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An Art Heist Right at Home Galvanizes Local Arts Council

By Rachel Dahl

On the morning of Tuesday, May 30th, the staff at the Oats Park Art Center in Fallon, NV arrived at the building and discovered that more than 100 pieces from the Permanent Art Collection had disappeared. The works, curated over 30-plus years, were a beloved community asset and the legacy of past Executive Director Valerie Serpa and her husband, Kirk Robertson on behalf of the Churchill Arts Council. The Churchill Arts Council Board of Directors believes that now-resigned Executive Director Michael Scott undertook an unauthorized, intentional effort to dismantle the collection.

“We are shocked and devastated that this collection has been gutted by the actions of one man,” said Board Chair Theresa Guillen. “This is a complete betrayal of the memory and hard work done by Valerie to build this collection and was completely unauthorized by the board. We are exploring all of our legal options to remedy

the situation.”

Scott stepped in as Executive Director after the untimely death of Serpa in a plane crash in December of 2021. He had served for several years as the creative director, helping Serpa after her husband died in April 2016.

Scott notified the Board last October 2022 that he would be resigning his position with the Arts Council on June 30, 2023. In January, during a planning session, he recommended that the Arts Council should shut down. According to Guillen, Scott told the board they would not find qualified applicants for the director position who would want to live in Fallon. The board rejected that recommendation out of hand.

On the evening of May 30, Scott emailed his resignation, effective immediately, to the Board of Directors. A binder left by Scott shows thirty-three “loan agreements” signed by the artists between March 15, 2023, and May 16, 2023, most of them returning

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Michael Scott during a photo shoot at the Oats Park Art Center in late 2020 when he assisted Valerie Serpa as the creative director. Note the permanent collection on display throughout the building. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log — *Just because I beat you in tether ball...*

Talking to an old friend just the other day, we were laughing at the funny things that have happened over the years, growing up in Fallon as we move through life with the same people we've known since we were kids.

He works for a guy he went to grade school with. Remember West End and the tether ball court. My friend is pitching in to help his long-time friend with a big, successful business he started several years ago. He's what we would all consider very successful. But he needs help, and he gets it from the people he knows the best and trusts the most.

And apparently, there is a lot of playful banter that goes along with this situation. My friend doesn't let his friend get away with much in the role of boss/corporate success. There is a good amount of healthy humility that comes from being around the people who knew you before. This is one of the very good parts of growing up and living in a small town.

At any rate, some direction was given for an unpleasant task that involved various phone calls to defuse a sticky situation. There was some bartering over who best to deliver what bad news and some triaging the damage, and my friend got stuck with a bulk of the clean-up at the direction of his boss and friend.

To which my friend jokingly murmured on his way to handle the situation, "Just because I used to beat you in tetherball."

We do the same thing around the newspaper sometimes. Leanna and I have known each other since probably fourth grade. We rode the bus together until high school and in 10th grade we were partners on the debate team. We've been married and divorced and raised kids through the same periods. We know where the bodies are buried.

There is a certain sort of shorthand that comes with a friendship like this – sometimes there isn't even a need for a sentence that the other can finish. We just know. We build each other up and we keep each other humble. Newspapering keeps us humble. And to pull it off there is a lot of building up, encouragement, *atta girls* – "Well, that went ok, might as well keep at it and go one more week."

Although I haven't made this into a big, successful business – yet – together we are building this thing that just continues to grow and to matter for our community. And no one does something that crazy alone. But how fun is it to get to do it with the people you're closest to? The people who will handle the tough situations, make the hard phone calls, work through the night with you, but still always remind you, "I did beat you at goat-tying."

So, while we remember all the good friends we have in this community, and we go in and out of each other's lives keeping us all humble, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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The Fine Art of Water Management

By Rachel Dahl

During the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District meeting last week, Watermaster Kelly Herwick reported on the current water conditions, saying that the inflow into Lahontan Reservoir was running at 4,100 cubic feet per second and the storage in Lahontan was at 194,000 acre-feet. The reservoir was built to hold 295,000 af of water to meet the demands of Newlands Project water right holders, but with flashboards installed, the dam can hold 312,000 af.

Farmers in the Lahontan Valley grow alfalfa, corn, teff, grains, and some row crops on roughly 59,000 acres of land, with a 3.5 af duty to each acre, annually.

According to Herwick, releases from Lahontan into the Carson River are flowing at 794 cfs, and with the current 20-day forecast showing a 115,000 af gain, the reservoir will be full by the end of June.

The weir structures on the V-Line that were built to help relieve the system of potential flooding are not currently being used, as the district focuses on filling the reservoir to meet the demand of the water right holders. Herwick said they may have to go back into flood operations as they continue to watch the rate of snowpack melt, to, “minimize spillage and maximize storage.”

Helping to manage the flows throughout the Newlands Projects are standing orders from the Fallon Tribe as well as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Stillwater wetlands are also receiving water through the Big Dig, a structure built during the 2017 flood event, located on the northeast end of Carson Lake to shuttle water from the V-Line weir flows that fill Carson Lake, through the Big Dig, and out to Stillwater.

As of June 12, the district is also allowing spread water – water that any landowner can call on and apply to non-water-righted and water-righted ground and not be charged to the user’s allocation. It is expected that the Bureau of Reclamation will soon notify the district to terminate spread



Forecasting slide presented at TCID board meeting earlier this week. Image courtesy of TCID.

water based on forecasting information.

Further forecasting information provided during the meeting showed that there are still 40 inches of snow left at the highest measuring location in the Sierras known as Ebbetts Pass. Relatively cool weather, soil saturation, daily afternoon thunderstorms, and temperatures that remain above freezing at night, have all combined to slow the melt of the last remaining snow, and will most likely slow the Carson River inflows into Lahontan by next week down to 3,500 cfs. That will remain well above releases and demand, allowing the reservoir to continue filling toward the flashboards.

Officials at TCID say they are expecting 110,000 af of inflow in July, dropping to 20,000 af in August.

Ben Shawcroft, general manager of the district addressed what he called recent criticism leveled at the district for being reckless in filling the reservoir when there is still quite a bit of snow in the mountains.

“It’s not that we’re making guesses,” he said, “we are going off model-

ing, forecasting, measuring, and considering all the variables to determine what our demand is going to be and what is coming into the reservoir.”

Continuing he said, “This board and TCID have an affirmative legal obligation to its users to provide water. We are not a flood control district. We are an irrigation district. If we end up at the end of our season and we sent 50,000 af of water out to the desert that we could have saved in the reservoir, then shame on us. That is our obligation. Our duty is to make sure we preserve that precious resource for our users because they’re the ones who own those water rights.”

He said he wants to make sure the public understands how seriously TCID takes the issue. “We are not out there to be reckless and take risks that might flood people along the river or anywhere else. That is so far from what we’re trying to accomplish here. Our number one priority is to not flood anyone, but we have to fill that reservoir.”

Depending on modeling and forecasting there may be times the

district will activate more releases. “We are not in the clear, but it is time to fill the reservoir and prepare for other seasons where we may go into drought. We hope the community understands where we’re coming from,” said Shawcroft.

Area Manager of the Bureau of Reclamation Jack Worsley said three months ago there was the potential of 800,000 af of run-off in the mountains. “That’s not going to happen,” he said. “The problem is everyone wants a plan, but there’s no plan. It’s Mother Nature telling us what’s coming. I’m confident we aren’t going to flood any homes.”

Shawcroft added, “The benefit of the new weir is the flexibility and confidence that we can do this safely and plan for additional releases. It can’t be overstated just how important that weir is to our operations.”

Worsley said, “Kelly (Herwick) has the operations to this system down. It takes a lot of moving parts and a lot of finesse.”

Features

There's a New Sheriff in Town, Nevada – You Need to Take a Look

Part II – An Ongoing Investigation

By Leanna Lehman

On June 2, The Fallon Post released an exposé uncovering a web of deceit and corruption surrounding Esmeralda County's newly elected Sheriff, Nick Dondero. This information lays bare the blatant breaches of public trust, lack of transparency, abuse of power, and illegal firearm possession by Sheriff Dondero. In the ongoing investigation, Part II delves into the depths of Dondero's actions as the sheriff and the grave violations of state and federal statutes.

Nick Dondero formerly resided in Churchill County and served as an officer with the Fallon Police Department. However, a serious concern has come to light regarding his eligibility to carry a firearm, which is a fundamental tenant for law enforcement officers in Nevada. Unbeknownst to the residents of Esmeralda County, Dondero has a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction dating back to 2007. Astonishingly, he managed to not only be elected as sheriff but also retain his position thus far due to his sealed criminal record.

Both federal and state laws explicitly prohibit individuals with prior felony or domestic violence convictions from possessing firearms and obtaining the necessary certifications to serve as peace officers through the Nevada Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (POST).

Armed with a copy of Dondero's 2007 conviction, *The Fallon Post* diligently sought to secure official documents and verify their authenticity. After an exhaustive two-month investigation, we unearthed 80 pages of evidence from 2006 to 2008.

A former deputy from the Esmeralda County Sheriff's Office (ESCO), intimately familiar with the case, stepped forward to provide firsthand information. With an impressive career spanning over two decades in Nevada law enforcement, including several years as a criminal investigator, this officer, who wishes to remain

anonymous, offers a unique perspective.

The Fallon Post has independently verified the officer's connection to the story.

The officer served as a deputy when Dondero assumed office in January of 2023 and was responsible for ensuring POST compliance within the ESCO. No records of Dondero's criminal history were found during the officer's investigation. During this time, another former ESCO deputy handed the officer a copy of Dondero's criminal conviction, prompting him to ask Dondero about the documents.

"I confronted him, and Dondero told me he used an attorney to get his record sealed," the officer revealed. Moreover, he inquired whether Dondero had received a pardon, to which Dondero replied, "No, I don't need one." The officer also revealed that Dondero attempted to coerce him into lying to POST. "When I told him I won't lie to POST, he came unglued."

Despite multiple attempts, *The Fallon Post* has been unable to elicit a response from the ESCO regarding these allegations, although we have received a phone call from Dondero's father, wishing to set the record straight.

Moreover, the officer provided crucial information suggesting that Dondero's Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) permit may have been falsified. "He lied on that application too - I saw it. Those CCW permit files are at the Sheriff's office. It even had his score from when he qualified at the shooting range," the officer stated. Thus, in addition to violating State Law NRS 202.360, which prohibits firearm possession, Dondero is now committing a federal felony under the Federal Gun Control Act, also known as the Lautenberg Law. *The Fallon Post* has submitted an email and mailed hard copy Freedom of Information Act-Nevada Public Record Requests to the ESCO, requesting copies of Dondero's CCW permits. As of yet, these requests have gone unanswered.

Two reliable law enforcement sources outside of Esmeralda County have verified Dondero is currently

under investigation by the Nevada Attorney General's Office. The AG's office has yet to respond to requests for confirmation. However, Nevada POST has confirmed that Dondero does not possess current certification.

Ordinarily, an unqualified sheriff would have 12 months to complete police academy training and acquire the requisite credentials. However, Dondero's case is exceptional, as he cannot legally carry a firearm, rendering POST certification unattainable.

According to Nevada law, "Sealing a criminal record merely removes it from the records repository," the officer explained, "Nevada does not offer expungements. Pardons can restore voting and firearm rights, but not sealed records."

The Fallon Post sought confirmation from the Nevada Board of Pardons Commissioners, who declared Dondero has never received a pardon.

The Fallon Post also discovered that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is investigating Dondero as a Federally Prohibited Person in Possession of firearms. As part of that investigation, the ATF has contacted both the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and the New River Township Justice Court. However, with his records now sealed, both entities were prohibited from disclosing any information on Dondero's conviction.

Dondero has demonstrated repeated characteristics that provoke public mistrust. The officer who came forward has faced severe retaliation from Dondero on multiple fronts. Most alarmingly, the Esmeralda County District Attorney has threatened legal action against him. On April 18, the officer received a letter invoking NRS 41.336, demanding that he cease defamatory statements about Sheriff Dondero.

The letter stated, "The statements asserted to be defamatory by Sheriff Dondero are as follows: Statements you have made that Sheriff Dondero cannot legally carry a weapon and that Sheriff Dondero cannot be POST certified. Those statements imply that the Sheriff has been convicted of seri-



Caricature of Nick Dondero, Esmeralda County Sheriff.

ous criminal acts, which is false. If you continue in defamatory statements, Sheriff Dondero intends to bring an action against you for general, special, and exemplary damages." Signed, "Very truly yours, Robert E. Glenn, III."

It is crucial to note that numerous individuals, while declining to be named, have either corroborated information or reached out to *The Fallon Post* independently. Two sources have expressed fear of driving through Goldfield due to Dondero's reputation for retaliation, vindictiveness, and unpredictability.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to investigate and explore statements and other information as it comes to light.

We appreciate your patience in our honest pursuit of accountability and transparency and strive for this work to be a testament to our commitment to the residents of Nevada and our unwavering duty as the Fourth Estate.

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Obituaries

Gregory John Davis

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Gregory John Davis on June 3, 2023, of natural causes. Greg was born February 16th, 1963 in Wichita, Kansas to Robert and Margaret Davis. While they lived in many places including Denver, Colorado, Ardmore Oklahoma, Baker, Montana, and Jackson, Michigan, they finally settled in Fallon, Nevada where Greg's mother Margaret, was born and raised.

Arriving in Nevada in 1978, the outdoors of Nevada quickly became a part of Greg's DNA. He loved the mountains, creeks, lakes and especial-

ly fell in love with Reese River Valley. While he was always very social, he was one that was happiest while in the desolate outdoors. All he needed was a fishing pole. If you knew Greg, then you knew of his contagious sense of humor and you also knew that every conversation with him would have something to do with fishing. He was a fun-loving father, with a vibrant personality and we are heartbroken that he has left us much too soon. We know in our hearts that he is already up in heaven, fishing with a dog by his side.

Greg was preceded in death by his father Robert Davis. He is survived

by his mother Margaret Davis, Sister Susan (Billy) Bracamontes, Son Tanner Davis, Son Braxton (Jessica Daum) Davis, Nephew Jacob (Ann) Curtis, grand-niece and nephews Aurora Maddox, Sterling Curtis, and Declan Curtis.

The family will be remembering Greg and celebrating his life through the spreading of his ashes at a date to be determined. If you would like to honor Greg, grab a friend, and take them fishing. "The Charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of that which is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope" - Author unknown.



*For obituaries, please call 775-423-4545
or email admin@thefallonpost.org*



Churchill Lodge #26 F&AM Fallon NV, and Northern Nevada Masons Welcome you to a free showing of National Treasure Starring Nicolas Cage. At the historic downtown theater at 2 pm Saturday the 17th.

After the movie members of Churchill Lodge and other Masons from Northern Nevada will be available to answer any questions about Freemasons and Freemasonry.

See you at the movies!



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2023 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

TUESDAY, JULY 4 ★ PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.

Downtown Fallon, NV

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The graphic features a blue background with white stars at the top. Below the stars are colorful fireworks. The text '2023 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE' is written in large, bold, red and blue letters. Below this, the date and time 'TUESDAY, JULY 4 ★ PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.' are written in blue. The location 'Downtown Fallon, NV' is written in red. At the bottom, it says 'Presented by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Churchill County, and the City of Fallon'. On the left side, there is a silhouette of an American flag and a tractor. On the right side, there is a silhouette of a tractor with a driver.

Meet New Library Director C.L. Quillen

By Anne McMillin

After being introduced to Northern Nevada while attending a professional conference, C.L. Quillen, Churchill County Library's new director, was hooked on the area. When the opportunity arose to move to Fallon for the library director's position, she jumped at the opportunity and has been enjoying getting to know the region better since landing her job.

With family living in California, the New Jersey native made the leap to Churchill County this spring and drove across the country to her new home and has thrown herself into the local culture by being a judge for the Cantaloupe Festival King and Queen contest earlier this month and exploring the area including "Fallon's cute downtown."

When asked about her reasons for coming to Churchill County, she said: "Our library is such a vibrant part of the community and is one of the only places people can go that doesn't cost

anything, which makes it the perfect community gathering place. The Board of Trustees wants to expand the facility and I wanted to be involved with that."

A lifelong voracious reader, Quillen worked in higher education in the early part of her career before considering a change into either law or libraries. After discovering many of her classmates in her library science graduate school classes were former lawyers, she knew she made the right decision and hasn't looked back. She has spent 25 years working in libraries, including public libraries, academic libraries, and science libraries.

Before coming to Fallon, she worked at libraries in Florida, North Carolina, and New Jersey.

As is often the case with folks who like to read, Quillen got into writing and, with a good friend, co-authored a book about romance novels. Her book can be found at the library and features thematic lists of romance novels with descriptions. That turned into an

opportunity to write for "Booklist," a book-review magazine for libraries, educators, and booksellers.

Her short-term plans for the Churchill County Library include continuing the successful programs that currently exist and bringing more adult programming into the library to make it "what the community wants and needs." Her ideas include book groups, a cookbook club, and adult craft nights. The installation of a new legal kiosk, devoted to legal research, was her first project at the library.

Long-term projects include expanding the library building, expanding maker-space programming, adding cooking programs, finishing the catalog migration project, starting an email newsletter, finding grants to add more computers and classes, and holding conversations with adults regarding books to read.

"The library staff has a wealth of knowledge and can steer patrons to books they might like. We can find just about any book someone may want



C.L. Quillen and the new legal kiosk at the Churchill County Library. Photo by Anne McMillin.

via the Nevada Library Cooperative or from out-of-state libraries," Quillen said.

On the personal side, Quillen reads thrillers and women's fiction, is fascinated by the idea of mermaids and thoroughly enjoyed her solo cross-country road trip to move here and the stops she made at the Oz Museum in Kansas and Arches National Park in Utah.

Carnival Kicks Off Library's Summer Reading Program

By Jo Petteruti

Saturday, June 3 was filled with excitement for local families during the Churchill County Library's Carnival that kicked off its Summer Reading Program. Families were able to challenge their skills at any one of the 18 booths providing games from monster Jenga and leaping frogs to golfing and football toss.

Library Director C.L. Quillen said almost 250 children registered at the carnival for the summer reading program, and many more registered in advance. "You can still register at the library and on the library's website too. The program runs until July 31." According to their website, reading earns the person chances to win a grand prize raffle item for their age

group. Each visit to the library with their reading log earns them a free book and a raffle ticket.

The carnival was sponsored by the Churchill Library Association with all proceeds benefiting the library. CLA board member Rebecca Taylor started the event last year and continues as its organizer with the help of board members and many other volunteers. CLA board president Zip Upham was the Master of Ceremonies again this year, always dressing the part regardless of the temperature.

Visit the library's website to register, <https://churchillcountylibrary.org/database/summer-reading-program-2023/>.



Carnival MC Zip Upham ran the leapfrog game. Kids were challenged by the monster Jenga game. Summer Reading Program bags were given to each registrant. Some of the carnival games. C.L. Quillen (right) registering kids for the SRP. Photo by Jo Petteruti.

Community

Pony Express

Gary (left) and Kathy Mills took part in the National Pony Express Re-Ride last week on Friday. The reenactment this year began June 7 running east-bound and passing through Nevada on Friday the 9. The ride will end in St. Joseph, Missouri on June 17. This is the second year the Mills have participated, changing riders at the Cold Springs station last year as the reenactment ran west-bound from Missouri to California.

Photos courtesy of Kathy Mills.



The Not New Shop

NAS Fallon thrift store, The Not New Shop, gave a generous donation to the Active-Duty Fund Drive (ADFD). The ADFD is conducted in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS).

Pictured are (left to right) volunteer Julie Lynch, NMCRS Director Jan Mayberry, Not So New store manager Margaret Halloran.

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UNR's Farm Apprenticeship Program to Boost Local Food System

Staff Report

Some aspiring small-scale farmers will have the opportunity to serve a one-year apprenticeship to bolster their abilities to start and run a small-scale operation, thanks to a new Nevada Farm Apprenticeship Program being offered by UNR. The program will be hosted at the University's Desert Farming Initiative (DFI) in Reno and is pending certification from the Nevada Department of Labor.

"We are really pleased to be able to offer this hands-on, intensive farming apprenticeship program, to help fill in the gaps for those with a degree or some background in agriculture, but not quite enough knowledge or experience to start and run their own small-scale farming business," said Bill Payne, dean of the University's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources. "Our Desert Farming Initiative team has put together an excellent program that I am sure will help establish some new small-scale farms in our state."

The initial program is being funded by a \$256,000 three-year grant from the USDA along with contributions from the college. Applications for the first two apprenticeships will be taken beginning this July. Selections will be made through a competitive process, with apprenticeships beginning in October. Next summer, applications will be taken for another three apprenticeships, with those chosen beginning in October 2024.

The program emphasis is on certified-organic and climate-smart practices for small-scale outdoor farming. Each apprentice will manage a farm incubator space at the DFI, where they will execute a crop and sales plan according to their particular farming interests. They will be allotted approximately one-eighth of an acre for growing field crops, temperature-controlled greenhouse space for starting seedlings, and half of a hoop



The University's new Nevada Farm Apprenticeship Program will be hosted at the Desert Farming Initiative, part of the Experiment Station's Valley Road Field Lab in Reno.

house for season extension. Incubator spaces will be managed under the DFI's organic certification and Nevada producer license, as well as rigorous food safety requirements.

"This program will be a springboard for people who are serious about pursuing a career in fruit and vegetable production," said Jill Moe, DFI's director. "We're hearing from farmers market managers, food co-ops, and food hubs that there just isn't enough local produce to meet regional demand, and we're creating a pathway to success for a new generation of farmers."

Moe added that the farm-to-fork and local foods movements have inspired new interest in farming as a career, but that there's a lot to know before jumping in.

"It's not just understanding how to grow crops in this climate," she said. "It's also creating a business plan, marketing, food safety, legal requirements, accounting, software, collaboration within the food system, and managing

people. Our program will cover all that and more."

The CEDA and the Churchill office of the NSBDC will provide education in business principles and practices. Apprentices who complete the program will understand the regional farming landscape in Nevada, farm-to-market avenues, and topics in food security and food sovereignty. Moe said the program will also prioritize Hispanic, indigenous, and other underserved community members, and is working with tribal communities and the college's extension unit to incorporate appropriate information and guest instructors.

Team members who are developing and will implement the program include Education Program Coordinator Anna Miller, Farm Production Manager Garrett Menghini, Associate Professor focusing on Agronomy Felipe Barrios Masias, Extension Professor Staci Emm, and the Churchill Enterprise Development Association's Agricultural Business Advisor Kelli

Kelly. "We want to provide practical information and hands-on training for those with some farming knowledge and the burning desire to get into the business," Moe said. "It's about equipping them with the knowledge they need to start a successful, sustainable enterprise while contributing to our state's healthy local food supply and economy. It's what a land-grant university should be doing, right?"

More information on the apprenticeship program can be found on the following websites:

- University of Nevada, Reno: www.unr.edu
- Desert Farming Initiative: <https://naes.unr.edu/dfi>
- Experiment Station: <https://naes.unr.edu/default.aspx>
- College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources: www.unr.edu/cabnr
- Extension Unit: <https://extension.unr.edu/default.aspx>
- Apprenticeship Program: <https://naes.unr.edu/DFI/apprenticeship.aspx>

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ChurchillCSD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

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- The child must be present at pick up.
- MEALS WILL NOT BE SERVED June 19 & July 4

LOCATIONS & TIMES

CHURCHILLCSD LOCATIONS (MONDAY-THURSDAY)

Northside Early Learning Center | June 5-22 & July 10-27
7:45-8:30 and 11:15-12:00

Churchill County Middle School | June 5-22
8:00-8:45 and 11:20-12:15

Churchill County High School | June 5-22 & July 10-27
8:15-9:00 and 11:45-12:30

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

Fallon Youth Club | June 12 - August 4
324 Pennington Cir.
8:15-8:30 and 5:15-5:30

SUMFUN/Cottage School (C.A.R.E) | June 5 - August 4
255 E. Stillwater Ave.
12:00-12:15

Venturacci Park/Skate Park | June 12 - August 4
341 Venturacci Ln.
12:25-12:45 and 3:30-4:00

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe CLC | June 5 - August 4
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City Council Approves Ice Rink Rental

By Jo Petteruti

There's an ice rink coming to Fallon, a three-month rental that will be installed and managed by Precision Ice Rinks in time for the city's Christmas holiday activities and celebrations. On Tuesday, June 6 the City Council approved a contract with Precision for a 40x100-foot ice skating rink to be in operation from November 18, 2023, through January 7, 2024.

Deputy Public Works Director Ryan Swirczek told the council that upon their approval, the agreement would allow Precision to install the portable ice rink at a location of the City of Fallon's choosing. "The skating surface would be authentic ice, with all components of the system being provided by Precision Ice. The ice skating rink elements are designed in such a way that a rink can be installed in any conceivable location and in any weather conditions."

Swirczek said Precision will also supply a ride-on Zamboni, 400 pairs of rental skates, field technicians for set-up and tear-down as well as 24-hour technical support. "The operation of this seasonal rink would allow for a unique recreational experience for our community while providing a destination for tourism during the holidays."

Councilman Paul Harmon commented that this is a great idea for the city, "I look forward to bringing this into our festivities during the holiday season. I won't be out on the ice, but I will be watching." Councilwoman Karla Kent added, "I'm excited because it's an opportunity to bring surrounding areas to our community, and for the city and even non-profits to have events associated with the skating rink." Then Harmon joked he would just like to drive the Zamboni.

Mayor Ken Tedford told the council, "We are going to market this to surrounding areas, and maybe partner with other events to try to increase tourism during this period. Also, there may be some economic development activities to help businesses during that time." He also said this project has been on their radar for eight or nine

years, and they decided to go forward with it this year. Councilwoman Kelly Frost remarked, "I think this helps keep those dollars in the community which is always important." The mayor concurred.

After the meeting, Swirczek did confirm that a location has not been selected yet, "But we're looking at a few places in town."

Precision Ice Rinks of Concord, North Carolina has been in business since 2011 providing portable ice rinks to customers throughout the country. The three-month contract was approved in the amount of \$161,350. Four bids had been received by the city for the project with Precision being the lowest.

The Fallon City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at 9 a.m. Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the city's web-

site, <https://www.fallonnevada.gov/archived-meeting-agendas/>

Community Meetings June 19-23

Churchill County School District - Board of Trustees
June 14 at 5:30 p.m.
690 S. Maine Street

Fallon City Council Meeting
June 20 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall 55 W. Williams Ave

Churchill County Commission Meeting
June 21 at 1:15 p.m.
155 N Taylor, #145

Regional Transport Commission
June 21 at 9:30 a.m.
155 N Taylor, #102

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June 21 at 7:00 p.m.
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CMS/Nextech	HVAC Contractor	Stricklin, Roy	Melbourne, FL
Dream Catcher Ranch	Ranch	Leitzke, Sharon	Fallon, NV
Emmons Consulting	Ag Consulting	Emmons, Dave	Fallon, NV
Gigawatt Operations Oba	Solar Sales & Installation	Hanson, Laura	Las Vegas, NV
Horney Toad Meats LLC	Pre-Packaged Meats	Johnson, Cindy	Fallon, NV
Perlo Construction LLC	General Contractor	Attn: Rebecca Cook	Tualatin, OR
Summit Line Construction Inc	Power Line Contractor	Welsh, Dylan	Herber City, UT
The Desert Babe Boutique	Women's Clothing Boutique	Hunter, Giovanetti	Fallon, NV
Giovanetti Hunter	Mobile & On-Site Horse Training	Robinson, Tori Ann	Fallon, NV
Ulysses Site-Management LLC	Cell Tower Operator/Leasing/Licensing	Morley, Jared	White Plains, NV
Westex Consulting Engineering	Engineering Consultant Firm	Mangler, Kristi	Reno, NV
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Law & Order

District Court

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, June 8, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Rene Lucio Williams was not present for arraignment. Public Defender Wright Noel told the court his client is in Reno due to a family member's medical event. Director of Court Services Brenda Ingram reported that after his release from jail on May 11, they have had no contact with Williams and have been unable to reach him. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas requested a Bench Warrant. Judge Stockard ordered a \$10,000 cash-only Bench Warrant.

Gary Johnson Stutsman pleaded guilty to a Category B Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a high amount (approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine), which carries a potential penalty of 2-16 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$50,000; and a Felony charge of Possession of Visual Pornography of a person under 16 years of age, which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The pornography charge also requires registration as a sex offender and while it does not require lifetime supervision the defendant would only be eligible for probation if he obtains a psychosexual risk assessment, and it does not show a high risk of reoffending. The judge ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigative Report and set sentencing for August 29.

Jordan Annmarie Clairmont was not present for a sentencing violation.

PD Noel explained Clairmont is in federal custody in Reno. The case was continued until June 20.

Nicholas Pierre Ashley, in custody, admitted to a non-technical probation violation regarding intoxicants. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court that Ashley again was intoxicated and refused to follow the instruction of an officer, again putting an officer in danger. She asked that probation be revoked, and the underlying sentence be imposed. Public Defender Jacob Sommer said the defendant recognizes his behavior is not acceptable, and he is trying to get back on track. Sommer asked for reinstatement on probation with the condition a substance abuse evaluation be obtained, or a sentence of 30 days in the Churchill County Jail. The judge revoked Ashley's probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 12 to 36 months in Nevada State Prison.

Michael Eugene Haynes appeared for sentencing. DDA Thomas stated there is an active bench warrant for Haynes and requested Haynes be tested. The judge asked Haynes what a test would show. The defendant stated he would test dirty for meth. The judge remanded Haynes to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff, charging him with Direct Contempt for appearing under the influence. Haynes will remain in custody until his appearance next week on June 13.

Letisha Sage Johnson pleaded guilty to a Category D Felony of Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property valued between \$1,200 and \$5,000, which carries a potential penalty of



Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for August 29.

Corey Lamar Etchinek appeared via Zoom for arraignment. His attorney, Steve Evenson, Esq., also appeared via Zoom. Evenson, Senior DDA Sanford, and the judge discussed when information was sent/received to/from counsels. Concluding with the judge ordering both Evenson and Sanford to submit a history of when information was sent/received and why to be filed no later than 4:30 today. The case was continued to June 13, at which time both Etchinek and

Evenson are to appear in person.

Cody Brandt Franklin, in custody, appeared for arraignment. PD Noel told the court the defendant, as of yesterday, has retained Steven Evenson as his attorney although the two men have not had contact. Franklin informed the court that his brother had paid \$1,500 to Evenson. The case was trailed to the end of the calendar, at which time Evenson appeared via Zoom. Evenson told the court he doesn't think he has received funds yet, but they had agreed to meet, which has not yet happened. The judge continued the case to June 13.



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multiple works of art to the respective artist. The Churchill Arts Council website, detailing the permanent collection, was also stripped of most of its content.

“Beginning on March 15, he took it upon himself to contact the artists and collectors who had been responsible for that artwork being at the Arts Council in the first place,” said Sean Rowe, an attorney with the law firm of Mackedon, deBraga, & Rowe. “He contacted them and regardless of whether those were gifts or actually on loan entered into new agreements with each of them saying this was on loan and can be requested returned, and subsequently had them execute a document requesting the artwork to be returned.”

Guillen said the most important thing to the board right now is the relationship the Arts Council has with the artists who over the years have contributed to the permanent collec-

tion. “We feel that there could possibly have been some damage to that, and we want to make sure that they are aware of how we feel.” She said this is not something the Arts Council wanted to have happen or was aware of.

“Collectively, we have worked so hard to provide the finest arts programming to the Fallon, Churchill County, and Northern Nevada communities,” added Guillen. “This collection was a source of pride and inspiration for so many community members and we’re all devastated by this betrayal of trust.”

The City of Fallon has long supported the Arts Council. “Despite Mr. Scott’s attempts to undermine the first-class arts and culture programming that the Arts Council provides to the community, I know it will continue to carry on Valerie and Kirk’s vision,” said Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford. “The City of Fallon will continue to support

the Arts Council as it provides the community with the invigorating art, music, and literary events which have brought so much pride to our community.”

Members of the Arts Council have spent the past couple of weeks pulling together to ready the barren building for the last two events of the season – the poetry reading that was held last Saturday and the Concert in the Park scheduled for June 17. “Our staff has gathered art and some remaining items to be in the bigger common area, we reached out to our community if they have art associated with the art center to see if they feel comfortable loaning for a time while we work to retrieve and or build a new collection.” She said the board and staff each have their tasks to do in reaching out to artists or working on paperwork.

Additionally, the board has been in the process of hiring a new Executive Director and continues interviewing

with a target of bringing on the new director by July 1, as they have intended since Scott tendered his resignation last October.

“You can’t take the walls off the building, you can’t take the people out of the community,” said Guillen. “There is a long list of people who contributed and built this. It brings the steel out in all of us.”

The Arts Council will close its current season on June 17, 2023, with a free In-The-Park Concert with roots music performer Paul Thorn. For inquiries, contact info@churchillarts.org or (775) 423-1440. The 2023-24 performance season kicks off in August with an In-The-Park Concert performance by Blair Crimmins and the Hookers and will be releasing its 2023-24 performance, film, and exhibit calendar in July.

Scott did not respond to messages left requesting comment.

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Education

WNC Announces Spring Term Dean's List

Staff Report

Western Nevada College is delighted to announce that 396 students are on the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

To earn the academic distinction of being recognized on WNC's Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 units during the semester and accumulate a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Honorees for spring semester include Fallon Students:

Katie Abe-Martinez, Serenity Achurra, Ruben Alanis, Eve Amaral-Marshall, Taylor Amezquita, Hailey Arends, Emily Bird, Shelbi Bracken, Michelle Brown, Rafe Brown, Dario Ceresola, Daunte Ceresola, Evalyn Chavez, Cameron Christy, Gracie Cosman, Corel Escartin, Holden Feest, Halle Feest, Samantha Flowers, Nallely Gomez, Paige Green, Johnanthony Hallberg, Camryn Hook, Aaron



Housel, Reece Hutchings, Kennadee Irving, Natalie Jaques, Kelli Kelly, Ron Lee, Bianca Lopez, Joel Lopez, April McCutcheon, Hunter McNabb, Bryan Mendoza, Cheyenne Nelson, Tylie Norcutt, Kayla Ortiz, Sarah Polish, Ashleigh Rogers, Corbin Rollano, Ivy Ross, John Rowe, Bruce Runnels, Aedre Soderberg, Anna Springfield, Nick Springfield, Layla Tanner, Fernando Tapia, Kiley Wallace, Gerik Wassmuth, Jacob Weber, Casamaro White.

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Bighorns Bulletin

By Angela Viera

Alumni Martinez Working for UC Berkeley

Oasis Academy 2017 graduate Isabel Martinez has discovered her calling by working in higher education. Martinez is excited to begin her new position with the University of California Berkeley as an Institutional Giving Associate this month.

“I will be helping with the funding/grant writing process for the education initiative at the Lawrence Hall of Science,” said Martinez.

She is transitioning into the position after previously working on the leadership team at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

“I’m looking forward to the new role at UC Berkeley and want to continue learning more about nonprofit/museum work. This and continuing to contribute to the education community are important for me for now and for my future plans. I also enjoy being in the Bay area with friends and being part of the community here,” she said.

During her time at Oasis, Martinez was also part of the Jump Start Program. She graduated from Western Nevada College with her Associate of Arts degree along with her high school diploma. She then went on to graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 2021 with bachelor’s degrees in Spanish, Education, and Social Studies.

“I’d like to give shoutouts and much appreciation to Counselor Andy Lenon and Coach Brandon Bird. Mr. Lenon for keeping me focused and Coach Bird for teaching me the importance of effort and dedication,” Martinez added.

“My advice to future students, and to my high school self, is to be proud of yourself. Remind yourself that you are doing a good job. School is hard, life gets messy, and there is always so much ‘to do’ - but remember that you are trying your best, and you should be proud of that.”



2017 Oasis Academy graduate, Isabel Martinez.

Summer Strength and Conditioning

Coach Amanda Gilbertson is offering free strength and conditioning classes to all incoming 8th-12th grade students who are playing sports for the Bighorns next year. The Monday through Thursday classes are either from 6:30-7:45 a.m. or 8-9:15 a.m. and began June 12.

Classes will focus on speed and agility training, mobility and flexibility, strength training, injury prevention, and improving athletic performance.

“We offer this class in the summer, and during the school year, for three reasons: injury prevention, providing proper long-term athletic development, and giving the student-athletes a competitive edge that not all high schools have - a legitimate strength training program. The benefits of strength and conditioning in high school are infinite, but my biggest hope is that the students really buy into the program this year to help them be more competitive and prepare for the transition into 2A,” said Coach Gilbertson.

There are still spots available. Contact Gilbertson to enroll or for any questions at agilbertson@oasisacademyfallon.us.



Coach David Springfield and Boys Team Lacrosse during game.



Coach Amanda Gilbertson shows a stretching move to Taylynn Maynez.

Middle School Lacrosse Teams Finish Season Strong

Both the Boys’ and Girls’ Middle School Lacrosse Teams played in the end-of-the-season tournaments this past weekend. The Lady Bighorns finished third and the boys finished fifth. Both teams saw a lot of improvement as the season progressed.

“This is the best season we’ve had since we started the team again. It was really fun, and I could not be prouder of them,” said boys Coach David Springfield.

“I couldn’t be prouder of this team. Our team was super competitive all season with the top teams from Reno



Girls Team Lacrosse. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

and Truckee. Many of the girls on the team have never played lacrosse before or were playing up an age division. We also played most games with no subs. However, we didn’t let those obstacles stand in our way. Our girls played with heart, grit, and determination. Those are the attributes that I love about these girls, and it was evident in their winning season. Great job girls,” added girls coach Karla Craig.

Oasis Lacrosse is run through High Sierra Lacrosse and is open to all students in the Fallon area. For more information contact Coach Springfield at dspringfield@oanv.org or Coach Craig at krcraig@oanv.org.

Sports

Fallon Cowboys Head for Junior and High School Rodeo National Final

By Leanna Lehman

Rodeo is a big sport in Nevada. After all, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals are held in Las Vegas, where the top 15 money-winners compete for the world championships over seven full days. The Reno Rodeo is considered the fourth richest rodeo in the PRCA, and now Fallon is home to the de Golyer Bull Bash and the first-ever stand-alone PRCA bareback and saddle bronc riding event in the State of Nevada, the Battle Born Broncs.

Cowboys and cowgirls are grown in the Silver State, especially in Fallon, which has cranked out more than a few champions. This newest crop of youth cowkids comes from a long line of cowboy folk. Now it is their turn to take home some big wins and bigger belt buckles, maybe even a saddle or two.

Participating in junior and high school rodeos across the state, these young contestants have overcome more than a few challenges as they made their way from town to town throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Extreme weather, sick or lame horses, personal injuries, and just plain bad luck are just a few things that can get hobble a contestant, no matter how much they have practiced. But one thing you can guarantee, practice is still the best road to a championship in any rodeo event.

This year, the practice has paid for four young Fallon cowboys.

Eighth-grader Caleb Edgmon ranked 1st place in Team Roping,



Pictured left to right are Caleb Edgmon, Stix Lee, Wyatt Peek, and Jarrett Peek. Photo courtesy of Jennifur Peek.

along with his partner Stix Lee. He also ranked 1st place in Chute Dogging, 4th in Break Away Roping, and 4th in Ribbon Roping with his partner Shelby Fry of Alamo.

Stix Lee, in addition to his 1st place team roping with Caleb, ranked 1st place in Ribbon Roping with partner

Leeah Osterhoudt, 2nd place in Break Away Roping, 3rd place in Goat Tying, and was Reserve All Around Cowboy.

Caleb and Stix will be heading off to the National Junior High School Rodeo Finals in Perry, Georgia, June 18-24.

Ninth-grader Wyatt Peek placed 3rd place in Team Roping with his brother and partner, Jarrett Peek. Wyatt and Jarrett will be heading to the National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, Wyoming, July 16-22.



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Sports Happenings

By Bill Post

Racing in Fallon Last Weekend

Both race facilities were back in action last weekend. Top Gun Dragstrip held the annual NHRA National Open along with the Division 7 Jr. Dragster series event. Over 50 Jr. Dragsters and over 125 race cars and dragsters competed for cash prizes and special trophies provided by the NHRA.

On Friday the weekend started with a test and tune. An opportunity for the racers both big and small to test their cars and see how their race cars would run at the challenging altitude of 4,000 feet. That evening a special race for the Jr. Dragsters was held. Two categories, ages 6-12 and the older group of 13-17-year-olds. Three hours later 2 winners each won a trophy and over \$400 and were crowned at the Summit Racing winners' circle. Saturday started well with all competitors making qualifying passes down the quarter mile.

The first round began for the local Summit Et Series races and eliminations continued for the Jr. Dragster and NHRA special event cars. At about 2:30 p.m. torrential rains came. The rain overwhelmed the track's flood prevention system, and the track was submerged in over 5 inches of water from the start line to the finish line. Along with the mud and debris covering the track, this essentially ended the racing activities for the day. Sunday morning the track staff was still working to clear the water and mud off the track and by 10 a.m. half of the track was sufficient to race Jr. Dragsters. The difficult decision was made to cancel the other categories for the remainder of the weekend. The fans were grateful that the kids were able to race and complete their points series.

Meanwhile, at Rattlesnake Raceway, Friday night brought tough trucks racing. Every race was decided on the last lap with close hard racing in every class. Doug Hast ended up on top at the end of the carnage with an hour delay due to the weather. When the action started again heat

races were held. After heat races came contact tough trucks where 12 tough trucks took the course at once. In the end, Wade Lumpston came out victorious. Then came a kids' demolition derby with power wheels. Only a family of 3 showed up but they had a great time. The main event was then held where everyone started right where they left off with very fast, hard, close racing with a win by Chris Neiman. The weekend finished with the demolition derby. After all the wrecks it came down to Alex Kneistedt as the victor.

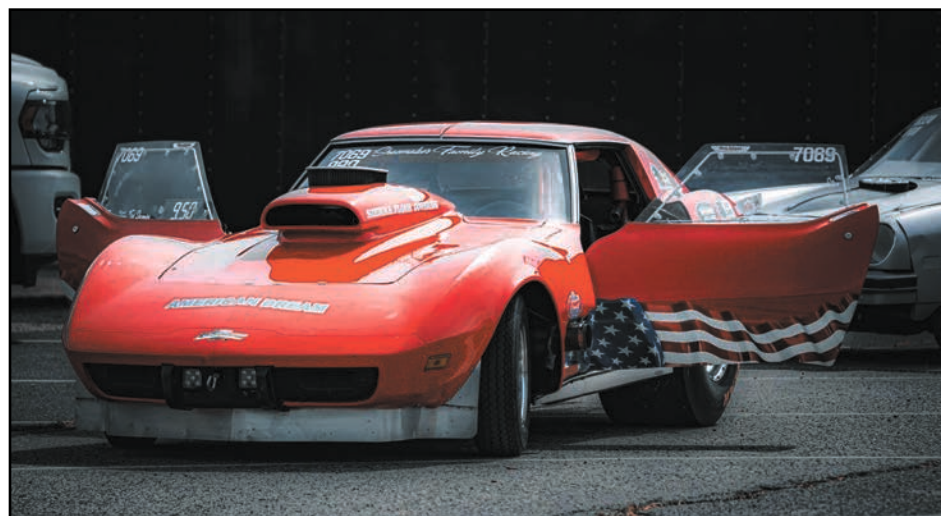
Reno Aces Complete Home Weekend, Head to Vegas This Week

The Reno Aces (35-28) fell just short in an 8-7 loss to the Tacoma Rainiers (31-32) in Sunday afternoon's series finale. The Rainiers jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two, churning through at-bats and forcing Konnor Pilkington out of the game after just two outs. Blake Lalli turned to Peter Solomon in the middle innings and the righty didn't disappoint. Solomon kept the Aces in the game with three scoreless innings and two strikeouts.

Ali Sánchez walked twice and hit a two-run homer to dead center, his fifth of the season. Sánchez is 23-for-55 (.418) with four doubles, five homers, and 14 RBI in 16 games at Greater Nevada Field this season. Buddy Kennedy and Kyle Lewis each notched multiple hits in the loss. Kennedy's two-run double in the fourth pulled the Aces within two while Lewis' single in the seventh kept the line moving for a game-tying double from Tristin English.

The Aces brought the winning run to the plate in the ninth as Dominic Canzone pinch-hit for English. Canzone flew a deep sacrifice fly to left to pull within one, but the Rainiers closed it out shortly after.

After a trip to Las Vegas to take on the Aviators this week, the Albuquerque Isotopes come to town for a series from June 20-25 with special nights for Micheladas de Reno on June 21 and Mining Night on June 24.



Top Gun Race Track. Photos by Jeff Gresham Photography.

Local Columnists

Heaven on Earth Horoscopes

June 16 - 22

This week provides us the discipline and energy to take responsibility for what we are presently working on, whether that be projects, relationships, or goals. What resources you need in order to make progress and growth should be easy to come by this week.

Aries – find the courage to stand up for yourself this week rather than settling for your comfort zone. Engaging in a healthy risk can help you break free from complacency.

Taurus – the future outcome of projects or relationships depends on you stepping up and leading the way. Trying to please everyone may cause anxiety or regret.

Gemini – avoid engaging in unproductive communication, this will help you heal from disappointment and hurt feelings. It is also the solution for feeling confined or trapped.

Cancer – focus on being grateful for what you have this week. If you are struggling to find fulfillment, look within to see what you can change, rather than your outer world.

Leo – don't sell yourself short for the idea of long term security. Invest in supporting yourself this week and not shrinking yourself. You can go your own way if you need to.

Virgo – if you're not happy with a situation this week, take a step forward by giving the very support you wish to receive. You'll need to take an emotional risk if you wish to change things.

Libra – keep a strong vision of your goal in sight to overcome procrastination. Keep the energy of your vision protected from others' negativity by keeping it to yourself.

Scorpio – the remedy to feeling “down and out” is to take control of what is within your power. Focus on pursuing your goals, dreams, or ambitions. Regain your power.

Sagittarius – feeling discontent, emotionally off balance? Keep things to yourself, make a plan to focus on, and lean into supporting yourself. Put effort into the right things.

Capricorn – believe in yourself, that you are worthy of recognition and having your voice heard. Take a chance and have that conversation. Give yourself the benefit of the doubt.

Aquarius – in order to heal and move forward you have to take a risk on what you want. Feeling trapped is a coping mechanism, but you don't have to stay there.

Pisces – the best justice you can serve is to yourself. Leave behind what is emotionally draining and focus on taking care of yourself: spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen — *Kelli's Leftover Filet Fridge Frittata*

Time for a confession. I suck at leftovers. Specifically, I make more food than Neil and I eat, I save the leftovers in matching Tupperware which languishes undisturbed until we decide to clean the fridge. This is not something that brings me pride. I have started taking extra dinner portions with me to work to pawn off on the officemates, but a better tactic would be to strategically use leftovers in the creation of a new dish. Repurposing leftovers as ingredients reduces food waste, is a wiser use of our food budget, and allows them to rise like a phoenix from the food purgatory that is our refrigerator.

This weekend provided the perfect opportunity for this new tactic. On Saturday night, I smoked some filets topped with a Dijon and horseradish crust. The steaks were accompanied by two giant artichokes, a dinner that was larger than what we typically eat in one sitting. As a result, one complete filet and two artichoke halves were stashed in containers and relegated to the fridge. But this time, I had a plan.

Sunday brunch is a perfect time for a "Fridge Frittata." A frittata is an egg bake that is filled with a variety of vegetables, some meat if you like, and a bit of cheese. Frittatas are the less fussy cousin of a quiche, requiring less preparation and delivering delicious results. Even better, frittatas are delicious at any time of day and can range from hearty to delicate depending on your choice of ingredients. Frittatas also provide an opportunity to use up the ingredients that are lingering in

your fridge, those saved bits of green onion, herbs, the end of a bag of shredded cheese, and leftovers.

Our Sunday Fridge Frittata included the leftover filet mignon, two bunches of green onion, the last bit of two bags of shredded cheese, some heavy cream, milk, a freezer-burned bag of tater tots, and some wrinkly lunchbox peppers. All of these ingredients went into a medium bowl, bathed in eggs, and allowed to rest for a bit to soak and for the flavors to come together. Then I poured the whole mess into a casserole dish and baked it at 350° until it was puffy, and the center was set. We ate our fridge frittata for brunch and then circled back for a second round at dinner time. It was delicious.

Keep in mind that a fridge frittata only has one hard and fast rule: there must be eggs mixed thoroughly with some sort of dairy or milk substitute.

Kelli's Leftover Filet Fridge Frittata

INGREDIENTS:

- Leftover steak - cut into cubes
- 1/3 bag of tater tots
- Green onions - thinly sliced
- Lunchbox peppers - stemmed, seeded, and diced
- 1/2 c of shredded pizza cheese blend
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 c cream
- 1/2 c milk
- 1/2 c shredded Mexican cheese blend
- Salt and Pepper
- Hot sauce (optional) to taste



Photo courtesy of Food Network.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350° and grease or spray a casserole dish.
2. Combine steak, tater tots, veggies, and half of the cheese in a large bowl. Whisk together eggs, milk, and cream until well combined and frothy. Pour egg mixture into the bowl and stir well to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Let sit for 10+ minutes.
3. Pour frittata mix into the greased casserole dish, cover, and bake

in the oven for 45-60 minutes. Remove the cover and check for doneness, when done, the frittata should look puffed, and the center will be set. Once the frittata is fully cooked, remove from the oven and top with reserved cheese. Return to the oven and cook for an additional 10 minutes, until the eggs are golden, and the cheese is melted. Let cool for 10 minutes then slice and serve topped with hot sauce.

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Allison's Book Report — *Ink Blood Sister Scribe* by Emma Törzs

I consider myself a pretty well-rounded reader of fiction. As you may have noticed, I am currently in my “Rom-com Era,” as my Taylor Swift-loving daughter calls it, but I really enjoy a lot of different genres. I love a good thriller. I love getting lost in some historical fiction or a sprawling literary tale. I don't discriminate between books that are funny, serious, happy, sad, I will usually try out just about anything.

But I have to be honest, here comes my unpopular opinion: I don't really like fantasy. Especially the modern, romantic take on fantasy. These popular series seem to be everywhere I look. Thousands and thousands of pages of fairies and magical creatures, all complete with super hot love scenes to make even the most seasoned romance reader blush. It just isn't my cup of tea. I tried, Sarah J. Maas fans, I really did. But alas, the torrid love affairs of the high fae are not for me. In fact, in a fit of fairy-induced annoyance, I may have recently deposited a brand new, barely-read copy of “A Court of Thorns and Roses” in one of our local Little Free Libraries for the next reader to find.

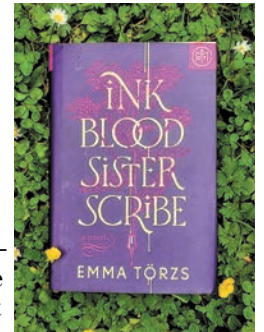
Of course, there are exceptions to my distaste for fantasy – “Harry Potter,” “Game of Thrones,” “Practical Magic,” “The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue,” “Outlander.” I really enjoy the mostly fairy-free “magical realism” sub-genre - like this week's book, “Ink Blood Sister Scribe” by Emma Törzs.

“Ink Blood Sister Scribe” is the story of estranged half-sisters, who are tasked with guarding their family's mysterious library of magical books. The collection of books is rare and ancient, containing spells that allow the reader to walk through walls, manipulate the elements, and more. Esther has been on the run for years and is currently working at a remote base in Antarctica. Johanna is isolated at the family home in Vermont, guarding and studying the books. When their father dies

suddenly while reading one of the books that Johanna has never seen, the sisters must come back together, and in the process, they discover a much bigger and more dangerous world of magic. Secrets that their parents kept from them for their entire lives are revealed, opening doors to other families and libraries like theirs.

“Ink Blood Sister Scribe” is fast-paced and original and has more twists and turns than I can count. While it is certainly a fantasy novel, it is also set firmly in that “magical realism” category, making it relatable even to fantasy-adverse readers like me. One thing I can never resist is a book about books. I don't know why, but it seems like bookish people tend to gravitate to stories about other people who love to read, write, and curate libraries. People who have deep relationships with all things book related. “Ink Blood Sister Scribe” definitely delivered that to the bibliophile crowd. Overall, I think that Törzs has managed to author a book that will appeal to many different readers, and I don't think this debut is the last we will hear from her.

I promise no fairies or other magical creatures were harmed in the writing of this week's column and I hope that I can say the same for the feelings of any Sarah J. Maas fans. Oh, and to whoever scored that court of the something-or-other book from the Little Free Library, I hope you enjoy it so much more than I did. Until next week, I hope you all read something that you love, fairies or no fairies. Come see me on @allison.the.reader on Instagram for more of my mostly non-fantasy-related ramblings and readings.



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Our second feature each evening, starting at 7 p.m., is the 2020 animated adventure comedy “The Croods: A New Age.” Searching for a safer habitat, the prehistoric Crood family discovers an idyllic, walled-in paradise that meets all of its needs. Unfortunately, they must also learn to live with the Bettermans - a family that’s a couple of steps above the Croods on the evolutionary ladder. Nicholas Cage, Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, and Cloris Leachman provide the voices.

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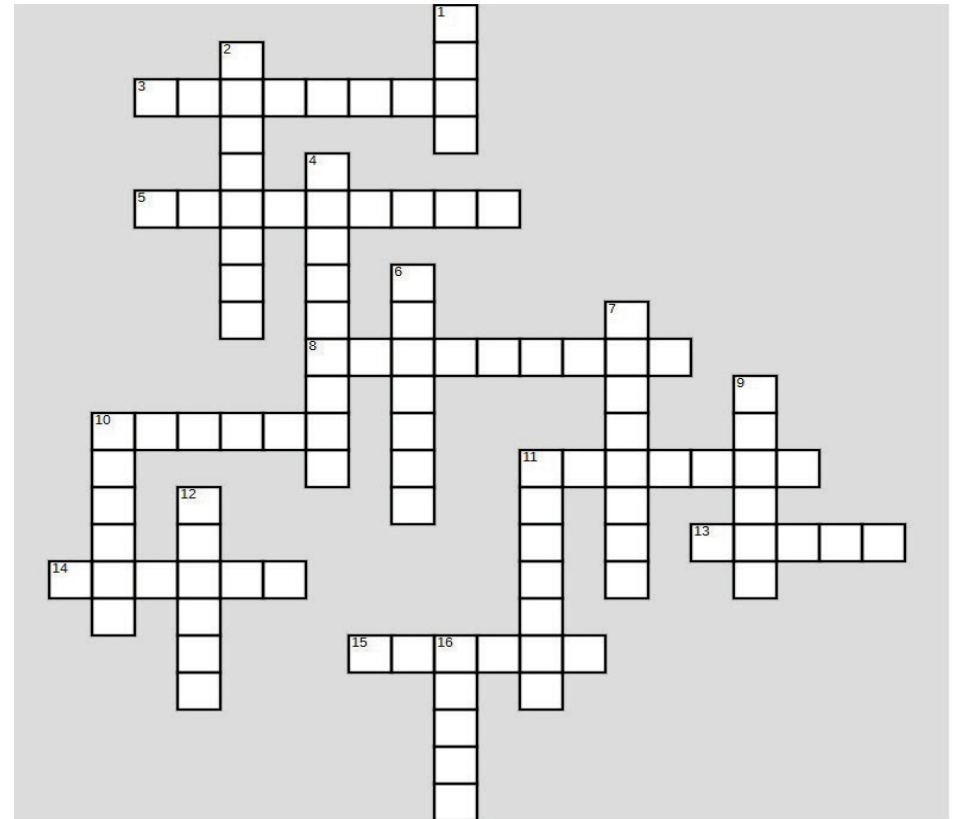
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