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Grand Opening of the Repetto Vault Kicks Off Annual Wine Walk



Wine Walk helpers first to see Repetto Vault. Photo by Kathy Porter.

By Winnona Eversgerd

The grand opening of the Repetto Vault was held on Friday night, September 18, 2026, serving as the kickoff to the Annual Wine Walk. The celebration was twofold: it introduced the community to Eureka's newest gathering space and offered a chance to thank the many people who help make the Wine Walk possible each year.

The event also gave residents a first look at the latest project from Eureka Restoration. Garney Damele, President and founder of Eureka Restoration Enterprise, purchased the Charles Lautenschlager Building in 2018 after Nevada State Bank moved into Raine's Market and placed the historic property up for sale. The acquisition proved to be a fortunate moment for Eureka. As long-time businesses close and the town faces economic challenges, Garney continues to invest in building, restoring, and renovating properties with the hope of attracting new businesses and supporting a revitalized local economy.

In 2019, she leased out portions of the building, bringing two much-needed businesses to town. Economy Drug now occupies the front of the building, while The Eureka Depot, with its excellent coffee and specialty drinks, operates in the back. Though the Depot's side entrance can be easy to miss for travelers, the charming maroon awnings

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What Happened to the Pool?

By Winnona Eversgerd

The Eureka County Swimming Pool staff announced on Feb. 9, that it would be closed to resurface the pool and make updates to the floors and deck. At the time the project was expected to take six weeks. Since that initial announcement, there have been no additional updates on their Facebook page, but the pool remains closed.

Eight months later, we are still wondering what is going on with the pool? In a conversation with Lester Porter, we gained a clearer understanding about the proposed scope of work and the issues that have delayed reopening.

Initially, the pool was scheduled to have a complete overhaul on all of its surfaces: new plaster inside the pool, new concrete surrounding the pool (coping), and new flooring (decking) throughout the building. Two separate contractors won the bid to do the work: Insteel from Elko, NV was responsible for removing and replacing the old plaster and coping from around the pool. High Desert Surface Prep was responsible for removing and installing the new decking in the bathrooms, changing rooms, office area, and the exterior pool deck.

The demolition and initial installation were completed about eight weeks after work began. However, there was an issue with the coping installation. Upon closer inspection it became evident that the coping that had been installed was not the right fit for the shape of the pool. There were obvious flaws with the style or installation of the coping. When these issues were brought to Insteel's management, they agreed that the quality was not acceptable.

While the Insteel management acknowledged the problem, the remedy has taken considerable time. The newly installed coping needed to be removed and new coping ordered. The brick surround requires at least eight weeks for manufacturing and shipping, adding significant delay to the project.

In the meantime, the pool staff has been busy working on different projects to get the pool ready for reopening. They have painted the entire inside of the pool building, giving it a fresh and bright new look. The newly installed plaster requires polishing and brushing, which has kept staff occupied. When they aren't working on the pool maintenance, they have assisted in other areas of the county. Most weeks a crew could be seen in town working to clean the sidewalks and curbing, pulling weeds, and any other projects around town.

Although this project has taken far longer than originally expected, county officials have worked diligently to ensure the project was done properly. They are grateful for Insteel's cooperation and professionalism in remediating the project at no additional cost to the county.



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Poker Run Rolls In Big Wins for Eureka's Kids

By Winnona Eversgerd

On an absolutely perfect fall day, the Eureka Early Learning Center hosted its second annual Poker Run on Saturday, October 3. In just two years, the event has become a local favorite, and this year it raised more than $21,000. Organized by the Eureka Moms Group, the Poker Run received enthusiastic support from local businesses and residents.

This year's course, designed by Raymond Hondson, Dalton Kemp, and Justin Moyle, covered 48 miles of off-road terrain, taking riders through some of the most beautiful backcountry in Eureka. Participants stopped at five checkpoints along the route to stretch, grab a drink, and draw cards for their poker hands.

Organizer Lindsay Stith and the Eureka Moms Group were thrilled with Saturday's turnout, registering 47 teams. They emphasized two priorities for this year's event. The first was safety. While the Poker Run is meant to be an adventurous outing that showcases Eureka's landscape, organizers want riders to enjoy it safely. Last year saw one minor injury, so this year all participants attended a riders' meeting where seatbelt use was strongly encouraged. Riders were also warned about bug dust and other off road hazards and were reminded to help fellow riders if needed.



Final check-in station. Photos courtesy Eureka Moms Group

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FROM THE EDITOR

WINNONA'S WINDOW



It's a funny thing that happens if I stop and pay attention to "coincidences" in my life. I'm not one to believe in coincidences, which Merriam-Webster defines as "the occurrence of events that happen at the same time by accident but seem to have some connection." Well, in my experience these random moments do not necessarily happen at the same exact time, but seem to occur with greater frequency. Honestly, I don't even call these random occurrences coincidences, but rather opportunities from God, little nudges to slow down and listen to whatever lesson He is trying to teach me.

I spent most of my working career as a school counselor; listening and trying to make sense of human behavior was the best part of that job. I recently interviewed the organizer of the Poker Run fundraiser for the Eureka Early Learning Center. During our conversation, she emphasized that the Eureka Moms Group is working hard to make the project a reality without expecting handouts. After the second time of mentioning this, I asked her why that point was so important to her. She explained that they believe working hard for this project is important and want the community to understand that, especially because there has been opposition to it.

The counselor in me wondered: why would there be opposition to county involvement in building a center whose mission is to support the children in this community, especially when there are not any readily available day care options. It was the opposition to this endeavor that made me think about another issue where the county commissioners were considering a real estate purchase. Many of the Main Street businesses were in favor of this purchase because the county has the means to deal with the destruction and the danger to remediate the deteriorating building. Although this sounded like a common-sense solution to an obvious problem, much like the need for child care, the county received some push back. Again, I wondered: why the opposition?

Just because I think something is a good idea does not mean anything really. The real lesson, I think, comes from comparing the end results. In the first example, the organizers listened to the concerns raised by the opposition. Instead of becoming discouraged or deterred, they became even more determined to build a childcare center without relying on handouts. The opposition actually strengthened their resolve. This created determination and drive, two very motivating factors for a group of moms who needed help with their children. Unfortunately, in the second situation, the commissioners have seemingly decided to abandon the project because of the opposition.

While the commissioners absolutely have a duty to listen to the citizens they represent, both the supportive and critical ones, they also have a responsibility to explore solutions when problems arise. True discernment means recognizing that some people will always share their opinions, but leadership requires weighing those opinions against the needs of the community.

Perhaps that's the real lesson.

The Mom Group should be commended, not just because they are close to achieving what once seemed impossible, but they have worked on this project so long they no longer personally need the childcare it will provide. And still, they continue working harder than ever to make it a reality.

—Winnona

Winnona writes about life, community, and the people and places that make rural Eureka County home.

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Garney Damele recognized for her hard work. Photo by Jon Eversgerd.

make the long side of the building warm and inviting.

With the addition of Eureka's new speakeasy, The Repetto Vault, the basement of the building is now fully utilized, and what an incredible transformation it is. The name comes from the impressive built-in vault located at the front of the building, a remnant from its days as a bank. The Repetto family were the last owners before the property became the bank building, and the name emerged from many brainstorming sessions.

While speakeasies rose to fame in the 1920s as clandestine alcohol establishments during prohibition, the Repetto Vault is no secret. It is now available as a rental space for small gatherings and special events. Community members interested in booking the venue can contact Garney directly.

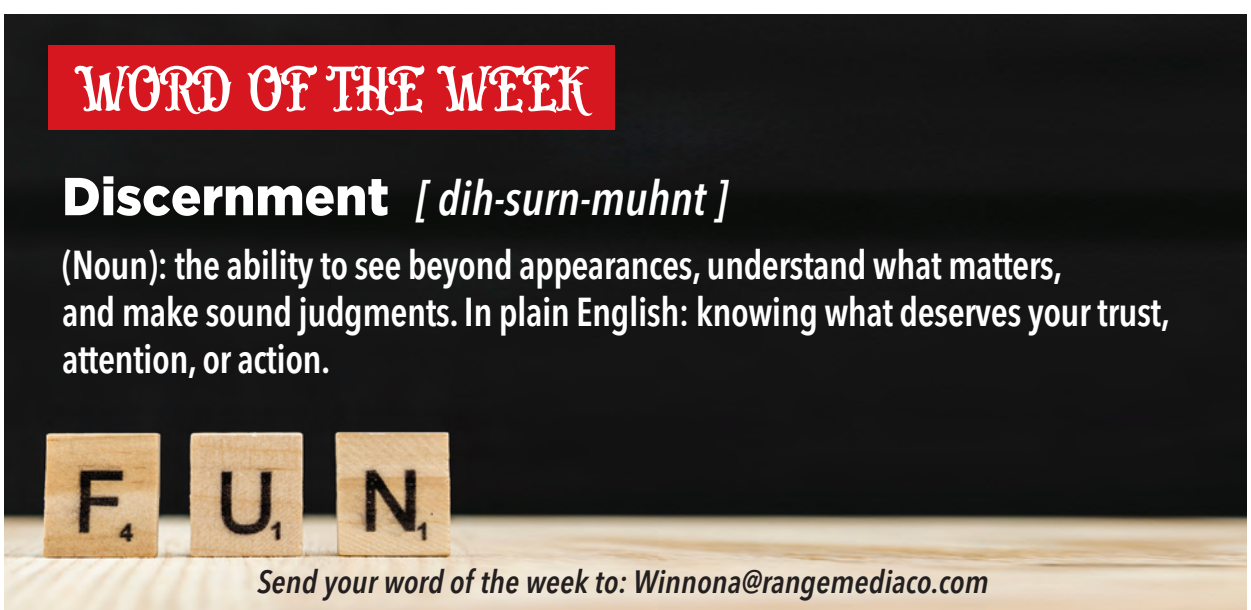


Inside Repetto vault. Photo by Jamie Willis.

Eureka Restoration, and Garney Damele in particular, deserve immense gratitude for the dedication, vision, and hard work invested in preserving and revitalizing this community. The Repetto Vault is yet another example of how her efforts continue to breathe new life into Eureka.

Correction:

Last week we mistakenly misspelled Charlee Sestanovich in two homecoming photos.



FEATURES

MEET THE CANDIDATES

By Winnona Eversgerd

Meet the Candidates is a new forum designed to shine a spotlight on the people who are running for local government seats in the upcoming November 3 election. We will ask each candidate the same set of questions and provide an overview of their responses. We hope that by focusing on each contested seat, we can showcase each candidate, providing information that may be helpful when making your selection at the voting booth. The first set of candidates are running for Eureka County School Board Trustee Seat 2A.

I had the opportunity to sit down with Melynda Todd to get to know her better.



School Board candidate Melynda Todd.

Tell me a little about yourself:

Melynda was raised in Lund, NV. After graduation, she moved to Virginia where she attended Bridgewater College for two years, then went to Southern Virginia University and finished her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. She hoped to work in the field of prosthetics and orthotics but life brought her back to Nevada. She has worked at Mt. Wheeler Power for nine years and has been a mom for three years, which she says is the "best job in the world." She has coached for about five years, and loves it, coaching high school basketball and junior high volleyball.

What brought you to Eureka, and when did you move here?

Melynda said that she moved here because of Michael Todd. They fell in love and moved to Eureka in 2016. They got married in 2022.

Why do you want to join the school board?

"I want to make an impact for the future. And I think being involved is really important for that and important for my family."

What experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board trustee?

"I think my willingness to listen and learn, to ask questions, look at the bigger picture, be involved, and know the importance of the school district and the school system for the kids. And really serving the community. I also served on a union negotiation committee, this year for our union contract with Mt. Wheeler Power, and I actually we really enjoyed that."

What are three top issues facing the Eureka County School Board and education currently, and what is your plan to address them?

Melynda said that she does not have a plan for addressing these issues but she would work with the board when designing a plan. She stated that the top issues would be financial issues and the legislation changes going on. She also realized that student population is going down, which is a concern. Then the expansion of Eureka in the 5 to 10 years may be huge, and if that's true making changes for the future needs to happen now.

Can you explain what the school funding formula is and how the district receives its money?

Melynda is aware that the schools are funded per pupil and that the Governor recently stepped in with an emergency funding order.

Is there anything you would like to add that wasn't covered in the questions?

"I think we have an incredible school system. Five-star educational ranking and the highest in the state is something to be very proud of. I want to make sure that continues and I would love to serve the board and be a part of that impact. I think we have a great board. The board members that are on there now have done a great job, and put in a lot of work, too, make it what it is, and past board members, as well. I think my generation needs to be evolved. I think, generationally, you see a lot of the older generation being very involved. I think the younger generation, as far as myself really, needs to be involved and start to foresee the changes that might be happening and serve the community in some ways for the betterment and not to lose the sight of what makes Eureka great. Another thought I had was that everyone in Eureka thinks of revenue, revenue, revenue, as far as mining, as far as tourism, what brings in county revenue and I think there's something far better than that. It is our school. I think our school is the pinnacle and maybe the center of all that. I don't want to lose sight of that either. I think our school is very, very important and there's only one reason we're 5-star school."

Brenna Rogne is running for School Board Trustee Seat 2A. Although she was not available for an interview, she did provide some information about herself and why she is running for School Board. Brenna is not actively campaigning for this position and she thinks her opponent, Melynda, is a wonderful person. Brenna's number one priority is to contribute to student success, both in academics and sports. She acknowledges that the Eureka County School District is already a very strong educational system. She sees her involvement on the board would allow her the opportunity to give back to the community and to the students she cares so deeply about. She realizes she may have a different outlook than those who are already seated, so she would be able to add another perspective. Her intent is to serve the students and their families, support the educators, and represent the community to the best of her ability.



School Board candidate Brenna Rogne.

Next week in the Meet the Candidate Forum, we will highlight candidates for School Board Trustee Seat 2B: Dillan Pollock and Fred Buckmaster



We Need to Talk

By Rachel Dahl

Somewhere along the way, we seem to have confused disagreeing with someone with needing to destroy them.

You can see it in the comments on social media; we hear it at public meetings. Someone raises a question about a project, a policy, or how the government is spending money, and pretty soon we are discussing whether that person is stupid, corrupt, or secretly trying to ruin the country.

Which is quite a leap from asking who is paying for the new fire station.

I have been thinking about civil discourse, and what it actually means in a country where the people are supposed to govern themselves, because ultimately, we have to be able to talk.

We all have different interests, different experiences, and different ideas about what government should do, but we still have to share a town, pay for public services, elect representatives, and figure out how to live together.

The people who founded this country understood that problem. They disagreed about plenty. Their answer was to build a system that could handle disagreement.

We start with the Declaration of Independence.

Before listing their complaints against the king, the signers explained that "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind" required them to give their reasons for separating from Britain. They also said government gets its rightful power from the "consent of the governed."

Those are two useful ideas to put together. The people are the source of government's authority, and when you take a consequential public position, you ought to explain why.

The Declaration was an argument presented to the world. Here is what we believe. Here is what happened. Here is why we are taking this action.

The Constitution then established a government in which decisions would move through representatives, two houses of Congress, and a president. Article I even expressly protects congressional speech and debate from being questioned elsewhere.

That provision concerns Congress, but it tells us something about the importance of allowing lawmakers to argue their positions freely. Debate is the work of government.

Then comes the Bill of Rights.

The First Amendment protects speech, the press, peaceful assembly, and petitions asking government to address grievances. These are the tools people use to question power, share information, organize, and demand answers.

It does not say you may speak only when the government likes your tone.

Civil discourse should never become an excuse for telling people with legitimate complaints to sit down and be pleasant. A serious accusation deserves examination. Uncomfortable questions still deserve answers.

For the clearest discussion of how we should approach disagreement, though, we turn to the Federalist Papers—the essays written to persuade Americans to ratify the Constitution.

In Federalist No. 1, Alexander Hamilton warned that good and wise people could land on opposite sides of important questions. He urged moderation and cautioned that even people supporting the correct position could be driven by ambition, greed, or personal hostility.

Being right, apparently, does not automatically make us charming.

Hamilton also recognized the temptation to win converts through loudness and bitter attacks. He understood the problem long before anyone could type in all capital letters.

In Federalist No. 10, James Madison explained that differences of opinion were inevitable. Eliminating them would require destroying liberty or somehow making everyone think alike. His solution was to control the harmful effects of factions through representative government and a large republic with many competing interests.

So where does that leave us?

It asks us to explain our position and hear the answer. To check whether an accusation is supported by facts. To address what someone actually said instead of inventing an easier argument to knock down.

It asks us to consider the possibility that we have missed something.

We can hold firm convictions and still ask a fair question. We can oppose a proposal without assigning wicked motives to every person who supports it. And we can change our minds when the evidence changes.

Listening does not necessarily require surrender.

A local newspaper has a responsibility here, too: establish the facts, explain the decisions, and give the community a place to examine competing arguments. That work helps people participate with something more productive than a rumor.

The Constitution cannot do our listening for us, nor can it make us honest about an inconvenient fact. A republic does not require us to agree. But to make it work, we must be capable of disagreeing and remain civil.

I used to teach my students that in a classroom we engage in "polite public discourse." It's the same in a community — we need to talk. And then we need to let the other person finish, and we need to listen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

The Talbots Welcome A Girl!



Kinley Ann Talbot.

She's here and she's perfect! Kinley Ann Talbot arrived on July 25, 2026 at 7:06 p.m. in St. George, Utah, welcomed with love by her parents, Clancy and Shara Talbot. Weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz., she already has her big brothers, Jaxon, Baylor and Rhett, wrapped around her little fingers. Her grandparents, Clint and Requi Green, Brayton Talbot and Tiffani Tucker are also smitten with the newest member of the family. Congratulations to the Talbot Family.

The Pollock Twins Have Arrived!

Dillon and Deanna Pollock are excited to announce the birth of their twins: daughter Hailey Jean and son Hank Dee. They were born on their dad's birthday, September 7, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hailey was born at 7:29 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 1 oz. Hank was born at 7:35 p.m. weighing 5 lb. 8 oz. Their older sisters, Addilyn and Claire, are so proud of their new siblings and are already the best helpers. Their grandparents are Mark and Amy Damele of Eureka and Tom and Marlene Turk of Elko.



Dillon and Deanna Pollock. Photo courtesy of the Pollocks.



David and Kylie Camargo.

Camargo Wedding at St. Brendan's Catholic Church

David and Kylie Camargo were married on August 1, 2026 in a Catholic ceremony at St. Brendan's Church in Eureka, NV, surrounded by their family and friends. David and Kylie both grew up in Reno before moving to Eureka to work in the mining industry, where they both hope to continue growing their careers in the field. They are excited to begin this next chapter of their lives together and look forward to the adventures, opportunities, and memories that the future holds for them as husband and wife.

St. Brendan's Mass in the Park

By Winnona

Sept. 13 St. Brendan's Catholic Church held its annual Mass in the park. The perfect weather made the event especially peaceful. Father Liam, from St. Joseph's Church in Elko, performed the Mass. Afterward, Mike Podborny and Mike Rebelati barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Members brought side dishes and desserts to share. It was a perfect day to worship and fellowship with St. Brendan members.



Father Liam.



Sharing with friends.





COMMUNITY

OUR LITTLE ANTS

Submissions from Eureka County 7th & 8th Grade Students

Eureka's Growing Pains

By Marvel Sestanovich

The friendliest town on the loneliest road in America... or so they say. In the next few years, McEwen Mines is expanding, bringing hundreds of new miners into the area. McEwen Mines have purchased several properties to create man camps for incoming workers. Based on this, Eureka's pollution, traffic, and crime rates will begin rising by the minute. Various complaints from families have been made about their safety in their own homes. People claim that our safe town is being destroyed by multiple strangers coming in directly near them. Many don't understand why the mines are choosing money over safety. What is our town becoming? Perhaps could the friendliest town become the complete opposite?

The Eureka County Star will feature items sent to us by students from the Eureka County Schools. Specifically, but not limited to, the 7th and 8th graders whom we are proudly supplying copies of our weekly papers to throughout the school year. Education through the newspaper... What an idea!



By Reagan Willis

Have you ever wanted something a certain way at a restaurant? You order your food, but it comes out and it is nothing like what you had in your head. Well, I'm sick of it. All I want is a steak taco with sour cream, steak, and a flour tortilla. That's it! It's not that hard.

Instead, I usually end up staring down a plate covered in onions, tomatoes, and parsley—everything I didn't want, and exactly what ruins a good meal. For some reason, restaurants can never get the simple things right.

Right now, our local dining options are pretty limited. Don't get me wrong, we love what we have. We can head over to The Depot, but they mainly cover the breakfast and lunch rush. If you're looking for dinner, we have the Urban Cowboy, but you're out of luck if you're craving Mexican food. If you want a simple, perfect steak taco in the evening, Eureka leaves you completely empty-handed.

As you can see, restaurants are highly needed in Eureka, so what better time to start! Support Eureka by opening a restaurant and it is guaranteed I will be a regular (if you make my tacos right).

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Looking good at Gonzalez station.

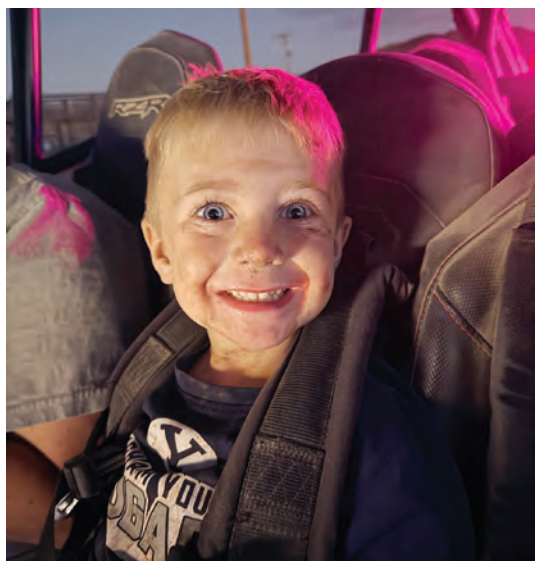


Ready to go.

The second priority was financial independence. The Moms Group is determined not to rely solely on grants or direct donations. Instead, they want to demonstrate the importance of the Early Learning Center project through community-driven fundraising. Their goal is simple: ensure that every dollar raised directly supports Eureka's youngest children. They are currently the only fundraising group dedicated solely to this cause.

Although fewer vehicles registered this year, more people participated and many more poker hands were sold. Riders were not just from Eureka this year, but included people from Elko, Reno, Fernley, Fallon, Ely, Pahrump, and Mina. In addition to registration fees and poker hands, participants purchased raffle tickets for baskets and prizes donated by local businesses, as well as purchased squares for the Cow Pie Drop. Participants purchased squares on a numbered grid placed in the arena, and a cow was released to determine the winning square. The game was such a hit that organizers created a second grid, raising even more money.

The Boys & Girls Club project in Eureka is the construction of a brand new Early Learning Center on a parcel of land across from Raine's Market, donated by Eureka County. The project has been in development for more than six years. In 2020, a group of working moms, Nikki Cooley, Ashley Kemp, and Lindsay Stith, were struggling to find child care. They reached out to Carolyn McIntosh of Ely for guidance on funding options, which ultimately connected them with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.



Rhett Talbot enjoying the ride.

Early on, some residents expressed concern about using tax dollars to fund a day-care. The Moms Group made it their mission to secure funding that would not rely heavily on county tax revenue.

Funding has since come from several major sources. The Boys & Girls Club secured a $3.2 million grant from Governor Lombardo's Finance Committee. Additional support includes $850,000 from the UNR Extension Office, $300,000 from I 80 Gold/Franco Nevada, and $150,000 from McEwen Mining. Last year's Poker Run raised about $15,000, and this year's $21,000 brings the project closer to completing Phase I, which costs $4.9 million.

The Eureka Early Learning Center is expected to open by the end of 2026. Mike Wurm, director of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, is optimistic about the timeline and plans to offer affordable child care. Families interested in enrolling their children, or individuals interested in employment, can contact the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows for more information.

The Eureka Moms Group is deeply proud of the success of the Second Annual Poker Run. They organized an event that not only showcased the most beautiful parts of Eureka, but also ensured that every dollar raised supports working families and their access to affordable child care. They are hoping the poker run keeps expanding for the coming years and becomes the biggest fundraiser that the Club can host. Please mark your calendars for October 2, 2027 for the third annual Eureka Poker Run.

EUREKA SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Non-seniors lunch is $7, Suggested seniors donation is $3.

Monday, Oct. 19	Tuesday, Oct. 20	Wednesday, Oct. 21	Thursday, Oct. 22	Friday, Oct. 23
Pulled Pork Sandwiches	Corn Potato Chowder	Pizza	Beef Roast	Breakfast 9 a.m.
Pork & Beans	Salami Club Sandwich	Broccoli Salad	Potatoes & Gravy	Eggs
Carrots	Chips	Fruited Jell-O	Cauliflower	Bacon
Applesauce	Tropical Fruit	Rice Crispie Treat	Peaches	Potatoes O'Brien
			Rolls	Fruited Yogurt

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Monday, Oct. 19	Tuesday, Oct. 20	Wednesday, Oct. 21	Thursday, Oct. 22	Friday, Oct. 23
Beef Stew	White Bean Chicken Chili	Baked Ziti	LS Tomato Soup	Breakfast 9 a.m.
Buttermilk Biscuit	Corn Bread	Broccoli	Grilled Cheese	Pancake L/S Sausage Bake
Green Salad	Green Salad w/	Green Salad	3 Bean Salad	Scrambled Eggs
Mandarin Oranges	Tomatoes & Cucumber	Garlic Toast	Sliced Peaches	w/ Spinach
	Diced Pears	Fresh Apple		Hashbrown
		w/ Peanut Butter		Yogurt w/ Fruit



Early voting begins Oct. 17 for Nevada general election

By Jon Anderson
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Nevada voters will have several ways to cast their ballots in the Nov. 3 general election, including early in-person voting, voting by mail and voting at the polls on Election Day.

Early voting will run from Saturday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Oct. 30. Voters can cast a ballot at an early voting location in their county. Polling locations and other election information are available through the Nevada Secretary of State's Office.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nevada also allows same-day voter registration for eligible voters.

In addition to candidate races, Nevada voters will decide two statewide ballot questions this year. There are no statewide Questions 1 through 5 on the 2026 ballot; initiatives proposed for those numbers did not receive enough valid signatures to qualify.

Question 6 proposes amending the Nevada Constitution to make abortion access an individual right, while Question 7 proposes amending the state constitution to require voter identification for voting in person or by mail. Both measures passed in the 2024 general election. Because they are proposed constitutional amendments, they must receive voter approval a second time in 2026 to amend the Nevada Constitution.

The Secretary of State's 2026 Ballot Question Guide includes the language of each question, an explanation and digest, arguments for and against passage, rebuttals, fiscal information and the full text of the proposed amendments. The guide is also available in multiple languages, with American Sign Language versions of the two statewide questions offered for the first time.

Nevada is a universal vote-by-mail state, and active registered voters who have not opted out of receiving a mail ballot are mailed one for the general election. In-state mail ballots are scheduled to be sent Oct. 5-8, depending on the county.

Completed ballots can be returned by mail or delivered to an official ballot drop box. The Secretary of State's Office recommends mailing completed ballots at least one week before Election Day. Voters may track the status of their mail ballots through the state's MyBallot system. Nevada Secretary of State

Nevada also offers the Effective Absentee System for Elections, known as EASE, for eligible military members and their families, Nevada voters living overseas, voters with disabilities and eligible Tribal voters. The system is available for the 2026 general election through the close of polls on Election Day.

Before voting, residents can check their registration status and make sure their name and address are current. Nevada's online voter registration system also allows eligible residents with a current Nevada driver's license or identification card to register or update their information. Nevada Secretary of State

Voters can also use the state's election website to locate polling places and ballot drop boxes, check registration information and find other election resources.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
for the 2026 General Election

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 3

Early Voting
Oct. 17-30

Election Day Voting Hours
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting
Voters may use any early voting location in their county.

Mail Ballots
Active registered voters who have not opted out receive a mail ballot.

Mail Ballot Delivery
In-state ballots were scheduled to be mailed Oct. 5-8, depending on the county.

Returning a Mail Ballot
Return it by mail or at an official ballot drop box.

Mailing Your Ballot
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LOCAL RACES

Eureka County

County Assessor
Michael A. Mears — Republican

County Clerk/Recorder
Katherine J. Bowling — Republican

County Commission, District 2
Richard "Rich" McKay — Republican

County Treasurer
Pernecia "Necie" Johnson — Republican

School Board Trustee, Seat 2A
Brenna Rogne — Nonpartisan
Melynda Todd — Nonpartisan

School Board Trustee, Seat 2B
Frederick D. Buckmaster — Nonpartisan
Dillon Z. Pollock — Nonpartisan

Sheriff
Jason Flanagan — Nonpartisan
Miles A. Umina — Nonpartisan

Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board
Brent Jones — Nonpartisan
Diana V. Kersey — Nonpartisan
Jeremy C. Rice — Nonpartisan
Laura S. Shivers — Nonpartisan

Source: Nevada Secretary of State, 2026 General Election Certified List of Candidates, dated Aug. 25, 2026.

Eureka County Voter Turnout in 2026 Primary Election: **42%**

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What Nevada Voters Will Decide

Statewide Question 6 and Question 7 will be on the General Election ballot for the second time. Both ballot questions passed during the 2024 General Election and must be voted on for a second time. If they pass again during the 2026 General Election, they will amend the Nevada Constitution.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

6 STATE QUESTION NO. 6 • Amendment to the Nevada Constitution

Abortion Initiative

AS IT APPEARS ON THE BALLOT

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified healthcare professional until fetal viability or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy?

YES Means

A yes vote would amend the Nevada Constitution to establish a right to abortion until fetal viability and after viability to "protect the life or health of the mother" which is not defined, and thus would allow abortion at any point in the pregnancy. "Qualified health care practitioner" is also not defined, and could include a doctor, nurse, dentist, chiropractor, paramedic, etc. The proposed constitutional protection applies to "all individuals." It does not specify a minimum age or include an exception for parental involvement requirements.

NO Means

A no vote would leave the Nevada Constitution unchanged (abortion is currently allowed within the first 24 weeks of pregnancy when performed by a licensed physician and after 24 weeks to preserve the life or health of the individual). Parental consent must be obtained in the case of a minor unless the minor obtains a court order. Abortion would continue to be governed by existing Nevada statutory law.

FURTHER EXPLANATION Current Nevada law generally permits abortion through 24 weeks of pregnancy, with an exception after 24 weeks when necessary to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman. Question 6 would not place a 24-week limit in the Nevada Constitution. Instead, it would establish a constitutional right to abortion until fetal viability, as determined by the treating health care practitioner, and after viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant individual.

7 STATE QUESTION NO. 7 • Amendment to the Nevada Constitution

Voter Identification

AS IT APPEARS ON THE BALLOT

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to require voters to either present photo identification to verify their identity when voting in-person or to provide certain personal information to verify their identity when voting by mail ballot?

YES Means

A yes vote would amend the Nevada Constitution to require voters casting ballots in person to present an approved form of photo identification. Generally, the identification would have to be current or expired by no more than four years; voters older than 70 could use otherwise-valid identification regardless of how long ago it expired. Acceptable identification would include a Nevada driver's license, state or federal identification card, U.S. passport, military identification, qualifying government employee ID, Nevada public college or university student ID, Tribal photo identification, Nevada concealed firearms permit or another government-issued photo ID approved by the Legislature.

NO Means

A no vote would leave the Nevada Constitution unchanged and would not establish the proposed statewide voter-identification requirement. Nevada's existing voter-identification and verification rules would remain in effect.

FURTHER EXPLANATION If approved for a second time by voters, the Legislature could enact legislation during the 2027 legislative session, with the changes taking effect for the 2028 election cycle.

STATE & FEDERAL RACES

These races will appear on the Eureka County voter ballot

Representative in Congress, District 2
Teresa F. Benitez-Thompson, Democratic Party
Lynn Chapman, Independent American Party
David Flippo, Republican Party

Governor
Aaron D. Ford, Democratic Party
Danielle Ford, No Political Party
Joseph Lombardo, Republican Party

Lieutenant Governor
Stavros Anthony, Republican Party
Janine Hansen, Independent American Party
Sandra Jauregui, Democratic Party

Secretary of State
Francisco "Cisco" Aguilar, Democratic Party
Brad Lee Barnhill, Independent American Party
John T. Kennedy, Libertarian Party of Nevada
Jim Marchant, Republican Party

State Treasurer
Drew Johnson, Republican Party
Tya Mathis-Coleman, Democratic Party

State Controller
Michael MacDougall, Democratic Party
Andy Matthews, Republican Party

Attorney General
Nicole Jeanette Cannizzaro, Democratic Party
Adriana Guzmán Fralick, Republican Party

State Senate, District 14
Only voters residing in Senate District 14 will see this race.
Ira D. Hansen, Republican Party

State Assembly, District 32
Eureka County is split between Assembly districts. Only voters residing in District 32 will see this race.
Alexis M. Hansen, Republican Party

State Assembly, District 33
Only voters residing in District 33 will see this race.
Bert K. Gurr, Republican Party

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat B
Kristina Pickering, Nonpartisan

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat D
Douglas Herndon, Nonpartisan

District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District, Department 1
Steve L. Dobrescu, Nonpartisan

District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District, Department 2
Jane M. Eberhardy, Nonpartisan
Dylan V. Frehner, Nonpartisan

Board of Regents, District 8
Pete Goicoechea, Nonpartisan
Lori Lane, Nonpartisan

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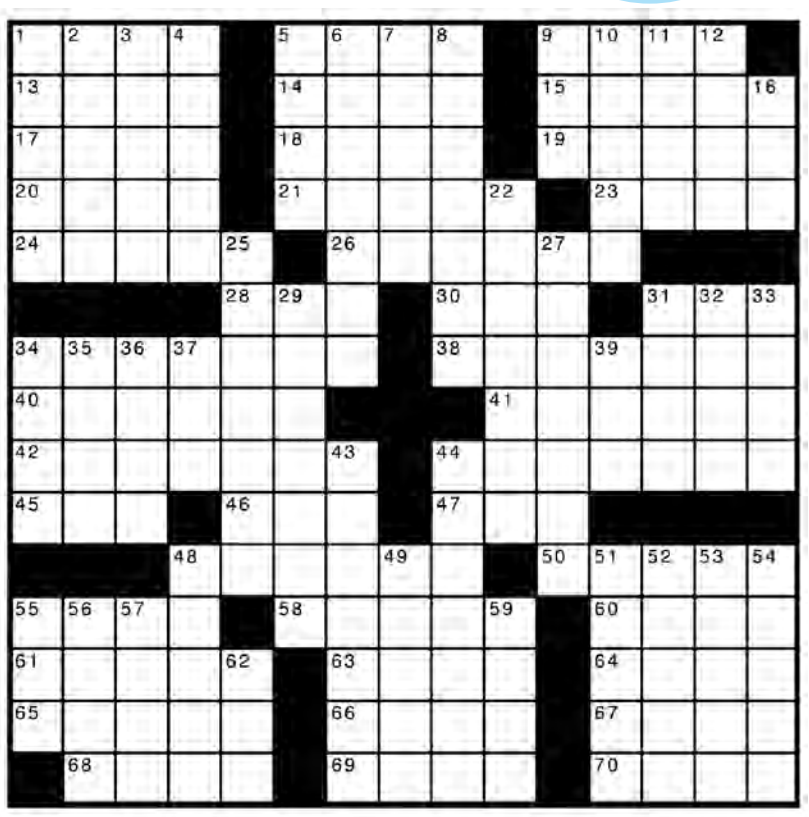
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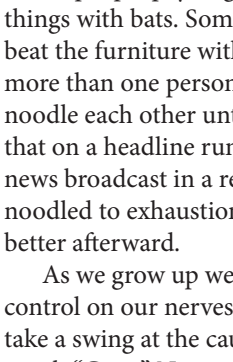
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13. Mideast carrier (2 wds.)
14. Get under the skin of
15. Like caramels
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19. What "mesa" means in English
20. "Just ___" (Nike slogan)(2wds.)
21. Casino machines
23. Experienced
24. Precious
26. Couch potatoes
28. Was in charge of
30. Night before
31. Northern California hub, on luggage tags
34. How some stunts are undertaken (3 wds.)
38. Hasn't forgotten
40. Domestic from abroad (2 wds.)
41. Repeated set of actions
42. Mexican celebrations
44. Indulge (2 wds.)
45. Criterion (abbr.)
46. Lennon's love
47. Bass in a glass
48. Participates in a debate
50. Illicit gimmicks
55. The red planet
58. Dropped the ball
60. Toward safety, at sea
61. Lies alongside
63. Popular pop
64. Eye carefully
65. Movie
66. Dutch export
67. A huge amount
68. Gull relative
69. Uses a Singer
70. Rhyme for "trapeze" in an old song

Down

1. Main characters
2. Permit
3. Mrs. Eisenhower
4. Tickle to death
5. Bygone monitors (abbr.)
6. Certain carrier
7. Common lab sample
8. Resident in a new territory
9. Army NCO (abbr.)
10. Goofs around
11. Attire for a justice
12. Unload, in a way
16. To date
22. More than a couple
25. Turncoat
27. Says, from memory
29. Set up
31. Demeaning insult
32. Westminster walkup
33. European metropolis
34. Clumsy sorts
35. Dark time in Paris
36. Mimicked
37. "___ Kapital" (Marx opus)
39. Broke bread
43. Bibliography entries
44. Basis of legal precedents (2 wds.)
48. Daisy cousin
49. Become worn
51. Social stratum
52. Big name in metal
53. Denotes
54. Know without being told
55. Dallas baller, familiarly
56. Just slightly (2 wds.)
57. Impolite
59. Hydroelectric plant sites
62. Arlo, to Woody Guthrie

IS THIS YOU?

Stressors



By Trina Machacek

There was a time, sometime ago, when the thing to do to be calm was to sit cross-legged on the floor, forearms out straight and put on your knees. Bringing thumb and middle fingers together, lightly touching the tips. Sitting with eyes closed you go, "HUMMM-MMM." That hum was the first time I ever heard the phrase "white noise." All it did was make me giggle. But. Yes, a humming "but." I think if I could still sit cross legged in the middle of the floor, I would still give it a try. I am finding stress levels are more pronounced now as they were when I was younger.

I'm pretty sure I never did this, but I saw a little kid in the store not long ago, in the cereal aisle flop down on the floor and have a meltdown, full blown tantrum. I kind of felt bad for the mom, but more than that I was jealous of the kid. He lay there and let it all out. All the frustrations that I am sure he was feeling. Oh, not just about the sugar-laden puffs of corn he wasn't getting. It was clear to me that he had just had enough day and he picked this time and place to "let 'er go."

When I think of doing something that scares me, or frustrates me, or just ticks me off, I wonder if what that little kid did would help. I've seen shows where people pay to go in to a place and break things with bats. Some go into rubber rooms and beat the furniture with pool noodles. Sometimes more than one person is in the room and they pool noodle each other until they are exhausted. I can see that on a headline running across the bottom of a news broadcast in a red banner, "Suspect was pool noodled to exhaustion." But he felt MUUUCH better afterward.

As we grow up we are supposed to have more control on our nerves. Not use "those" words. Not take a swing at the cause of our angst. I sometimes watch "Cops." Not everyone outgrows that stage of life. Most of us do. But what do we do to replace that instantaneous reply of hitting the floor and flopping around wailing about the unfairness of life?

The pat answers of prayer, forget it and move on, let it run off you like water on a duck's back. All of course have their time and place. Bickering with a spouse, parent, child, friend to "clear the air" never seems to make the air as clear as much as it makes the air thick enough to cut with a knife.

If you think of yourself like you are a teapot, one that is usually set just waiting for action. Then someone, something, some act of turns up the heat. Pretty soon the little birdie that sits on the spout starts to dance and twitter and tweet and if the heat isn't released–well "thar she blows."

I'm a "keep it inside until my birdie hits the ceiling" type. When I was younger, you know in my 20s and 30s I had no trouble just getting it all out, putting stuff on the floor and rubbing them out like the butt end of a smoked cigarette. That was easy, it was out, dealt with and things moved on.

As father time keeps pushing me along my path, I find it easier to ignore things. At least that was what I thought I did. Recent activities in life have made me realize I am a closet stressor now. Or was. Stress is like a carbuncle. There's an old-world word; carbuncle. You get a carbuncle in an area of your body that gets rubbed the wrong way and gets all hot and bothered. It's usually not somewhere you see all the time, not someplace that you pay attention to. Until that carbuncle becomes so infected it causes you to pay attention to it. Stress is like a carbuncle. It fills you with anger, a bacterium that spreads throughout your body and soul. It overflows to those around you until you pay attention and take care of business.

Stress and carbuncles; icky.

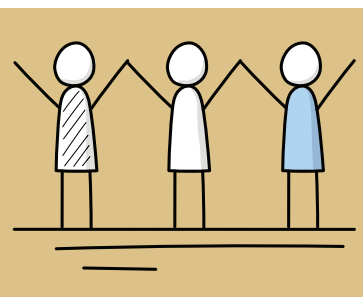
None of us will deal with every stressor in life. I like to put stress in a pocket of laughter. Not all things are laughing matters though. Those other things? Close your eyes, put yourself on the floor of the grocery store and work it out in your mind. OR! Buy a pool noodle and take it out on a garbage can or fence post. I understand the most popular noodles are red. Just sayin'.

Trina lives in Diamond Valley, north of Eureka, Nevada. She loves to hear from readers. Email her at itybytrina@yahoo. Really!

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JOHNNY'S TECH CORNER

Part 4: AI Data Centers Fact & Fiction

What They Bring to Town



By Johnny Fitzgerald

Over the last three weeks, we've looked at the water and electricity consumed by AI data centers and why the United States is racing China to build the computing infrastructure needed for artificial intelligence. For our final installment, let's bring the discussion back home and look at the other side of the equation.

If a community is going to provide land, water, electricity, roads, and other infrastructure for one of these enormous facilities, there is a pretty obvious question residents should ask: What's in it for us? The answer includes jobs, taxes, infrastructure, and billions of dollars in private investment, but just like the concerns we've discussed over the past few weeks, the benefits deserve some context too.

LET'S BE HONEST ABOUT THE JOBS

If someone tells you a data center will create thousands of permanent jobs, be skeptical. These facilities contain enormous amounts of equipment, but once they're operating, they don't necessarily require enormous numbers of employees. The permanent workforce tends to include technicians, engineers, electricians, security personnel, and facility operations staff.

Construction is a different story. Building a multibillion-dollar data center can employ hundreds or thousands of electricians, equipment operators, plumbers, concrete workers, truck drivers, engineers, and other tradespeople over several years. Nevada actually recognizes this distinction in its incentive program. To qualify for the state's 20-year data center tax abatement, a project must invest at least $100 million while creating only 50 full-time Nevada jobs. Those permanent jobs must pay at least the statewide average wage, and at least half of the construction workers must be Nevada residents.

THE BIGGER PRIZE MAY BE TAXES

Data centers are extraordinarily expensive buildings filled with extraordinarily expensive equipment. That creates a potentially enormous tax base even though relatively few people may work inside. Nevada offers substantial tax abatements to compete for these projects, which understandably gets attention, but an abatement isn't necessarily the same thing as paying no taxes. Certain sales, use, and personal property taxes are reduced for a specified period while other taxes and revenues remain.

The question shouldn't simply be, "Did they get a tax break?" The better question is what the community receives after those incentives are counted. A project investing several billion dollars can still generate substantial public revenue while receiving incentives, but every deal is different. This is where residents and local governments need to look at the actual numbers rather than either the company's sales pitch or the headline announcing the tax break.

NEVADA ALREADY HAS EXAMPLES

We don't have to speculate about what these projects look like because Nevada already has several. Apple opened its Northern Nevada data center more than a decade ago. By 2024, the company reported investing more than $3 billion in its Nevada data center operations, far exceeding its original commitments, with more than 200 people supporting the facility.

Google provides another example. Its Storey County data center began with a planned investment of at least $600 million and a commitment to create at least 50 permanent jobs. The construction associated with Google's Nevada projects involved thousands of workers. These aren't factories employing 5,000 people when construction ends, but they're certainly not empty warehouses contributing nothing to the local economy either.

INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE PART OF THE DEAL

Large data centers can also drive investment in electrical generation, substations, transmission lines, fiber networks, roads, and other infrastructure. Contractors provide maintenance, security, equipment, fuel, food, lodging, and other services, meaning some of the economic activity spreads beyond the property line.

But there's an important qualification here too. Infrastructure is a community benefit when the project helps pay for it. It's considerably less attractive if existing residents end up footing the bill. Just as we asked where the water and electricity will come from in Parts 1 and 2, communities should ask who will pay for the infrastructure required to deliver them.

LOOK AT THE WHOLE DEAL

After four weeks, you've probably noticed a theme. Data centers aren't simply good or bad. They use water and enormous amounts of electricity, and they don't create as many permanent jobs as some economic-development pitches might suggest. They can also bring billions of dollars in private investment, years of construction employment, skilled permanent jobs, infrastructure development, and substantial tax revenue.

So, before supporting or opposing a proposed data center, ask what it consumes and what it contributes. Ask who pays for the infrastructure, who gets the jobs, what tax revenue remains after incentives, and what the community receives in return.

Then judge the project on the whole deal. That's considerably more useful than either the sales pitch or the scary headline. Stay sharp, Eureka!

Johnny is an insufferable Gen-Xer who escaped Southern California before the next Big One sinks it into the Pacific. He now calls Eureka home and refuses to leave. He can be reached for questions, comments, and ideas at JohnnyFEureka@gmail.com

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A Strong Start for New Secretary Zoe Smith

By Winnona Eversgerd

I sat down with Zoe Smith to talk about how she felt this year's Eureka County Fair went and what she learned during her first year as Fair Board Secretary. Zoe was hired later in the planning stages, stepping into a role where many activities, schedules, and vendors were already set by the board, and long–standing traditions.

Despite getting a late start, Zoe was very positive about this year's fair. She was pleased to see more than 40 branding teams participate, along with 22 youth branding teams, and over 40 youth rough stock entries The Lady Vandals high school volleyball team also made an appearance at the fair and held a watermelon-eating contest and Cow Pie Bingo for fairgoers, in order to raise money for the team.

Zoe emphasized that none of these events would be possible without the individuals who organize and manage them. The Gymkhana, a long–held fair tradition, was organized this year by Adriane Tibbits. Participation has grown steadily over the years, but this year saw even more kids than expected. Zoe credited the event's success to the many volunteers and parents who help with each activity.

Travis Gallagher continued his long–time role organizing the Corn Hole Competition, Horseshoe Competition, and Mud Volleyball. Thanks to his experience, these events ran smoothly throughout the weekend.

Saturday night was reserved for the rodeo, with Jess Jones/Outlaw Broncs organizing an exciting and memorable show for participants and fairgoers alike.



Men's Team Branding 1st Place Team.



Women's Team Branding 1st Place Team.

Food options were plentiful. Cook's Steakhouse operated out of the main cook shack, serving local Saddler Ranch beef. Other vendors included Vegas Valli Taqueria, O.L.L.E Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, Gelu Italian Ice, and Ma & Pa's NdN Taco Truck.

The Exhibit Hall offered space for vendor booths, including Westrek from Utah, Lutts Creek Ranch Wear from Ruby Valley, Gideon Bible distribution from the Community Church in Eureka, the Eureka Senior Center Dart Game, and a Scrabble Tournament. Dorothy Rowley organized the Exhibit Hall Entries, which showcased handmade arts and crafts, photography, farm–grown vegetables, and homemade desserts.

On Sunday, the fairgrounds hosted the Annual Rhonda Garavanta Memorial Roping, made possible with stock from Tommy Lee Livestock of Fallon.

Throughout our conversation, Zoe repeatedly noted that the fair's success belongs to both the board members and the many volunteers who donate their time to keep every aspect running smoothly. The local community is what makes the fair special, by showing up, participating, and pitching in wherever help is needed.

Although the fair has wrapped up, Zoe's work as Fair Board Secretary is far from finished. She must follow up on prize payouts, finalize records, and prepare quarterly reports for the commissioners. Once that's complete, planning for the 2027 fair begins.

Zoe felt this year's fair was a tremendous success. She is grateful for the experience and excited to begin preparing for next year. She hopes to add advertising in the arena and expand advertising in the program. Securing additional vendors is also a priority to offer more variety for fairgoers. She has a few other ideas to bring to the Fair Board, reviving traditions that have faded away and introducing new events to draw even more participants and spectators. If anyone has any suggestions for what they would like to see at next year's fair, please email eurekacountyfair@gmail.com.

Public Notice

Eureka Conservation District Election of Supervisors – 3 Open Seats

Election Meeting to be held: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex)

701 S. Main Street, Eureka, NV 89316

Nominations of three (3) Supervisors will be taken from the floor at 6 p.m. with the voting taking place immediately after. Any registered voter in Eureka County is eligible to attend and vote. The ballot of nominees will be printed and voting will take place at the meeting by secret vote. The three Supervisors chosen will be announced during the meeting after voting has completed.

Individuals interested in serving as a Supervisor are asked to submit a courtesy letter of intent by Monday, November 2, 2026 to the Eureka Conservation District office located in the Eureka County Annex at:

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701 South Main Street
Eureka, NV 89316
Or by US Mail to: Eureka Conservation District
PO Box 323
Eureka, NV 89316

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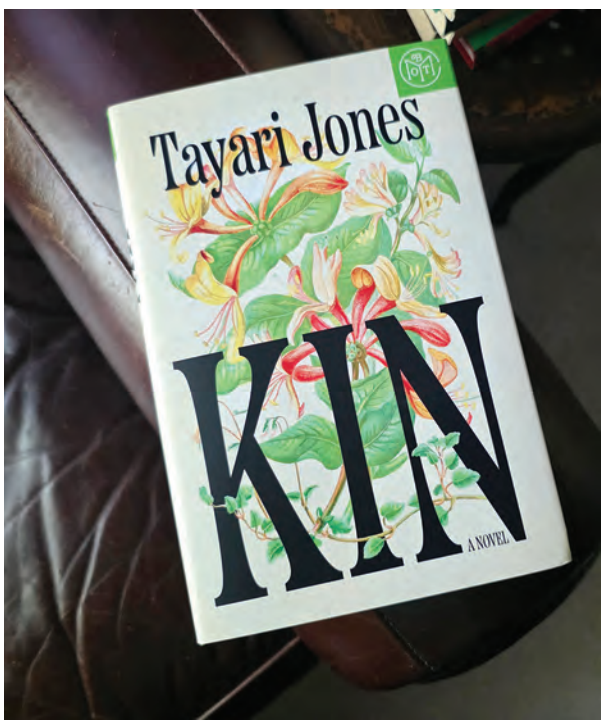
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Silver	$60.69 per ounce
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Vanadium (FeV 80%)	$26.61 per kilogram
Brent Crude Oil	$105.99 per barrel

COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report:
"Kin" by Tayari Jones



By Allison Diegel

This week's Book Report pick is for the historical fiction lovers. "Kin" is the latest novel from Tayari Jones, and just like her previous novel, "An American Marriage," it is smart, compelling, and quite honestly, all-consuming. If you're anything like me, you won't be able to put this one down.

Tayari Jones's compelling historical novel "Kin" delivers a profoundly moving exploration of sisterhood, identity, and the lingering weight of maternal absence. Set against the vivid backdrop of the Jim Crow South during the 1950s and 1960s, the story centers on Vernice "Niecy" Davis and Annie Johnson, two "cradle friends" raised side by side in the small, rural town of Honeysuckle, Louisiana. Though they grow up almost like sisters, both girls carry profound emotional wounds from a very young age. Vernice was orphaned as an infant after a tragic family

murder-suicide and raised by her steady, supportive Aunt Irene. Annie, on the other hand, was left in her grandmother's care after her mother, Hattie Lee, abruptly abandoned her—an absence that becomes a lifelong obsession for Annie as she longs for answers and a true sense of belonging.

As the girls transition into young adulthood, their life paths diverge sharply, continuously tested by differences in ambition, opportunity, and class. Vernice chooses the path of social mobility and higher education, heading off to Spelman College in Atlanta. There, she carefully navigates the complex social and class hierarchies of the Black elite, ultimately seeking stability, respectability, and security through

institutional success. Meanwhile, driven by an overwhelming need to find her mother, Annie leaves home on a grueling journey toward Memphis alongside a ragtag group of companions. Her path is far more perilous, taking her through

unexpected detours—including working at a local brothel to pay off car repairs and taking up jobs in lively Memphis bars—as she searches tirelessly for the woman who left her behind.

Despite the growing physical, emotional, and socioeconomic distance between them, Vernice and Annie remain deeply anchored to one another through letters and visits. Told through alternating first-person perspectives, the narrative captures how their shared childhood bond remains the one constant truth in both of their lives, even as they weather hidden secrets, romantic entanglements, family expectations, and the harsh realities of their era. Rich with emotional depth, warmth, and sharp historical detail, Jones paints a vivid, unforgettable portrait of chosen family, resilience, and the tender, complex nature of female friendship. Ultimately, it offers a heartwarming and poignant look at how the people who raise us and walk beside us shape every step of our journey into adulthood.

I know you will enjoy "Kin" as much as I did! Don't forget to check out my Instagram

@allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and literary fun.

Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

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Legal No.7780

2026 STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There will be no statewide questions 1-5 on the 2026 General Election ballot. There were a number of ballot initiatives circulated, but none of them gained enough valid signatures to qualify for the General Election ballot. Statewide Question 6 and Question 7 will be on the General Election ballot for the second time. Both ballot questions passed during the 2024 General Election and must be voted on for a second time. If they pass again during the 2026 General Election, they will amend the Nevada Constitution.

STATE QUESTION NO. 6
Amendment to the Nevada Constitution
Initiative Petition C-05-2023

CONDENSATION (Ballot Question)

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified healthcare professional until fetal viability or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy?

Yes o No o

EXPLANATION & DIGEST

EXPLANATION— This initiative, if approved by the voters, amends the Nevada Constitution to create a constitutional right to abortion.

This right to abortion would apply from the start of a person's pregnancy up until the start of "fetal viability," unless the pregnant person needs medical care to protect that person's life or health, in which case the right applies throughout the pregnancy. "Fetal viability" means "the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."

The initiative makes clear that the State of Nevada, including county and city governments in Nevada, generally cannot not interfere with this right. But a state, county, or city government can interfere with the right if there is a "compelling state interest" in doing so. A "compelling state interest" exists only if the government uses the least restrictive means to protect or improve the pregnant person's life or health in ways that follow clinical standards of practice.

Lastly, this proposed right to abortion does not require or force any individual in Nevada to have an abortion. Instead, it creates a right that allows an individual to make their own decision.

A "Yes" vote would create a new section of the Nevada Constitution to establish a person's constitutional right to abortion, so that a person can make decisions about matters relating to abortion and reproductive healthcare, without interference from state or local governments.

A "No" vote would keep the Nevada Constitution in its current form and would not impact the availability of abortion as a statutory right under Nevada law.

DIGEST—Existing law states that abortions are legal in Nevada and must occur within 24 weeks after the start of the pregnancy. An exception currently exists to allow an abortion after 24 weeks if a physician reasonably believes that an abortion is necessary to preserve the pregnant person's life or health. Existing law also requires that abortions performed after the 24th week of pregnancy be performed in a hospital licensed by the State of Nevada.

If approved by the voters, this ballot measure would add a new section to Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution with the following information.

Section 1 of this amendment to the Nevada Constitution would create a "fundamental right to abortion." This means that the Nevada Constitution would make abortion a legal option for all individuals, not just Nevadans, that is protected by the Nevada Constitution. The proposed amendment also includes the right to have an abortion procedure done by a qualified healthcare professional.

The amendment proposes that the right to an abortion would extend until "fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient." "Fetal viability" means "the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."

If the abortion would be necessary to protect the pregnant person's life or health, the proposed amendment allows an abortion procedure to be carried out after the start of fetal viability.

The proposed amendment would also generally prevent the State of Nevada or any of its political subdivisions (e.g., the Nevada Legislature, county and city governments) from interfering with the constitutional right to abortion. State and local governments can interfere with this right only if they have a "compelling state interest" in doing so. A "compelling state interest" exists only if the government uses the least restrictive means to protect or improve the pregnant person's life or health in ways that follow clinical standards of practice.

Section 2 of the proposed constitutional amendment states that if any part of the amendment is challenged in court, then the rest of the amendment is not affected and remains in force. This section ensures that the right to abortion is protected to the greatest extent possible in the event of future lawsuits.

ARGUMENTS FOR PASSAGE

Decisions about abortion should be left to women and qualified healthcare professionals, who
take a pledge to act in their patients' best interest. When it comes to something as personal and
complicated as pregnancy, politicians are never more qualified to make healthcare decisions than
women and their doctors. That's why it is so important to vote YES on this amendment.

People across Nevada are voting YES because:

- YES protects doctors so that they will never have to risk jail time just to treat the patient in front of them .
- Extreme abortion bans are already in place across the country – from Texas to Florida to right next door in Utah and Arizona – and they are having dangerous effects. A 10-year-old girl from Ohio who was raped had to travel to Indiana to get the abortion she needed , and in Texas, one woman who miscarried lost liters of blood and had to go on a breathing machine before doctors could legally help her . YES protects the right to abortion in our state for good, so these tragic stories can never happen here.
- YES establishes a permanent layer of protection so that no matter who holds office in our state, extreme abortion bans cannot become law in Nevada.

YES keeps families – not politicians – in charge of their own healthcare decisions, so that
women can make these personal decisions in consultation with their doctors and those
they love and trust.

We should trust women and doctors to make the right decisions for their own situations without
government getting involved. If this amendment fails, future generations could have fewer rights
and freedoms than their parents and grandparents . Vote YES to keep politicians out of our personal, private decisions.

Question 6 has no fiscal or environmental impact.

The above argument was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens in favor of this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Lindsey Harmon (Chair), Denise Lopez, and Bradley Schrager. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS FOR PASSAGE

Do you want courts and judges making decisions about pregnancy instead of women and
doctors?

Vote NO to stop courts from invading your personal, private medical decisions.

Vote NO to protect our current abortion laws. There literally cannot be "any reasonable
degree of certainty" what laws will change or how much you will have to pay to fund
abortion with Question 6. Vote NO.

Do you want to spend millions of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions through all 9-months
of pregnancy? Do you want to write a blank check to use taxpayer money to pay for
abortions? Last year, California spent $200 million on an abortion- funding package to
pay for abortions and even to create a website explaining how to have the state pay for an
abortion "at no cost to you." Don't want that policy? Vote NO.

Here's a list of people NOT mentioned in Question 6:

- Women and girls – No specific protection.
- Mothers and parents – No specific protection.
- Doctors – No specific protection.

A young mother in Las Vegas recently bled to death after taking abortion pills. Protect our current law, women and doctors, keep the courts out of our personal lives, and vote NO.

The above rebuttal was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens opposed to this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Emily Mimnaugh (Chair) and Jason Guinasso. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PASSAGE

Vote NO to stop Question 6 from re-writing our State Constitution.

Vote No to stop Question 6 from writing a blank check to fund unlimited, 9-month abortions using taxpayer money.

Question 6 may force you the taxpayer to pay for abortions. The cost and fiscal impact of Question 6 cannot be determined: It may cost taxpayers MORE than $120-million-dollars every year.

Vote NO to protect our current abortion law. Abortion is legal in Nevada. Currently, doctors can do abortions—without restriction—up to 24 weeks (6 months). After that, it's also allowed to save the mom's life or health.

Our current law is more pro-choice than Roe v. Wade. Only voters can change our state's abortion law, and it hasn't changed in decades. Unlike Nevada, other states have recently changed their abortion laws, and "litigation has exploded." Vote NO to keep the courts out of private, personal decisions.

If you like the current law, protect it: Vote NO. If you don't like the current law, vote NO so it's not even harder to fix.

Question 6 has no bright-line rule saying when abortion is legal. Is it always legal at 4 months? 6 months? 9 months? Our current law is clear. Question 6 is not.

Question 6 has no bright-line rule saying when taxpayers must pay for abortions. Do taxpayers pay for an optional abortion at 9 months? Our current law is clear. Question 6 is not.

What about doctors? Can a non-doctor perform a surgical abortion at 9 months outside a hospital? Question 6 may not stop this, but the current law protects women. Vote NO.

What about parents? Can a non-doctor perform a secret surgical abortion on a 13-year-old girl? Question 6 may not stop this, but the current law protects children and parents. Vote NO.
When laws are unclear, the result is expensive lawsuits. The legal, fiscal and environmental impacts of Question 6 are unknown. Lawsuits cost taxpayers money.

Vote NO because Question 6 is:

- Dangerous: It lets people who aren't doctors do abortions.
- Wrong: It allows abortions through all 9 months of pregnancy.
- Harmful: It strips out rules that keep women safe.
- Expensive: It may cause lawsuits and cost millions to fund abortions.
- Unwanted: It changes our current abortion laws which are clear.

Keep our laws clear. Keep tax spending transparent. Keep courts out of abortion. Keep decisions between women and doctors. Vote NO.

The above argument was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens opposed to this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Emily Mimnaugh (Chair) and Jason Guinasso. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST PASSAGE

The people against this amendment are lying to scare voters. Nevadans know that a woman may end a pregnancy for many different reasons. We also know that women and doctors do not decide on an abortion later in pregnancy unless there is a serious reason, like a risk to her life or pregnancy.

And this amendment does nothing to change parental rights in Nevada, because we all want young people to get the support they need from those who love them when making decisions.

All this amendment does is ensure families – not politicians – are in charge of their own health care decisions and can make the right choice for their unique situations without government getting in the way.

When families are making difficult, personal medical decisions, one-size-fits all laws don't work. As bans across the country are already putting lives at risk, this amendment adds a permanent layer of protection for abortion rights in Nevada so that no matter who holds office in our state, these extreme bans cannot become law here.

Again, this amendment has no fiscal or tax implications.

The above rebuttal was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens in favor of this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Lindsey Harmon (Chair), Denise Lopez, and Bradley Schrager. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

FISCAL NOTE

FINANCIAL IMPACT – CANNOT BE DETERMINED

OVERVIEW

The Statewide Constitutional Initiative Petition – Identifier: C-05-2023 (Initiative) proposes to amend Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution by adding a new section, designated as Section 25, establishing a fundamental right to abortion performed or administered by a qualified health care practitioner until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions, unless the denial of that right is justified by a compelling state interest that is achieved by the least restrictive means.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 2 of the Nevada Constitution, an initiative proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution must be approved by the voters at two successive general elections in order to become a part of the Constitution. If this Initiative is approved by voters at the November 2024 and November 2026 General Elections, the provisions of the Initiative would become effective on the fourth Tuesday of November 2026 (November 24, 2026), when the votes are canvassed by the Supreme Court pursuant to NRS 293.395.

If this Initiative is approved by the voters at the November 2024 and November 2026 General Elections, the Legislature may be required to evaluate existing laws governing abortion to determine whether they are in compliance with the provisions of this amendment. If it is determined that existing laws are not in compliance, it is possible that the amount of resources utilized by the State or local governments for the administration or enforcement of new abortion laws that would comply with these provisions may be affected.

However, because it is unknown what laws, if any, may not be in compliance with the provisions of the Initiative, nor is it known how the Legislature may revise existing laws if they are determined to not comply with these provisions, the financial effect upon the State or local governments cannot be determined with any reasonable degree of certainty.

Prepared by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau – August 1, 2024

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Explanation - Matter in italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS

Sec. 1. That a new section, designated Section 25, be added to Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 1. All individuals shall have a fundamental right to abortion performed or administered by a qualified health care practitioner until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. The right established by this section shall not be denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest that is achieved by the least restrictive means.

Sec. 2. As used in this section: A "compelling state interest" means an interest which is limited exclusively to the state's interest in protecting, maintaining, or improving the health of an individual who is seeking abortion care that is consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice; and

"Fetal viability" means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

Sec. 2. Severability. If any part of this Act be declared invalid, or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable. This subsection shall be construed broadly to preserve and effectuate the declared purpose of this Act.

STATE QUESTION NO. 7
Amendment to the Nevada Constitution
Initiative Petition C-02-2023

CONDENSATION (Ballot Question)
Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to require voters to either present photo identification to verify their identity when voting in-person or to provide certain personal information to verify their identity when voting by mail ballot?

Yes o No o

EXPLANATION & DIGEST

EXPLANATION— This initiative, if enacted, changes Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution to create a requirement for voters to provide identification before they receive a ballot.

Voters who vote in-person at a polling place would need to show an ID that is current or that has not been expired for more than four years. If a voter is more than 70 years old, the identification could be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.

The acceptable forms of identification include:

1. Nevada driver's license.
2. Identification card issued by the State of Nevada, any other State, or the US Government.
3. Employee photo identification card issued by the US government, Nevada government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other Nevada government entity.
4. US passport.
5. US military identification card.
6. Student photo identification card issued by a Nevada public college, university, or technical school.
7. Tribal photo identification.
8. Nevada concealed firearms permit.
9. Other form of government-issued photo identification that the Legislature may approve.

Voters who vote by mail ballot would need to include certain information so that election officials can use it to verify the voter's identity. That information includes:

1. The last four digits of their Nevada driver's license number.
2. If the voter does not possess a Nevada driver's license, the last four digits of their Social Security number.
3. If the voter has neither a Nevada driver's license or a Social Security number, the number provided by the county clerk when the voter registered to vote.

A "Yes" vote would amend Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution to require in-person Nevada voters present certain identification and mail ballot voters to provide certain information in order to cast a legal ballot.

A "No" vote would keep the Nevada Constitution in its current form.

DIGEST—Under current law, Nevada voters must only show identification in certain situations. These situations are rare and related to the method and timing of how they register to vote.

Currently only voters who register to vote by mail or computer, or who preregisters to vote by mail or computer, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in Nevada must provide identification. Additionally, state law requires voters who register to vote online less than14 days before an election must also vote in-person and present an identification and proof of residency.

If approved by a vote by the voters during the 2024 general election it would go to the 2026 general election ballot for additional approval. If approved there, the Nevada Legislature could create related laws through legislation during the 2027 Legislative Session and these changes would go into effect for the 2028 election cycle.

ARGUMENTS FOR PASSAGE

Flaws in the nation's registration and voting laws are being seen as creating a lack of confidence in election outcomes. Many people lost trust in how elections were run.

New voting technology raised worries about mistakes. More mail-in ballots also led to fears of fraud. A national bipartisan committee reviewed voting laws in many states. One of their recommendations in their report was to require Voter ID.

Requiring voters to show a photo ID before voting is a sensible and effective step to help make our elections

As of 2024, 36 states have laws requiring photo ID for voting. There have been no major complaints in these states, and, contrary to what people were told would happen, turnout has not decreased.

2026 STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTIONS (Continued)

Some argue that requiring a photo ID would unfairly impact minorities. They say that many minorities and low-income people don't have a photo ID. This is not true, because people need a photo ID to apply for a job, cash a check, use a credit card, apply for a loan, see a doctor, pick up a prescription, apply to college, buy alcohol or tobacco, get on a plane, check into a hotel, and vote in some union elections.

Nevada law requires those who don't register in person show identification and address the first time they vote. This doesn't have to be a photo ID. It can be a utility bill or some other official document that shows only their name and address. Also, this is only for the first time they vote. After that, there is no requirement to show an ID when voting.

Others say that voter fraud is rare. However, identity theft is a growing problem. Close elections also show the need for every vote to be legal. For example, a 2002 race in Nevada ended in a tie. Former U.S. Attorney Jennifer Arbittier Williams said, "If even one vote has been illegally cast… it diminishes faith in the process."

Requiring a photo ID has no environmental, public health, safety, or welfare impact.

A photo ID requirement will help people trust our election system and make sure that every vote is valid. Vote "YES" on Question 7.

The above argument was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens in favor of this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: David Gibbs (Chair), Chuck Muth, and David O'Mara. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS FOR PASSAGE

The people who support Question 7 talk a lot about fear and mistrust. They've spent years trying to make us doubt our election system. But they can't show us even one time when voter ID would have actually made our elections safer in Nevada.

They don't tell you what bad things voter ID will stop because there haven't been any. They don't mention that identity theft has never changed any election here. They don't talk about how many Nevadans—people just like you and me—don't have the ID that Question 7 needs. They also don't explain how Question 7 helps people get those IDs. It doesn't.

They just say that other states have voter ID and people there like it. But remember, not everyone does things like cash checks, go to college, or fly on planes. These aren't like voting. Voting is a right we all have to choose our leaders. We shouldn't stop anyone who can vote from voting.

Think about this: you're more likely to get hit by a meteor than to find someone cheating by pretending to be someone else when they vote. Question 7 is a step back for our democracy.

The above rebuttal was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens opposed to this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Jennifer Fleischmann Willoughby (Chair), Daniel Bravo, and Jessica Rodriguez. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PASSAGE

When it comes to voting rights, we shouldn't be leaving anyone behind. The ID requirements in Question 7 will mean fewer eligible people will cast ballots, while the new law would do nothing to prevent voter fraud.

The measure's supporters say they want more confidence in elections, but they don't tell you that impersonating someone else at the polls never happens. One study found that out of more than a billion votes cast, it happened 31 times—statistically zero. You have a better chance of being struck by lightning. Question 7 overreacts to a problem that simply does not exist.

And the risks of Question 7 are big. It does not ensure that Nevadans have the kinds of ID the law demands, IDs that cost money and take time to get. Voters living in rural or tribal communities will have to travel long distances to a DMV to receive an ID. In fact, almost 21% of all voting-age Americans don't have a valid driver's license with their current name and address. In terms of Nevada's population, that would equal more than half a million people.

Studies have shown that strict voter ID laws reduce turnout among underserved communities and communities of color, making it harder to have their voices heard at the ballot box.

Voter ID laws are also a waste of taxpayer dollars. Indiana, for example, spent over $10 million to produce free ID cards between 2007 and 2010.

Question 7 will keep eligible Nevadans from voting and won't improve election integrity. Vote no on laws that reduce participation in democracy, like Question 7.

Requiring a photo ID has no environmental impact.

The above argument was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens opposed to this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: Jennifer Fleischmann Willoughby (Chair), Daniel Bravo, and Jessica Rodriguez. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST PASSAGE

Opponents say that "impersonating someone else at the polls never happens." But without a photo ID required, how can they be sure?

To try to back their argument, opponents cite an opinion column from Washington, DC, from over ten years ago. This was before Nevada adopted new election laws in 2021.

Opponents also claim that "21% of all voting-age Americans don't have a valid driver's license." However, the same study shows that only 1% lack some other acceptable photo ID. The Legislature can find a way to help these voters, just like 36 other states have done.

Opponents say voter ID laws "reduce turnout" among minorities. But the same study also says that "the research is mixed on whether ID laws actually reduce turnout."

A similar claim was made against Georgia's photo ID law in 2021. Yet, Georgia's Secretary of State reported that turnout in the 2022 general election set new records after the law took effect.

The bottom line is this: Requiring a Photo ID won't make it harder to vote. It will make it harder to cheat. Vote YES on Question 7.

The above rebuttal was submitted by the Ballot Question Committee composed of citizens in favor of this question as provided for in NRS 293.252. Committee members: David Gibbs (Chair), Chuck Muth, and David O'Mara. This argument can also be found at www.nvsos.gov.

FISCAL NOTE

FINANCIAL IMPACT – YES

OVERVIEW

The Statewide Constitutional Initiative Petition – Identifier: C-02-2023 (Initiative) proposes to amend Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution by adding new Sections 1B and 1C, as follows:
- Section 1B would require the presentation of a specified form of identification in order to vote in person in an election in Nevada, either through early voting or on election day.
- Section 1C would require voters who submit a mail-in ballot to provide certain specified information in order to verify that voter's identity.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 2 of the Nevada Constitution, an initiative proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution must be approved by the voters at two successive general elections in order to become a part of the Constitution. If this Initiative is approved by voters at the November 2024 and November 2026 General Elections, the provisions of the Initiative would become effective on the fourth Tuesday of November 2026 (November 24, 2026), when the votes are canvassed by the Supreme Court pursuant to NRS 293.395.

The provisions of the Initiative are anticipated to have a financial impact upon the State and local governments relating to procedures and systems utilized during the election process. The Secretary of State's Office has indicated that these provisions will require modifications to processes and systems related to check-in of voters at the polling location and verification of mail-in ballots, as well as ensuring that the statewide voter registration system is modified to ensure that all data necessary to implement the provisions of the Initiative is captured.

Based on information provided by the Secretary of State's Office, the estimated costs to make these changes to voter systems in Nevada would be approximately $6,750, and these changes would need to be made in time for the elections that would be held in the year 2028.

The provisions of the Initiative additionally allow the Legislature to determine additional forms of valid identification that can be used to verify identity for voting, aside from those already specified in the Initiative, which the Fiscal Analysis Division assumes will need to be created by the Legislature for those people who do not have or cannot obtain another form of allowable identification.

The Fiscal Analysis Division additionally assumes that this alternate form of voter identification will be provided to the voter at no cost, which means that the cost for these identification documents will be wholly borne by the State or by one or more local governments. However, the Initiative does not specify the form which these alternative identification documents must take, nor does it specify which agency or agencies (either at the state or local level) will be required to provide these documents. Additionally, it is unknown how many registered voters will not have one of the specified documents that would be acceptable to provide as proof of identity for in-person voting, who would need to be issued one of these alternative documents.

Thus, the financial effect upon the State or local governments relating to the issuance of an alternative identity document to those voters who will require such a document in order to vote in person cannot be determined with any reasonable degree of certainty.

Prepared by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau – July 29, 2024

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Explanation - Matter in italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS

**Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto new sections to
be designated as Section 1B and Section 1C, to read as follows:**

Sec 1B. Photo Identification. Each voter in Nevada shall present photo identification to verify their identity when voting in person at a polling place during early voting or on election day before being provided a ballot. To be considered valid, the photo identification must be current or expired for no more than four years. If the voter is 70 years old or more, the identification can be expired for any length of time, so long as it is otherwise valid. Acceptable forms of identification include:

**1. Nevada driver's license.
2. Identification card issued by the State of Nevada, any other State, or the US Government.
3. Employee photo identification card issued by the US government, Nevada government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other Nevada government entity.
4. US passport.
5. US military identification card.
6. Student photo identification card issued by a Nevada public college, university, or technical school.
7. Tribal photo identification.
8. Nevada concealed firearms permit.
9. Other form of government-issued photo identification that the Legislature may approve.**

Sec C. Voter Verification. Each voter in Nevada who votes by mail-in ballot shall enter one of the following in the block provided next to the voter's signature for election officials to use in verifying the voter's identity:

**1. The last four digits of their Nevada driver's license number.
2. If the voter does not possess a Nevada driver's license, the last four digits of their Social Security number.
3. If the voter has neither a Nevada driver's license or a Social Security number, the number provided by the county clerk when the voter registered to vote.**

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE POSITION OPENING:

The Eureka County Television District Board is looking for a qualified applicant to fill a seat on the Board starting January 1st, 2027. To qualify for the position the applicant must be an elector in Eureka County and a graduate of high school with either a diploma or equivalent. The position is paid per meeting and meets once a month (on occasion more) in either Crescent Valley or Eureka. Members must attend meetings either in person, conference call, or video conferencing. Travel to meetings will be reimbursed per current State of Nevada GSA scale.

Persons interested in this opening need to email a letter of interest and short resume, unless you are a returning Board member, to the Eureka County Television District Secretary at eurekatvds@yahoo.com, give it to any one of the current Board members or mail to Eureka County Television District, PO Box 163, Eureka, NV 89316.

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NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

In compliance with NRS 293.3568 & NRS 293.3576, I Katherine J. Bowling, Eureka County Clerk Recorder, give notice that the Eureka County 2026 General Election early voting period will be held at the following dates, times, and locations. All active registered voters in Eureka County will be sent a mail ballot. If you wish to vote in person you must appear at any polling location identified below during the specified polling location hours.

Please confirm your voter registration is current so the mail ballot will be sent to the correct address.

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATION AND HOURS:

Eureka County Court House, Clerk Recorder's Office, 10 S. Main Street, Eureka, NV

Saturday, October 17, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2026 – Thursday, October 22, 2026	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2026	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2026 – Thursday, October 29, 2026	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 2026	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Eureka County Court House, Clerk Recorder's Office, 10 S. Main Street, Eureka, NV

Monday, October 19, 2026 – Thursday, October 22, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2026 – Thursday, October 29, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THE November 3, and November 17, 2026 Commission Meetings

The Eureka County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary to CANCEL the regularly scheduled Commission meetings of November 3 and November 17, 2026. The meeting conflicted with the 2026 General Election being held on November 3, 2026. The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will now be held on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026, pursuant to NRS 293.387 to Canvass the Vote.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact the Commissioners' office at CountyCommission@eurekacountynv.gov, PO Box 540, Eureka, NV 89316, by calling 775-237-5263 or faxing (775) 237-5614. This agenda was posted in Eureka at: County Courthouse; County Administrative Facility (Annex); US Post Office; and public bulletin board at 10 S. Main Street. This agenda was posted electronically at Eureka County's website (https://events.eurekacountynv.gov/meetings) and Nevada's public notice website (www.notice.nv.gov). Notice to people with disabilities: If you require special assistance, please notify the Commissioners' Office prior to the meeting at the email address, mailbox, phone number or fax number listed above.

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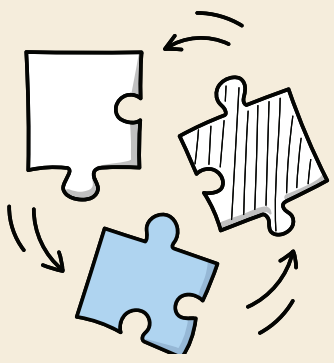


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October 2026 Events Calendar

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Senator Cortez Masto Will Visit Eureka

Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Depot

Discussing federal grant opportunities for the community. The public is welcome.

Vandal Sports

Oct. 16 Junior High Volley Ball Lund
High School Volley Ball Wells
Oct. 17 Junior High Football Alamo
High School VB Tonopah
Oct. 23-24 Junior High Football Championship Week
Oct. 23 High School Football BYE
Oct. 24 Junior High Volley Ball Tournament at Round Mt.
Oct. 29 High School FB @ Eureka
Oct. 30 High School VB Regionals

Tidbits Around Town

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 **Senior Medical & Shopping** Oct. 8 CV Women's Elko Shop/Med Trip; Oct. 13 CV Men's Elko Shop/Med Trip, Eureka Elko Trip; Oct. 22 CV Medical Trip; Oct. 27 CV Medical Trip	 **DV Solar Info & Meeting** Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6:30-8 p.m. Eureka County Opera House	**1** Happy Birthday! Deborrah Neilson	**2** Eureka Food Bank 1-2pm	**3** Boys & Girls Club Poker Run; Golden Oldies Bingo CV 2-4pm; Happy Birthday! Scott Calhoun, Debra Mason
4 Eureka Community Church 10 am Bible Study 11 am Worship Every Sunday Youth Group 4-7pm; Singing & Praise 6pm Mennonite Church; Happy Birthday! Lee Raine	**5** CV Food Bank 10-11am; Happy Birthday! Shellie Bellanti, Dennis Gordon	**6** Eureka Bingo 1-2:30pm; Community Closet 5:30-6:30 pm; Happy Birthday! Debra Arney	**7** Lions Club 6 pm; CV Clinic Open 7 am - 7 pm	**8** CV Women's Elko Shop/Med Trip; $5 Spooky Movie Night Opera House Little Ones at 6pm, Spookier at 8pm; Tressa's Closet 12:30 - 2 pm	**9** CV Golden Groceries 10-11 am	**10** CV Emergency Group Fundraiser 4-6 pm; Golden Oldies Bingo CV 2-4pm
11 Saint Brendan's Catholic Church 11 am; CV Baptist Bible Study 5pm; Happy Birthday! William Cassels, Nancy Silber, Clyde Oram	**12** **Columbus Day**; JPO Basketball Sign Up @ R Park	**13** CV Men's Elko Shop/Med Trip; Eureka Elko Trip; Eureka Bingo 1-2:30pm; Community Closet 5:30-6:30 pm; Happy Birthday! Tobias Gonzales-Quezada	**14** CV Clinic Open 7 am - 7 pm	**15** Tressa's Closet 12:30 - 2 pm; $5 Spooky Movie Night Opera House Little Ones at 6pm, Spookier at 8pm; Garden Club 6:30 pm; Eureka Golden Groceries; Happy Birthday! Judee Craig	**16** 	**17** Pumpkin Patch 9:30 am - 2 pm; Masonic Lodge Meeting 1:30 pm; Golden Oldies Bingo CV 2-4pm; Dirty Cello Band Concert Opera House 7-9 pm
18 CV & Diamond Valley Baptist Church 10 am Bible Study 11 am Worship; Happy Birthday! Rex Moore	**19** Happy Birthday! Jessica Hale, Gerald Sestanovich	**20** **DV Solar Info Meeting 6:30 Opera House**; Eureka Bingo 1 -2:30 pm; Community Closet 5:30-6:30 pm; Happy Birthday! Robert Flanders; CV Clinic Open 7 am - 7 pm	**21** CNHC Flu/Pneumonia Vacation Clinic Senior Center from 12-1pm, Opera House from 3-6; Happy Birthday! Kay Maza	**22** CV Medical Trip; CV Food Bank 10-11 am; Tressa's Closet 12:30 - 2 pm; Catholic Charities 3:30-5 pm; Lions Club Costume Contest 5 pm; Happy Birthday! Ellie Perkins	**23** FREE WINTER CLOTHING DISTRIBUION Community Closet 11am-2pm; Haunted Museum 6-8pm; Happy Birthday! Dean Day, Glenn Dempsey; RED RIBBON WEEK	**24** CV Trunk-n-Treat 6-8pm; Golden Oldies Bingo CV 2-4pm; Happy Birthday! Roger Spear
25 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Services start 10 am	**26** A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO WILLIAM BEE RIRIE FOR SPONSORING OUR CALENDAR!	**27** CV Medical Trip; Eureka Bingo 1-2:30 pm; Community Closet 5:30-6:30 pm	**28** Happy Birthday! John Huddleston, Reynard Moody; CV Clinic Open 7 am - 7 pm	**29** Tressa's Closet 12:30 - 2 pm	**30** **Nevada Day**; Happy Birthday! Christina Bingham	**31** **Halloween**; Golden Oldies Bingo CV 2-4pm; Happy Birthday! Leanna Cantrell

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