaking out of the gutter over the front of the door.

The next day there was water leaking out of the ceiling about six feet from Becky (our printer, for those of you who are new.) I about had a stroke. I'm really not sure what's going on, but I can tell you the cooler is not working.

It's been an interesting week last week full of meetings. And this week writing the stories. The public is coming out in force to public meetings, and it is a beautiful thing.

We've been fairly complacent in Fallon for a long time and usually elected officials hold their meetings in empty rooms, with public comment limited to the crazy street preacher complaining that no one will listen to him.

There were people at the planning commission meeting, county commission, the school board, and a few at city council.

School board got saucy when the public was finally offended by the street preacher. One lady had brought her child and was appalled that her daughter had to be exposed to the things he spewed. There was talk of calling the police.

Commissioners articulated their gratitude for the public participation. It's amazing to see democracy at work. It's tense. It's necessary.

Unlike the word-salad tossed by the street preacher, people are articulating well-formulated arguments about specific issues, giving elected officials useful input and timely observations.

We hope that we have played a small part in this new activity. We hope our stories have been informative and useful. We hope that people see they can make a difference and make their community better.

We feel like this is a good time to be in Fallon. There are so many opportunities right now to be a part of shaping our future.

We're glad we're here and glad you are too.

Know that we'll be here...

...keeping you posted,
Rach

Pictures of the Week



by Cheyenne Faria - Sonny's Barlight, aka Sunny!
Unfortunately he passed away on April 10th of this year due to his age but his spirit lives on



Model call for Howieloo! - Meet Sig

Picture of the Week

Cool right? Send us one of your favs and we might select it for the next edition.

Thank you for sending us your photos!

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Department of Wildlife Cautions Against Posting Injured Wildlife on Social Media



Owlets (baby or young owls)–Photos courtesy of NDW

By Ginny Bragg

In recent months, many Nevada residents, including several in Churchill County, have happened upon injured or displaced wildlife, and have been unsure what to do. In their quandary, they have turned to social media for help.

As a result, The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDW) has reacted and would like to send out information to the community. According to Jenni Jeffers, a wildlife biologist with NDW states, its baby owl season. The Department would like to inform the public on what to when injured wild animals and birds are found. Wildlife would like to send out information to the community as Jenni Jeffers, wildlife biologist states its baby owl season.

First and foremost, says the Department of Wildlife, “Please do not post images of injured and orphaned wildlife on Facebook”. Instead, contact the appropriate agency.

According to the NDW, it is illegal to possess wildlife without the proper permits. Also, without the proper care, wildlife will not be able to survive or be released back into to the wild. It is now owl, and soon raptor, followed by songbird, season. All raptor young and songbirds spend a couple of weeks on the ground before developing the ability to fly. During their time on the ground they can be at risk from predators, which include domestic animals. Barn owls prefer haystacks to nest in, but during

the spring and early summer, hay from those stacks will be fed to livestock, sold, or moved – leaving young barn owls without a safe nest. These young should be raised and released by a wildlife rehabilitator. The Department urges anyone who finds injured or displaced barn owls to contact the proper authorities.

Many other birds, including great horned owls, can be blown or even crowded out of their nests, and end up on the ground before they can care for themselves. Again, NDW stresses the importance of contacting the proper authorities when these types of birds are found. According to wildlife specialists, never attempt to pick up large raptors such as eagles. Instead, call the authorities.

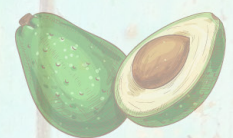
Deer and other ungulates (hooved animals) leave their fawns alone for many hours at a time. Please don't assume they are orphaned unless you see a dead doe nearby.

If you do come into contact with any injured and orphaned wildlife contact Dayton Valley Wildlife Restop. They are a state licensed wildlife rehabilitator and take all species of wildlife. Let's ensure that we as a community take proper steps to keep our wildlife safe and abundant.

To contact Dayton Valley Wildlife Restop, call/leave message at 775-246-0470 or visit www.daytonvalleywildliferestop.com and the Nevada Department of Wildlife in Fallon 775-423-3171 (extension 234 if there is no answer).



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775-423-4714

Monday 10:00-1:00

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Fallon Daily Bread Meals

at Epworth Church Monday & Thursday

5:30-6:30 775-423-4714

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

County Awards Drilling Contract for Redundant Well

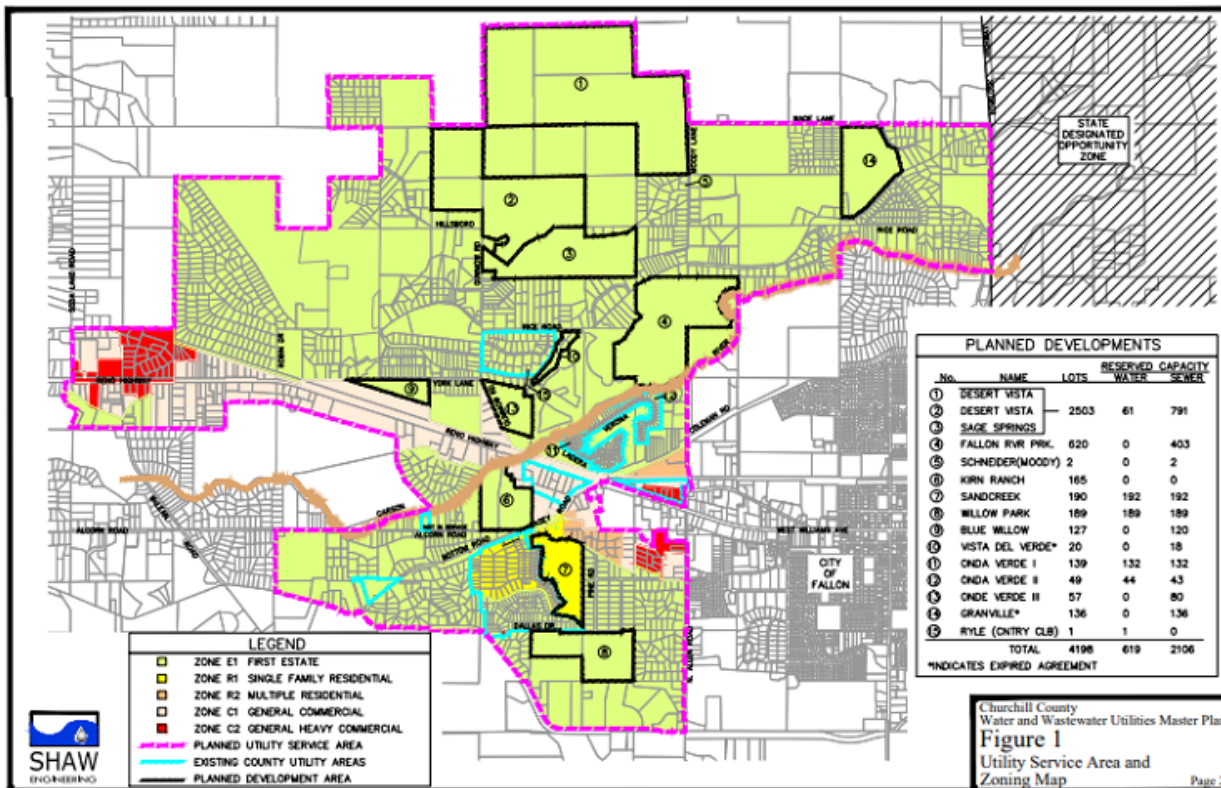


Image from the Churchill County 2019 Water and Wastewater Utility Master Plan

by Rachel Dahl

County Commissioners awarded a bid to Parsons Drilling to drill and equip a 14-inch backup well for the Sandcreek water system, which currently serves 987 county residents and is located outside the city limits, just south of Casey Road and west of Pine Road. Funds for the project will also cover the cost to install 2,400 feet of 10-inch raw water transmission main and extend three-phase overhead power 900 feet.

Funding for the project comes from the Nevada Board for Financing Water Projects, which provided Churchill County a \$646,872 grant, and the USDA provided a \$140,528 grant along with a loan for \$558,000 at 1.5% interest for 40 years.

The project results from work begun in 2019 by the Churchill County Planning Department to address potential growth within the county. According to Marie Henson, county building official, county staff contracted with Shaw Engineering for the development of a master plan for utility services that looked at, “Where we could serve, where we could grow, and how much we water we could use.”

Henson said the study found that there was not a good redundant water source on the Sandcreek system. “We had an emergency backup system but didn’t have the capacity to serve fire flows to meet the Nevada Revised Statutes for a redundant source, and enough to take over the main system if something were to happen.”

Shaw Engineering authored a separate study addressing that problem, looking to find the best options, and reviewed three possibilities, eventually recommending drilling a new well that could serve 500-1,000 gallons of water per minute to the system. The existing well provides 1,000 gallons per minute. As part of the study, said Henson, was the decision of where to locate the new well, placing it close enough that the piping costs wouldn’t be prohibitive, and it wouldn’t interfere with anyone else’s well.

Option one was selected and projected to cost \$1.3 million, at which time county staff began looking at potential funding sources. In 2020 Henson approached the Nevada Board for Financing Water Projects and the United States Department of Agriculture and applied to cover the costs.

In February of this year, Shaw Engineering put out a bid for the cost of drilling the well of approximately \$350,000. One bid was received from Parsons Drilling for \$341,500. The bid was ranked for compliance and responsibility and presented to the commissioners to award last week.

The two alternative options examined by Shaw Engineering for this project were to use the two original wells at the Pine Grove Subdivision, which are still in the ground and could have been connected and rehabilitated to bring more to the water system. Henson said those options proved to be more expensive, “and neither well had the capacity to serve enough water for us to get fire flows. Option one was hooking up one of the wells, option two was hooking up both wells, and option three was drilling a new well.”

According to the 2019 Churchill County Water and Wastewater Utilities Master Plan, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3sXvBUk>, the Churchill County water system currently consists of one pressure zone that is pressurized via the Sandcreek Booster Pump Station. The system includes a 1000 gallon per minute (GPM) well, a 750 GPM water treatment plant (WTP), one 1.048-million-gallon (MG) ground-level storage tank, one booster pump station, and various transmission and distribution piping systems ranging in size from 6 inches to 16 inches.

County Manager Jim Barbee says the county water system is currently at 32% capacity. During the late 90s, the county implemented a water dedication ordinance to protect the water resources in the community, requiring new parcels that would connect to the County water system dedicate water rights. For parcels that do not connect to the system, two acre-feet of surface-water rights are required to be dedicated for each parcel created. Payment-in-lieu is required when there are no surface water rights attached to the parcels.

As the community continues to grow and housing developments are proposed throughout the county, Chris Spross, the public works director for Churchill County, says it is the financial responsibility of a developer who is planning on building a subdivision to bring the water and wastewater from the current location to and into the subdivision.

Commissioners Approve Master Plan Revision/Update

by Rachel Dahl

Before approving the 2020 update of the County Master Plan last week, Churchill County Commissioners heard from several community members who spoke on the record urging commissioners, despite the current housing crisis and the inevitable change that will come with growth, to focus on the main goals of the plan and protect our rural way of life.

Associate Planner Dean Patterson gave Commissioners a run-down of the public process that led to the revised document and the results of the Planning Department's work over the past year-and-a-half to revise the County Master Plan.

Patterson said the oldest Master Plan at the county was done in 1990 and is continually updated every five years or so. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, the Planning Department is required to hold several opportunities for the public to provide input on the plan update. Planning Commissioners held a variety of public workshops beginning in late 2019, inviting impacted stakeholders who could address specific issues by chapter.

Although there were several delays due to COVID, the Planning Commission approved the updated plan in March and forwarded it to the County Commission for a public hearing and their approval. Changes were made to several sections, said Patterson, including the addition of an Introduction, a change in the way appendices are listed, updated language and content in several sections.

Chapter one addresses population and housing with the shortages projected as Fallon Naval Air Station continues to add 1,000 personnel by 2024. Patterson said the vacancy rate is one of the indicators of interest, being right at 8% before the recession and is now less than 4%.

Chapter two addresses education, showing a general decline in student enrollment, with private school enrollment over the past five years increasing. The data also showed a serious need to address childcare needs.

Conservation and Natural Resources are addressed in Chapter three, with sections on renewable energy, agriculture, mineral exploration, and water. It is this chapter that re-introduces the consistent use of "Oasis of Nevada" and the special features to promote the community, weaving the theme throughout the document. Patterson also said there are over 60 square miles of irrigated acres of agriculture in the valley, and Chapter six of the Master Plan focuses specifically on protecting agriculture, the Navy, and economic development.

According to Patterson, the focus on protecting agriculture



Many members of the public attended the County Commission meeting and spoke on the record regarding the Master Plan. - Photo by Rachel Dahl

and the NAS Fallon installation is paramount. During the past year, through COVID as well as during the recession, agriculture continued to be recession resistant, providing a steady economic base for the community.

Other chapters include a focus on hazards and mitigation, historic preservation, recreation, transportation, and public services and facilities. Addressing the 2019 utilities plan, law enforcement, and the sewer and water systems, Patterson said this section was important because the goals and policies around infrastructure drive much of the rest of the plan along with land development decisions.

Wrapping up with open space, land use, and a policy plan for public lands – important because of federal law that requires Federal Land planning decisions be consistent with local plans – Patterson said Jeremy Drew with Resource Concepts Inc. will now work to update the 2010 Public Lands Plan.

Commission Chairman Pete Olsen thanked the public who attended the meeting and made comments, agreeing with their positions. "I don't want our community to be ruined, and we will do our level best going forward. We have urgent needs for housing, and you are correct, we need to speak with one voice. We normally have a lot of boring meetings with no public here, having you here is special, and we need that."

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Senior Center to Open Slowly – Under Caution



Food boxes delivered for distribution - Photo courtesy of the Senior Center

by Rachel Dahl

Under pressure from the Churchill County Commission, staff at the Pennington Life Center presented a draft reopening plan to the Coalition for Senior Citizens board meeting last Thursday. Under the plan, beginning May 1, the center would open up for small group classes, and June 1 would open for dining inside the center.

Director Lisa Erquiaga explained that she had been requested to speak at the County Commission meeting the day before and present the Center plan for reopening. She was uncomfortable doing that because the Coalition board had not yet seen the plan.

Erquiaga presented the same draft plan to the Coalition that she had given the county commission the day before, along with an activity plan for May. She said Buster Pierce had contacted other senior centers across Northern Nevada to find out what their plans were for reopening and was waiting for the national senior center organization to provide direction for reopening under “Best Practices.”

Board member Karla Kent asked about the classes, whether they would be open before June 1. Erquiaga clarified that Bingo-cise, cooking, gardening, and the art class are all possibilities to be held indoors. The outside walking class, which is currently taking place, will continue.

Kent said, “Yesterday the commissioners were pretty strong about wanting the center to open May 1 when they are relaxing the community and opening to 100%, I just want to get your feelings about that and what your thoughts are.”

Erquiaga said, “They want to open it up to 100% but I think because of the nature of our business and the people that we serve, that’s why I’m saying that’s why we take it slow and let people come back in but for the dining we are waiting to get guidance from our national affiliates on congregate dining and senior centers.”

There was conversation at the commission meeting the day before that the senior center is similar to restaurants which will be open 100%, but Erquiaga said, “we are not a restaurant.” She said the grantor at the senior center has federal regulations that the staff has to follow and, “comparing us to a restaurant is not correct.”

County Commissioner Justin Heath, who serves on the Coalition board as well, asked how many people are signing into the Zoom classes that the center has been offering during COVID. Erquiaga said there were five people that day signed in. Before COVID there would be 45 people in a class.

During the conversation over reopening the center, Erquiaga said although the county wants to see the center open, “you are the Board, and you have the right to make the decision. “We are a private, non-profit organization providing the services, and though we may be in a county-owned building, this is everyone, the City, the Coalition, the Pennington Foundation and the Board should make the decision.”

Heath reported that the Eureka Senior Center is fully open now, Winnemucca will open fully May 15, and Lyon will open May 17.

In other business, Erquiaga also reported to the Coalition members, that the Life Center has had three good news stories on the programs, including the gardening program. She also reported that over the next year, the senior center will receive over \$5000 in donations from the Southwest Gas employee contribution program. In April the center received \$436 and will receive \$654 in May from the employee donations. That will go into a separate fund and decisions on spending it will be made at a later date.

Additionally, due to fund raising efforts over the past year, including a \$10,000 donation from Enel North America and a grant from the Aging and Disability Services Division for \$49,000 the center will be purchasing two new hot/cold box trucks to be used for the Meals on Wheels program. Through an additional fundraising program through direct mail, as of April 21 Erquiaga has received from 34 individuals \$6,675 which is earmarked specifically for Meals on Wheels.

Coalition Board members are Chair Jill Manha; Vice Chair Roberta Lind; Secretary/Treasurer Jamie Hyde; City of Fallon Councilwoman Karla Kent; County Commissioner Justin Heath; and members, Julie Richards, Carol Seitzinger, and Elsie Lee (alternate to the City of Fallon). The next meeting of the Coalition will be held in July.

Lunches served weekdays at the WNP Life Center! (excluding holidays) Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Under 60? Want a tasty lunch without leaving your vehicle? Come join us! Cost for under 60 years old is \$6. 60 years and over? Suggested donation of \$3.

Each week a picture menu lunch game sheet is provided with clues to the following week’s lunch. Those who participate each week will be entered into the monthly drawing for a prize. All lunches will be provided with the usual love and care of the kitchen and will be delicious! Thank you.



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Update from CCBOA – Internships and Mask Mandates

by Jo Petteruti

On Thursday, April 15, the Churchill County Business Owners Alliance (CCBOA) met to update its members and others on the group's recent activities.

Jesse Segura, owner of Fallon Glass and Signs and 3-Dimension Shipping told the group how supportive the Sheriff has been with regards to COVID mandates, saying "The County took the lead on enforcement in favor of the businesses, and it's so appreciated. We are very lucky to have a Sheriff who took that stance for us." Sheriff Richard Hickox is expected to attend the next CCBOA meeting in May.

According to the CCBOA, attorney Jesse Gilbert is still helping the group, however on a pro bono basis and only on issues specific to COVID issues in relation to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). However, it was suggested that they retain counsel that could present at the meetings to help address business issues that come up that affects more than one business. Paul Picotte, owner of The Grid and member of the Churchill Economic Development Authority (CEDA) Strategic Planning Committee, said "We need to be rational as a group, and if we want it to grow as a group, we should have someone available even if it's just for a question because the objective is to keep this group moving forward." If members are paying into the group fund, they have a right to expect some support in return.

Tiffany Picotte, who also owns The Grid and is a member of the CEDA Business Council, told the group about a new CEDA Workforce Development program for seniors at both Churchill and Oasis Academy high schools that will provide internships with local businesses for school credit or for pay. The program is planned to start this fall, initially as a free trial for students to job shadow. If the trial is successful, the student would then be eligible for the full internship with pay from the business. The internship programs will give students a chance to not only work toward a career but be mentored by a businessperson in their field of interest.

CEDA is also looking at options to supplement a student's pay for the businesses. Ideally, the students will use a career-building website where participating businesses will appear in the student's career research. As part of the new program, the Business Council is also looking into using high

school students enrolled in video production classes to make short business commercials.

Businesses that enter the program must commit for at least one semester, but a full year commitment would be preferable. This will be opportunity for students to learn which careers they may like. Each student will be required to perform a minimum of 72 hours per semester for their internship to qualify for school credit. The program may help fill the gap left by trade classes and workshops that are no longer offered. After students are trained, many jobs in the trades industry (electricians, plumbers, masons, etc) can pay up in upwards of \$100 per hour, making this a worthwhile effort – especially due to the increasing shortage of skilled tradesmen.

Paul Picotte also discussed the continuing "mask/no mask" debate. To mask or not, that was the question. Control of business openings is being turned over to the counties – for everything except the mandate to mask. Washoe County has stated that they would not require masks in their reopening plan for May 1, but it was rejected by the state. According to Picotte, The Grid is handling the mask mandate and Picotte replied, "Right now we are not asking anyone to wear a mask. We don't wear them, and we do not require our staff or customers to wear them. But if someone wants to wear one, if they are more comfortable that way, they are certainly free to do so." He went on to say that he views wearing masks more like the vaccine saying, "If you want the vaccine, you get it - that's not a mandate but a mask is? That doesn't make sense."

The majority of businesses are still concerned over OSHA actions, but it was stated that they should not be afraid. The CCBOA now has nearly 60 members in the group, who have been standing together, and attorney Gilbert is still willing to help with any OSHA-related issues. There is doubt that the Governor will remove the mask mandate drop anytime soon, but this group plans to keep pushing back on that.

Churchill is in better shape than most with regards to the vaccination percentage, with nearly 60% of the population over 65 vaccinated. The County's plan to reopen 100% on May 1 was presented to the state and accepted. Businesses with concerns or fears about the mask mandate are invited to contact the CCBOA, as they are there to help.



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Economic Development Report from Business Council Meeting – Jobs and Housing

by Rachel Dahl

Bruce Breslow was hired by the City of Fallon and Churchill County to lead economic development efforts to attract business from outside the community. He heads up Churchill Fallon Economic Development and works closely with Churchill Economic Development Authority and spoke last week at the CEDA Business Council Breakfast.

One of the first tasks was to build a website that can be used in attraction efforts. He asked that people review it at CFEDNV.com and let him know what can be improved to be more effective.

Breslow said he is working with a company called Industrial Realty Group that recently bought 250 acres at the old Black Gold terminal on the Churchill County line in Hazen. "IRG is a national, successful company, and they will build a rail park there and they will bring users that will build 100,000 square foot buildings that they offload from the rail, into the building, on trucks and out to businesses on the west coast. That is going to happen." He said they also have options on another 500 acres around them.

Additionally, there is a company working to open in Churchill County north of town on Highway 95. Michael Wentz of EnviroSafe Demil, has been developing a demilitarization plan that destroys old, unusable ammunition. His development and plant will be located on a 640-acre parcel and when the facility is open will employ 62 people.

There are also several small, California companies looking at the community, along with a company from Arkansas that is the largest manufacturer of frozen rice in the United States. This company is looking to expand a west coast operation that would be closer to suppliers in Sacramento and the Portland area. They would employ 100 people but are in the due diligence process and is addressing partnership possibilities for wastewater discharge. Breslow also mentioned the growth at the base with the F-35s coming to Fallon and the Navy expecting 1,000 new jobs by 2025.

"We have all these jobs coming and I'm supposed to bring more, we have the obvious question, 'where are these people going to live,'" said Breslow, addressing the obvious results of this kind of growth. He said there are currently eight houses for

sale in Reno this week, and the median price is \$515,000.

"Housing is moving this way," he said, "Fernley is doing their best to accommodate housing, they have some challenges, and we're next in line."

Housing in Churchill county is just over \$300,000 median price,

which is a 200,000 discount for people in Reno. "This will become a much more robust place for housing. Having a variety of housing products is important." He said there hasn't been a new apartment complex build here in 20 years.

DH Horton, the nation's largest home builder is in the process of buying 104 lots in the city, on both sides of Venturacci Lane, just south of Coleman Road, and are planning to begin building houses this summer. "That is a big deal to have a publicly traded home builder come to your community," said Breslow. "We have to have housing and we have to plan for it." He said there are three opportunities for planned housing developments in the county, and the Public Works Department will use a robust process to work those projects to completion.

"The developers will have to buy property for roads, they will have to do open space and trails, along with parks. There will be solutions that are good for the community," said Breslow.

He said right now, as it stands in this community there is a need for 600 apartments. "Developers do not create growth, they respond to it. You get the jobs first then you build roof tops, then you get retail," he said.

Breslow served as a sportscaster in the '80s on Reno television, served as the Mayor of Sparks, and has run several state agencies including Business and Industry and the Department of Motor Vehicles. He heads to Japan this summer where he will do play-by-play for the Olympic basketball games, a gig he has been doing for nine Olympic games. He won the cow chip throwing contest at the Cantaloupe festival two years in a row and still has the trophies to prove it.

"My job is to bring jobs here that fit," he said. "If you want to come here, you have to be here for the 4th of July Parade and support the community."



Bruce Breslow speaks to CEDA Business Council



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Harold Pete Olsen



In 2001 Pete Olsen shot this bull elk near Jarbidge, Nev. He was 69 years old at the time.

Harold Peter Olsen (Pete) was born in Sparks, Nev. on July 15, 1932. He passed away on Friday, April 23, 2021, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 88.

Pete was the first child born to his parents Harold Kjer Olsen and Anna Nevada Olsen. Harold and Anna brought Pete home to the family ranch in Spanish Springs, Nevada, and then at age two they moved to the home farm in Sparks. While growing up in the hills of Sparks, Pete made many life-long friends; Clifford Block, Doyle Whaley, Jerry Casale, Jake VanMeter, Billy Nelms and Glen Gibbons to name a few. The boys loved the outdoors, fast cars, and rifles. As a young man, Pete was active in 4-H and in the summer of 1951, he asked a pretty girl from Carson City to the dance at 4-H camp. Her name was Ruth Alice Dixon, and they were married three years later, on September 12, 1954.

Pete used to say that young marriage provides adventure and boy did they have many. In 1955, Pete graduated from the University of Nevada Reno with a degree in agriculture. Shortly after college he was drafted to the U.S. army where he served two years as a food inspector in Idaho and Utah. The Army expected two could live for the price of one, he always said. Still, the pair did not want for much. (Well, except for a better furnace, considering that once it got so cold in Caldwell the toilet bowl froze!) Pete mowed yards to earn extra money and Ruth worked in a potato plant until Pete Jr., their first son, was born in 1957.

Following his service in the Army, the Olsens moved back to Sparks and began working on the dairy with Pete's family. In 1959, they welcomed their daughter Karen Ruth into the world and two sons followed: Eric John in 1961 and Neil Edward in 1963.

Pete loved hunting, trapping, farming, racing, and competitive shooting. He instilled a lifelong love of the outdoors, hunting and camping in his kids and grandkids. He had a particular love for Jarbidge, Nev. Pete's first love for Jarbidge began in the 1940s when he went deer hunting with the Block family. He and Ruth took many trips to Jarbidge throughout the years and in 1969 they purchased

a cabin in town. They called it their Valhalla, and over the years they passed their loved for the small canyon town to their family.

Pete also loved to hunt in Northern Washoe County, specifically, a place he called Sam's Cabin and another spot the family calls Antelope Camp. He also loved to shoot chukar. He and his chukar hunting buddy Roger Mills made many a day trip to hunt the birds. The chukar were generally safe, and the pair often came home with stories of bent drivelines and lost heaters to make up for the lack of birds.

In 1972, Pete and Ruth moved their family to Fallon, Nev. and started the dairy where their sons farm now. He loved the valley and while he would often reminisce about Sparks in "the old days," he was confident in their decision to move. Despite the long hours required to make the dairy go, Pete loved the work and over time he, Ruth and even the kids began settling into the Lahontan Valley. Pete was a member of a card club, a car club, and his beloved coffee crew. He had coffee with his friends at 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. every day he could make it for 40 years, including the week he died. At coffee, they'd swap stories, trade gossip, talk about the weather, their grandkids and occasionally discuss farming. He was a friend to many.

Pete was a 4-H leader, a member of Danish lodge and a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. Above all, he was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. Pete was the anchor of his family—ever present and unwaveringly faithful—quietly loving his rather large and rather loud gang.

Pete was the best of men. There is no doubt that when he reached the gates of heaven—wearing a pearl snap shirt, a worn pair of jeans, and his Red Wing boots—the Lord greeted him and said: "Well done; good and faithful servant."

Pete was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Anna Olsen, two brothers who died as infants, his brother John Olsen, and his nieces Linda Olsen and Joyce Olsen.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Olsen; their children, Pete Olsen Jr. (Tami), Karen Cann (Larry), Eric Olsen (Diana) and Neil Olsen (Shawn); their grandchildren, Shannon Clevenger (Jeff), Pete Olsen III (Michelle), Jared Laca (Katrina), Mike Olsen (Jennifer), John Cann, Tim Olsen (Ashley), Joey Olsen (Star), Sara Peixoto (Dan), Jenny Hiskett (Sean), Jon Rampton, Heather York (Brad), Andy Rampton (Kim), Holly Neal, Scott Laca (Anna-Lisa), Ashley Garrison (Chris), Tim Rampton (Ariadni), Kyle Olsen, Jacob Olsen (Natalie), Allysen Olsen; and 36 great-grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by his sister Janet Pulispher (Cleo), his sister-in-law Peggy Olsen and nephews Chuck Olsen, Kenny Olsen, Gary Pulispher (Marybeth) and Curtis Ainsworth (Stephanie).

Pete's funeral will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. A celebration of life will be held at the Fallon Convention Center on Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Services are being arranged by the Gardens Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Churchill County 4-H or the FFA programs.



Jeffery Nokes Jury Trial Begins - Ends with Him in Jail



Jeffery Nokes- Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Department

by Leanna Lehman

The first jury trial since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic began on Wednesday, April 28, in the Tenth Judicial District Court, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Jury selection commenced Wednesday morning, with the trial beginning immediately after the selected jurors returned from lunch. Jeffery Nokes (39), the defendant in the case, was arrested

in October of 2019 on charges of Domestic Battery with Strangulation, a Category C Felony that can carry 1-5 years in prison and a potential fine of up to \$10,000. In Nevada, strangulation (choking) can occur even if it only lasted a few seconds and no injuries ensued. Nokes was also charged with Preventing or Dissuading a Victim or Person Acting on Behalf of Victim, or Witness from Reporting Crime, Commencing Prosecution or Causing Arrest, a Category D Felony that carries 1-4 years in prison.

According to the allegations listed in court documents, on or about October 23, 2019, at or near 2255 Casey Road, Unit #6, in Churchill County, Jeffery Nokes "willfully and unlawfully used force or violence on another by intentionally impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of another person in a manner that creates a risk of death or substantial bodily harm upon the person. In this case, the victim was a current or former girlfriend of Nokes, therefore the assault constitutes domestic violence.

Court documents state that the "Defendant did grab the victim, a person with whom the Defendant has or had a dating relationship, by the neck and/or throat thereby intentionally impeding her normal breathing or circulation of the blood and creating a risk

of death or substantial bodily harm." Further, court documents state that on the same date and same location, that Nokes "did take the victim's phone and remove the battery and/or did break it so that she could not call law enforcement to report a crime."

On the second day of the trial, Nokes was required to test with Court Services per the terms of his pre-trial release. A positive test for methamphetamine was returned, of which Nokes admitted to using. The trial was then vacated until November, as proceedings could not resume with the defendant under the influence of drugs or other intoxicating substances. Judge Stockard cited Nokes numerous supervisory violations stating, "This is not our first time we've had this situation; the court has bent over backwards for you." Stockard was not pleased over having to reschedule the trial, stating, "Did you see how many people you have inconvenienced? - at least 80," which include all the potential jurors the were called in for jury selection. "We have to guarantee you a fair trial," said Stockard, "even if you are working against that."

Nokes bail was set at \$250,000 and he was remanded to custody of the Churchill County Jail.

Department of Corrections Resumes Inmate Visiting

Nevada Department of Corrections issued a press release on Wednesday, April 28 announcing that visitation to inmates will resume Saturday, May 1 after a 14-month hiatus due to COVID-19, limited visitation will resume Saturday (May 1, 2021) for the Nevada Department of Corrections.

"While the 14-month suspension of visiting was necessary to limit the spread of the virus into our facilities, the NDOC recognizes the emotional toll it has taken on the spouses, children and friends of the offenders," said Charles Daniels, Director of the NDOC. "We recognize the importance of the support each family provides to incarcerated individuals. Not only does that connection help offenders cope with their current situation, but also promotes a strengthened healthy family cohesion and leads offenders to a more successful transition back into the community." Visitation will be limited, and visitors must already be on the approved list.

Visitation will be rolled out in phases. The first phase will require all visitors be screened prior to entry, including temperature checks and a BinaxNOW rapid test to verify they are negative for the COVID-19 virus.

Other protocols include: All visitors must wear a face mask that covers the mouth and nose at all times. Offenders will be limited to two visitors per visit. Visitation will be at limited capacity. Visiting hours will vary at each institution. All visitors must be 5 or older. No physical contact will be allowed during visitation, and six-foot social-distancing guidelines will be enforced. Visitors will be separated from offenders by acrylic partitions.

All visiting stations will be disinfected between sessions, including the use of electrostatic sprayers. Sanitation stations will be available at all visitation centers.

After 30 days, if an institution has reached 75% vaccination rate, it will move to phase 2, which will have fewer restrictions and larger visiting capacities. Once an institution reaches 80%

of offenders vaccinated, allowing for up to 10 days to review data and ensure low levels of COVID-19 positive cases, it will move to phase 3, which removes the restrictions.

For the complete list of policies and procedures or to schedule a visit, go to ndocvisitation.com and check the requirements of the facility.

- All visitors must get their temperature taken before entry.
- All visitors will be administered a rapid COVID-19 test and must be negative for the virus.
- All visitors will be limited to two per inmate.
- Visitation will be at limited capacity.
- Visiting hours will vary at each institution.
- All visitors must be 5 or older.
- All visits will be two hours
- Appointments Limited - regulations enforced - all visitors must be approved



Warm Springs Correctional Center, Carson City - Photo by Leanna Lehman

District Court News



Front of District Court building. Photo by Anne McMillin

by Alicia Parsons

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened on April 27, 2021, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Joel Matthew Hammeke Jr. pled guilty to Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-15 years in prison. Jesse Kalter Esq., counsel for Hammeke, stated that on or about August 29, 2020, his client did shoot the named victim in the chest with a gun that did cause substantial bodily harm and prolonged suffering. Sentencing is scheduled for July 27; a presentencing investigative report (PSI) has been ordered.

Rikki Jo Nuesmeyer was present for a status hearing after noncompliance with court services; Nuesmeyer stated she did fail to comply with the terms of her release on bail. She was sent from court services to be tested immediately and tested positive for methamphetamine. She was returned to custody until she tested negative. Nuesmeyer will be released back to the supervision of court services, and any other violations will result in a

return to custody and reevaluating her status as a probationer.

Sean Jacob Renfro (in custody) was removed from the drug court program for nontechnical violations. Parole & Probation claimed that Renfro violated one or more conditions of probation. Renfro stated that he had met with his probation officer upon his release and was dropped off at this father's house, where he attempted to contact New Frontier Treatment Center. He then left his father's house and used methamphetamine and subsequently overdosed on his prescription medication and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital. According to Renfro, after he was discharged from the hospital, he had a friend pick him up and bring him back to Fallon where he was arrested the following day. Renfro pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or Second Offense, which is a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Sentencing is set for July 27.

Jacque Anne Webb appeared for sentencing on a charge of Uttering a Forged Instrument, a Category B Felony. She received probation on a suspended sentence of 14-42 months in prison. CCPD Noel, counsel for Webb, stated that his client plead guilty to the charges, but had reservations about being in possession of a quick-sell deed for a home that belonged to a woman she was caring for and the woman's sister-in-law, who are both now deceased. Noel stated that Webb did not forge the deed or have anything to do with enlisting the forgery of the deed, which transferred the property to her.

The named victim, the son of the woman that Webb was caring for, stated he was contacted by a State agency regarding payment for the care of the sister-in-law. The State employee asked him why he believed he owned the home. He stated that his mother had willed the home to him and he was the executor of her estate. The agent told him to check public record transfers for the home. He discovered that upon the passing of his mother, a deed had been recorded that transferred the property to Ms. Webb. The property was then transferred back into the victim's name with a forged signature that was notarized, but the notary did not take the required steps to validate the identity of the signer. The notary did not recognize the man who requested the notary, and she stated that it was neither Webb nor the victim. The victim immediately contacted law enforcement and began working with the district attorney's office regarding the matter.

District Court To Offer Live Streaming of Law & Motion Docket

The Tenth Judicial District Court issued a press release stating that District Court will now offer live streaming of its Law & Motion docket beginning in May 2021.

Law & Motion docket occurs every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and is available via the following links:

Video links are only available on the dates listed for Law & Motion. The court will post a Law & Motion calendar to accompany the live stream on the Monday morning prior to Law & Motion occurring. Should Monday be a holiday (e.g. Memorial Day), the calendar will be posted on the morning of the Friday prior.

If Tuesday is a holiday, Law & Motion is held the next day. There are also weeks during the year when no Law & Motion will be held and will be noted as such when that happens.

Jury Trials: The court also offers a live audio streaming for jury trials. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, public access is limited for jury trials to adhere to social distancing requirements. The live streaming will only include sound at this time, but there will be visible slides that will indicate if the trial is in session, or if the

trial is on recess for lunch, and when the jury is deliberating. The court hopes to be able to offer viewing, as well as sound, later this year.

There will be daily links that will provide access to audio of the jury trial for each day. The daily links will only be accessible while the trial is in progress and only on the specified trial dates. Links to Jury Trial hearings will be posted the day before Jury Trial is set to start. Check back on the District Court webpage for updates.



Commentary - Cowboy Joe on Mask Enforcement



by Joe Dahl

Some people have not understood why the sheriff has not been enforcing masks. I think it is because he is an American. Well, the other thing is he's the sheriff of Churchill County, Nevada. I don't know Sheriff Hickox, only by reputation of what I hear and what I read.

I have been sad for the last year as I watch the red neck men, young and old with plenty of hair out from under their ball caps and plenty of hair of various sorts on their faces, get out of their pickup truck start putting their face mask on as they go into some place of business. These are the men who do the heavy work that makes the community function; agriculture, construction, utilities, commerce, whatever it takes to make trade and money flow. They are red necks, but a sophisticated sort, even though they are sometimes lost in hat etiquette; do I take it off, leave it on, or tip it to the ladies.

These boys have fallen into the biggest control-by-fear trap the world has ever seen. From their seventh grade civics class and growing up in this country they have at least a vague understanding of government rights and wrongs, the spirit of the Constitution is a part of their thinking. Strange that they meekly if grudgingly went along with the mask thing. The Sheriff as our last line of defense against overreaching government, and his reluctance to make us mask-up appears that he knows his office and duties. The inconsistent, contradictory but somehow universally accepted information on mask wearing is a phenomena the world has never seen. In some ways tuberculosis numbers are worse than covid and have been for years.

Seat belts and helmets for bikes and motorbikes; if we didn't go along we were forced to because we are all in this together and there are real dangers. For years, during the flu season, I have cleaned my hands after the gas pump and getting change, especially paper money, from the cashier. However, I don't have to wash my hands before eating a sandwich or chips after branding where there is horse and cow manure involved. People germs concern me.

We are grown up people with an innate sense of personal responsibility to take care of ourselves and those who we are responsible for. We can enjoy guidance from the government but should be wary of control. Finally, yesterday on the door to the oldest business in the valley the sign said, "masks recommended but not required."

The way we all fell in line and obeyed the mandatory mask mandate, was an exercise in teaching us how to obey. Now when they tell us we have to stop this horrible gun violence, we're all in this together, it looks like we will ask them where we can turn in our guns. I don't think Sheriff Hickox wants to be a part of that, but judging by his actions so far, he will be there for us.



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Miya Bentsen Memorial Destroyed



Photo and story by Ginny Bragg

On September 20, 2020, at approximately 12:25 a.m., deputies of the Churchill County Sheriff's Department, along with fire/rescue and Banner Community Hospital medics, responded to Indian Lakes Road north of Leter Road for a report of a single-vehicle accident with a victim pinned under the vehicle.

The victim, Miya Bentsen, age 18, of Fallon was pronounced deceased on the scene. Miya's family and friends arranged a roadside memorial in her honor soon after

the accident – a place they could go to grieve and remember her. Last month Miya's memorial site on Indian Lakes Rd. caught fire and most of the site was destroyed. Not knowing if the fire it accidental or an act of vandalism, Bentsen's family built a new memorial for her in the same location. The family reached out to the community via social media asking for any information regarding who might have seen or witnessed the fire and offered a reward for information on the fire.

With no new information on the fire, the family of Miya Bentsen now prepares themselves for the sentencing of the driver of the crash, Brent Smith on May 4, 2021.

National Day of Prayer in Fallon

Will be held at Laura Mills Park Gazebo
Noon to 1:00 p.m. prayer and
presentations.

The theme for this year is "Lord pour out
your love, life, and liberty"

The Scripture for this year is
2Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is the spirit, and where
the spirit of the Lord is, there is
liberty.

"This year will mark the 70th celebration
nationally of the National Day of Prayer and
our 25th community-wide observance here in
Fallon.

Everyone is welcomed to join us.
There is no charge for attendance but please
bring a chair.

New Principal Recommended for CCHS

by Rachel Dahl

CCSD Superintendent Summer Stephens announced Friday to the staff at the high school that she would be recommending Tim Spencer to lead Churchill County High School next year as principal. The recommendation went before the school board Wednesday night, April 27, at the regular meeting and the board approved his hiring.

Spencer currently serves as the principal of Compton Learning Center in Canton City School District in Canton, Ohio, which according to their website “serves as the housing agency for five distinguished alternative educational programs: Passages High School, Choices High School, Connections Middle School Academy, Digital Academy, and The Graduation Academy.”

He spoke at the board meeting by phone, saying he is honored to have been chosen and is looking forward to this opportunity. “I appreciate the candor of your discussion and it makes me feel more passionate about this position, I’m here to make some things happen and I think you’ll appreciate that.”

Spencer will move his family to Fallon, a son in 7th grade and another who will be a senior. His wife has been hired to teach at the Middle School. The Spencers also have two grown daughters, one in the Air Force, and one is married to a Marine.

“We are proud to be members of the Fallon community and the district, and we are especially blessed that our whole family will be in the same district for the first time, and my son will be in the same school. I want you to know that’s how I work with all students, as if they are my own.”

Five candidates for were interviewed Saturday, April 17th, including Brad Barton who serves as the current Vice-Principal at Churchill County Middle School, and Geoff Habal, who taught in Fallon for nine years from 1995 to 2004 as well as coached football. There was a total of 12 applicants: three applicants from



Tim Spencer will serve as new principal for CCHS – Photo courtesy of Compton Learning Center

within the district and nine from outside the district.

The superintendent and Human Resources department brought forward the five candidates to the 11-member interview committee which included: Mike Hogan – CCHS Vice Principal, Rachel Knight – CCHS Vice Principal, Lynn Strasdin – CCHS Teacher, Karl Marsh – CCHS Teacher, Elaine Adams – CCHS Teacher, Trudy Dahl – CCHS Support Staff Member, Rochanne Downs – Parent and representing the Fallon Tribe, Eric Blakey – Community Member, McKay Winder – Student, Amy Word – Administrative Representative, Derild Parsons – Director of Learning and Innovation who also served as the committee chair. The committee recommended three candidates to move forward for the final interviews with the superintendent on the evening of April 17.

“The committee strongly supported and recommended Tim to me,” said Stephens in a memo to the board which has been included in the board packet for the Wednesday meeting. “Mr. Spencer has a wide range of experience with learners, focuses on building relationships and culture with staff and students. He has worked to unite several diverse programs under one roof, unite staff, and target well-being, graduation, and life readiness while also supporting growth of project-based learning, competency-based systems, and integration of modern learning strategies.”

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Student Work – Mr. Sorensen’s High School Physics Class



The first semester of physics gives students the basics of physics and then they learn some of the basics of construction. They do several practice builds with spaghetti, and then the students build a bridge to compete. The bridges are scored based on the mass they hold compared to the mass of the bridge itself. To get 100% a bridge must hold 300 times its own weight.

The second semester of physics is centered around the skills and knowledge that is needed to build and fire a trebuchet. The students are given four weeks to gather materials and build their trebuchet, then they bring them to school where they test them all. Students learn about projectile motion, torque and leverage, and circular motion to help them understand the workings of the trebuchet.

This project gives them an opportunity to both design and build something, applying the concepts they have learned. It is great to see them learn and grow through this project which is also their final assessment for the class.

Photos and story courtesy of Mr. Sorensen & Sara McGowan



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Parents Host 2021 Prom for CCHS Seniors

by Rachel Dahl

During the last Grad Night meeting, parents Tori Sandburg and Alicia Hill, threw around the idea of putting on prom in light of the high school administration's indecision over the school staff capabilities of hosting prom due to the COVID restrictions.

"These poor kids have had nothing all school year, and we were worried that it would get too late once the decisions were made on the May 1 and the June 1 deadlines for opening up, so we said, 'ok let's just do it.'"

The event will be held at the Dry Gulch at the Fairgrounds on May 22 from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the theme is the Midnight Masquerade, because this has been the year of the mask. The prom is for seniors only, although attendees can bring a date who may not be a senior - but the date must still be in high school. "Because of capacity it has to be someone in the senior class, and they can bring a date," said Sandberg.

Parents did talk to the staff at the high school who said they weren't in a situation to even talk about the decision until May 1. Vice Principal Rachel Knight said they don't even have firm plans for graduation, although it was something they would like to do.

"Basically, they couldn't guarantee that they would be able to do it," said Sandberg. "We did say if the school wants to do one maybe they will do the Junior prom, and we'll do the seniors. These poor kids haven't gotten to do anything in terms of fun this year, and they need it."

Sandberg said there will be a King and Queen and a Prince and Princess. There will be ballot boxes at the event and the attendees can vote when they get there.

"Julian's mom is going to make cupcakes and Alicia is going to do pictures, and Shannon Davis, they are all helping," said Sandberg, about the group of moms.

She said students will have to enter the Dry Gulch because of the construction on the Civic Center from the east side of the facility through the access road near the campgrounds. Because of the logistics with the fairgrounds location, the moms were worried about kids sneaking off - they asked a group of the Navy personnel who need to earn their community service volunteer hours so there will be security and chaperones at the event.

Additionally, the Stuff n Such Thrift Store, located at has opened the prom closet and have a wide range of dresses and formal wear that students can purchase at very reasonable prices.

Parents have set up a Facebook page for the event where students can find more information: CCHS Senior Prom.



Prom closet at Stuf & Such Thrift Store

Tough Game for JV Baseball Last Weekend Against Fernley

By Ginny Bragg

On Saturday, April 24 the Fallon Greenwave Junior Varsity Baseball team, coached by Damein Towne, faced off against the Fernley Vaqueros in a double header at home at 11:00 a.m. Pitcher Carter Paul started the game by throwing several great pitches. Catcher Tom Openshaw tagged a Vaquero out at home in the first inning. In the 3rd inning, Aiden Gonzalez and Jace Hornsby had base hits while Roland Grondin was walked to first, and went on to steal second base, leaving the Greenwave down by one run.

In the 4th inning, Rylan Dixon was brought in to pitch. He quickly struck out two Vaqueros and a third out was made by Grondin with a quick throw to first base. By the 6th inning the Greenwave were behind the Vaqueros 2-4. In the 7th inning, Thayne Hatch and Roland Grondin were walked on base, but it wasn't enough to land them the win, losing 6-3 to Fernley.

The second game of the day started much like the first. In the 2nd inning, Fallon was down 6-5 with no outs. Caden McKnight then stepped up to bat and landed a perfect bunt, gaining a run-batted-in on an overthrow. Up next, Doug Dewees, hit a double and brought in Caden McKnight for a run. The Greenwave took the lead during the bottom of the third inning and were 6-8. However, as the game progressed, Fallon took it on the chin and lost to the Vaqueros with a final score 14-11.



Rylan Dixon pitching against Fernley - Photo by Ginny Bragg



Roland Grondin - Photo by Ginny Bragg



CCHS JV Boys Baseball Team - Photo by Ginny Bragg

Hornets Baseball Team – Hustle. Culture. Grit.



by Leanna Lehman

On April 24, one of Fallon's favorite youth tournament baseball teams, the Hornets, traveled to Las Vegas to compete with other hard-hitting players. Coached by Brian Byrd, the 11U team scored a big win in the tournament that put them into the "Gold Bracket" – the playoff for the top six teams (check out their video on Facebook). "It was a fun time!" said Byrd. "We didn't end up winning the tournament, but we played awesome and got that huge walk off victory. It really is quite impressive that this little group is able to go to Reno and Vegas and compete with these quality teams who have such deep pools to grab from." The Fallon Hornets, a local sports team icon, have been around for a long time and is comprised of six different teams, according to Byrd, who says that annually there is a 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14u team - all have been widely supported by the community for years.

In his Facebook post, Coach Byrd wrote that a victory earned by the team goes far beyond runs that can be tabulated on a scoreboard:

"I will forever be grateful to a team of 11-year-old ballplayers, their families, and a community that made all this possible. Today we took 12 small-town baseball players down to Las Vegas and shocked a whole bunch of folks. It wasn't our win-loss record today that made me most proud. What made today a success was the hustle. The culture. The grit. What made me proud was seeing firsthand what these kids are capable of when preparation meets opportunity.

It was the fact that these kids knew they were underdogs going in and fed off that energy. We love being the underdogs. In the first game of the tournament, we were down 9-6 but continued to chip away, stay positive, and came away with a W.

I hope that when these little dudes face a similar deficit in their real-world problems, they remember the time they were down three runs in Vegas with their buddies and found a way to

Hornets 11U at Las Vegas – Photo courtesy of Brian Byrd

get back on top."

Byrd is confident the Hornets will be walking away with a tournament win soon. He also attributes much of the team's ability to compete as they do to the love and support of their hometown. "If it wasn't for local businesses, community members and our friends of baseball stepping up, none of this would have been possible," wrote Byrd. "From Scotland to Fallon to San Quentin Prison to Reno to Oregon, we had so many folks say 'Hey...I want to help.' Thank You." "The Fallon community is strong, and this weekend we put in the work to ensure that legacy continues. Below is a group of folks that helped make this possible," wrote Byrd. "If you see them... thank them. Shop local. Tag them on your social media. Spread the love".

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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO *at Ely*

April 24

RANKINGS



Breakaway Roping (38 contestants)
 4th Ali Norcutt
 15th - Jayden Jensen
 23rd - Tylie Norcutt
 28th Kassidy Talbott

Bull Riding (5 contestants)
 Ranked 1st Flint Schacht (no score provided)

Goat Tying (28 contestants)
 2nd Tylie Norcutt
 4th Bethie Ikonen
 9th Ali Norcutt
 19th Kassidy Talbott

Team Roping (28 contestants)
 3rd Ali Norcutt (HD)
 5h Tylie Norcutt (HD)
 12th Bethie Ikonen (HL)
 24th Jayden Jensen (HD)
 42nd Jarret Peek (HL)
 43th Masen Schacht (HL)
 *HD - Header / HL - Healer

Tie-down Roping (15 contestants)
 8th Jarrett Peek - 28

Pole Bending (28 contestants)
 29th Masen Schacht




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Local Youth Trap Shooters Overtake Adult Competitors at Winnemucca



Pictured (l to r) are Colby Webb, Evan Frossard, Matt Ernst, Tanner Huckaby, and John Rowe II - Photos courtesy of Jessica Huckaby and Darby Rowe

Staff Report

Members of the Lahontan Claybreakers shot recently in Winnemucca at the Spring Fling shoot and were sponsored by Huck Salt Mine. The boys shot against adults, scoring 425/500 and took first place in the Mine Division which is all adults and sponsored by the mining companies. They shot second place overall against youth and adult teams. Matt Ernst, Tanner Huckaby, and John Rowe were the first team in youth, and Evan Frossard was second team in youth.

Highway 95 South Open April 29 - Expect Delays

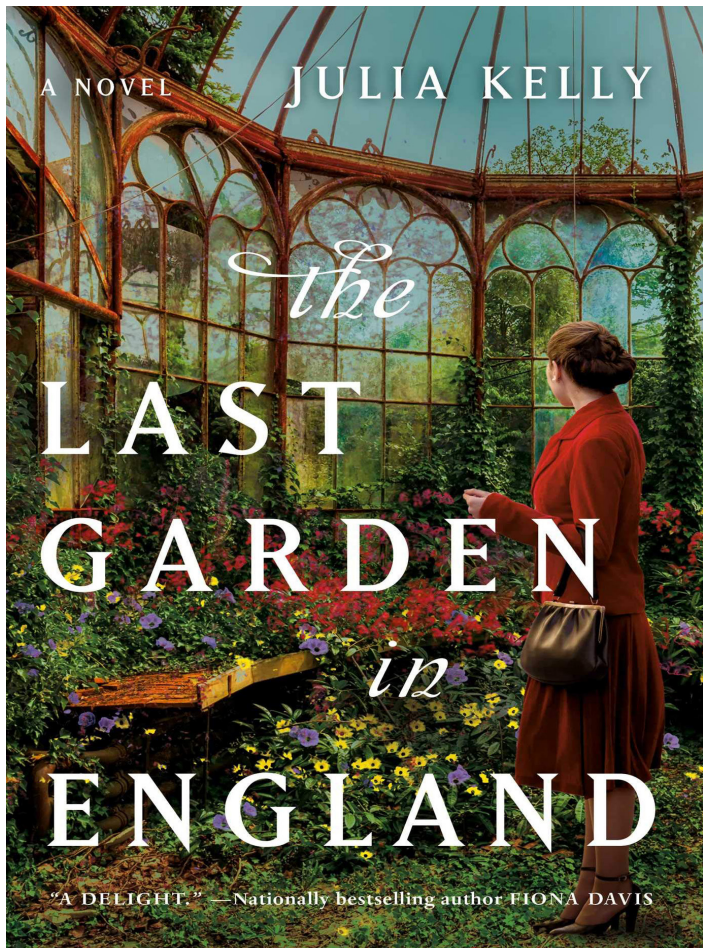


Highway 95 south between Fallon and Schurz scheduled to open to pilot car passage starting Thursday. Prepare for flaggers and 30-minute delays. As the highway opens on April 29 through approximately May 9, you'll see traffic delays of up to 30 minutes as pilot cars detour alternating directions of traffic through the work zone and crews finalize reconstruction.

Please use alternate highways and plan additional travel time while detouring the closure.

Crews will work 24-7 during the closure to excavate 10 feet of highway, and reinforce and compact a 2,000-foot section of the highway base before repaving to make it a smoother and safer drive.

Books



The Last Garden in England - by Julia Kelly

By Carol Lloyd

Three women connect to a garden at an English estate in this story of hardships, love, and friendship.

In 1907, talented Venetia Smith arrives at Highbury House to create the garden. In 1944 Highbury House is turned into a hospital and the garden holds a secret. At present, Emma Lowell is hired to rehabilitate the long-neglected garden and in the process discovers what this space once was and the mysteries the garden contains.

A delightful read as spring arrives. This title is available in print format.

Carol is the Director of the Churchill County Library which is currently open 9am-5pm Monday - Friday.

Nevada has the 4th highest suicide rate in the nation, nearly double the national rate. Encouraging the #WhyYouMatterFallon is helping to reduce that. Photos from #WhyYouMatterFallon Instagram feed.



The Wingman Recommends

Drinks & Eats

Pulled Pork Pancake Heaven – Country Club Café



I am hesitant to even talk about this hidden gem, in case the word truly gets out. It's a local's spot, for sure. I won't even take a date there, for fear it goes badly and I might see them there again. The staff is so friendly, the patio so inviting, the view so amazing

– and the food never disappoints. But let's get down to what I am really there for. Besides getting to heckle the golfers on the first hole...and when I am really lucky – driving a golf cart, I am there for the Pulled Pork Pancakes with the Frey Ranch Bourbon Brown Sugar Sauce.

These aren't your grandma's pigs in a blanket, these things will make you rethink your sanity. One bite and you will lose your mind. From the crunchy little bits on the edges of the pulled pork, to the fluffiness of the pancake, to the singular sauce, Cori Norwalk-Egger has outdone herself. These babies are pure comfort food – even if the serving is far too much for one person. Definitely bring a healthy appetite.

If you're in the mood for a few cocktails, they have endless mimosas on the weekends. I usually choose a spicy red beer, but the bartender can also help you out nonalcoholic creations. The Country Club Café is choice often overlooked, but it should be on everybody's list, especially on the weekends when it's warm and beautiful outside.



Jams

Don't Explain

by Beth Hart and Joe

When I think of summer's long days and sultry nights and of my friends gathered on my patio, I think of what music I can play that will make my wine taste sweeter, and my beers feel colder. One of my go to albums is by Grammy award-winning duo Beth Hart and Joe Bonamassa.



Hart's vocals, like a good whiskey – are gravelly and smooth in the same sip. In *Don't Explain*, with its solid blues-rock sound, Bonamassa's guitar shadows Hart's voice in an effortless dance of soulful rhythm.

You may have heard some of these songs before, but not in this way. I suggest you check out this duo on your favorite streaming service, who have paired several times and made some fantastic albums. Some of my favorite on *Don't explain* include *I'd rather go blind, I'll take care of you*, and *Well well*. I am sure you will find more than a few of your own.

Flix - TV & Movies



Ma Rainey's Black Bottom – "They Just Want My Voice"

Ma Rainey is the mother of the blues. The movie, a Netflix original, and takes place over a single recording session circa 1927 – a sweltering summer Chicago day.

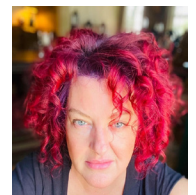
Ma Rainey, played by Viola Davis, is a big, dark African American woman who wants to be valued. She says in the movie, "they don't care about me, they just want my voice. They're going to give me everything I'm due."

Everyone is trying to use Ma Rainey, including her trumpet player, Levee, played by Chadwick Boseman, in the last performance before his untimely death. Levee is a black man, wanting to be something bigger and wanting to leave a mark in his life.

The recording session is turbulent and explores the issues of race, art, and religion. You will also see first-hand the exploitation of black performers by white music producers during that era. In one scene, Ma Rainey says "Irwin ain't ever had me to his house in six years except to perform for the white people, just to show me off like some pony."

The movie is tumultuous the whole time, and the music is remarkable. It was iconic and moving. So good – you forget they are actors and find yourself completely engrossed in the story.

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



Feral Housewives Horoscopes Weekly Horoscope

Aries - Your body is your temple. Cherish it. You feel all the love to start the week, but you begin to question all your life choices by the middle. Keep working out! Stress will strike with ferocity but come this weekend, and you have nothing but time to relax and reset!

Taurus - Funny that you find yourself smack in the middle of a serious dispute between friends. Try your best to back out of it all gracefully before you wind up on the losing end. Losing face in this situation is the least of your worries. It is time to eat crow.

Gemini - As you hit a snag with communication within your family unit, you will be flooded with outside correspondence! This week will be a tough one to navigate, and you will spend all weekend with your focus solely on one person.

Cancer - Don't be a show-off; the bigger, the better is not always true. You need to remember sticking to the small details the truly build a friendship! There is a crisis brewing on the home front this weekend; stick close and use all your diplomacy to address the situation before it blows.

Leo - As the week begins, you shockingly find your confidence is false bravado. Let your heart lead the way, and this moment will pass before you know it. You will be back to your usual bubbly overflowing self by the weekend so take a minute to enjoy your friends and then spend the rest checking in with family.

Virgo - What a wild week this is! While you generally enjoy being busy, this week takes it to a whole new level; you are entirely too busy for your own good. Don't let the stress and tension get the best of you when you are in the market to purchase something for a loved one this weekend stop and do some budgeting.

Libra - Everyone is looking to you for answers; although you don't have all the answers, those around you believe in you. Take the lead in a group without a Capitan. Your incredible listening skills are going to navigate grudges like a seasoned Capitan! The weekend is for love, so go ahead and get your flirt on.

Scorpio - Trust your spidey senses at work, there is trouble brewing with the boss, and it is best to keep quiet and out of the way. New information is presented that completely turns your previous understanding upside down and inside out. Helping a friend leads to the true joy you weren't expecting.

Sagittarius - Good luck is heading your way; it's been a long time coming. When an authority figure tries to dim your shine, play the game accordingly. An offhanded question about your goal has you looking at things in a whole new light; you will be making big plans that now seem entirely attainable.

Capricorn - Just when you thought you had someone in your life figured out, you will find that you had no idea who they were. Stay far away from assumptions. They will lead you astray, instead do your research. You have a strange new energy; take advantage of it and start a new project.

Aquarius - When you find yourself sputtering to a stop and stranded, don't be annoyed. This will lead you to a life lesson you will not soon forget and one grand adventure. Saturday brings you something new that happens to be life-changing, and you will be wonderfully surprised at this discovery.

Pisces - The way you do things might be perfect for you but not for those around you. Keep your wise advice to yourself this week; your mental health relies upon relationships that you have with others, whether they are personal or business relationships. You need to handle problems that arise with tact and quick solutions rather than letting them fester.

April is Month of the Military Child

Churchill County military-connected children:

Active Duty

Children 0-5: **384**

Children 6-12: **267**

Children 13-18: **119**

Selected Reserve

Children 0-5: **48**

Children 6-12: **47**

Children 13-18: **16**

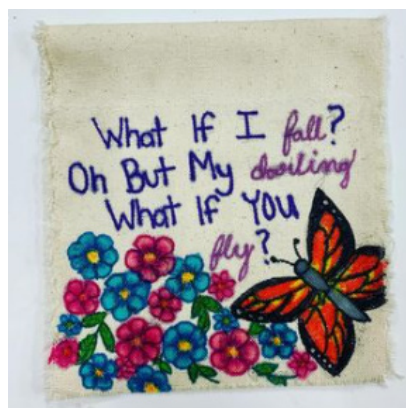
Where have our military-connected students lived?



Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported. Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all are thought to combine together as a single color, purple.

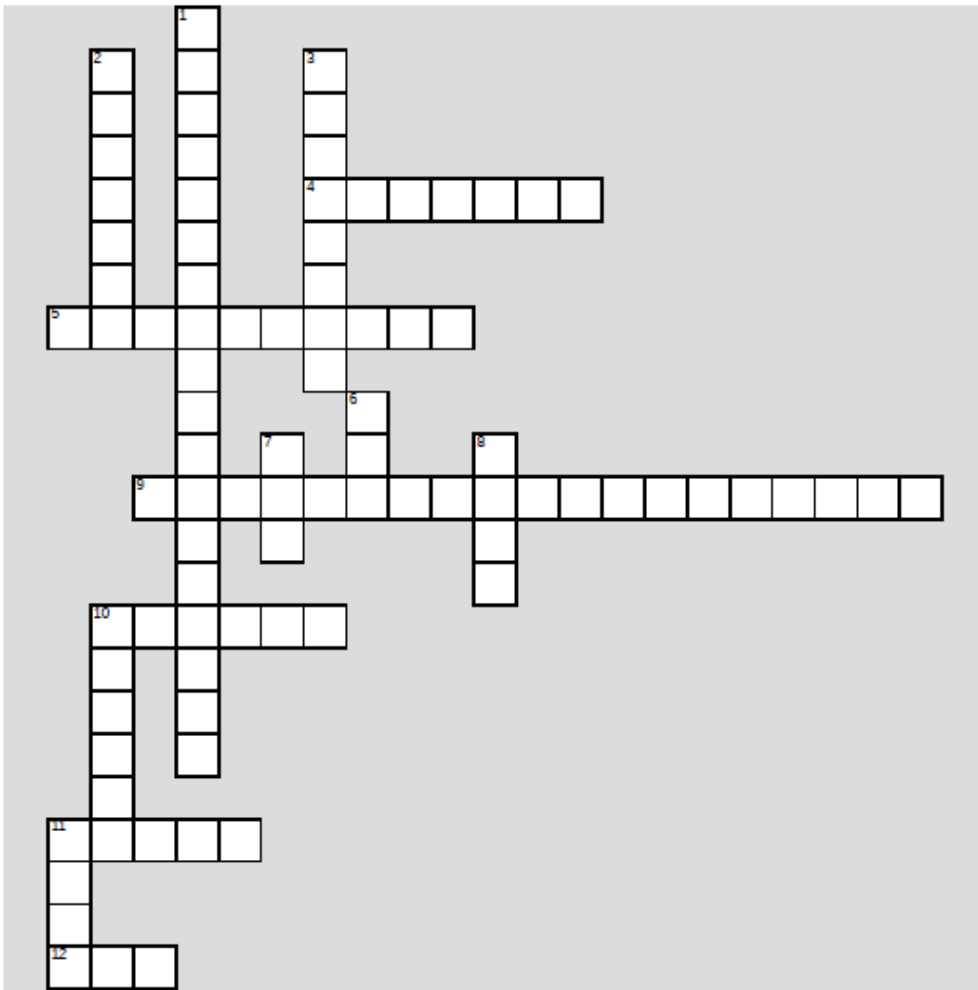
Military children are like dandelions:

- They can put down roots almost anywhere.
- They are impossible to destroy.
- They adapt easily and can survive nearly anywhere.
- Military children bloom everywhere the wind carries them and they stand ready to fly into breezes to take them into new adventures, new lands, and new friends.



Positive intention flags made by community members and posted on the #whyyoumatter Instagram feed. Flags are on display at the Churchill County Library.

Crossword



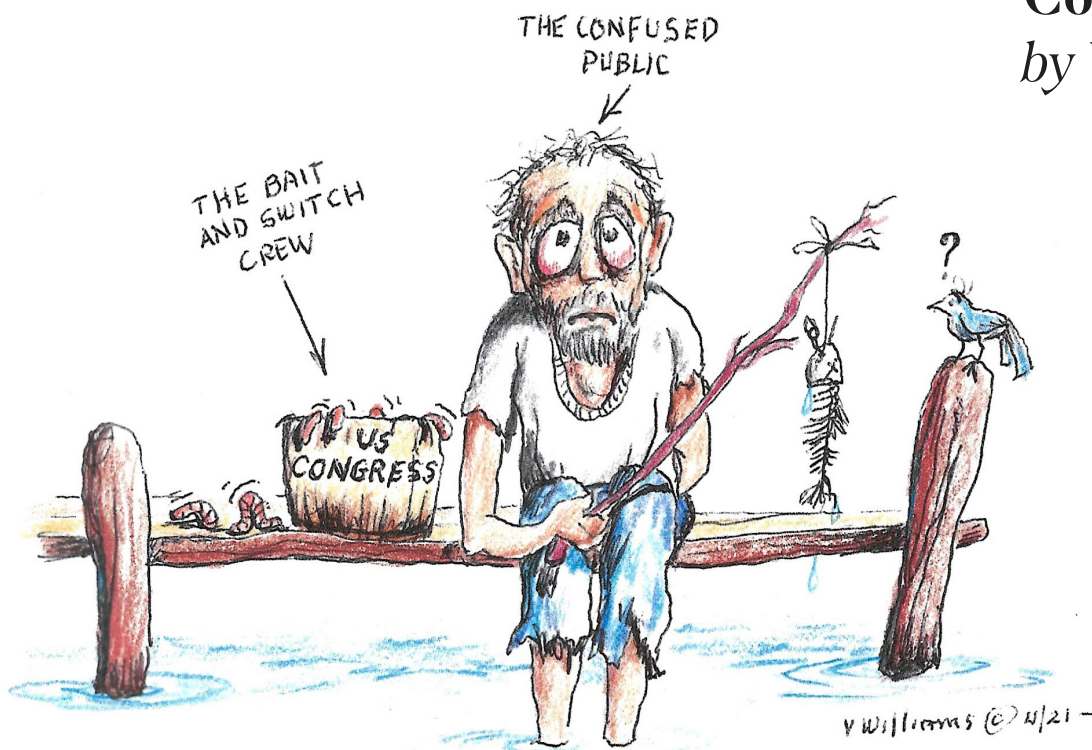
Across

- 4 What is Fallons travel baseball league named?
- 5 Who is on the bucket in the cartoon?
- 9 What happens on May 6th at Laura Mills Park?
- 10 What month is it besides May?
- 11 What nests in hay in Fallon?
- 12 How many coaches does JV baseball have?

Down

- 1 What can you eat for breakfast and dinner?
- 2 Who is hosting the CCHS Prom this year?
- 3 Name of the female Blues singer in entertainment?
- 6 Name of our new museum Director?
- 7 The dog chosen to work with Howie Loo?
- 8 Who rescues wild animals?
- 10 What is the name of the street the bridge clean up took place at?
- 11 Where is the new high school principal from?

Commentary by Vic Williams



Newlands Project Water Levels

Measurements taken April 29, 2021 12:00p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
122,200 af

Truckee Canal at Hazen
287 cfs

Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
326 cfs

Carson River Below Lahontan
584 cfs

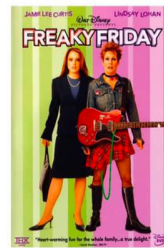
Carson River at Ft. Churchill
90.8 cfs

April 28 Water storage
2021 : 122,575 acre feet
2020 : 199,927 acre feet
2019 : 197,623 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet

FALLON THEATRE

May Movies



Thursday
5/6 @ 6:00



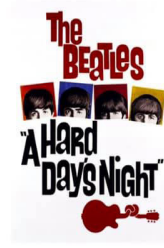
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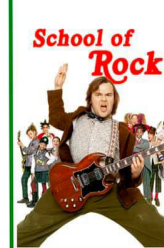
Thursday
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Saturday 5/15
6:00 & 6:30



Thursday
5/20 @ 6:00



Saturday 5/22
6:00 & 6:30



Thursday
5/27 @ 6:00



Saturday 5/29
6:00 & 6:30



Crossword Puzzle Word List

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|------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sig | 9. US Congress |
| 2. Gummow | 10. Ann |
| 3. Ohio | 11. National Day of Prayer |
| 4. NDOW | 12. Parents |
| 5. Hornets | 13. Beth Hart |
| 6. Owllet | 14. Pulled pork pancakes |
| 7. Grange | |
| 8. One | |

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What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen



No, that's not quite right... It all started with one of those spring days; overcast and blustery about 15 degrees cooler than the day before and the forecast for the day to come. You know the kind of days that I am talking about home gardeners who, having put tomato seedlings in their garden inspired by sunshine and warm weather, suddenly rush to protect their delicate plants with walls-of-water or inverted soda bottles; the internet flooded with memes about Nevada spring-time and the necessity for clothes befitting ALL of the seasons required in a single day.

I had just finished an article about matching culinary dishes to the weather and I was anxious to turn my attention towards grilled meats and cool salads, hoping to put winter dishes on the backburner until October. Then there was rain, and I needed a jacket for my trip to town. My husband had been asking for Swedish meatballs for a week or so and in all marital fairness, I should have made them for him—my argument that Swedish meatballs are a cool weather dish not so valid when the mercury tops out at 45 degrees... but instead, I started a pot of beans on the stove.

The beans that I picked are called "Vaqueros" and they are just the cutest little beans—they look like cows (or my cow dog) spotted black and white. Vaqueros are a perfect chili beans; chili is the type of dish that exists without seasonal limitation. Chili is as perfect served on the first cool night of September, Superbowl Sunday, and at a July cookoff. And chili is exactly what I wanted to cook on this chilly (see what I did there) April afternoon.

There are many strongly polarized debates, impassioned arguments, and rigid opinions about chili—for once, I am not here to proclaim judgement on what makes the best (or 'true,' or real, or the only) chili. Instead, I want to share what I like to think of as my Chili Philosophy along with some helpful hints to guide you in the process of maximizing your own personal pot of spicy deliciousness.

Beans vs. No-Beans

Alright, I misspoke—I totally believe that beans belong in chili. But if you disagree,

I will still eat your chili. I just might put it over a hotdog, a baked potato, or some tater tots. If you choose to use beans, here are some thoughts:

1. Dried beans are \geq canned beans
2. Dried beans will NEVER get soft if they are simmered in an acidic liquid (like tomatoes), so you will need to fully cook the beans first before crafting your chili.

Meat vs. No-Meat

I would contend that you can make a legit chili that is vegetarian (or vegan) and that meat is exactly as essential as beans—not essential at all. That being said, my chili always has at least 2 types of meat in it. For the vegetarians out there, sub in some beyond burger or don't—I will still eat your chili.

1. Meat can provide an amazing texture to your chili. Choose a variety of types of meat to maximize the flavor profile and varying mouthfeels.
2. I use at least 1 type of "ground" meat. You can use ground pork, ground veal, ground beef, ground bison, ground lamb—the only limit is your imagination. Chili is also a great vessel for utilizing the grind from your last game animal (antelope, elk, venison, etc).
3. Sausage!!! Buy it in bulk or cut it out of the casings yourself before browning in the pot. Mild, Hot, Sweet—the only sausage that you shouldn't use is the kind made for breakfast.
4. Don't forget to add some kind of chunky meat. I opt to buy a roast or country-style beef ribs (basically a grill friendly cut like flat iron that has been sliced into "rib-like" strips), rather than buying "stew meat" though that works too. The best cuts for chili are ones that do well with long cooking—typically those with intramuscular fat and connective tissue. This is not a dish that needs (or warrants) a more expensive cut.

Chiles

1. The best chili uses a variety of chile peppers in a multitude of forms (fresh, dry, roasted, smoked, powdered, flakes, etc.). I mean, we call it 'chili' for a reason!
2. Fresh peppers should be roasted, peeled, and diced. Use a mix of: bells, poblanos/pasillas, anaheims, jalapenos, serranos... really whatever your heart desires and your palate can handle.
3. Dried peppers should be seeded, stemmed, rehydrated, and pureed into a chile sauce. I use whatever I have on hand, simmered and pureed in the bean cooking liquid.

Vegetables

1. Onions and garlic are a must. Unless you have an allium allergy—then don't use onions and garlic. Dice your onions, mince your garlic and use with abandon.
2. Canned tomatoes—buy the crushed ones or crush them yourselves.

3. A shredded carrot can offset the acidic bite of the tomatoes. So, if you prefer a slightly sweet chili, try adding shredded carrot rather than a little brown or white sugar.

Dried Spices & Other Seasonings

1. Chili powder—I use specific varieties so I can control the depth of flavor and heat (i.e. chipotle, ancho, cayenne, new Mexican, Californian, Urfa, silk, etc.) but basic "chili powder" works as well.
2. Cumin, cinnamon, coriander—the "3 C's" are a perfect match for chili!
3. The WEIRD ones: Mexican chocolate, instant coffee powder (or brewed coffee), Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce, anchovy paste. These flavoring ingredients add umami (that newly identified taste that basically means earthiness) and depth

Serving Vehicle

1. Fritos are my preferred base for eating chili. I put a healthy handful of Fritos scoops into the bottom of a bowl and pile my chili on top. If I were to serve chili at a booth at the Cantaloupe Festival, I would rip open a bag of Fritos and pour the chili inside.
2. Rice, Baked Potato, Hot Dog, Tater Tots, French Fries—just a few other examples of bases for your chili.
3. Just a bowl—this is how my husband prefers it.

Garnish

1. My go to combo for garnish (in order of assembly) is shredded triple-cheddar cheese, sour cream, diced red onion, and cilantro.
2. You do You!
3. My go to combo for garnish (in order of assembly) is shredded triple-cheddar cheese, sour cream, diced red onion, and cilantro.
4. You do You!

Method

1. If using dried beans, cook them until they are soft and creamy. Save the pot liquor for your chili sauce.
2. Prepare and hydrate your dried chiles. Puree to make a smooth sauce.
3. Brown your meat and set aside.
4. Sweat your veg, when it is soft and starting to brown add your meat back in.
5. Add dried seasoning ingredients.
6. Add tomatoes, sauce, and pureed chile juice.
7. Add beans and simmer on low for as long as you can take the smells without the tastes.
8. Serve on or in your preferred vessel topped with the garnish of your choosing.
9. Make sure you cook enough chili to last for a couple of different eatings because it gets even better after sitting for a day or two in the fridge

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Meet Your Planning Commission – Welcome to the Public Works, Planning and Zoning Department

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Planning Commission is a seven-member board responsible for issuing Special Use Permits, Temporary Use Permits, and variances as well as providing recommendations to the County Commissioners on all land divisions, zone changes, and sending site approvals. Appointed by the County Commission the Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in a public meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in a public workshop.

The Planning Commission is part of the Public Works, Planning and Zoning Department, formerly known as the Planning Department, which is led by relatively new Public Works Director Chris Spross. He leads Dean Patterson, associate planner; Preston Denney, GIS Coordinator; Diane Moyle, office administrator; and Loreli LeBaron the new code compliance officer.

The Planning Commissioners are led by Deanna Diehl who serves as the Chair, Charlotte Louis as the Vice-Chair and members Charlie Arciniega, Shane Yates, Myles Getto, Zack Bunyard, and Scott Nelson.

Several of the responsibilities of the Public Works Department include Agriculture protection, business license administration code enforcement, implementing the Master Plan, land use and zoning regulations, and water resources protection.



Community Meetings / Events

May 1 - May 8

City Council
Mon- May 3, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tues- May 4, 2021
12:00 p.m.

Truckee Carson Irrigation District
Tues- May 4, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Commission to Manage Wildlife
Wed- May 5, 2021
7:00 p.m.

County Commissioners
Thurs- May 6, 2021
8:15 a.m.

Highway Commission
Thurs- May 6, 2021
1:15 p.m.

CC Comm
Thurs- May 6, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Seasonal Water Delivery Technicians
Posted April 15, valid up to April 29, 2021

Work Schedule will be 12-hour shifts on a 28-day cycle that will include nights and weekends. The season begins in March and may end any time before November 15th, depending on the water supply. The position pays \$14.00 per hour. Seasonal employees are eligible for enrollment in PERS. However, this position is NOT eligible for any other employment benefits.

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