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LCSO continues investigation into man missing for more than two years

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the disappearance of Ronald Littley, a 56-year-old man who was reported missing in September 2022.

Littley was last known to be living at a home on Dixie Lane in Fernley. He was last seen in mid-September 2022. A welfare check conducted on Sept. 22, 2022, determined that Littley was not at the home on Dixie Lane, and he has not been seen or heard from since that time. His personal belongings, including his vehicles, were at the home and he is believed to have left the area on foot.

Because of concerns related to Littley's medical and mental health history, he was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as an endangered missing person. Since the initial report, deputies and detectives have conducted follow-up checks, neighborhood canvasses, and coordination with family members and partner agencies. Despite these efforts, no confirmed sightings or leads have

been developed.

The investigation into Littley's disappearance remains open and active.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office said a body found Jan. 7, 2025 in a wooded area south of Farm District Road and U.S. 50A was not Littley, but no positive identification on that body has been made.

As of January 2026, Ronald Littley was listed on the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) with the following link: <http://www.namus.gov/MissingPersons/Case#/153841>

Littley is described as a White male, born Sept. 10, 1969, approximately 6.1" and 185 pounds.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Ronald Littley, or who may have seen him since September 2022, to contact law enforcement. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office at (775) 463-6600 or by email at detective@lyon-county.org.

Tips may be provided anonymously.



Ronald Littley, a 56-year-old man who was reported missing in September 2022. Photo courtesy of LCSD.

Torres updates Rotary Club on city projects

By Robert Perea

Fernley City Councilman Albert Torres gave the the Rotary Club of Fernley a brief overview of some of the council's work over the past year and some of the major issues ahead at the Club's Jan 5 meeting.

Torres was appointed to the council in August 2019 following the resignation of Sue Seidl, who moved out of the area. He won election to the seat in 2020 and was reelected in 2024.

Water and sewer facility upgrades were among the topics Tores highlighted. In August, the council voted to move forward with planning for water and sewer treatment improvements. The city's current sewer treatment facility is not capable of reducing nitrogen, a consultant told the council. The city wants

to upgrade the quality of the effluent leaving the sewer treatment plant, to be able to sell it to industrial users or for irrigation. Torres said the proposed site is an 80 acre parcel directly north of the existing facility, which is east of the industrial park along Newlands Drive.

Torres said the goal is to complete the project by 2030, calling that timeline realistic.

The estimated cost is \$50–55 million, most of which the city expects to cover through grants.

“This is the only project, and I’m speaking only for myself as far as council here, the only project where I would say yes to bonding, because it’s that important,” Torres said.

Regarding water, three of Fernley's monitoring wells have PFA, or polyfluoroalkyl substances, levels slightly above

the 4 parts per trillion recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Torres said PFAS contamination is a nationwide issue.

“Almost every single entity across the country has PFAS in their water,” he said, noting it is often a by product of piping and lining materials used in water treatment and distribution.

He said Fernley's water remains among the cleanest in Nevada. The city is adding filtration systems and replacing aging components, largely funded through the water and sewer enterprise fund. He said the city is working working with the U.S. Economic Development Administration on grant funding for upgrades to the water treatment plant.

Torres discussed the city's first Spe-

cial Assessment District, created last year for Nevada Pacific Parkway, and the ongoing study of potential impact fees.

Developers, he said, have increasingly asked why Fernley lacked SADs or impact fees, prompting the city to begin evaluating both tools.

Once the extension of Nevada Pacific Parkway is completed, Torres said NDOT will assume responsibility for Nevada Pacific Parkway because the city lacks the expertise and equipment to maintain bridges. In exchange, Fernley will take over Farm District Road, and Torres said he hopes improvements to Farm District, Road, including the extended bike path and crosswalks with flashing lights, will be complete.

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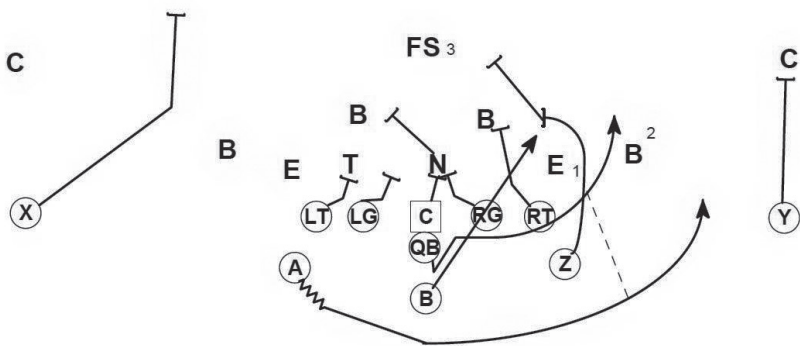
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Waiting for the council’s city manager decision

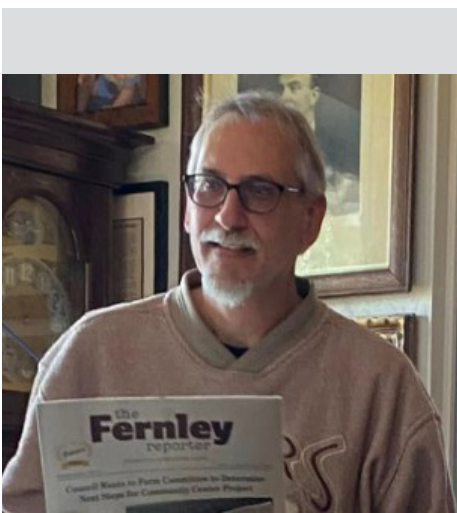
Some weeks, the news cooperates with the deadline. This week isn’t one of them. As I write this while trying to beat our Tuesday deadline, the Fernley City Council hadn’t yet met on Wednesday night to interview the two remaining candidates for the city manager’s position.

By the time you read it, the council will have made its choice, or decided it doesn’t have one.

The council was originally supposed to interview four finalists, but one withdrew a couple of weeks ago, and a second one stepped aside last week. Will the council decide it likes one of these last two enough to hire one, or will it decide to start the search over again?

If that sounds familiar, it should. That’s what happened in 2023, the last time the city was looking for a manager. The council voted not to hire either of the candidates the first round of recruitment produced, before hiring Ben Marchant after a second round of recruitment.

The resignation of Marchant last May during a very contentious budget session and the subsequent disharmony among the City Council brings into question, exactly how attractive is the Fernley City Manager position? What kind of candidate looks at the recent turbulence and says “Yes, that’s the



ROBERT PEREA

challenge I want”?

The candidate who says that, who looks at the turbulence, the turnover, the political friction, and still raises a hand, is exactly the kind of candidate the city needs. Wednesday’s meeting will tell us whether the council thinks one of the two finalists is that person, or whether they still need to keep looking.

There was apparently no shortage of interest in the position. Mayor Neal McIntyre told the council that 92 candidates applied, although he said the consulting firm whittled that down to 14 “viable” candidates, before the committee chosen by McIntyre came up with four finalists.

In the end, the number of applicants matters far less than

finding the right candidate. Fernley doesn’t need someone who is impressed by the title, it needs someone who understands the weight of the work and is willing to shoulder it. The council’s choice will tell us whether they think that person is in the room, or still somewhere out there waiting to be found.

Robert Perea has covered news and sports in Northern Nevada since 1993. He has published The Fernley Reporter online since 2016, loves music, is a sucker for the pets who have adopted him, and is thrilled to be printing the Reporter.

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FEATURES

‘Water Masters’ documentary highlights local water issues



Benjamin Shawcroft, general manager of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (left), and NCWR Director Sage Hiibel discuss water use in “Water Masters,” a new documentary by Emmy-winning director Dan Druhora.

Courtesy of University of Nevada, Reno

As population growth and industrial needs increase the demand for water, researchers at the College of Engineering’s Nevada Center for Water Resiliency (NCWR) seek solutions. The issues are highlighted in a new 30-minute documentary, “Water Masters,” which premiered in December at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Produced by Emmy-winning di-

rector Dan Druhora, “Water Masters” explores water use along the Truckee River Watershed, the water system connecting Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. The film examines the concept of upstream and downstream users, highlighting how population growth and the expansion of industry, such as new data centers that require water for cooling, increase water needs.

“I think what I would like people to take from ‘Water Masters’ is just how

important water is, and how precious it is,” NCWR director Sage Hiibel said.

Established in 2023 with a grant from the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), the NCWR researches and tests new technologies in water treatment, focusing on non-potable (drinking) water reclaimed from a variety of water resources. Hiibel, a chemical engineering associate professor, focuses on water reuse in the industrial sector, while

other NCWR researchers address such topics as advanced water treatment or the quantification and characterization of emerging contaminants.

“Water Masters” is the third in a four-part documentary series, “Flowing Forward,” which explores water research at the University of Southern California, University of Arizona and the Army ERDC. View it on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/1129685525?fl=pl&fe=cm>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keller announces re-election campaign for
Lyon County Commission, District 2

By Robert Perea

Lyon County Commissioner Scott Keller announced that he will seek re-election for a second term for the District 2 seat on the Lyon County Commission.

Keller was elected to represent District 2 in 2022, which covers part of Fernley and part of Silver Springs. He served as the commission chairman in 2025.

The filing period for candidates running for office is from March 2-13.

In announcing his candidacy for a second term, Keller cited his commitment to practical leadership, responsible growth, and securing resources that strengthen Lyon County’s communities.

Since taking office in 2023, Keller said he has focused on the fundamentals that matter most to residents, public safety, emergency preparedness, infrastructure, and essential services, while maintaining a steady, fiscally responsible approach to county government.

“Lyon County deserves leadership that’s focused on results, not rhetoric,” Keller said. “Over the past term, we’ve worked to bring outside dollars home, improve coordination during emer-

gencies, and make smart, long-term decisions for our rural communities. There’s more work to do, and I’m running to continue that work.”

During his first term, Keller said the Commission approved and supported the acceptance and pursuit of state and federal grant funding for critical county priorities, including public safety initiatives, emergency recovery efforts, behavioral health services, airport improvements, and water and wastewater infrastructure planning.

“These efforts have helped position Lyon County to compete for and responsibly manage outside funding, reducing pressure on local taxpayers while addressing real needs,” Keller said.

As Board Chair, Keller said he has emphasized collaboration with fellow commissioners, county staff, state partners, and federal agencies to ensure Lyon County remains prepared, resilient, and well-positioned for future challenges.

“Good county government isn’t flashy,” Keller added. “It’s about showing up, doing the work, and making sure Lyon County is ready for tomorrow while protecting the values that make this a great place to live.”



Scott Keller

Keller said his re-election campaign will focus on strengthening public safety and emergency readiness, supporting infrastructure and utility improvements, pursuing grant

and funding opportunities that benefit local taxpayers, and preserving Lyon County’s rural character while planning responsibly for growth.

Sheriff’s Office
warns of scammers
impersonating officers

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office is warning the public of a scam where a caller claiming to be a Lyon County officer is calling to collect money and leaving messages referring to legal matters.

The Sheriff’s office said Lyon County Dispatch has been receiving calls from residents reporting the scams. In some of the most recent calls, the caller has used the name Sergeant Murray.

Previously, the Sheriff’s warned of

a scam where a caller impersonating Sheriff’s Office sergeants contacted family members of people who had recently been arrested, claiming that money was needed to post bail or to cover jail-related programs. The Sheriff’s Office said those callers typically demanded payment through gift cards or mobile payment apps.

The Sheriff’s Office says it would never call and ask for money or personal identification over the phone and is advising residents not to respond to the scammers.

Fernley businesses
invited to exhibit at
STEM Festival

Staff Report

The Fernley STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and MATH) Council is calling for Fernley businesses to participate as exhibitors in this year’s STEM Festival on Feb. 26.

The Fernley STEM Festival is held annually at Fernley High School and is open to all Pre-K-12 students and adults in Northern Nevada, including traditional public schools, home schools and charter schools.

The 13th annual Fernley STEM Festival will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 5-8 p.m.

Student posters are due to school

coordinators on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Businesses can participate by hosting a booth to demonstrate the science, technology, engineering and math in their field. In previous STEM festivals, local engineers explained how the use insulation products in construction; a Fernley veterinarian displayed the laser technology used in surgery; a local steel sculpture company displayed their art and representatives from Fernley Public Works demonstrated the use of water meters using a display.

The deadline to register as a business exhibitor is Feb. 6. Registration forms are available at www.fernleystem.com.

Lyon County Human
Services offering
Caregiver Support

Staff Report

Lyon County Human Services is providing caregiver support services for people taking care of an adult relative, partner, friend or parent.

The Powerful Tools for Caregivers program gives you the skills to take care of yourself while caring for someone else. By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver.

Lyon County Human Services uses PTC curriculum to provide support

to caregivers of adults with chronic conditions. This program is offered through classes and support groups to help build your network and skills.

Class session will be held once a week for six weeks at the Silver Springs Senior Center, weekly on Wednesday’s from Jan. 7-Feb. 11.

Respite services are available during the class.

For more information, contact Lyon County Human Services Senior Services Program Manager at (775) 577-5009 ext. 3324.

City accepting recycled
Christmas trees at
Out of Town Park

Staff Report

The City of Fernley is accepting recycled natural Christmas trees through January 16 at the southeast corner of the Out of Town Park rodeo grounds.

Trees must be free of nails and stripped of all decorations. No artificial trees will be accepted.

Contact the City of Fernley Public Works Department at (775) 784-9910 for questions.



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OBITUARY

Robert Vernon Johnson

1937-2025

Robert Vernon Johnson, age 88, of Silver Springs, Nevada, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was a devoted husband, a caring father, a cherished grandfather, and a respected member of his community.

Born in Arizona to Milton David Johnson and Minnie Mae Boudinot Johnson, Robert was one of six siblings: Wilma, Milton, Richard, Albert, and Dennis. The family later relocated to Los Angeles, California, where Robert spent his formative years.

In 1958, Robert joined the U.S. Army and served honorably in Korea. Upon returning to Torrance, California, in 1961, he began building a family and a career in construction, often working alongside his brothers. Robert was known for his love of the outdoors, fishing, hiking, panning for gold, and for his enjoyment of card games.

A man of deep faith, Robert was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1961 after meeting his first wife, Betty Doloris Graves. They shared 21 years of marriage until her passing in 1983. He later married Carolyn Hannig, with whom he spent 30 wonderful years before her passing in 2014.

Robert was actively involved in his community, serving as a member of the Lyon County Republican Central Committee and as an associate member of the Fernley Republican Women. He was deeply patriotic and valued his family and country above all else.

Known for his boundless generosity, wisdom, and unwavering support for

those in need, Robert touched the lives of many. In his later years, he enjoyed attending community events, supporting charitable causes, and dancing whenever music is played.

Robert is survived by his children: Vida Darline Johnson-Keller (husband Scott), Mark Ralls (wife Jennifer), Jackie Thompson (husband Rick), and Tina Matzke; his grandchildren: Daniel Robert Randall (wife Jeana), Jennifer Darline Randall Barajas (husband Andres), Mark Ralls Jr., Jason Ralls (wife Jillian), Adam Ralls, Kimberly Van Tassel (husband Phil), James Thompson, Steven Thompson, Bianca, Ashley, and Jeremy; and his great-grandchildren: Haylei, Maliq, Jarael, Andrew, Aiden, Harvey, and Hazel. He is also survived by his youngest brother, Dennis Johnson, sister-in-law Vickie Pederson, and many nieces and nephews who lovingly called him “Uncle Robert.”

Robert’s service will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 1:00 pm with military honors at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veterans Way Fernley

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to organizations Robert supported: the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition, the Lyon County Republican Central Committee, or the Fernley Republican Women.

Robert’s legacy of kindness, integrity, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Freitas Ruprecht Funeral Home, 25 Hwy 208 Yerington, Nevada 89447 (775) 463-2911.



A Year of Growth and Tension in Fernley

By Rachel Dahl

As 2025 winds down, Fernley finds itself at a familiar crossroads, one foot planted firmly in opportunity, the other navigating the growing pains that come with it. On the economic front, few announcements carried more weight this year than the sale of 300 acres at the Victory Logistics District to Microsoft. The deal, completed by Mark IV Capital, marked a milestone

for the 4,300-acre Victory Logistics District, signaling Fernley’s arrival as a serious player in the data-center and digital infrastructure economy. The transaction capped four years of recent planning focused on power reliability, land scalability, workforce readiness, and fiber connectivity. All the unglamorous but essential ingredients that attract global investment. City leaders and developers alike see the project as the first of several similar announcements expected to

follow. If economic development showcased Fernley’s upward trajectory, city government revealed the strain that rapid growth can place on local institutions. Prolonged and often heated budget discussions dominated headlines throughout the spring, culminating in a stalemate over the 2025–26 fiscal year budget and the funding of the city manager’s position. Vetoes, failed override votes, and emotionally charged council

meetings exposed deep divisions over governance, transparency, and the balance of power under Fernley’s strong-mayor form of government. While procedural in nature, the debate carried real consequences, with the resignation of the city manager leaving the city searching for a new one, to delayed raises and capital projects and concerns about the city’s reputation among prospective

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Fernley Community Events

JAN. 10

BINGO
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

JAN. 15

TRIVIA NIGHT (21+)
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
McHoppers
396 US Hwy 95A S
(775) 980-6512

JAN. 25

GLOW PAINTING
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
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25 East Main Street Suite # 5

JAN. 31

LOW COST MICRO CHIP CLINIC
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Animal Services
595 Silver Lace Blvd
(775) 784-9803

JAN. 16

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM
Out-of-Town Park rodeo grounds
Contact the City of Fernley Public Works Department if you have any questions at (775) 784-9910

JAN. 17

YOUTH CODING CLUB
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
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JAN. 27

BOOK CLUB
2:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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COMMUNITY ART BOARD PROJECT - FREE ART SHOW
5:30-8:30 p.m.
ACES - Art Culture Event Squad
40 N Center St
fernleyaces@gmail.com

JAN. 24

FAMILY CRAFT
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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775-575-3366

TABLE TENNIS
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City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting January 21

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting January 14

**Fernley Senior Citizen
Advisory Committee**
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting February 13

Lyon County Commission
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting January 15

Lyon County Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting January 13

**Lyon County Library
Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the Month,
9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting TBA
(due to Christmas Holiday)

**Lyon County School District
Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between
each attendance area
Next meeting January 26

**North Lyon County Fire Protection
District Board of Trustees**
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting January 8

**Fernley Swimming Pool
General Improvement District**
3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m.
Next meeting January 20

McHoppers’s expansion adds games, event space

By Robert Perea

For years, one thing McHoppers Brew Co. owners Mike McMordie and Dody Hopper heard over and over is that there's nothing to do in Fernley. That's one reason they opened the brewery in September 2021, and now have tripled its space with games and an event venue that they hope will make the brewery a true Fernley destination.

After the Boys & Girls Club moved into the new Community Response and Resource Center in September, McHoppers took over their former space next door to the brewery, adding 4,800 square feet and bringing the total space to about 7,200 square feet. The remodel created 2,100 square feet of reservable event space and 2,700 square feet of new gaming space, including four lanes of axe throwing, two cart boards, a kid zone and three tournament grade Diamond pool tables.

"We're not just a brewery anymore," McMordie said. "We wanted to build something Fernley didn't have."

The new event room can seat up to 120 people at tables or up to 220 in stadium style seating. The space was intentionally designed as a blank slate, with movable staging, adjustable lighting and a planned drop down projector for business meetings or seminars.

Since opening, it has already hosted a wedding, an engagement party and a New Year's Eve celebration.

"It's perfect for and event between 60 and 100 people," McMordie said.

McHoppers does not provide catering but can recommend caterers if customers need it. Guest may also arrange their own catering, and McHoppers offers several alcohol service packages to choose from. The brewery recently expanded its license to allow full liquor service for private events. Spanish and English speaking DJs are available for hire.

"For the first 10 parties booked, we're offering free table and chair rental," McMordie said.

Axe throwing costs \$20 for 30 minutes or \$30 for an hour per person, for ages 12 and up with a parent. Pool

leagues are already lining up and will play Mondays and Wednesdays, with another league expected on Thursdays. The tables are open to the public Friday through Sunday.

With the added space, McHoppers has extended its hours and will expand its food menu by the end of January to include wings and fries alongside its paninis. The new hours are 2-10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m.-12 a.m. Friday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

Children are allowed in the brewery portion until 6 p.m.

McHoppers continues to host karaoke, trivia nights and its regular open mic nights with the Fernley ACES, as well as bingo fundraisers one Wednesday per month, which have become so popular that they may become twice monthly. The brewery is booked for Bingo fundraisers through May and already has July reserved.

For bingo fundraisers, McHoppers provides all supplies; organizations only need to bring prizes and a caller.

"We want to be a big footprint in the community," McMordie said. "When people come to Fernley, we want them to say, 'You've got to go to McHoppers.'"

The brewery also recently joined Harvest Host, allowing RV travelers to dry camp in the parking lot for free while visiting the brewery. McMordie and Hopper say it's already helping spread Fernley's name to visitors from across the country.

With Fernley's population now around 26,000, the owners say they hope the expanded offerings keep more residents in town instead of driving to Reno.

"We hear all the time that there's nothing to do here," McMordie said. "There's 26,000 people in Fernley at this point, and at any event, the whole town shares 800 people. And I'm wondering where the rest are, you know? So by providing something that's out of the norm and a little bit different, maybe some of these people stay in Fernley and spend their money instead of driving to Reno."

The event venue can be reserved by calling Skye at (530) 966-7349.




McHoppers co-owners Mike McMordie and Dody Hopper show one of the brewery's new axe throwing lanes. Photo by Robert Perea

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REGIONAL NEWS

State Treasurer encourages Nevadans to Search for unclaimed property

Staff Report

As Nevadans ring in the New Year and set financial goals for 2026, Treasurer Zach Conine is reminding Nevadans to check for unclaimed property that may belong to them.

The State of Nevada is currently holding more than \$1 billion in unclaimed property owed to Nevadans ranging from forgotten bank accounts and uncashed checks to insurance proceeds and utility deposits.

“Each new year is a fresh start, and 2026 is the perfect time for Nevadans to reclaim money they may lost along the way,” said Treasurer Zach Conine. “Searching for unclaimed property is free, easy, and could put extra cash in your pocket.”

Unclaimed property typically consists of financial assets that businesses are unable to return to their owners, often due to a move, name change, or outdated contact information. The State Treasury holds these funds in perpetuity and the Office’s Unclaimed Property Division works to reconnect owners or their heirs with their property.

Businesses are required by law to report unclaimed property each year. When companies are unable to return funds to their rightful owners after a set period of inactivity, they must report and remit those assets to the State.

Nevadans can visit NVUP.gov to see if they have any unclaimed property owed to them.

Huffman to speak on Convention of States at Jan. 20 FRW meeting

Staff Report

Terri Huffman, Convention of States Nevada State Director, will be the guest speaker for the next meeting of The Fernley Republican Women (FRW) on Jan. 20 at the Fernley Senior Center, 105 Lois Lane.

A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Huffman will be speaking in support of a Convention of States. The public is always invited to attend but they ask that you RSVP to Katie Baker at kproctor926@gmail.com.

Recruited into politics at the age of 17, Huffman began as a Young

Democrat but became a Republican by 18, casting her first vote for Richard Nixon. She spent 44 years in the aerospace industry, beginning her career as a painter and retiring as a Supplier Quality Engineer.

Huffman and her husband relocated to Nevada from Arizona in 2020. She currently serves on the boards of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee and Douglas County Republican Women, and is a member of the Douglas County Audit Committee. She joined Convention of States in 2021 and was asked to serve as Nevada State Director in 2024.

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Public safety also remained in sharp focus. The case of Guillermo Aboytes-Saavedra, who pleaded guilty to multiple kidnapping and assault charges involving local

youths, served as a sobering reminder of the importance of law enforcement coordination and the judicial process. Sentencing, scheduled for early 2026, closed one chapter while reinforcing community calls for accountability.

North Lyon Fire reduced its

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Torres said the city is working to repair its relationship with NDOT, which he said was damaged when previous city administration threatened a building moratorium over the inadequacy of the roundabout. Last January, the council approved a resolution that exempts the roundabout from the minimum Level of Service the city requires, to allow development to continue.

“Council is not going to approve a building moratorium,” he said, while acknowledging the roundabout was undersized from the beginning.

“Anybody who was here at the time knew that it was too narrow,” he said.

Torres said he hopes completion of Nevada Pacific Parkway will divert a significant share of traffic away from the roundabout.

Torres noted that the Lyon County Regional Transportation Commission recently approved funding for plan-

ning and design work on Miller Lane, 6th and 7th Streets, and the alphabet streets. He also highlighted the completion of the Community Response and Resource Center and the lease the council agreed to with Boys & Girls Club to operate the facility, and praised the Boys & Girls Club’s progress in finding private funding for the Early Learning Center, which is Phase II of the CRRC.

Torres closed with a reflection on the state legislative climate. He lamented that Assembly Joint Resolution 1, which would have been a step toward resetting property taxes when property is sold, was killed by the Senate. He said a lot of legislation was killed by elected officials playing politics instead of making policy.

“A lot of great bills introduced by R’s were shut down by D’s, and a lot of great bills introduced by D’s were shut down by R’s,” he said. “And we’ve got to get away from that.”



Fernley City Councilman Albert Torres speaks at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Rotary Club of Fernley. Photo by Robert Perea

NOTICES

The City wants to let residents know that FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued an update (or Letter Of Map Revision LOMR) to the flood maps for the City of Fernley.

What has changed: Certain areas along HWY 95A have been updated from a “Zone A” to “Zone AE”, which now has defined flood elevations. The area on the east side has been designated Zone AO, meaning shallow flooding may occur in this area and new floodplain rules may apply.

Where can I find the data: Residents can view the revised maps at City Hall, on our City website, or by contacting the City Manager’s Office.

Who to contact for help: Residents can contact the City at engineering@cityoffernley.org with questions or for assistance interpreting the maps.

Why it matters: The update affects property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, helping them understand flood risk and insurance requirements.

FAQ’s About FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Maps For the City of Fernley:

- 1. What is FOMR?** A FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency-issued revision to flood maps based on improved data.
- 2. Why was it issued?** Updated hydrologic/hydraulic analyses and topography provided improved accuracy.
- 3. Which areas are affected?** HWY 95A Ditch, HWY 95A Ditch Split, and shallow flooding near Desert Shadows Lane.
- 4. When is it effective?** April 13, 2026.
- 5. Can residents appeal?** Yes - within 90 days after the second newspaper notice.
- 6. Will this change insurance requirements?** Possibly. Properties newly mapped into Special Flood Hazard Areas may require flood insurance.
- 7. Does this affect building requirements?** Yes. New development must comply with updated floodplain regulation.

For more details, FEMA’s official notice can be found here:

<https://www.cityoffernley.org/.../25-09-0167P-320038-2025>
<http://floodmaps.fema.gov/bfes/viewnotice.php>

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

The City of Fernley is accepting applications from citizens of Fernley, wishing to serve on the City of Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. This recruitment is to fill one available seat on the committee.

Purpose: The purpose of the committee is to advise the City Council on matters relating to senior citizens; to provide an informational resource to senior citizens on matters of concern to senior citizens; and to promote volunteer programs for the benefit of senior citizens

Membership: The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee consists of five members. The term of office for each member is two-year.

Typical Duties: Serve and advise the City Council on matters relating to senior citizens, to promote and support senior-oriented special events and collaborative efforts that meet the needs of seniors, and to serve as an advocacy body on behalf of older adults in the community. etc.

Time Commitment: The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meets on the second Friday, every other month at 9 am, the next scheduled meeting will be February 13, 2026. The successful candidate may be required to attend other meetings or volunteer at special events to promote the committee.

Applications must be received by the City Clerk’s Office by 5pm on January 9, 2026. Interested persons should complete the Boards and Commissions Application Form which can be found at:
<https://www.cityoffernley.org/forms.aspx?fid=176>

THE LYON COUNTY REPUBLICAN precinct meetings will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Dayton High School, and at the Fernley, Silver Springs, and Yerington Senior Centers.

You must be a registered Republican to attend and must participate in your specific precinct.

For more information visit the LCRCC website at: www.lyoncountygop.com, and Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/LyonCountyRepublicansofNevada. Visit: www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/ to verify your election precinct, party affiliation and voting status.

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Arrest report

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Dec. 22, 2025 –Jan. 4, 2025

EDGAR DIOSDADO – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court Commitment
CORBIN HENDERSON – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$22,060, Charges: DUI (3rd) – Enhanced/Work zone; Reckless Driving – Disregard Person/Property Safety (1st); Fail to Wear Safety Belt/Shoulder Harness; Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order
JOSEPH SANDOVAL – Area: Dayton Bail: \$3,290, Charges: Drive with Suspended Driver License; Operate Vehicle with Expired Registration/Plates; Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation (2 counts)
ALEX FRANCIS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (2nd)
SALVADOR HERRERA ROSAS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$5,700, Charges: Destroy Property of Another (\$250–\$5,000) (2 counts)
JOEY GARCIA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$17,500, Charges: Prohibited Acts – Violation of Sex Offender Registration (2+); Prohibited Acts – Violation of Sex Offender Registration (2+)l Court Commitment
DIANA HARRIS – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)
BAILEE BURNS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,640, Charges: Possession of Dangerous Drug Without Prescription (1st/2nd); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence
TIMOTHY SMITH – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Destroy Property of Another (\$250–\$5,000)
HALEY NOXON – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$6,140, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st/2nd); DUI (2nd); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
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KEEGAN BECKETT – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$305, Charges: Drive Without Driver License
ROBERT HEBERLE – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$2,500
Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order
CLAYTON STEWART – Area: Dayton,

Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Drive with Revoked Driver License for DUI
CY LUPONE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$355, Charges: Trespass Not Amounting to Burglary
TERESA LEMONS – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$940, Charges: Assist Other Agency – Hold
SERAE COLLINS – Area: Fernley Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)
GABRIEL ORTIZ – Area: Dayton Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)
RENO TOLENTINO – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence; Violation of Domestic Violence TPO
NICOLAS MOLER – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$325, Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation
XIMENA ORDAZ PEREZ – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,340, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail – Misdemeanor Crime
MERVIN LEE – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$2,615, Charges: Operate Vehicle with Expired Registration/Plates; Provide False/Fictitious Information on Vehicle Registration Application
LAURA KRAMER STANTON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$30,000
Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order; Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order; Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st/2nd)
ISABEL ROSALES LOPEZ – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,760, Charges: DUI (2nd); Basic Speed – 11–15 mph Over Limit
HANNA DOTY – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)
CHAZZ NEVIN – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$7,280, Charges: Destroy/Conceal Evidence; Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
TOMMIE SHULTS – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$2,000, Charges: Assist Other Agency – Hold
GORDON BRYAN –Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$2,500, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g; Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence; Felony Arrest – Fugitive From Other State / Complaint/ Warrant
JESSICA DORAZI – Area: Mason

Valley, Bail: \$6,140, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g; Possess Marijuana <1 oz / <50 lbs; Concentrate <1/8 oz / <1 lb; Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
TWYLA DEFOND – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$2,140, Charges: False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer; Failure to Appear After Bail – Felony Crime; Failure to Appear After Bail – Misdemeanor Crime; Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence
CODY ABERNATHY – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$137,800, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence; Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd offense); Possession of Schedule III–V Controlled Substance <28g (1st or 2nd offense); Manufacture/Import/Possess/Use Dangerous Weapon (1st); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Hypodermic Device
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JESUS VALDEZ GONZALEZ – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,140
Charges: DUI (1st)
RICHIE HARKER – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$755, Charges: License Plates Improperly Displayed; Drive with Suspended Driver License
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MARTIN CORIA FLORES – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,135, Charges: Trespass Not Amounting to Burglary; Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Drive with Suspended Driver License
GINA OLIVAREZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$320, Charges: Criminal Contempt
NICKLAUS GRIFFITH – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order
RYAN APARICIO – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order
CATALINO PEREZ GUIDO – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$745, Charges: Drive with Revoked Driver License; Operate Unregistered Vehicle/Trailer/Semi

BRYCE ANDERSON – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail – Felony Crime
SAMANTHA ADAMS – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$10,000, Charges: Assist Other Agency – Hold; Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence
DAMOND SMITH – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$10,000, Charges: Battery Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm
JEREMY BARRETT – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,995, Charges: Drive with Suspended Driver License; Owner – Proof of Insurance Required; Operate Unregistered Vehicle/Trailer/Semi; Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g, 1st or 2nd Offense
EDWARD CALLAGY – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)
JOSHUA STANFIELD – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order
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NICOLAS MOLER – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,365, Charges: Drive Without Driver License; License Plates Improperly Displayed; Display Fictitious Registration/Plate/Title; Operate Unregistered Vehicle/Trailer/Semi; Owner – Proof of Insurance Required; Fail to Obey Stop Sign
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AUSTIN FOWLER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$128,140, Charges: Child Abuse or Neglect (1st); Domestic Battery (1st)
SETH HORN – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$2,640, Charges: Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person <21

Unregistered sex offender arrested in Dayton, dies while being transported to jail

By Robert Perea

A person arrested on a charge of failing to register as a sex offender died while being transported to jail.
According to the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office deputies from the Sex Offender Task Force responded to a home in the Dayton area on Dec. 31 following an anonymous tip regard-

ing a convicted sex offender who had failed to register as required by law. Members of the Task Force located and arrested the person on the charge of failure to register as a sex offender.
The person was being from the Dayton area to the Lyon County Jail for booking. While en route, the transporting deputy stopped at the Silver Springs Substation to adjust the

person’s restraints. Upon arrival at the substation, the deputy discovered the person to be unresponsive.
LCSO said deputies immediately removed the person from the vehicle and initiated CPR. Central Lyon Fire personnel arrived on scene and assumed lifesaving efforts. Despite these efforts, the person was pronounced dead.

Pursuant to the Regional Critical Incident Investigation Protocol, the Carson City Sheriff’s Office and the Nevada State Police, Investigations Division will conduct the investigation into the death.
The identity of the person was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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SPORTS

Vaqueros bounce back from tournament loss with win in league opener

By Robert Perea

While his team was warming up on the floor before their game against Lowry last Friday night, Fernley boys basketball coach Cade Knutson was anxious to see how they would react to what he considered their first poor outing of the season their last time on the floor.

The Vaqueros were preparing for their first league game, but also just three days removed from a 78-40 loss to Huntington Beach (CA) Edison in the last game of the Holiday Classic in San Diego. The Vaqueros had made it

to the fifth place game of the tournament, but were blasted by the Chargers.

“I told these guys, if they’re anything like me, they can’t wait to get back out there and get that taste out of their mouth,” Knutson said.

Dominating the middle two quarters, the Vaqueros left savoring the taste of victory for the 11th time this season, starting league play with a 67-36 win over the Buckaroos.

Bryce Dunagan-Stephens led the Vaqueros with 25 points, including a flurry in the second quarter where he hit three 3-pointers while Fernley was



Fernley's Sheldon Jacobson dribbles past Lowry defender Byron Jimenez during their Jan. 2 game in Fernley. Photo by John Baker

outscored Lowry 21-9. Stephens had seven more points in the third quarter, where Fernley outscored Lowry 20-7 to extend its lead to 57-26.

A basket by Stephens with 5:56 left in the game put the game into a running clock the rest of the way with a 51-26 lead, and the Vaqueros led by as much as 67-30 before Lowry scored the last six points of the game.

Sheldon Jacobson added nine points for Fernley, Mike Fitzgerald and Skyler Ledesma-James both had six points and Nolan Berreman, Keland Ketelaar and Bodie Parsons each scored five.

The Vaqueros were 11-4 overall, 1-0 in the Northern 3A entering into Tuesday's game against Fallon. They finish the week with their eastern road trip, facing Elko at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Spring Creek at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.



Fernley's Sheldon Jacobson puts up a shot during the Jan. 2 game against Lowry in Fernley. Photo by John Baker

McCullar wins two tournaments to lead Fernley wrestlers

Fresh off a seventh place finish at the Reno Tournament of Champions, Fernley's Riley McCullar backed up that performance by placing second at the Sierra Nevada Classic Dec. 29-30 at the Reno Events Center.

McCullar swept through the 176 bracket into the championship match with wins over Jayden Dira of Reed, Davic Dhiamparino of Oak Ridge, (CA), Isaac Martin of Casa Grande (CA), Grady Cox of Lebanon (OR) and Jonah Bertoli of Cardinal Newman (CA) before losing the championship match to Mason Ontiveros of Turlock (CA) Pitman.

For the girls, Bronwynn Garrett placed fourth.

On Jan. 1-2, the Vaqueros competed in the Joe Rios Invitational in Chico, CA and had two individual champions and two other placers.

McCullar won the championship at 178 pounds, winning the title with a technical fall in the championship match against Pratham Sharma of Northgate (CA). Nathan Pritchard won the championship at 147 pounds with a 1-0 decision over Tak Hatano of Folsom, CA. Isaid Solis and Jayse Jones each finished in seventh place for the Vaqueros.

As a team, the Vaqueros placed seventh out of 50 teams that scored points.

“All of the boys wrestled really well and are trending in the right direction,” coach Jake McCullar said

The varsity girls also traveled to the Railroad Classic in Sparks on Jan. 2 and walked away tournament champions.

“Anytime you win a tournament it’s definitely a group effort,” McCullar said. “I am really proud of our ladies.”



Fernley wrestlers Riley McCullar and Nathan Pritchard won the championship of their weight classes at the Joe Rios Memorial Tournament in Chico, CA last weekend, while Isaid Solis and Jayse Jones finished seventh. Photo courtesy of Fernley wrestling



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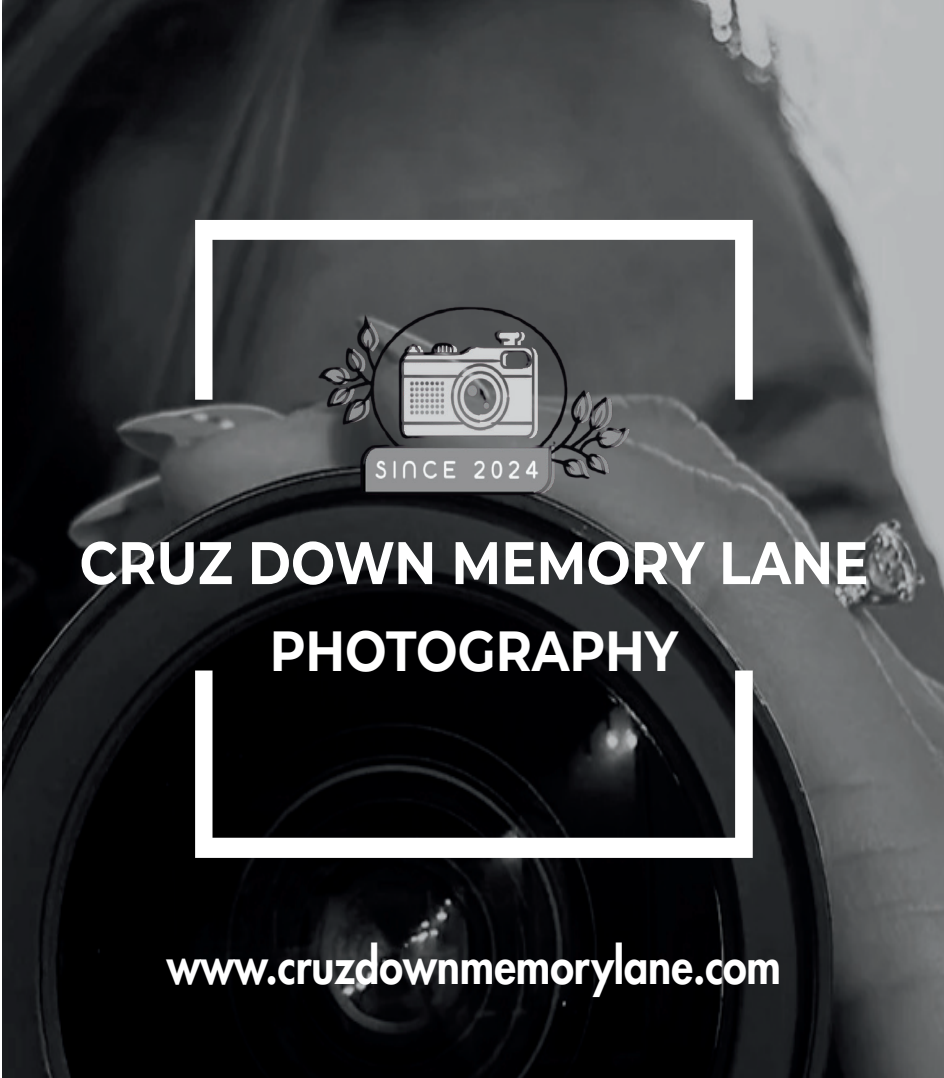
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SPORTS

Vaqueros roll past Lowry in league opener

By Robert Perea

The beginning of league play brought out the best in the Fernley Fernley High School girls basketball team. The Vaqueros scored the game's first 12 points, led by 24 at halftime and rolled to a 59-27 win over Lowry last Friday night in the first Northern 3A East game of the season.

Taylor Tollestrup led the Vaqueros with 27 points, five of her teammates have between five and seven points, the Vaqueros dominated the game from start to finish.

"We came out ready to play and not our usual slow start," coach Ralph Dunn said. "That came in the 3rd quarter."

By then, the Vaqueros were up 36-12. They got outscored 8-7 in the third quarter, but finished strong with 16 points in the fourth quarter. Audrey

Mason led Lowry in scoring with 16 points, including four 3-pointers, but 14 of her points came after Fernley was already ahead 31-6.

Tatiana Velazquez scored seven points for Fernley, while Laura Rosales, Justice Martell-Artiaga and Irene Brown each had six and Zaelynn Wasson scored five.

The Vaqueros had tuned up for league play earlier in the week, beating Carson 71-49 on Monday and Yerington 56-31 Tuesday in their last two games of the the Hug Cup Challenge, which began Dec. 27.

"The two final games at Hug we had a lot of confidence each game and I wish the games were a little closer so we could work on game situations," Dunn said.

The Vaqueros had their highest scoring game of the season against Carson, with five players in double



Fernley's Taylor Tollestrup blocks a shot by Lowry's Makinley Hislop during the Vaqueros' win over the Buckaroos on Jan. 2. Photo by John Baker



Fernley's Laura Rosales shoots over a Lowry defender during the Vaqueros' win over the Buckaroos on Jan. 2. Photo by John Baker

figures. Tollestrup led the team with 20 points, Sophie Mossner added 13, and Martell-Artiaga, Velazquez, and Wasson scored 10 apiece.

Tollestrup also had 22 against Yerington, backed up by Wasson with 10, Rosales with eight, and Martell-Artiaga with six.

Dunn said defense was the key to the Vaqueros four wins at Hug and the win over Lowry to start league play.

"Really happy the way the defense

has stepped up," he said. "We still have areas we need to improve on. The mistakes we're making are all correctable."

The Vqquros were scheduled to host Fallon Tuesday night, then this weekend they hit the road to face Elko at 6 p.m. Friday and Spring Creek at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"All the games coming up are very important," Dunn said. "We need to stay focused and healthy."

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PET OF THE WEEK

Marmalade is looking for her Furever home!

Marmalade(f) is a sweet girl. She is a little over one year old. Marmalade is litter trained. She isVERY affectionate, loves rubs and wants to cuddle with everyone. Marmalade gets along with other kitties given the proper introduction.

Do you have a place in your heart to give her a furrever home and family? A warm lap to cuddle up in? If you would like to set up an appointment to meet her, please call and leave a message with your contact info and someone will get back to you asap! 775-575-0950



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PET OF THE WEEK

Pecan is looking for his forever home!



Pecan is a Boxer mix and he is described as playful, affectionate, athletic, quiet, funny, curious, and friendly. Pecan is believed to be 3-8 years old. This gental giant has a heart of gold. Pecan patiently awaits a loving family to whisk him away! He loves to play with other dogs. Contact today for more info!



You can contact the Lyon County Animal Services 775-577-5005. They are located at 3705 Highway 50 West in Silver Springs, NV

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