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County seeks new fire chief after Knight resignation

By Heidi Bunch
MCIN Staff

Mineral County Fire Chief T.C. Knight resigned his position of Mineral County Fire Chief during the commissioner meeting.

Hesitant Commissioner Jerrie Tipton asked Knight, "What if we don't accept?"

Knight simply returned her question with a shrug of his shoulders.

Knight asked to remain a member of the Mineral County Fire and Emergency Service Management team as a volunteer and the commissioners unanimously approved.

His last official day with Mineral County was Oct. 5.

The commissioners were then tasked with the job of appointing an interim Mineral County Fire Chief. Commissioner Garth Price stated that he has spoken with District Attorney Sean Rowe (who was absent during this part of the commissioner meeting) and District Attorney Rowe had explained to Commissioner Price that it would be best to have Knight name an interim in his absence until advertising notices could be fulfilled.

Commissioner Price submitted a written list of names who have come to him with interest in filling the position.

Knight asked what the qualifications were in appointing the interim chief. In reviewing the list, Knight gave his suggestion. He asked to table the item for awhile so he can get his thoughts together on a snap decision.

The commissioners tabled this item until later in the afternoon. Commissioner Price explained that after much discussion, "It is important that we have someone over there that is a point of contact."

His recommendation is to appoint Vern Watson, a retiree from Fallon Naval Air Station Fire Department who is interested in the interim and chief positions.

"He has no strings attached and could take over tomorrow," Commissioner Price stated.

David Ziegler stated that the fire department does need someone in that position so the department can flow properly. "Someone needs to run the day to day operations," Ziegler told the commissioners.

"I can trust him," Commissioner Price said.

Watson addressed the commissioners stating he retired last year with 26 years of experience, began as a volunteer fire man with Mineral County in 1975 and was raised in Hawthorne.

"It would be an honor to serve the citizens of Mineral County. That includes: Hawthorne, Mina, Luning, Walker Lake and even Schurz," Watson said.

"I don't want somebody that doesn't have the EMS training or fire training," Commissioner Tipton said.

"We need to keep this proactive and inactive or reactive. We need to keep this fiscally sound and keeping people there to respond to emergencies," Watson explained.

Watson was approved by the commissioners to be the interim commissioner. The hiring for fire chief will be held in November.

WALKER LAKE

Concerned residents raise questions after bighorn sheep shot and killed

By Heidi Bunch
MCIN Staff

On Sunday, Oct. 15, a licensed hunter harvested a bighorn sheep from the Walker Lake herd near the town of the same name, leaving some residents upset.

A concerned caller in the town contacted the Nevada Department of Wildlife and Mineral County Sheriff's Office, both of whom investigated the claim that the sheep was illegally harvested.

The Independent-News contacted Sheriff Randy Adams of the Mineral County Sheriff's Department and in speaking with his deputy that handled the case, he stated that no charges had been filed against the sheep hunter.

Robert Winn, of Walker Lake, who did not see the actual shooting of the bighorn sheep explained, "My family and I were driving southbound, coming back into town from Fallon. It was Sunday afternoon. As we rounded the curve, just before the Buffalo Stop, we saw a group of men in camouflage loading a game bag. Their trucks and a Jeep were parked there and they had apparently dressed



Courtesy photo

Walker Lake residents are questioning whether the harvesting of a bighorn sheep near Walker Lake was legal or not.

out a dead sheep maybe 15 yards from the vacant building right along the highway. It totally caught us off-guard and just didn't seem right at all."

Though the sheep may have been cleaned in the desert near the old Buffalo Stop building, it is not known where the animal was first shot.

Curious if any laws had been broken through the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Independent-News contacted Jason Turnipseed with NDOW who also explained that through their investigation, no laws had been broken by the hunter.

Turnipseed explained that on the surface, state laws almost applied but not fully. Again, no citation was issued.

In researching the firearm laws of Mineral County, Sterling Codifiers has Chapter 9.80 FIRES, FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS (HAWTHORNE, LUNING, MINA, SCHURZ) on their website.

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HAWTHORNE

Music students perform fall concert

By Sheri Samson
MCIN Correspondent

The teenagers of Mineral County High School and Hawthorne Junior High took to the stage, providing an evening of choral renditions that included some unexpected props and a well-rehearsed band that shared their own talents on a range of various instruments.

Opening the evening with musical numbers conducted by instructor Dr. Benjamin Gooch and accompanied by Catherine Kaler on piano, the concert choir presented three songs, with one being an enjoyable tune that included choreography, entitled, "Chocolate". Adding in the high school singers, the combined choir performance created strong vocals on two recognized tunes, including the pop anthem, "Fight Song".

Completing the vocal portion of the evening's concert, a vocal ensemble of over 15 teens ended their musical set with the famous Beatles song entitled "Octopus's Garden" which included costumes and humorous movements, enhancing their performance.

As band members were settling in, Gooch welcomed the audience to the first fall concert, reminding everyone that the pop performance represented only a portion of the students first-quarter efforts.

The choirs provided several featured soloists, as well as intricate harmonies, within their blended voices. The band presented over 20 participants



Sheri Samson

Music students from Mineral County High School and Hawthorne Junior High performed their fall concert recently to a large enthusiastic crowd.

in the combined band portion, with a full sound of brass and drums filling the gym during the "Star Wars" theme song. Band soloists were also featured, with five stepping forward to play on the known standard, "When the Saints Go Marching In" and high-pitched woodwinds highlighting the recognizable tune of from "Mission Impos-

sible".

Over a hundred attendees responded with clapping and accolades of whistles, acknowledging the variety of musical styles and talents represented. Audience members openly displayed their pride by personally thanking the performers and many sat up front to film the entire program.

TOWN HALL

Marijuana in Mineral County discussed at meeting

By Sheri Samson
MCIN Correspondent

As the recent Mineral County Town Hall meeting began, commissioner and vice chairman Jerrie Tipton stated there had been many months in which an agenda item at the commissioners meetings allowed that the topic of legalized marijuana be discussed in relationship to this rural county. Only one resident took advantage of attending and he alone

had provided a single opinion.








Adding the topic into a public forum before the commissioners was meant to provide an open discussion of many opinions and suggestions which could eventually assist in providing a plan in which Mineral County must weigh-in on proper zoning locations; issuing business licenses with detailed acceptance plans; planning for appropriate locations; reviewing the segment of acceptable operations that may be approved,

while balancing the existing state laws within our own rural atmosphere. Tipton reminded attendees that Mineral County was a district in which legalizing marijuana was not passed by the county voters.

Throughout the transition of the Marijuana Nevada State Law, NRS453, passing at state level, rural communities have been voicing concerns and scrambling

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YOUR SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
						
75/40 Sunny and pleasant	73/40 Warm with plenty of sunshine	76/42 Warm with plenty of sunshine	79/43 Very warm with plenty of sun	76/39 Sunny and remaining warm	71/36 A full day of sunshine	72/39 Sunny and warm

PET OF THE WEEK



We have nine beautiful cats looking for their forever homes. Please call **Mineral County Animal Shelter at 775-945-0701** To adopt one of these fabulous felines

First responders receive training on terrorism

By Tony Hughes
Mineral County LEPC

In Biblical times a story is told about a certain man who was traveling from one city to another and was attacked by a group of robbers who robbed him, beat him and left him at the side of the road to die. A man came by and responded to his needs and took the injured man in for medical treatment. Throughout the history of the earth several terrorist incidents have occurred where first responders have responded to these attacks, namely the attack on the World Trading Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. on 9/11 and more recently the mass destruction at a musical concert in Las Vegas on Oct. 1 that killed several people and injured more than one hundred.

First responders are not just born, they are dedicated police officers, fire fighters, medical staff and emergency individuals who have been trained to counteract, protect and assist the safety of the public in time of need. This is happening all over the world and will continue to occur.

Robert Burke, Contributing Editor of Hazmat Studies for Firehouse from Fairmont, Nebraska conducted a two day training course on Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic and Tactical Considerations for Supervisors, on Oct. 13 and 14 in Hawthorne. First responders



Tony Hughes

Robert Burke, far right, gives training to local first responders during terrorism training in Hawthorne Oct. 13 and 14.

from Mineral County and neighboring counties were in attendance.

During this course of study those in attendance received training with personal and group exercises on different aspects of terrorism and natural disasters. The course is a part of the training of the U. S. Fire Administration, a component of the U. S. Department Homeland Security and the National Fire Academy.

Those attending the course received directions that are needed for supervisors responding to any type of terrorist action. This specialized training will help those directing first responders in the fields

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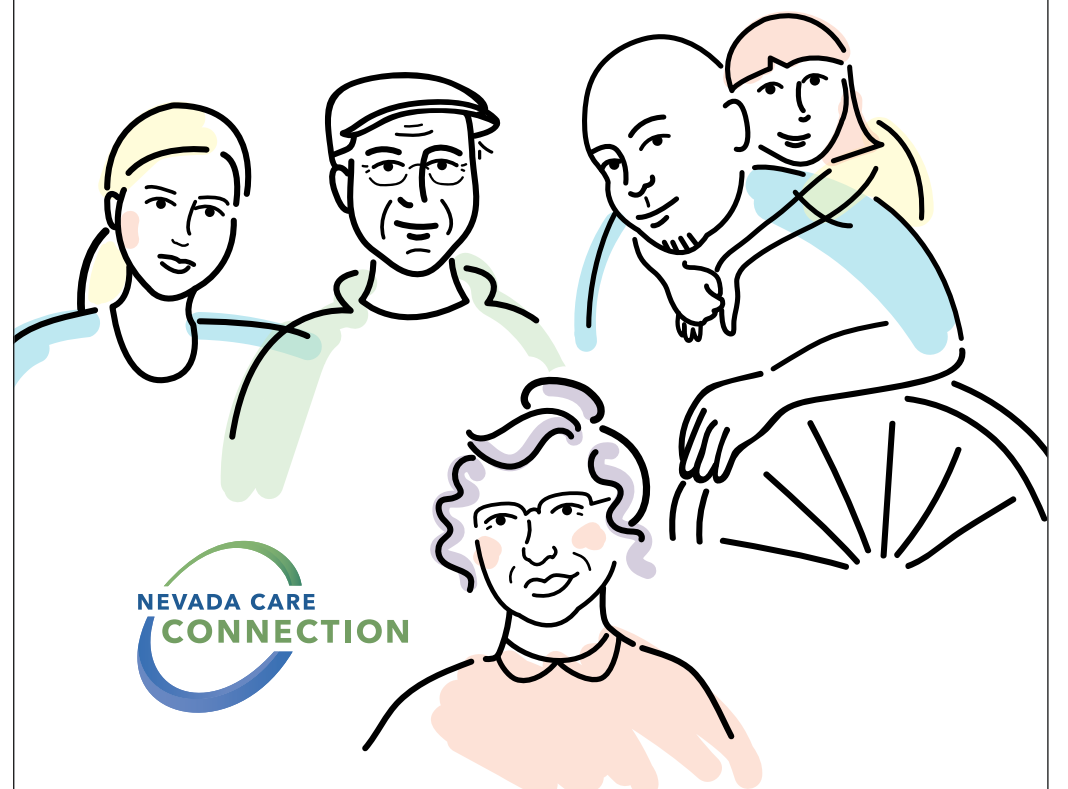
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Question of the week

From an Independent-News reader:

"Do you believe the communities of Mineral County could do more with a trunk or treat program for Halloween combined with or rather than house to house trick or treating? Would you participate."



Stephanie Moody Ziegler (Hawthorne)

Please leave the city out of the small town. How much fun is running with your friends from house to house. And as a parent watching my kids laugh and even get scared is what I love about it. Combining it would be ok maybe for the really little ones not running door to door.



Cristen Marie Fallon (Fallon)

Do both! Like Fallon. One night is trunk or treat then do real door to door trick or treating.



James Baca (Carson City)

Carson City allows house to house. Community agencies and churches provide a Halloween for kids during trick or treat. It's a parents choice but both are good.



Tina Canady (Hawthorne)

I love the door to door. Only problem is these of us living on the wrong side of town don't get to enjoy it. I say combine the town.



TRICK OR TREAT!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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If you have a question you would like us to ask our readers, please email it to: hbunchmcin@gmail.com or bring it into the office.

MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

From the Sept. 20 meeting

SAFETY MESSAGE

Emergency Manager Pat Hughes gave the safety talk regarding safe driving.

BLM UPDATES

Kenneth Collum, Field Manager Stillwater Field Office/BLM Carson City District gave an update to the commissioners regarding the district. Fire wise for the district was 220,000 acres this year. Mineral County didn't have many fires this year. Endemic toad found in Dixie Valley. Geothermal operators are now putting in for a 19 kilowatt to help enhance when they have low geothermal.

The Rawhide Expansion will read the same for Isabella Pearl. Teels Marsh is still seeking funding. 32 authorized notices to explore in Mineral County. Marietta Burro gathered 129 burros. 11 were adopted locally. The Walker Lake boat ramp, the federal highways contacted BLM and Collum requested a meeting with Eric Hamrey.

OHV events discussed. VORRA will be going back for their five year permit.

BUSINESS LICENSE

The following business licenses were approved to do business in Mineral County: Jett Gaming dba Safeway Store 2255 (Timothy Herbst). [The commissioners approved under the county gaming board] and GP Global, LLC (George Pomeroy).

DISPUTE OF FEES

The commissioner met in regards to dispute of fees charged by Hawthorne Utilities on Lot 9 in Block 117.

Larry Grant, Director of Hawthorne Utilities, explained that the lots had been sold in the 600 block of M Street and some of the lots fell under the seven year rule of the ordinance.

Grant explained what equipment belongs to Hawthorne Utilities. Grant and the commissioners agreed to run a yearly ad in the local paper reminding people of the seven year rule on inactive accounts. No action was taken.

BRUSH TRUCK

Fire Chief T.C. Knight met with the commissioner regarding replacing the skid unit on the brush truck. Hamrey questioned other equipment sitting in county yard. The commissioners approved replacing skid unit at a cost of \$4,500.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Sheriff Randy Adams met with the commission relating to an interlocal agreement to provide regional public safety mutual aid between the counties of: Churchill; Lyon; Mineral and Storey. A SWAT team is being developed with these agencies. Motion passed.

JUSTICE COURT

Brent Ryman, attorney for Mineral County met with the commissioners in regards to a request from Hawthorne Justice Court's request for addition employees funding. The agenda item also included the following, "This item may be interrupted by a closed attorney-client session to discuss threatened litigation in compliance with NRS 241.015(2)(b) regarding request from Hawthorne Justice Court for additional employee funding and threatened legal action, which is not a meeting for the purposes of Nevada's

Open Meeting Law and will not be open to the public."

Ryman is representing the county in regards to a letter of demand from the Hawthorne Justice Court. He is retained by the Nevada Public Agency POOL.

Ryman explained the background of the agenda item. He discussed the backlog of work in that office. He also explained The City of Sparks vs. Sparks Justice Court case.

Attorney Rico Cordova representing Judge Jay Gunter with Hawthorne Justice Court and gave a background on why the funding is needed.

In 2006, the Hawthorne Justice Court handled 500 cases. It has since increased up to over 5,000. Discussion of missed calls. It was explained that there is a backlog of over \$60,000 in unprocessed citations.

Discussion between Judge Gunter, Recorder-Auditor Christine Hoferer and the commissioners regarding budgeting of employee, requests, layoffs, etc.

The commissioners met in an attorney-client session closed meeting.

After the closed meeting, Commissioner Chris Hegg asked if there are retirements could Judge Gunter come back in front of the commissioners. He explained he will no longer be the judge.

Commissioner Tipton would like in March of 2018 to sit down and review his employee needs then.

Recorder-Auditor Hoferer weighed in on the issue discussing her obligation to balance the county budget and the purchase of a countywide new software system. She explained that she would like to address the commissioners at the next budget meeting to curtail spending due to the purchase of the new software system.

Commissioner Hegg made a motion to accept the current hired position by Judge Gunter as well as the second position as proposed in the "threatening litigation". Commissioner Tipton added to the motion to review the second position at budget time and depending on information and standards that are set by the judge, the commissioners will assess the position. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Mike James, Mineral County Public Guardian met with the commissioners for consideration and possible action relative to reappointing the public guarding pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 253.150. The item was approved.

SICK LEAVE REQUEST

Judge Gunter met with the commissioners for possible sick leave donation for a justice court employee. He explained that is for an employee who had surgery and needs to be out longer than expected. Employees can donate for up to 80 hours of sick leave. The item was granted.

SENATE BILL 305

Recorder-Auditor Hoferer explained the possibility to adopt an ordinance for the recorder-auditor to collect an additional fee to fund legal services for abused and neglected children. She asked for the commissioner to resend their previous action regarding this ordinance. She would like for her office to begin tracking expenses used in such cases for abused and neglected children.

DEVNET

Clerk-Treasurer Chris Nepper asked the commissioner to purchase a new

server and software for the DevNet system. The cost was over \$19,000. Recorder-Auditor Hoferer would like the chance to see what other vendors have to offer. Item to be continued.

DOG RUN

Hamrey discussed the dog run and construction at Veterans Park. Commissioner Garth Price asked if Jon Johnson was happy with the progress. There is around \$600-\$700 in donations for the run. Hamrey will get with the Independent-News after completed for an article.

FEDERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

Robert Alan Kemp, CEO of Federal Dynamics Corporation asked to make a public presentation by Federal Dynamics Corporation on their selection of the Hawthorne Industrial Airport to construct the Hawthorne Air Logistics Center.

Kemp asked the commissioners to execute a resolution regarding the Airport Advisory Committee findings as well as having Commissioner Hegg and Hamrey sign a nondisclosure agreement regarding Federal Dynamics Corporation financial data.

Kemp explained that Hawthorne has very little encroachment and he feels that it will be a good fit. Federal Dynamics Corporation is an airplane start-up company who builds engines. Kemp went on to explain his needs for the airport and Babbitt property.

He explained the moving of the rail on base property.

Clerk-Treasurer Nepper read a letter from the Airport Advisory Board into record endorsing the Federal Dynamics Corporation project.

Commissioner Hegg and Kemp discussed confidentiality between Mineral County and Federal Dynamics Corporation.

District Attorney Hegg explained that Kemp's agenda item did not specify that the commissioner's sign any documentation at that time.

Commissioner Price asked why does the commissioner have to put Kemp on the agenda when Kemp can place himself on the agenda. Kemp stated that he wants to be invited.

Kemp expressed that he would like the commissioners to enter into some sort of agreement with him prior to him returning. Both Commissioner Hegg and Commissioner Price expressed concerns about not being informed enough and would not sign or enter into any type of agreement.

610 FIR STREET NUISANCE COMPLAINT

The commissioners met in regards to a nuisance complaint for 610 Fir Street in Hawthorne, Parcel 001-391-05. He explained that this had been on

the docket previously. Mike Fontaine, Mineral County Building Inspector stated he could not find an unregistered building and addressed the weeds.

Hamrey explained that some of the weeds block the stop signs. Fontaine will write the land owner a letter.

825 F STREET NUISANCE COMPLAINT

The commissioners discussed the abandoned vehicles on the property as well as the trees on the property. Discussion of what could be in the 50-gallon drums. Fire Chief Knight gave his opinion. Commissioner Tipton made a motion that the property has a nuisance. Fontaine is to follow up.

351 FIRST AVENUE NUISANCE COMPLAINT

This was put back on the agenda by Deputy Clerk Heidi Johnson in regards to the capture of feral cats. Fontaine explain that the owner had passed away and that the son of owner would be willing to travel from out of town to clean the property. Fontaine requests that this item be placed back on the docket after cleaned.

Fontaine also told the commissioners that he sent over the nuisance ordinance to the commissioners for review.

OFFICE SPACE

Sarah Dillard requested for office space at the Boys & Girls Club. Hamrey stated he had two contractors looked at the building and he obtained a quote as well as Hamrey's employees.

Wiring for the office space was discussed.

Hamrey will be agendizing tenant agreements for the Armory Building.

Dillard explained that her office will be taking space at the Mineral County School District instead.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REINSTATEMENT

Brett Boukather met with the commissioners in regards to consideration and possible action relative to request for employment reinstatement at the fire department.

Boukather explained the background on the reasoning for his wanted reinstatement. He stated he only worked one day at the department.

He stated that he felt concerned regarding many items that need to be addressed in the department.

Commissioner Tipton asked Recorder-Auditor Hoferer regarding probationary period for the fire department. She then asked District Attorney Rowe his opinion.

Boukather feels as though he needed to speak up and say something regarding what was broken.

A motion was made to deny the reinstatement of Boukather's employment.

DISTRICT COURT, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

In re: Aspen Series BB Evaporator Coil Litigation, Case No. A710463

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: All owners of homes located in Nevada that have air conditioning systems that contain or contained Aspen Series BB evaporator coil units designed, manufactured, and/or sold by Aspen Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. formerly known as Aspen Manufacturing, Inc. ("Aspen") and who did NOT previously opt out of the Class ("Class").

ATTENTION, the Court presiding over the matter styled as *In re: Aspen Series BB Evaporator Coil Litigation* ("Class Action") granted preliminary approval of a settlement of all Class claims against Aspen. The settlement impacts the rights of all owners, beneficial interest holders, and/or insurers of Class homes with respect to the ASPEN Series BB units installed in the Class homes.

The Court set a **Final Fairness Hearing for November 1, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** That hearing will take place in Courtroom 12D of the Regional Justice Center located at 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The Court set a **deadline of October 23, 2017**, for all Class members to submit written objections to the settlement or enter appearances for the Final Fairness Hearing. A limited group of Class members, as defined in the settlement agreement, may ask to be excluded from the settlement by submitting a written request by **October 23, 2017**.

The Class members are represented by the attorneys J. Randall Jones, Esq. and Michael J. Gayan, Esq. of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, LLP (P: 702-385-6000) and Scott K. Canepa, Esq. and Terry W. Riedy, Esq. of Canepa Riedy Abele (P: 702-304-2335). You may contact their offices for more information regarding the Class Action settlement or visit **www.SeriesBBClass.com** for the long-form class notice, the settlement agreement, and other information regarding the settlement. **Do not attempt to call the Court regarding this Notice.**

Sheep

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It states, "It is unlawful ...to give away, sell, keep, expose or offer for sale or to fire off or discharge within the limits of Hawthorne, any ordinance, gun, rifle, pistol or other firearm...". Unfortunately the town of Walker Lake is not mentioned within that code and there are no signs within the boundaries of the township limits stating it is illegal.

A resident in the lake town explained that "the sheep herd shot upon was not located in the wild, but instead they feed in that area on a daily basis without harm or concern." It has also been stated that residents in Walker Lake feed and water the animals.

According to the NDOW website, feeding big game animals is against the law. Senate Bill 371 explains that a person can be fined up to \$500 for feeding any big game animal without written authorization from NDOW.

Turnipseed also explained that the shooting of big game animals in residential areas has become a concern in many rural towns within Nevada. He explained that the harvesting of mule deer in Spring Creek, Genoa and other towns where these animals come in to feed has become an issue for that department.

This year, NDOW will present new regulations regarding the shooting of big game in the boundaries of residential areas..

Turnipseed said that the language explaining what NDOW will be presenting in draft form will be heard at Nevada Division of Wildlife January 2018 meeting. The draft will be available to county wildlife advisory board's in December for review and discussion.

Glenn Bunch, Mineral County Wildlife Advisory Board President, welcomes any that would like to weigh in on this item to be present at the December meeting. The meeting is listed on the Independent-News community calendar for that month.

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on this matter to avoid being sued or stuck with businesses they cannot support. Tipton had conferred with other small districts which shared that an overall ban would probably bring legal fees and weigh down the process of a solid plan being in place. With that in mind, the Mineral County town hall meeting was scheduled to allow public discussion and to provide proper information.

NRS 453D.020, "The people of the State of Nevada find and declare that the cultivation and sale of Marijuana should be taken from the domain of criminals and be regulated under a controlled system where business will be taxed and the revenue will be dedicated to Public Education and the enforcement of this chapter.

The commissioners shared a basic view of the marijuana business information using an overhead screen. (This lengthy presentation is available to anyone that can access it by email, just by contacting the county clerk's office.) This information introduced four basic licensing avenues from the legalization of marijuana. In a smaller county such as Mineral, it was explained to have importance due to the limited logistics, the appearance of a smaller town's atmosphere and other limitations involved in accommodating such a business request, which could include items such as potential water use and other utilities.

The four business avenues discussed were: A) Medical Dispensary; B) Production Facility of edibles or infused Cannabis product lines that may include balms, lozenges, etc.; C) Cultivation Facilities or Grow locations; D) Independent Testing Laboratories which are designed to oversee quality controls, check for mold, potency or chemical contaminants and pesticides.

Audience comments included the support of medical use and providing easy local access, especially for those with chronic or debilitating conditions and yet others cited the higher costs associated with using dispensaries, stating "If you allow a dispensary, then one cannot grow their own within a certain distance of that storefront. For some that grow, it is for their personal use only."

An audience member specified that "separating the issue as a medical or recreational choice is no longer relevant - this state made that decision for us."

It was noted by the commissioners that individual or personal use of the allowed 1 ounce or less, within one's possession, was not necessarily in the forefront of their discussion. (The ability to grow a

limited, approved amount was not at a county zoning concern, although law enforcement would make the appropriate arrests if laws were broken by those under 21 years of age who would use, or with anyone growing to transport, deliver, dispense or sell to another and especially to minors.)

Several residents stated their displeasure with the "image and the message it would send out" about the town and to the local kids which would not be good for the community. A reminder of the limitations in place and those set forth by the State of Nevada was in verbal review, which involved acceptable business locations and the reality of any placement being a possible storefront within a town of this size. Certain footage restrictions would create conflicts and limitations. Stated mandates are necessary in proximity to schools, daycares, churches, public pools or parks and other public places. Schools require an even greater distance from these Marijuana-based business endeavors.

In discussing the marijuana cultivation businesses, attendee Mike Guss compared current restrictions of locations and the mandatory use of private water wells, already exists within the restrictive brothels. He made the point that legally restricting the zoning to certain locations could be one solution, rather than the county being sued for banning or restricting business altogether, which would then conflict with the state's legal stance. Since Mineral County was USDA federally assisted within the water situation, allowing access to county or city water by a Marijuana related business could create a legal constraint, as Marijuana is not legalized by the Federal Government.

Tipton suggested that Nevada was under Dillion's Rule Law, which is used in interpreting state laws into the local government power. "I know we have limitations and we have to stay within what we can do," she stated.

Balancing aspects such as health and public safety was also addressed with great concern. Actual taxation amounts were not available and according to research with the Department of Taxation, it is still being worked on until January of 2018, but Commissioner Tipton commented that she believed the revenue would primarily go to the state, rather than to local levels or education.

Commissioner Chairman Garth Price stated, "If it happens here, then we have to see how it will be zoned." He also commented that local law enforcement urged a ban upon any marijuana businesses, but many unforeseen aspects made it clear that legal business decisions must be dealt with and decided upon.

Elks donate dictionaries

Submitted by Tyler Nicholls and Tricia Schumann

Each year, the Hawthorne Elks organization donates dictionaries to all third grade students. Seeing the faces of the children is priceless. Their eyes are bright, curious and filled with wonder as they wait patiently to receive their individual treasure. These enriching tools help students write, spell, read, learn and grow in literacy development. Everyone is grateful for this annual gift. Please continue reading the responses from the recipients:

"In this dictionary they have a map and a multiplication table which is so exciting!" ~Jessica Mattson

"What I liked about the dictionary that the Elks Club got third grade is the sign language. I think it is cool." ~Jordan Holton

"I like this dictionary because it shows me how to spell words correctly." ~Peyton Baldry

"Today, I was given a dictionary from the Elks Club. I was really happy when I got mine because it's a book of resources." ~Quentin Isom

"I plan on using my dictionary to find words I do not know." ~Daiden Aralos

"I think that it is pretty interesting to have a page in the dictionary that shows you how to do sign language. Also, the dictionary can show you the correct spelling and part of speech for whatever words you need to spell." ~T.C. Knight, Jr.

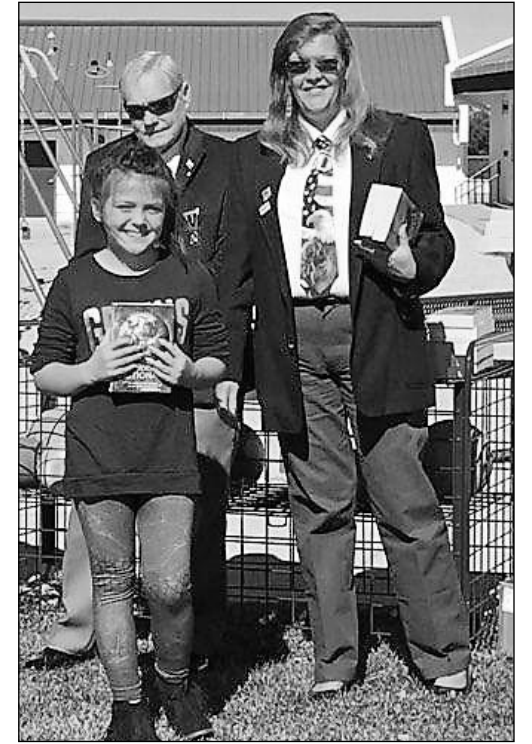
"I plan on using my dictionary to do the times table. I can also use it to look at the states or continents like South America. Last, I will use it to learn sign language." ~Richandra Douglas

"I know some sign language and was happy to see it in the dictionary." ~Jacob Pittman

"My dictionary has the longest word in the world. Can you believe it's so long that it consists of 1,909 letters? Then, I noticed that it has a guide so we can all learn how to do sign language. My book is special to me because I was given my dictionary from the Elks members." ~Ramsey Isom

"I think the best thing is that the dictionary has math, language and so much more!" ~Aspin Stockwell

"By reading my dictionary, I learned that Nevada became a state on October 31, 1864. That's Halloween! I already know The American Manual Alphabet for Sign Language, because that is how I speak to my mom. Now, my friends want me to teach them so they can communicate with me using sign language letters.



Mallory Chidester

Hawthorne Elementary third grade students received dictionaries from the local Elks Club last week.

My teacher told me she is proud of me for being bilingual." ~Maverick Jaquish

"Did you know that I used to live in Idaho? Well, in my dictionary there are facts about all of the fifty states. I was able to read about Idaho during drop everything and read time today." ~Kadelin Burrow

"I enjoyed the Elks presentation when they gave us our dictionaries today. There are maps and fun things inside like measurement and facts about the Presidents of the United States of America." ~Hope Martindale

"I found it interesting that my dictionary has the Declaration of Independence inside." ~Aidan Rowe

"I think it is cool to have a dictionary because everything is in alphabetical order. It has a map so I know I'm going to learn so many new things this year!" ~Emily Frade

"I am so surprised at the new words that I will be able to learn because I now have my own dictionary. There are so many wonderful words that I want to learn." ~Kyle Madrid-Windle

"Now that I have a dictionary, I can learn new words and read more words." ~Raelynn Morgan

"I think that I can look up my spelling words in the dictionary. I will learn the meaning of the words." ~Jason Castleman

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of: defining and recognizing terrorism/ weapons of mass destruction, the effects of chemical, biological, nuclear, incendiary and radiation; strategies and tactical options of emergency response; multiagency response; intelligence and planning and securing documentation and evidence issues. Patrick Hughes, Mineral County

Emergency Management Director stated, "I was disappointed of the attendance of Mineral County first responders. The course was offered especially for them and they did not take advantage of it."

Some statements made in the training were: terrorism is here to stay, First responders must be prepared and terrorism is designed to make people afraid.

This course was sponsored by the Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Emergency Management.

Proficiency test numbers up at MCHS

Mineral County schools are showing much improvement with the ELA proficiency rates and trends. According to documents, Mineral County has improved 5.66 percent up 20.81 from 15.15. The mathematics have increased 3.59 percent up 6.67 from 3.08.

The Nevada English Language Arts

Standards are intended to give Mineral County children the help and tools they need to succeed in school and become lifelong readers, writers and speakers.

The standards for the mathematics allow children to go forward with mathematics skills used throughout their lifetimes.

BLOOD DRIVE AND FLU SHOTS



Top photo by Darren Hamrey/Right, Heidi Bunch (Top) Mineral County High School held their annual blood drive. After the Las Vegas massacre, many people in the county asked how they could help out with giving blood. Darren Hamrey and his student council organize this event for community members. (Right) Josh Sandvik with SOC Fire Department, administers a flu shot during the annual Mineral County Flu Pod this past week.



Soroptimists International of Hawthorne

For 60 years we have been representing, empowering and encouraging women in business. Our annual tea will be celebrating these accomplishments both locally and around the world.

Therefore, you are cordially invited to celebrate our 60th anniversary and tea to honor the women of Mineral County

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m. At the home of Jean Peterson
361 Baker, Hawthorne.**

We sincerely hope you can join us.

WALKER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual

Fall Fun
Festival

Don't Miss Out! Adults and Children Welcome!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 ~ 5:30 PM

Free Chili and the Fixin's for all Fun and Games start at 6:30pm

Prizes and Candy for Everyone!

Come Dressed in Costume for a Special Prize!

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

On Oct. 10, Michael Jon Hoffman was sentenced after admitting to allegations contained in violation reports dated August 14, 2017 and July 31, 2001. The court finds that Hoffman violated the terms and conditions of his probation and that his probation should be revoked.

Hoffman was found to violate his terms and conditions for the crime of possession of a controlled substance, a

violation of NRS 453.336, a category E felony. His probation was revoked and he was sentenced to imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for a minimum term of 12 months and a maximum term of 48 months from this date, with credit of 100 days, presentence time served. He was further ordered to pay \$3,821 for the costs of his extradition.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

By Heidi Bunch
MCIN Staff

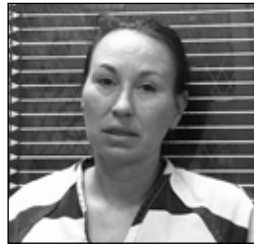
Mineral County Sheriff's Office deputies made traffic stop on Oct. 20 at approximately 11:20 a.m. which ended in the arrest of a female subject.

While working an overtime assignment for the Office of Traffic Safety, the sheriff's office deputy came into contact with a 2007 Toyota four door with a Nevada UNLV plate.

The officers became suspicious of possible criminal activity when no records for the license plates could be located.

After a records check on the Toyota, it was determined that the vehicle was stolen out of Las Vegas during a residential burglary.

A female subject, Dixie Ballweber, was



Dixie Ballweber

located inside the vehicle and placed under arrest without incident.

Located inside the vehicle was a black box containing approximately 7.9 grams of heroin and .07 grams of cocaine.

Ballweber is being held on the following charges: grand larceny of auto, \$3,500+; trafficking schedule I controlled substance; FLNTRZPM/GHB, 4-14 grams; possess to sell, schedule III, IV, V controlled substance (first/second) and possess schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance (first/second). Bail was set at \$120,560 cash.

Volunteers work to clear growth at sage grouse breeding areas

By Heidi Bunch
MCIN Staff

Over 20 volunteers joined employees from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest at Sweetwater Flats to clear pinon pine, juniper seedlings and small trees from bi-state sage grouse breeding and nesting habitats.

"We worked in a unit that had been treated around 10 years ago, and it was a good time to go back to remove new confer growth," said Monique Nelson, Sage-Grouse Coordinator for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. "Pinon and juniper grow above the low sagebrush providing perches for predators

like ravens and hawks that watch for sage grouse moving in the sagebrush. Sage grouse nestlings and eggs are particularly vulnerable to these predators."

The bi-state sage grouse habitat can be found in Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon and Mineral Counties and also in three California counties.

About 426,000 acres of the sage grouse habitat is found in lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service with another 280,000 on Bureau of Land Management lands.

The bi-state sage grouse is not warranted for listing under the Endangered Species Act due to conservation efforts of the Bi-State Local Area Working Group and the Bi-State Action Plan.

AROUND THE STATE

Associated Press

NEVADA OFFICIAL: RETROACTIVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AVAILABLE

RENO.— People who didn't graduate from a Nevada high school because they failed proficiency exams are now eligible for a retroactive diploma.

The Reno Gazette-Journal reports that thousands of students who left high school as far back as the 1980s could be affected.

A memo from state Superintendent of Public Instruction Steve Canavero to school district superintendents says references to the high school proficiency exams have been removed from Nevada state laws.

The exams in writing, reading, math and science were mandatory until this past school year.

Canavero's Oct. 13 memo says student denied diplomas because they didn't pass one or more proficiency exams will be issued a diploma if they submit a written request and if they had the required number of credits.

LAS VEGAS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BANNED FROM CONTACTING SCHOOLS

LAS VEGAS — An elected school board member in Las Vegas has been banned from directly contacting district employees and visiting schools without approval over allegations of harassment.

Clark County Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky issued a memo Tuesday notifying school workers in the nation's fifth-largest school system of the restrictions imposed on Trustee Kevin Child.

Skorkowsky cited student and employee safety for the urgent directive, saying there have been repeated and serious complaints of Child making district employees feel uncomfortable.

The 55-year-old Child blamed politics and said he is saddened by what he calls Skorkowsky's "shenanigans."

The real estate agent also said he ear-

lier this year issued a cease-and-desist letter to the retiring superintendent over the harassment claims.

Skorkowsky ordered administrators to call district police if Child refuses to leave district property.

NEVADA'S FIRST-TIME JOBLESS CLAIMS DOWN 15 PERCENT

LAS VEGAS — The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation says initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,068 in September in the state.

That figure, which was released Monday, is down 15 percent from last August. It is the lowest of any month since August 1998.

Initial claims are down 3 percent from September 2016, when they were 9,358. September marks the seasonal low point of the year. The overall trend, best represented by the 12-month average, is at a post-recession low of 11,083 claims per month.

An initial claim represents the first stage of filing for unemployment benefits and is therefore most closely related to the number of people who have recently lost their jobs, not the overall level of unemployment.

NEVADA PULLS IN NEARLY \$5M IN TAXES FROM POT SALES IN AUGUST

HENDERSON — The Nevada Department of Taxation says the state hauled in nearly \$5 million in total tax revenue from recreational marijuana sales in August.

That's up from the \$3.7 million in taxes in July, the state's first month of recreational weed sales.

According to figures released Monday, \$3.35 million were generated by the 10 percent sales tax on recreational marijuana, while \$1.51 million generated by the 15 percent wholesale tax at the cultivation level on all marijuana (up from \$974,060 in July).

CEO of The+Source dispensaries and President of the Nevada Dispensary Association Andrew Jolley says he expects the market to continue to grow steadily over the next several months.

ARREST RECORD

The following people were arrested in Mineral County on or after Oct. 15 and were in jail on Monday at or after about 8 a.m. All charges against them are misdemeanors unless otherwise noted. All are innocent until proven guilty in court. Names and charges appear as they have been received from the sheriff's office.

• Janette K. Howard was arrested on Oct. 18 by unknown agency for convicted person register and fingerprint required and convicted person register and fingerprint required. Bail set at \$1,140 bond/cash.

• Richard D. Olson was arrested on Oct. 18 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime - Fernley Municipal Court. Bail set at \$430 cash.

• Aron T. Powe was arrested on Oct. 19 by Nevada Parole and Probation for arrest warrant, probation violation on su... No bail.

• Dixie N. Ballweber was arrested on Oct. 20 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for grand larceny of auto, \$3,500+, trafficking schedule I controlled substance, FLNTRZPM/GHB, 4-14 grams; possess to sell, schedule III, IV, V controlled substance (first/second) and possess schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance (first/second). Bail set at \$120,560 bond cash.

• Danny E. Jackson was arrested on Oct. 20 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for drive with revoked driver's license for DUI and basic speed - 21-30 miles per

hour over posted limit. Bail set at \$1,495 bond/cash.

• Brian K. Lockman was arrested on Oct. 20 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for domestic battery first offense enhancement deadly weapon. Bail set at \$3,140 bond/cash.

• Allecia Wingfield was arrested on Oct. 20 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for domestic battery first offense enhancement deadly weapon. Bail set at \$3,140 bond/cash.

• Hilario V. Hernandez was arrested on Oct. 22 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for robbery, enhancement deadly weapon. Bail set at \$100,000 bond/cash.

• Xavier Hickman was arrested on Oct. 22 by Mineral County Sheriff's Office for use/under influence schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance, use/under influence schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance, poss \leq one ounce marijuana (first) and controlled substance, poss \leq one ounce marijuana. Bail set at \$3,640 bond/cash.

The following were released from the Mineral County Detention Center by a judge unless otherwise noted: Jose M. Anguiano (released on bond); Brandon E. Hickman (released on recognizance); Charles N. Worley (released on recognizance); Janette K. Howard (released on bond); Richard D. Olson (released on cash bail); Wayne C. Sybert (released on recognizance); Danny E. Jackson (released on bond); Allecia Wingfield (released on bond) and Brian K. Lockman (released on bond).

HAWTHORNE CARE AND SHARE MENU - OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
CLOSED FOR
NEVADA DAY

MONDAY, OCT. 30
•Beef Enchiladas
•Spanish Rice
•Refried Beans
•Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
•Chili Dogs
•Baked Beans
•Cole Slaw
•Jell-O w/Fruit

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

•Stuffed Bell Peppers on Potatoes
•Salad
•Garlic Bread
•Peaches

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

•Baked Chicken Tenders
•Beets
•Carrot Salad
•Wheat Bread
•Apple Butter, Ambrosia

Regional Area Transit Available:
Mon.-Fri. - 9am to 2:30pm

•Pinochle - 12:45pm M-T-TH-F

•Fallon Trip: November 7
•Reno Trip: October 31

•Exercise Class: 10-11am - M-W-F
•Bingo: 12:45pm - Every Wed.

MINA CARE AND SHARE MENU - OCTOBER

MONDAY, OCT. 30

•Pepper Steak
•Brown Rice Pilaf
•Tomatoes Vinaigrette
•Bran Roll
•Dutch Apple Cake

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

•Beef Nacho Casserole
•Spanish Rice
•Frijoles Charros
•Orange Spinach Salad
•Plums, Pineapple Juice

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

•Beef Stroganoff
•Noodles
•Baked Squash
•Orange Spinach Salad
•Whole Wheat Roll
•Plums


THURSDAY, NOV. 2

•Tuna Casserole
•Herbed Vegetable Medley
•Sliced Tomatoes
•Cracked Wheat Bread
•Oatmeal Date Bar

Lunch Served at 11:30 a.m.

•Fallon Trip: November 10
•Hawthorne Trip - Every Thurs. 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers Needed



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

—MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL—

BREAKFAST

MONDAY: Egg Omelets, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Milk or Juice
TUESDAY: Whole Grain Waffle, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice
WEDNESDAY: Cold Cereal, Muffin, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice
THURSDAY: Breakfast Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY, OCT. 30: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Melon Slices, Graham Crackers, Milk
TUESDAY, OCT. 31: Nachos, Spanish Rice, Cuties, Milk
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1: Hamburger w/Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
THURSDAY, NOV. 2: Pizza, Carrots, Romaine Salad, Fruit, Milk

—SCHURZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—

BREAKFAST

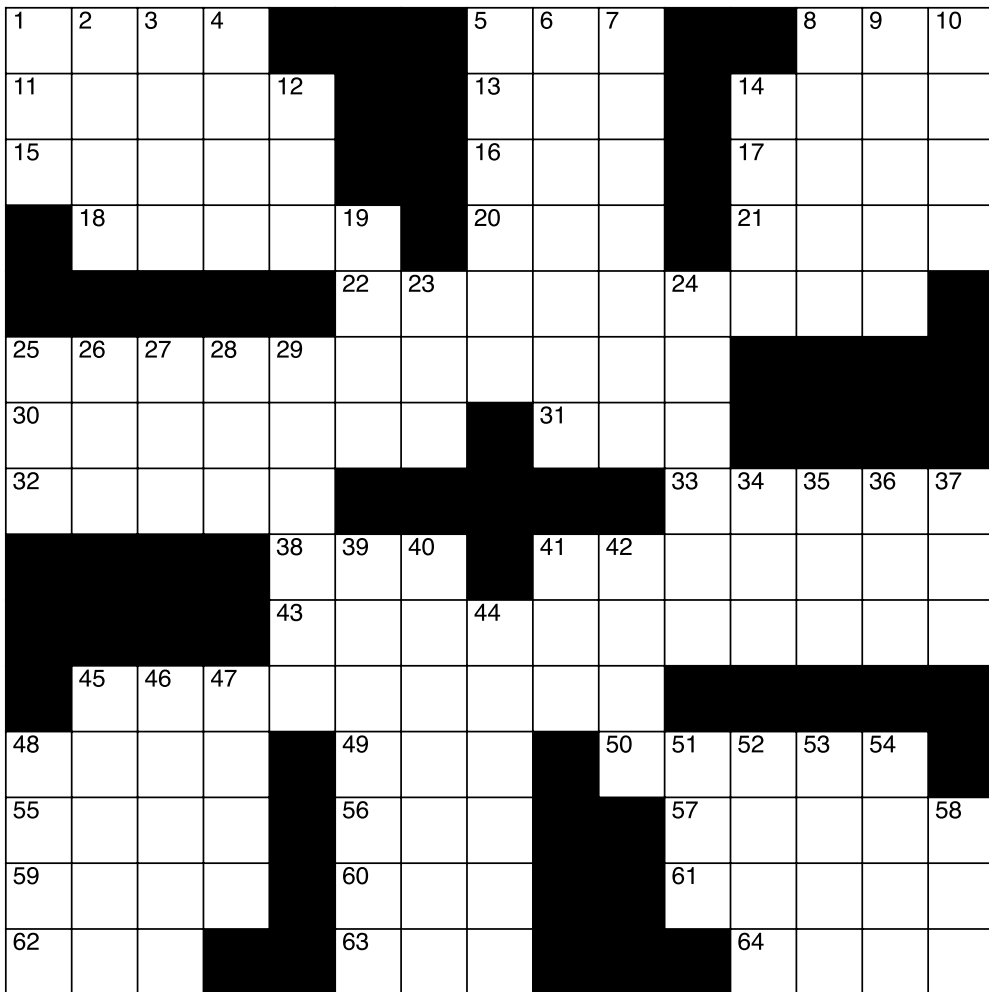
MONDAY: Egg Omelets, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Milk or Juice
TUESDAY: Whole Grain Waffle, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice
WEDNESDAY: Egg & Sausage Patty, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice
THURSDAY: Breakfast Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice
FRIDAY: Hot or Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk or Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY, OCT. 30: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Melon Slices, Graham Crackers, Milk
TUESDAY, OCT. 31: Nachos, Spanish Rice, Cuties, Milk
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1: Hamburger w/Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
THURSDAY, NOV. 2: Pizza, Carrots, Romaine Salad, Fruit, Milk
FRIDAY, NOV. 3: Burrito, Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk

PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle



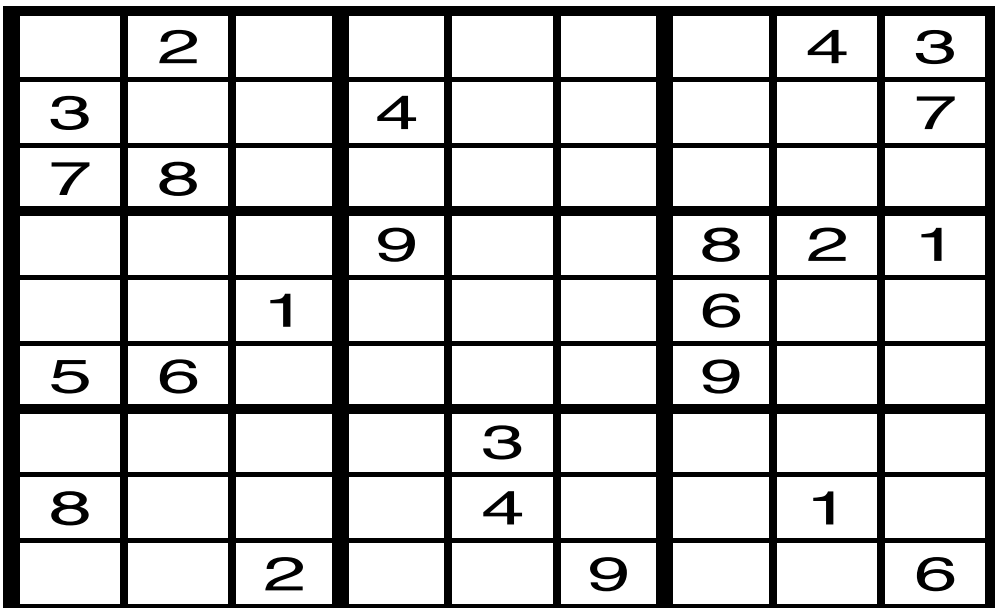
CLUES ACROSS

1. Inventor of the apochromatic lens
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Cool!
11. NY football family
13. A way to consume
14. Competition
15. Monetary units
16. Plant in the daisy family
17. Ottoman military title
18. Small Polish village
20. Relatively insignificant lie
21. Argument
22. Comforts
25. Early
30. Went on and on
31. Type of IRA
32. Short musical composition
33. Images
38. Major component of wood glue (abbr.)
41. Observing expeditions
43. Used as a lightweight foam
45. Recall knowledge
48. Afrikaans word for "language"
49. Fried chicken guru Sanders' title (abbr.)
50. Caucasian language
55. A Spanish river
56. Used to pierce holes
57. Song of praise
59. In bed
60. Originally called
61. Iron Age Brittonic tribe
62. Young goat
63. Not even
64. Make from wool or yarn

CLUES DOWN

1. Current unit
2. Bleats
3. Soft creamy white cheese
4. Opposite of west
5. Young female cow
6. Deep, narrow gorges
7. Freestanding sculpture
8. Finger millet
9. Hurts
10. Unable to hear
12. Vast body of water
14. Volcanic island in Fiji
19. Not early
23. Wet dirt
24. Be characteristic of
25. Before
26. Tell on
27. Resembles the ostrich
28. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
29. War-torn city in Syria
34. Mode of transportation
35. Metals and minerals are extracted from this
36. Trent Reznor's band
37. Midway between south and southeast
39. Vesuvius is one
40. Permitted
41. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
42. Tip of Aleutian Islands
44. Shouted
45. Jewish spiritual leader
46. Punched in the side of the head
47. Lout
48. Used to make furniture and ships
51. Spectrum disorder (abbr.)
52. A way to talk
53. American shoe company
54. Chinese ethnic group
58. Egg of a louse

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

IS THIS YOU?

WATCH YOURSELF

You know when you fall down or trip on your own feet you can feel the eyes of those around you are upon you? How do you know that? Is it because when someone around you falls down or trips on their own feet that you are watching them? Well not on purpose of course, it's just human nature. I know that when I see someone do some sort of slip and slide I watch. But I watch and think two things. First I think, ouch that's going to hurt tomorrow, and I feel sorry for the slip-sliper. Then I think, man I'm glad that isn't me. See? All human all the time!

I admit that I like to watch people. When I go to a city and shop I usually end up watching people more than watching for the best bargain on toilet paper or shoes. People are so much more interesting than the next big thing in the way cheese is presented to entice me to buy the biggest hunk that I can afford. I mean come on. How long would it take for me to use a five pound chunk of sharp smoked Gouda? Now if it were a five pound tub-o-ice cream... Back to the people peeping.

It has been a while since I was in a mall. I rather enjoyed seeing the men in the area we called the man corral, waiting while the women shopped. Men in the corral looked like they were either half asleep or they had that deer in the headlight look searching the faces for their other half to come back and free them from their self prescribed jail.

Some of the best people watching I have found are those out and about around lunch time. Maybe at a park. Occasionally we like to grab some cholesterol filled sack of goodies and drive to a park, sit in the car and enjoy the show. I must say the bigger the city the more obscure you find the entertainment. Now don't think I am poking fun and anyone. I will be the first one to be poked at due to my nonchalant carefree being. But sometimes there are just views that you can't stop looking at and describing can become quite entertaining. Like...

I don't know much about Yoga. I understand that it is meant to relax you, center yourself and keep you flexible and feeling good. Sounds wonderful, wish I had the where-with-all to Yoga myself. Or is it do Yoga myself. Anyway. I presume men do some Yoga too. With that in mind here is what the view was when we zipped through an In-N-Out Burger and headed to a little lake nestled



TRINA MACHACEK COMMENTARY

in South Reno to refuel ourselves before attacking the afternoon list we needed to fill.

All set with fries balanced on the dash and the drinks stuffed in cup holders I look out the window and well there was a guy,

about mid-fifties in a pinkish workout suit standing about fifty feet away in the middle of a little grassy area and he is doing Yoga. I think it was Yoga. Now I don't have anything against anyone doing Yoga, outside, in the fresh air, getting healthy, feeling good. But this guy wasn't doing what I would call Yoga for Yoga's sake. He was doing Yoga as entertainment and as he continued I noticed that he was doing Yoga as adult entertainment. Yes, use your imagination. I moved the car...

The next parking place on the other side of the little lake put us in line with a few walkers. I walk for exercise. I enjoy a nice walk. I don't get all into it and go fast. I prefer to saunter. Probably not the walking that a doctor would say was doing the most good for me. My walking is more of a head clearing than an artery clearing exercise for me. Getting back on the path.

The walkers around this little lake were really into the walking. Pumping hands and arms. A group of four mature ladies passed by all talking at once like they needed to be the first one to tell about the guy doing Yoga at the other end of the lake! Quite entertaining but they moved quickly by us with every hair in place and all wearing matching sweat suits that still had wrinkles from being new out of the packages. A very happy group of friends.

I bet even we were watched that day too. Especially when I goobered ketchup down the front of my shirt. I am such a lady. Yes I looked around to see if anyone was watching. So watch yourself and giggle. It will be your turn sooner or later. That day we saw two very different shows at one location and all for free. I just love free! Don't you?

Trina lives in Eureka, Nevada. Share with her at itybytrina@yahoo.com Really!

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, embrace that others see you as a role model. There may be someone close to you who holds you in strong regard. Pay attention to the influence you have on others.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a difficult problem will ultimately prove very rewarding when you find the solution. Embrace this challenge and give it your best shot. You will be glad you did.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, attempt to connect with people on a deeper level for the next several days. Your home is a place of comfort and your personal sanctuary, and you can make it that for others, too.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, slow down a little and take time to smell the roses. A breather can help you appreciate all the things you have and give time to show that appreciation.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Your focus this week will be on acquisitions. You may be renovating a home or business or simply updating a wardrobe. Keep track of your spending.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, change is stirring things up in a way that should be beneficial for you. See where this excitement takes you and brace yourself for whatever comes your way.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, make an effort to be more financially prudent in the coming weeks. Some patience and discipline now will pay big dividends down the road.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone you know is interested in picking up new skills, and you are just the teacher for the job, Scorpio. Embrace this chance to help others.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

This is an excellent time to express your feelings, Sagittarius. Others will be receptive to your thoughts, and a new relationship may be on the horizon.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

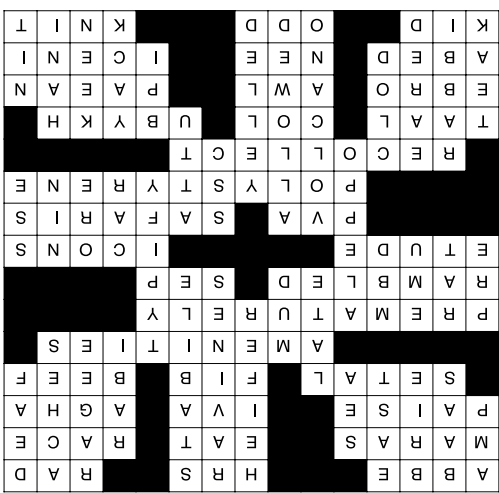
Capricorn, you may need to develop some thick skin as you begin taking on a new project. You're fully capable, so don't listen to any potential doubters.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

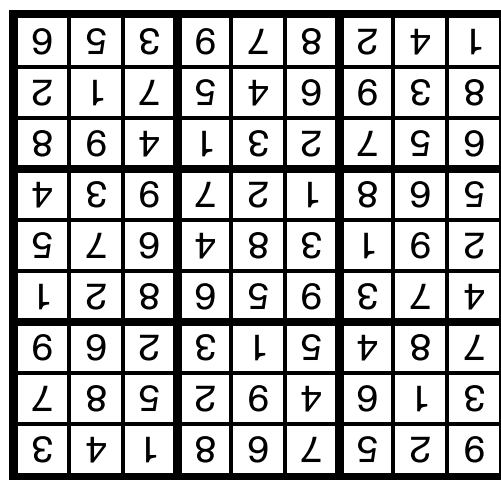
Your motivation must come from within this week, Aquarius. Others are not around to be your cheer squad. Your inner drive is there; it just may need a boost.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, keep to yourself this week if you feel unwanted conflict is coming. Enjoy some solitary time until the waters calm down.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



SUDOKU ANSWERS

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

• The Walker River Basin work day at Walker Lake proved success as Mineral County High School chemistry students showed Mineral County fourth graders how to test the lake water for alkalinity, PH, nitrates, oxygen levels and phosphates. The students also learned about Tamarisk on the north and south ends of Walker Lake. While the students were showed the root structure of a Tamarisk, Tony Tipton and Dan Kaffer came across a layer of volcanic ash under the surface near Tamarack Beach. Kaffer said the volcanic ash could have been deposited along the area when the volcanoes at Mammoth or Mono erupted thousands of years ago.

• PVT. Kenneth R. Little successfully completed thirteen weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Center in San Diego, Calif. Little's next step will be three weeks of additional Marine Corps Training at Camp Pendleton in California and upon completion will be sent for job training.

• Hawthorne Elk Dave and wife Sandy Baleria spent Thursday afternoon repainting the main front sign of the Hawthorne Elks Lodge, donating the enamel and supplies. The double-sided icon of Hawthorne's Elks now gleams to greet visiting Elks in the bright red, white and blue colors of "America's Patriotic Home."

20 YEARS AGO

• Bernetta Meier of Hawthorne, an employee of the Hawthorne post Office since 1985 and a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service was selected to be the new Postmaster of the Mina Post Office.

• Hawthorne BMX riders traveled to Las Vegas to participate in the Silver State Championships and they did very well. Local riders who won Plates at the races were: Jeremy Abrams; Oscar Berry; Cory Collins; Brian Harvey; Grant Harvey; Casey Kee and Jay Sears.

30 YEARS AGO

• Mineral County High School's cross country racing team, comprised of John and Yolanda Lockwood, made a great showing at the Fernley Invitational Meet. John, running against 27 other boys, came in first in the race that was two and one-half miles long. He ran the course in twelve minutes and fifty-three seconds. Yolanda, winning against 12 other girls, also came in first place in the race. She ran the same course in sixteen minutes and fifty-two seconds.

• The MCHS Serpents Football Team lost in an overtime game to the Independence Colts in Elko. The final score was 14-8.

• The Serpent Junior Varsity football team played the Tonopah Muckers and was victorious by a score of 46-6.

40 YEARS AGO

• Bids were being accepted on the construction of the new library to be built in Hawthorne.

• The ninth annual Mt. Grant General Hospital "Benefit Ball" was held at the El Capitan Convention Center. The theme of the event was "Octoberfest-Hoe-Down" and appropriate attire for the evening ranged from blue jeans to country dress. Everyone who attended had a great time.

• The Mineral County Commissioners appointed Don Cavin, Gene Christensen and Don Gruwell to the county game management board.

• The Yerington Lions over-powered the Serpents 60-6 in the last football game of the season.

• The Mineral County High School girls' basketball team defeated the Manogue Miners 40-21. Their record was 6-4 going into the last game of the season.

50 YEARS AGO

• James X. Willie, 76, a prominent Life-long resident of Mineral County, was the victim of a shooting incident at Schurz. Officers said the shooting followed an argument between two men at the Cline's "Y" in Schurz. Willie was employed at the "Y" and was shot by a "stray" bullet that claimed his life.

• The Schurz 4-H Club had a very



10 Years Ago - Oct. 30, 2007 became a Remembrance Day for Sgt. Kenneth E. Bostic. Sgt. Bostic was killed in the line of duty on Oct. 30, 2006 when a sniper's bullet took his life. "America's Patriotic Home" was called to duty making Oct. 30 Sgt. Kenny Bostic Memorial Day allowing members of the community to remember the life of our fallen hero and sacrifices he made of all of us.

impressive Annual Achievement Day program where many awards were presented to members of the club for their achievements.

• In a thrilling non-conference football game, the Serpents lost to the Lovelock Mustangs 14-13.

60 YEARS AGO

• The hard-fighting Gabbs Tarantula six-man football team faced the champion Fernley Vaqueros in the Gabbs Homecoming game. After a thrilling game the Gabbs team was defeated 36-27.

• The fast and powerful Elko Indians football team over-powered the Serpents grid squad 26-7.

• The first public dance of the school year was held at the high school gymnasium. The annual "Cinderella Kickoff" was sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America class at MCHS.

70 YEARS AGO

• Many national and state officials accepted invitations to attend the annual Navy Day celebration in Hawthorne. Included were: U.S. Senator George W. (Molly) Malone; U.S. Senator Pat McCarran; Governor Vail Pittman; Attorney General Alan Bible; State Controller Jerry Donovan; State Highway Engineer Billy Holcomb and G. H. Smith, representative of the federal roads public administration.

• The Fallon Green Wave Football team edged the Serpents 18-13 in the final minutes of play in a thrilling game.

80 YEARS AGO

• A young man in an Army uniform, with a slight gunshot wound in his leg, was given a ride to the naval ammunition depot dispensary by a truck driver who picked him up on the highway near Schurz. While receiving medical care at the dispensary, the young man admitted he was an AWOL soldier from Presidio of San Francisco. When he was provided "quarters" in the Navy brig pending instructions from his home base in California.

• Senator Pat McCarran visited Hawthorne Sunday and briefly discussed issues before Congress that affected Nevada. He said he would continue to vigorously opposed efforts to deny married couples in community property states the right to file separate income tax returns. McCarran was accompanied from Reno by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, and was met here by Highway Patrolman Bill Maher who drove the senator to Tonopah.

• Congressman William R. Thom of Ohio, ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, came to Hawthorne with Nevada's Congressman, James Scrugham, to make an onsite inspection of the naval ammunition depot. Thom was supporting the effort of Scrugham and Senator Pat McCarran to obtain appropriations for the expansion of facilities at the local depot.

OBITUARIES

MILDRED IRENE NICHOLS

Mildred Irene Nichols was called home to heaven on Aug. 25, 2017, in The Dalles, Ore. Mildred "Millie" was the oldest of eight children, born to Bertha and Leonard Pyatt. She was born in Randolph County, Mo., at their rural home. She met the love of her life, Lawrence Nichols, in the eighth grade, and they were later married on July 21, 1953,



Mildred Irene Nichols

in Montgomery City, Mo. They lived in Missouri until June of 1965 when they moved to Hawthorne with their five children: Richard, Susan, Brenda, David and Nancy. Once all the kids were in school, Mildred worked in Hawthorne at the Naval Ammunition Depot making 250 and 500 pound bombs to send overseas to aid in the Vietnam War effort. Mildred was working in the warehouse the day an accidental explosions killed two of her co-workers. Mildred decided the third time "may be the charm," so she quit her job and was a stay at home mom again, which Lawrence and her family loved and actually insisted upon.

Lawrence worked at Basic Incorporated in Gabbs until he was hired by the Naval Ammunition Depot as a welder in Hawthorne. He advanced to welding supervisor before being transferred to the Dalles Dam in 1980.

They were both members of the Elks Lodge in Hawthorne.

Mildred loved gardening, fishing, bowling and especially mushroom hunting in the forest areas surrounding Dufur, when her family or many friends weren't visiting. Her Bible study classes and The First Christian Church, and the many friends she had there, were cherished by Millie.

She and Lawrence were married for 40 years when he passed away in 1993. She is now reunited in heaven with her parents; loving husband; son, Richard Nichols; brother, Paul Pyatt; sisters, Mary Debo, Wanda Blancey and Linda (who died at age 2) and two great-grandchildren, Savannah Rose Berish and Joseph Michael Menicucci; brothers-in-law, Robert Vaughan, and William (Bill) Nichols; sisters-in-law, Nellie Gibbs, Mary Alice Nichols, Bernice Banks, Sandra McKeown; and many other family members who were waiting to welcome her home.

She was always a constant source of love and encouragement to everyone she met and will be missed dearly by all. Mom (grandma) is in all of our hearts. Many remember her infectious laugh, superior hugs and her love of family board games, camping trips and the little and big talks we had with her.

Mildred is survived by her sister, Yvonne Vaughan and family of Georgia; sister, Barbara Pyatt and family of The Dalles; brother, Arthur Pyatt, wife Emma and family of Arizona; sister-in-law, Judy Angelo, husband Bob and family of Georgia; brothers-in-law, Richard Debo and family of Wellsville, Mo.; Norman Blancey and family of Hawthorne; sister-in-law, Kathy Pyatt and family of Hawthorne; daughters, Susan Berish, husband Dave and family of Winnemucca; Brenda Nichols and family and Nancy Nichols and family of Hawthorne; son, David, wife Donna and family of The Dalles; daughter-in-law, Irma Nichols and family of Gresham, Ore.; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all across the United States. We all have another angel to look over us.

Mildred was be laid to rest beside her

loving husband at the Dufur Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to one of Mildred's favorite charities: St. Jude Children's Research or Boys Town.

MYRNA JOAN LUMSDEN

Myrna Joan Lumsden passed away Oct. 20, 2017 in Hawthorne. She was born



Myrna Joan Lumsden

March 10, 1937 in Billings, Mont. to Frederick and Martha Hieb Landenberger.

Myrna lived and worked in Gabbs for many years serving as the Librarian at the Gabbs Community Library.

Myrna was preceded in death by her husband Leland in 2004 and by other family members Martha, Marlene, Connie and Douglass Landenberger.

Surviving family members include John and Shirley Mayer; Dollie Smith, Myron and Lee Anne Landenberger, Luella Hudson, Leta Kelsey, Mark, Kevin and Tina, Brad and Tonya, and Chris and Kara Lumsden; grandchildren Christopher, Josh, Caleb, Wade, Felicia, Dakota, Jorden, Breanna, Halle, Shasta Lumsden, and Karmyn Riley; great grandchildren, Isaiah, Michael, Payten, Gwendolyn; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 27, from 8 am until the 10 am funeral service at Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Dr., Fallon, NV 89406. 775-423-2255.

Interment will follow at the Fallon cemetery.

Reception to follow at the Fallon American Legion, 90 N. Ada St., Fallon

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in her memory to the Gabbs Community Library, PO Box 206, Gabbs, NV 89409.

MICHAEL MONGELLI

Michael Mongelli died at home surrounded by his family on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017.



Michael Mongelli

Mike was born to Italian immigrants, Raffaele and Maria, in Rochester, N.Y. on July 29, 1930 and is the youngest of six boys. He enlisted in the Navy in 1948 and served on the submarine, Seacat.

In 1953, Mike moved to Hawthorne and met Mary Jo Dole. They married in 1954 and were married for 63 years and had five children. While living in Hawthorne, he served as a Reserve Officer in the Army National Guard. He also served a term as a Mineral County Commissioner.

Mike moved to Carson City in 1968 to manage the Carson Variety Store and in 1976 became the slot department manager at the Ormsby House where he worked until he retired.

In his retirement years, Mike enjoyed traveling, golf, spending time with family and friends and gardening. He took great pride in his roses. He loved meeting for breakfast with the ROMEO Club (Really, Old Men, Eating, Out).

Mike is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; his children: Susan (Dennis), Leslie (Kasey), Michael (Jennifer), Maria (Brett) and JJ (Jamie); his grandchildren: Rodney; Christy; Cynthia; Nick; Megan; Camille; Jeshua; Lucas and Peri and great grandchildren: Max; Rhyker; Kaleb; Paris; Allyrose; Scarlett; Ellie and Henry.

Services were held in Carson City on Friday, Oct. 20.

Annual Statement of Swiss Farms Products, Inc. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017

Location of Principal Office:	3993 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89169
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I, Jane Greenberg, Assistant Treasurer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate statement of the business transacted by said corporation in the State of Nevada, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 8, 2017

The Mineral County Regional Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and receive input pertinent to an application for Special Use Permit filed by Klondex Aurora Mine Inc for Parcels APN: 009-060-01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21; 007-190-05, 20, 45, 46, 47 & 48; 008-888-56. The Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2017, in the Mineral County Building Dept. building, 314 Fifth Street, Hawthorne NV 89415. You may call 775 945-2437, or 945-3725, attend/email joycebrownolz@hotmail.com/write your comments at or prior to the meeting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 8, 2017

The Mineral County Regional Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and receive input pertinent to an application for Special Use Permit filed by Mac Potter/Northern Star Casinos for Parcel APN: 001-422-03. The Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2017, in the Mineral County Building Dept. building, 314 Fifth Street, Hawthorne NV 89415. You may call 775 945-2437, or 945-3725, attend/email joycebrownolz@hotmail.com/write your comments at or prior to the meeting.

CHURCH NEWS

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

10th St. and D St., Hawthorne; 775-945-3313
Pastor, Richard Jackson

Macedonia is a fundamental independent Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend our services as follows: Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday evening bible study and prayer meeting 6 p.m. Sunday school

church bus pickup: 9 a.m. transportation is available to all services please call 775-945-3313.

Some of our basic church beliefs are as follows: we believe the whole bible to be the inspired word of God-we believe in the holy trinity: God the father, God the son, and God The Holy Spirit= one god in three persons-we believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ- we believe that all men are born sinners who are separated from God- we believe that Christ

died for our sins that he might bring us to God- we believe Christ arose from the dead the third day-we believe Jesus Christ will come to Earth again- we believe that salvation comes only by being born again- we believe every born again believer should declare their faith by being baptized which means (immersed in water)- we believe in the eternal security of those born again!

Please come and worship with us as we study verse by verse the life giving word of the living God!

quests, concerns, praise, and thoughts to Him. In order to accomplish this better as a congregation, we changed our corporate prayer time to the more accessible Sunday evening. We invite you to join us or let us know how we can pray for you specifically.

HAWTHORNE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

298 C Street, Hawthorne

You are cordially invited to study and worship with us on Saturdays; 10 a.m. study hour; 11 a.m. worship.

Matthew 5:5 (NASB)

"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

HAWTHORNE PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 a.m.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
7th and "F" Street, Hawthorne, Nevada

This Message will be delivered by Elder Joe Commerford

"All you need is love". We have a responsibility to love each other. This is not a suggestion, but it is a command by God through Jesus. We have to love one another.

Scripture: 1 John 4: 10-11, "This is love, not that we loved God, but he loved us, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends since God loved us, we also ought to love one another."

WALKER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

330 Willow Drive
Pastor Frank Reynolds 945-4696

Please join us Sunday mornings as we journey through the gospel of Luke. Service starts at 11 a.m. / junior church 11 a.m. Our new young adult Sunday meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship.

Sunday school for all ages 9:45 a.m. Nursery Provided.

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Saturday: Sabbath School and Worship from 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer from 5 p.m.

Friday: Christian Coffee Circle from 9 a.m.

Meeting at 580 E. Street, Hawthorne
Telephone: 775-316-0590

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on the corner of 8th and A Streets. Saturday Mass time is 9 a.m. Adult bible study group meets in the church at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday followed by Bible study in the Parish Hall.

Prayer services will be held at 4 p.m. on All Saints Day, Nov. 1, and on All Souls Day, Nov. 2.

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at the Mineral County
Firehouse

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Hawthorne

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dba The Community Action Center
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Mineral County
Post No. 19
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Executive Meetings Monthly
Commander: Ken Carrothers
1st Vice Commander: Paul Eddy
Adjutant: James "Gunny" Utterback

Walker Lake Baptist Church
A member of the Southern Baptist Convention
Frank Reynolds, Pastor
775-945-4696
Sunday Morning Services
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship Services: 11:00am

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
Hawthorne, Nevada
5th and C Streets
945-5512
www.fsbchawthorne.com
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 11:00am
Evening Service: 6:30pm
Wed. Prayer: 6:30pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
A and 8th Streets
775-845-2020
MASS SCHEDULE Saturday - 9:00am
Rev. Jesus Ballesteros, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Hawthorne, NV
8th & C Streets
945-3556
Sunday School: 9:45am
Morning Worship: 11:00am
Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Fortune-Eckley-Perry
V.F.W. Post 2668
Mina, NV
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Adjutant: Kerry Hermonson
Quartermaster: Tony Trujillo

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Sec.-Terry Rivero
Treas.-Loren Dudley

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Priscilla Martin - President

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P.O. Box 2313
Hawthorne, NV 89415
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Mina, NV
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Secretary - Theora Janis
Treasurer: Mary Freeman

Walker River Baptist Church
P.O. Box 250
826 Wovoka Dr.
Shurz, NV 89427
775-773-2369
Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship: 10:00am
Evening Service: 7:00pm
Wednesday Services: 7:00pm

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School: 9:30am
Morning Worship: 10:30am
Wednesday Prayer

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P.O. Box 1207
Hawthorne, NV 89415
Office: 775-945-2332
Everett Garswood ~ Pastor
Ron Dale ~ Lay Leader
Worship Services: Sun. 10:30am
Christian Ed.: Sunday School: 9:30am

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF NEVADA
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2nd Vice President
Treasurer/Secretary: Leanna Miller
Chaplain: Linda Eddy

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You are invited to the following services at First Southern Baptist Church. Come join us in worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ.

9:30 Sunday Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship Service (child care provided)

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer meeting
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- Sunday Evening Services - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Bible Studies - 5:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Service - 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

8th & C Sts.
Pastor John Murray

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Wednesday
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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2017

Have an item for the community calendar?
Call Heidi at 945-2414

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				26 4 p.m. – MCHS Volleyball Away Sierra Ridge 6 p.m. – Coop Ext Fall Festival 7 p.m. – Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O. Elks	27 6:30 p.m. – Celebrate Recovery	28 9 a.m. – Fall Craft Fair at Souled Out 10 a.m. – MCHS Volleyball at Coleville 1 p.m. – MCHS Football at Coleville
29	30 6 p.m. – Min. Co. Wildlife Advisory Board School picture retake day	31 6 p.m. – Hawthorne Trick or Treat CR 12 Step	1 12 p.m. – Soroptomist 6 p.m. – MCSC 6 p.m. – VFW Post 2668	2 7 p.m. – VFW Post 2313 7 p.m. – Search and Rescue	3 6:30 p.m. – Celebrate Recovery	4 12 p.m. – Adam Laxalt at El Capitan
5	6 6 p.m. – GID Walker Lake	7 4 p.m. – Rockets Boys Basketball Away Virginia City 6 p.m. – American Legion Aux No. 19 CR 12 Step MC TV Board	8 12 p.m. – Lahontan Valley Vet 4 p.m. – Rockets Boys Basketball Away Oasis	9 1 p.m. – Friends of the Library 4 p.m. – Rockets Boys Basketball Hosts Bridgeport 6 p.m. – V.F.W. Aux Post 2668 Mina 7 p.m. – Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O. Elks	10 6:30 p.m. – Celebrate Recovery	11 10:30 a.m. – Brucite Lodge 42
12	13	14 4 p.m. – Rockets Boys Basketball Hosts Smith Valley	15	16 4 p.m. – Rockets Boys Basketball Hosts Coleville	17 Museum free photo digitizing event	18 9 a.m. – Catholic Ladies Bazaar
19	20 5 p.m. – KARRS	21 CR 12 Step	22	23 11 a.m. – Ask a Lawyer 7 p.m. – Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O. Elks	24 6:30 p.m. – Celebrate Recovery	25

Solo travel savings tips for retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good travel companies that offer good deals for single travelers? I've taken a couple tours since I retired a few years ago, but the single-supplement fee really cuts into my budget.
Solo Sally

Dear Sally,
Solo traveling is a growing trend among baby boomers and retirees. Nearly 1-in-4 who travel today, go it alone according to a recent Visa Global Intentions Study. But one of the biggest drawbacks among solo travelers is the single supplemental fee – which is an extra fee charged to single travelers who stay in a double occupancy room alone.
To help you avoid this extra charge, more and more travel companies and cruise lines are making adjustments to accommodate the growing solo-traveler market. Here are several to check into.

SINGLES TRAVEL
There are a variety of travel companies today that specialize in vacations for solo travelers, including Singles Travel International (SinglesTravelIntl.com) and Singles Travel Getaways (SinglesTravelGetaways.com).

JIM MILLER SAVVY SENIOR
com). Both companies offer tours, cruises and adventures in the U.S. and overseas, and will match you with a roommate to avoid the single supplement, or won't charge you if a match can't be arranged.

GENERAL TOUR OPERATORS
Some big operators in this category that have lots of solo travelers include Intrepid Travel (IntrepidTravel.com), which handles more than 100,000 travelers each year, sending them to more than 100 countries. And G Adventures (Gadventures.com), which has more than 700 tours around the globe, and offers a variety of travel styles. Both of these companies can pair you with a roommate, and some tours offer your own room option for an additional fee.
And for higher-end luxury travel check out Abercrombie & Kent (AbercrombieKent.com), which offers a 50 percent single supplement discount on their select small group solo travel trips and cruises, and Tauck (Tauck.com), which has no single supplement on their European river cruises.

50-PLUS TRAVEL
If you're interested in trips designed for adults 50 and older consider ElderTreks (ElderTreks.com), Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org) and Overseas Adventure Travel (OATtravel.com).

ElderTreks specializes in exotic adventures worldwide, and will match single travelers with roommates on most of its trips, and doesn't charge if a match can't be arranged.
Road Scholar specializes in worldwide learning adventures, and has designated trips that offer the same price for solo travelers as for those traveling in pairs.
And Overseas Adventure Travel, which operates in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Middle East, Cuba, Australia and New Zealand, has free single supplements on all its land tours and either free or low-cost single supplements on its small-ship adventures.

CRUISE LINES
If cruising is your thing, there are a number of cruise lines that have some ships with single-occupancy cabins, including Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL.com), Royal Caribbean (RoyalCaribbean.com) and Vantage Deluxe World Travel's river ships (VantageTravel.com).

Or, consider booking a cruise at SinglesCruise.com, which uses a variety of different cruise lines for their single customers. They provide roommate matching.

SOLO WOMEN
For solo women travelers, there are a host of tour companies and clubs, like GutsyWomenTravel.com, Women-Traveling.com, SerenDipityTraveler.com, TheWomensTravelGroup.com and Womens-Travel-Club.com that will either match you up with a roommate, or reduce their single supplement fee.

TRAVEL PARTNER
If you'd rather find a suitable travel partner before you book your next trip, there are a number of free websites that can help you here too. See Travbuddy.com, TravelFriend.us and Travelers-Meeting.com. Or, to find a cruise buddy try CruiseMates.com, which has a message board where users can post roommate requests.
For more information on solo travel, check out SoloTravelerWorld.com, which offers solo travel tips, destinations and stories, and also publishes a monthly list of solo travel deals.

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Gun law backers too wily for their own good

The backers of a 2016 ballot initiative to create a state law requiring criminal background checks for all private party gun sales — something not required by federal law — are asking the courts to fix a fatal flaw that they themselves created.

Failure to comply with the Background Check Act requirement would carry a penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine — if it were enforceable.

The measure, Question 1 on the November ballot, passed with a mere 50.45 percent of the vote, failing in every county except Clark.

The initiative backers — in order to avoid having a fiscal note saying what the mandatory background checks would cost taxpayers, something that might cost votes — wrote the new law to say that those involved in a private gun sale must contact a licensed gun dealer to conduct a background check and: “The licensed dealer must contact the National Instant Criminal Background Check System [NICS], as described in 18 U.S.C. § 922(t), and not the Central Repository, to determine whether the buyer or transferee is eligible to purchase and possess firearms under state and federal law ...”

The Central Repository is handled by the Nevada Department of Public Safety and uses NICS data as well as state and local data to run background checks required by federal law and those sought voluntarily by private gun sellers.

After the initiative passed the FBI was twice asked if would conduct the private sale background checks for the state, but refused, saying state law “cannot dictate how federal resources are applied.”

Attorney General Adam Laxalt’s office issued an opinion saying the law is unenforceable since the state could



THOMAS MITCHELL
COMMENTARY

not force the federal government to perform the background checks and the law specifically prohibits the state from doing so.

The lawsuit filed earlier this month on behalf of three individuals names Gov. Brian Sandoval and Laxalt as defendants. The suit asks the court to force Sandoval to enforce the background check law or, in the alternative, to sever any portion of the law that is invalid or unenforceable. In other words, rewrite the law that the voters so narrowly approved.

Like most laws the Background Check Act contains a severability clause that states if any portion of the law is found invalid or unconstitutional that should not affect the law as a whole because that part could be excised. But the section that the suit seeks to remove was placed there specifically to avoid incurring cost to the taxpaying voters. Without that section the election outcome might well have been different.

On the day the suit was filed Laxalt sent an opinion to the governor telling him that he has the authority to again ask the FBI to conduct private sale backgrounds, but that the request would be “unique and unprecedented” and might jeopardize the state’s current status in which it conducts all federally required

and voluntary private sale background checks.

In the December opinion declaring the Background Check Act unenforceable, Bureau Chief Gregory Zunino pointed out that the state-run background checks are in fact superior to those run through just the federal database.

“Because background checks run through Nevada as the Point of Contact incorporate data from both NICS and Nevada’s own state records, the process as currently administered by the Department ensures that persons legally barred from firearms possession do not circumvent the bar simply because the FBI may lack records that Nevada possesses, like mental-health records, records of domestic violence, misdemeanor criminal records, arrest reports, and restraining orders,” Zunino noted. “By having Nevada serve as the Point of Contract, a wide net is cast. The FBI recently suggested, for instance, that the lack of Point of Contact program in South Carolina played a role in Dylan Roof acquiring a gun before murdering nine congregants at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.”

It should be noted that the gunman who fired into a country music concert from the 32-second floor of the Mandalay Bay killing 58 and injuring about 500, obtained his dozens of weapons legally, passing all required background checks in Nevada and several other states.

The initiative was a futile gesture at best, but the backers outsmarted themselves by trying to hide its true cost from the voters.

Thomas Mitchell is a longtime Nevada newspaper columnist. You may email him at thomasmv@yahoo.com. He also blogs at <http://4thst8.wordpress.com/>.

EDITORIAL

Good riddance to EPA’s Clean Power Plan

President Trump’s Environmental Protection Agency has pulled the plug on the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, which called for power plants in every state to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 — a not so thinly veiled plan to destroy the coal industry.

It was a senseless and futile gesture that would have cost Americans dearly while doing nearly nothing to protect the planet from global warming.

The U.S. Supreme Court had already blocked enforcement of the plan after 29 states filed suit saying the plan violated the law and the concept of federalism. Nevada filed an amicus brief with the court agreeing with those claims.

According to a Heritage Foundation report, Obama’s plan by 2030 would have cost an annual average employment shortfall of nearly 300,000 jobs with a peak employment shortfall of more than 1 million jobs. It also would have created a loss of more than \$2.5 trillion (inflation-adjusted) in aggregate gross domestic product (GDP) and reduced total income per capita by more than \$7,000 (inflation-adjusted).

According to the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, the EPA proposal would increase the price of electricity in Nevada an average of 18 percent between 2020 and 2029.

Nevada’s friend-of-the-court brief noted, “EPA’s expensive economic experiment, imposed by fiat, will increase electricity prices for consumers and may well compromise the reliability of electric power service. The best estimates of how much prices will rise, performed by the NERA (National Economic Research Associates) economic consulting group, projects increases of as much as 14 percent per year costing Americans as much as \$79 billion in present dollars.”

Although Obama’s EPA administrator Gina McCarthy insisted those costs were well worth it in order to save the planet, Obama’s own former Assistant Secretary of Energy Charles McConnell said at a congressional hearing in 2016, “The Clean Power Plan has been falsely sold as impactful environmental regulation when it is really an attempt by our primary federal environmental regulator to take over state and federal regulation of energy.”

McConnell told the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology that he estimated the plan would only reduce global carbon dioxide emissions by 0.2 percent, and the rule would only reduce projected warming by 1/100th a degree Celsius and reduce projected sea level rise by 1/100 of an inch.

“We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted, and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism,” said EPA administrator Scott Pruitt in announcing the rescinding of the Clean Power Plan. The previous rule, he added, “ignored states’ concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes.”

The change will not affect Nevada as much as other states since the state’s lawmakers, at the behest of former Sen. Harry Reid, have already dictated that all coal-fired plants in the state be shuttered prematurely and the ratepayers pick up the tab. The move is expected to destroy 2,630 jobs by 2020 and cut real disposable income by \$226 million per year, according to one study.

The EPA rule change should be a boon to the national economy for years to come, and is a welcome breath of regulatory fresh air, so the speak. — **TM**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR,

After recently moving back to Hawthorne, I read the Mineral County Code. When I got to Chapter 9 Section 080 Part 10 I was shocked to find that County Code has banned firearms from the town of Hawthorne since 1946. It reads, “It is unlawful for any person to make a bonfire or to burn any material out of doors within the limits of Hawthorne between sunset and sunrise; or to give away, sell, keep, expose or offer for sale or to fire off or discharge within the limits of Hawthorne, any ordnance, gun, rifle, pistol or other firearm, or any squib, rocket, roman candle, chaser, firecracker or other fireworks of any kind or nature whatsoever. (CH Ord. 3 § 2, 1946)”

Chapter 9 Section 076 Part 010 is a poorly written ordinance that can be read as banning the transport of firearms through Hawthorne. It reads: “It is unlawful for any person within the limits of Hawthorne to wear, carry or have concealed upon his person any dirk, knife, pistol, revolver, sling shot, brass knuckles, razor or other dangerous weapon without first obtaining permission from the city council. The city council may, upon application made in writing, showing the reason of the person or the pur-

pose for which any concealed weapon is to be carried, grant permission under the seal of Hawthorne and attested by its clerk to the person making such application authorizing such person to carry the concealed weapon described in such permission. (CH Ord. 3 § 7, 1946)”

After reading these shocking ordinances, I did some research and found that they were passed in the 1940s, when Hawthorne was an incorporated City by the City Council. When Hawthorne reincorporated in the 1960s, Mineral County adopted the Hawthorne City Code—including the unconstitutional fire arms bans—no questions asked.

For 50 years, our County Commissioners have done nothing about two blatantly unconstitutional ordinances, ordinances which disregards our 2nd Amendment rights as American citizens. It is something I hope the Board of County Commissioners that takes office in January of 2019 will repeal at its first meeting. By doing that, the County will be reaffirming our 2nd amendment rights.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL GUSS

MINERAL COUNTY

Source: http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/m_index.php?book_id=625

Changes in Public Notice Regulation for the Air Quality Program of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

In accordance with the new regulations approved by the State Environmental Commission on September 13, 2017, the Air Quality Program (Bureaus of Air Pollution Control and Air Quality Planning) of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is changing the way official notifications of intent of action (public notices) are published. The required method of public notice for air quality permitting (Nevada Administrative Code, NAC, Chapter 445B), Chemical Accident Prevention Program (NAC Chapter 459), and Alternative Fuel Program, (NAC Chapter 486A) will no longer be the publication in newspapers. Instead, the new regulation requires notices to be published on an Internet website designated to give general public notice, and the Air Quality Program of the NDEP has elected the NDEP website (ndep.nv.gov/posts) for this purpose. The effective date for the new regulation is September 21, 2017.

This change does not affect public notice for regulatory amendments (Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 445B), for which public notice in newspapers is still required; similarly, this change does not affect any regulation related to air quality notices in effect for both Clark and Washoe County.

The Air Quality Program utilizes alternative options for public awareness and participation, including electronic and mail delivery. We encourage anyone who has questions regarding the new regulations, or who is interested in receiving public notices directly from the Air Quality Program, to contact us at (775) 687-9349.

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(Editor's note - This is an open letter to Mineral County from Tana Gurule as she speaks about the tragic events of Oct. 1 in Las Vegas. Her words have not been changed as this is her story to tell.)

DEAR EDITOR,

As most of you know, I was attending the Route 91 Harvest Festival country music concert on October 1st when Stephen Paddock opened automatic gunfire on concertgoers and the surrounding areas, including jet fuel tanks at the airport. I have attended the concert several times in previous years and it has been one of my favorite things to do in Las Vegas. The atmosphere, the music, the people, the food, the weather are always incredible. This year was different as it was the first time for three of the six of us that attended together. I have been several times with a longtime best friend, Lisa Randall, but it was the first time for Hawthorne native, Nicole Ferrell, and three others that came from surrounding states.

We all sang and danced, screamed and cheered as our favorite artists took the stage performing our favorite country songs. We took videos and pictures each day as the sun crept behind the Mandalay Bay, which we were so grateful for all weekend for providing shade, until the sun dipped below the mountains on the horizon. The view of the sun gleaning off the Mandalay Bay in the background of the main stage was breathtaking and we were all having a great time.

The first year the concert was held, Jason Aldean was a headliner that year as well that both Lisa and I have a hard time recalling. Needless to say, we consumed a few more bubbly's that year. We were so excited to have him back with a new album out and ready to party with the 22,000 people that came from all over the country to see him. After about three songs, he addressed the crowd saying, "He didn't come out here to talk" but to play music as long as they would allow him and show us a good time. We were on the left side of the stage in a clearing just behind everyone crammed in shoulder to shoulder just in front of Jason Aldean.

Of course, after he finished "talking" to us he began playing his music we all know and love. During that next song, we all heard what sounded like firecrackers. While some concertgoers started breaking for the exits, I tried keeping those around me calm and said they were fireworks and not to panic. Shortly after, those little pops became incredibly loud almost as if shots were being fired from inside the festival grounds which is what I initially suspected. We immediately laid on the ground but quickly realized we would be trampled over from everyone crammed in together in front of the stage. Immediately behind us was the handicap stage that was accessible and reserved for wheelchairs. Nicole jumped over the rail and onto the stage and we quickly followed. We all laid behind the temporary, metal stage where we could hear the sound of bullets ricocheting off the metal. We heard cries from women who were still on the stage, waited for a pause in gunfire and went to assist them. Lisa and I noticed a woman sitting in a wheelchair crouching over and crying for help. She crouched over her dog and wanted nothing more than to protect her small, shaking chihuahua. We laid over her as shots broke out again when Nicole shot me a "What the hell are you doing? Are you crazy look" from the other side of the stage where she was assisting another woman. When there was another lull in the shooting, we wheeled the woman and her dog off the stage dodging chairs, debris and lord knows what else. Lisa eventually found her husband, who ran off, apparently needing a drink (or something) after the shooting began and came back for her later. At that same time, Nicole called for a woman laying on the stage to crawl to her and she repeat-



edly stated she couldn't. Nicole found the woman a folded-up wheelchair, set it up and got her into it and she was eventually wheeled to safety.

Because my friends did not panic, I felt I was able to tell them to stay safely behind cover while I assisted others who were injured. I immediately approached an officer I recognized, identified myself as a police officer, showed him my badge and was no longer on the site as a civilian. He told me he knew who I was and we helped others carry a man who had been shot in the back who had been placed on a piece of fence to a truck, placed him in the bed and he was driven to a hospital.

I could go on and on. There are so many accounts of what happened that night and we continue to talk about everything with each other. We fill in the blanks for what the others do not recall and we continue to remember things that happened that we did not initially. Like the fact that I completely forgot the woman had a Chihuahua until Lisa reminded me a few

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PIC OF THE WEEK



Girls Scouts participated in a zombie event to welcome the upcoming Halloween holiday - Photo by Felicia Skvarna

Mineral County wins big at Excel Christian, 74-46

MCIN Staff

The Mineral County High football team raced out to an early lead at Excel Christian and held off the Warriors in the second half to win 74-46 last Friday afternoon.

Excel's offense posted 32 points in the first half, but the Serpents blanked them

in the third quarter to take control of the game. It was the third time this season that the Serpents scored more than 70 points.

Mineral County (6-2, 4-2) remains tied for third place with Smith Valley in the 1A Northern West division.

They will travel to Coleville (3-4, 2-4) Saturday at 1 p.m. for their final game of the regular season.



The sideways slide. The MXS-RH one-of-a-kind plane Holland flies and he helped design modifications. It flies 300+ mph and is rated at +/- 16 Gs. Best video is on YouTube - Rob Holland 2017 Rhode Island Air Show.

I've admired Rob Holland's aerobatics for quite some time and a few of his International competition medals are 4 consecutive World 4 - minute freestyle Champion. In US competition he has 8, (7 consecutive) US 4-minute Freestyle Champion plus many others.



The closing performance was the USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration Team.

Their show is full of formations and single flights of #s 5 and 6 that do cross-overs and close duets. The 4 or 5 plane formation flights are done while the solos are setting up for their next pass. A surprise is when the solos are doing something and the formation does a pass from behind the crowd. But the one that really gets the crowd is when the team has just passed by and a single comes from behind just below the speed of sound. That gets your attention!!! It was a great show.

Activated at Luke Air Force Base, AZ in 1953 as the official team, they chose Thunderbirds partly due to the Native American Culture and folklore of that area. They have always used current jets of the time and in 1983, the F-16 became their 9th jet for the team. Each jet has two ground crew and part of the show is their precise ground maneuvers in unison.



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days later. But thankfully we are all ok, recovering well and able to laugh, retell the stories and be there for each other. Also, I hope this helps anyone who still questions what we all went through that evening.

The main purpose of this was to let you all know that I was not there alone and in the company of people I believe are more heroic than what many of you have referred to me as. I am well trained for these exact circumstances. We train for the worst, and this was absolutely worse than anything I could have ever imagined but I did my job. Nicole is an Air Force veteran and Lisa is a flight attendant both with some training, but nothing compared to what I have received through the police department. Yet both of them jumped back on that handicap stage with me and assisted those two women, and her dog, get to safety. They were able to seek better cover from our initial spot, hunker down, stay calm and help others while bullets continued to ricochet off the metal from those platforms they laid under. They were the true heroes that night. They were heroes to those around them and to those whose lives they saved and touched that night. These were my heroes that night and they will be forever in my eyes. We all now share a special bond that will last a lifetime and since then our relationships have grown stronger. It also gives us a pretty good story to tell forever!

I can speak for Nicole on this as well, and we cannot thank everyone enough for all the phone calls and text messages we received from you all. You still are and were incredibly supportive and your prayers and positive thoughts meant more to us than you know. To Amanda, thank you for talking to and trying to help Nicole, Lisa and Katie figure out what was going on when no one had a clue yet. To my parents, who came down and made sure we were all ok. You guys and the rest of the family have always been so supportive in all the career decisions I have made and the shenanigans I seem to get myself into. I love you guys! Again, I wish I could put into words how much everything you all have done and said means to us. We come from a truly wonderful community and we love that we are able to call Hawthorne my home. Thank you!

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Good turnout for Pumpkin Bash tourney

By Sheri Samson
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This year's 2017 Pumpkin Bash Golf Tournament ended "Par-fectly" with the area weather providing a scenic, crisp Fall day. The seasonal display of golden leaves on the surrounding cottonwood trees pleased the visiting golfers, with some admitting to an hour drive to attend. Among over 60 participants, the golfer coming the farthest arrived from Portland, Ore. The Hawthorne Army Depot location did not disappoint, as the vast blue skies provided a perfect golf day, on the well-manicured lawns of the Walker Lake Public Golf Course.

Golf coach Mike Fitzgerald, who also coached the high school golf classes before retiring, said that the pumpkin-themed open tournament was retiring after this, their final year.

"For 29 years" we have returned to enjoy raising money for kid projects and we have fun doing it. It has always been word-of-mouth which brings some groups out every year, so we get to play some golf while visiting with old friends." Fitzgerald shared.

With funds lacking for local teen programs, Fitzgerald explained that the pumpkins-in-golfing idea was originally created to meet the need of supporting the high school's golfing endeavors. It has evolved over the years, but the premise for tee assignments and game-induced golf holes was to provide additional fines or instructions that made the golf game enticing and to bring in more donations. Entry fees, prize donations, tickets and earnings helped provide items which ranged from an assortment of golf balls to food items for a golfer to win. The "Great Pumpkin God" could also dispense special offerings to the golfers by setting them up to win coveted prizes and yet the emphasis was to raise funds for kids.

At this 9-hole course, participants were competing in an 18-hole tournament. Pumpkins were set up around the course with game drawings and specific tickets which could be used for credits at



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Mike Fitzgerald, right, returns to his cart after hitting a shot at the Pumpkin Bash Golf Tournament at Walker Lake Golf Course.

certain putts. Mulligan's were one dollar, as it was stated that "your game can be bought". Other pumpkins required that you only draw if you were a certain age, lived a certain place, voted by a certain party or were a lady. Rented golf carts were whirling around the marked golfing spots, with casual golfers mixed in along with those that were "practicing" their golf game. Many wore bright orange and black apparel as a sign of the tournament's fun, seasonal attitude.

One local participant, Ed Engel, shared his memories of the golf course, citing that he personally arrived to the Hawthorne base, only "to marry the local girl at the gate".

"When I arrived here the trees were only about six to eight feet tall. It was in the 50's and 60's, but this place was jumping. It was the perfect set-up, with the nice sized golf course, food and a bar and you could just come in and hang out to meet up with friends."

Engel went on to say he was gone from 1964-1967 during the Vietnam War, but even coming home to Hawthorne, the

golf course provided a great place to enjoy within the community.

Originally open in 1952, today the golf course offers a 9-hole course, with sand traps to challenge the serious player, yet any skill level can take advantage of other aspects, such as the driving range, putting or chipping range and just enjoying the local views.

The Walker Lake Golf Course is a year-round, recreational use facility, which includes a clubhouse offering a location to relax, drink at the bar or grab a snack. Tournaments and events may be scheduled throughout the year. Golf carts and clubs may be rented and a golf pro can be arranged in advance by contacting the facility directly for fees and scheduling. A vetting process of entry is required in advance, which can be arranged by calling 775-945-1111 or to receive information on their website visit: www.walkerlakegolf.com for fees and specific hours offered. Entry to drive into the base facility requires a full, picture identification for all drivers and passengers at the main guard house entrance.

ANNUAL CAHS COAT DRIVE BEGINS THIS WEEK IN HAWTHORNE

It's getting cold out and it's time for CAHS to begin their Annual Coat Drive. Starting Wednesday, Oct. 25, they will have coats available for those in need. They will also be accepting donations of new or gently used coats for all ages. If you are low-income and in need of a coat please come by the CAHS office. They are located at 924 5th Street, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact them at 945-2471.

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