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I-80 Widening Gets Green Light

By Robert Perea

While the Nevada Department of Transportation is still awaiting its environmental approval for the widening of Interstate 80 between Sparks and the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, it has received federal grant funding for the project, according to an NDOT spokesperson.

NDOT Assistant Director of Planning Rebecca Kapuler told the Lyon County Commission at its July 17 meeting that construction on the widening of I-80 from Vista Blvd. in Sparks to USA Parkway is scheduled to begin in 2027.

"It's going to be a design-build project, which will help us be more efficient and get that done quicker," Kapuler said. "But the good news is we got a \$270 million grant for that, so that is a priority. Our director has told us it's one of our number one priorities."

Commissioner Rob Jacobson told Kapuler that many Lyon County residents commute on I-80 and are affected by the traffic congestion. He said it recently took him an hour and half one way between Reno and Fernley.

"The safety of I-80 is brutal," Jacobson said. "It's a death trap."

"It is, and it's shift working, so having to figure out the best time to do construction is stuff we're looking at now," Kapuler said.

Kapuler was speaking to the Commission as a follow-up to a workshop held last year and she highlighted



NDOT crews work to repair a guardrail that was damaged when a dump truck crashed July 21 on Interstate 80 east of Vista Blvd. Photo Courtesy of Nevada State Police

several projects in the county that have been completed or that are in short-term. Intermediate or long-term plans.

She said NDOT relocated the stop bar for northbound trucks at the intersection of U.S. 95A and Main St.

"Now those turning movements seem to be a lot smoother and safer," she said.

Kapuler one of NDOT's current projects is a crosswalk across 95A in front of Fernley High School.

"The problem is that speeds are very high, 65 to 70 miles per hour," she

said. "Basically, a solution would be for the city to create an ordinance to have a reduced speed zone there for the school zone."

One that's done, she said NDOT would be able to collaborate with the city for students to cross the road safely.

As part of a corridor study NDOT is currently conducting within the city, Kapuler said NDOT is looking at traffic congestion where Farm District Road meets U.S. 50A, and also a potential roundabout at 95A and Cottonwood.

Headaches continue on Interstate 80 to and from USA Parkway

By Christy Lattin

Cars and trucks aren't the only things overheating on Interstate 80 – tempers are flaring. Almost every day, residents are posting their frustrations about the commute to and from the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center and its main artery USA Parkway.

The TRIC website states it's the largest industrial park in the world and lists several well-known companies as tenants. However, the thousands of vehicles hitting Interstate 80 at the same time to take employees to and from jobs at TRIC are creating frequent traffic jams and vehicle accidents.

The Fernley-Reno Commute Facebook group is a frequent sounding board for the traffic snarls. There are posts, almost daily, of people asking how the traffic flow is, and what accidents ahead are causing traffic standstills.

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Infant safe havens – No questions, just care

By Robert Perea

When North Lyon County Fire Protection District Chief Brian Bunn heard the story that a child had been found and rescued from a dumpster a couple of weeks ago in Reno, it triggered something in his mind that he hadn't thought about in a while.

Chapter 432B of Nevada Revised Statutes, often refers to as Nevada's Safe Haven Law, specifies that a child who is or appears to be not more than 30 days old can be voluntary delivered to an emergency service provider without being prosecuted for abuse or neglect.

"I'm not going to ask any questions of why this other individual put a child in a dumpster, but I'm going to assume that they didn't know," Bunn said. So I want all of our residents in Fernley to

know if they, or they know somebody that may be in that difficult situation, they can always surrender the child at one of our fire stations."

Under the Safe Haven Law, a parent may surrender a child under 30 days of age at a hospital, and obstetric center or an independent center for emergency medical care, a fire station, law enforcement agency, ambulance service or child welfare services. The primary goal is to provide a safe alternative for parents facing difficult circumstances, preventing abandonment in unsafe locations.

Bunn said when he heard about the case in Reno, he found out North Lyon Fire didn't have an emergency kit ready in case someone surrendered an infant. Bunn said the fire department has since purchased formula, blankets, pacifiers, diapers and anything else a



baby may need.

"We've got everything to provide that support of care and get them to an appropriate facility from that," he said.

Bunn said he was responsible for keeping Safe Haven kits I his previous

position with Truckee Meadows Fire, but has never had anyone surrender a child and hopes it never would happen. "But better to do it that way than obviously the way it was done, or other things that somebody might do," he said.

In addition to the kits, Bunn said North Lyon Fire is now working on writing up a formal policy that will spell out the procedure the department would follow in such a case.

"The policies are going to be who do we contact, how we accept the child," he said. "Who are we going to call in the event somebody drops them off at two in the afternoon or two in the morning. That way we can get the child to the appropriate facility, and we'll provide all the transport."

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FEATURES

My Family Folktales

By Shelbie Condie

I am a sixth-generation Nevadan. Both sides of my family came to the United States from Europe and traveled west like many pioneers. They journeyed across an arid alkaline desert ... and decided to stay. My roots were planted in a place where grit and grace are necessary, and I'm thankful for that.

I'm also thankful for where I was raised, in the not-so-small-anymore town of Fernley. My sets of grandparents grew up here and raised their families here. Specifically, my maternal ones, Stan and Judy Ceresola, graduated from Fernley High School in 1965, lived here for 50-plus years, and became pivotal members of Fernley. Unfortunately, they are no longer with us, but I hope to keep my grandparents' legacy alive by bringing their classic stories to life. So many tales were spun around the kitchen table with laughter and tears, and I want to share these gems with the community they loved. This is what I hope to emulate in this piece.

One of my favorite stories in particular is the time my grandpa was 'just scopin' out' my grandma during one of the town's dances. Hearing Stan tell his version of it versus Judy's point of view was always a treat. I think it was at some Fireman's Ball (I wish I knew better details), and the young couple was going through a basic marital spat. You know the one where you're each

flustered with each other, jealous about something or another, but won't let yourself admit it. The local party was held both inside a big garage and outdoors, if I remember the story right. At one point in the evening, my grandma politely shared a dance with someone else, as a kind gesture of sorts, and absolutely not to annoy her husband that much more. Maybe it was a woman's intuition that she scanned the area at that moment, or maybe it was because she couldn't miss the fact that a cowboy hat was sticking out from behind a telephone pole. Stan, full-time proficient rancher and part-time amateur sleuth, was simply keeping an eye on his wife without causing any attention towards himself, of course.

The scene reminded me of something from a 1950s sitcom. The marital spat didn't last much longer after that. My grandma, perhaps silently, appreciated the straightforward gesture of her man, always ready to protect her if ever needed, and my grandpa appreciated the fact that his lady was always the magnetic life of the party. I'm not sure if Judy admitted to revealing Stan's goof that night or if it wasn't until years later, as the story was repeated during coffee and cookies when the entire family gathered around the kitchen table. I am sure it is forever a treasured image to me of his Stetson brim poking out from afar while she smirks at herself with a twinkle in her eye.

Always be there for your partner



Stan and Judy Ceresola.
Photo courtesy of Shelbie Condie

and don't let a disagreement get in the way of your love for each other. Stan and Judy, together through and through.

They are still deeply missed, and we love them dearly. Thankfully, there are so many stories to still share. If you have a story you'd like to contribute about Stan and Judy Ceresola, please contact us at robert@fernleyreporter.com to help me with a possible future submission.

Shelbie Condie has been a Northern Nevada resident most of her life and graduated from Fernley High School in 2014. She lived in California for a decade, graduated from college at UC Davis in 2018, and worked in the Sacramento area as a legal assistant. She returned home to Nevada in 2024, where she continues her writing aspirations.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

School district to provide free meals for all students in upcoming school year

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District has announced that it will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students during the 2025-26 school year. Regardless of household income, every student enrolled in Lyon County schools will have access to free nutritious meals every school day. The district said this ongoing support is made possible through the Lyon County School District's Board of Trustees approval of the district's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). That federal initiative allows schools in eligible communities

to serve meals to all students at no cost, with no application required from families. In collaboration with the district's food service management company, Chartwells, the district participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to deliver meals that meet or exceed USDA nutrition standards. Families can easily access daily and monthly menus through Nutrislice, a user-friendly online platform that provides nutritional content and allergen information. Menus are available at <https://lyoncsd.nutrislice.com/menu> from any desktop or mobile device.

Art Park improvements under way

By Robert Perea

Metal flower sculptures and a sign were installed last week as part of a series of improvements at the Main Street Art Park. An asphalt walking path that was purchased prior to July 1 in order to spend federal block grant funds that would have expired on June 30, had already been completed, along with some water and electrical lines being placed to serve future improvements that are scheduled to be installed later this summer. Future improvements purchased with the block grant funds include three archways across the pedestrian path, six benches, three self-watering planters and six self-watering planters with attached benches. One planter was also purchased to be used across the street at the train depot. A 10-foot metal sculpture of a flower bouquet and two 5-foot metal sculptures of flowers and insects, made by Twisted Steel were installed last week. A 9-foot metal flower bouquet and three 5-foot sculptures of flowers and insects were also purchased for installation at the depot. All the planned benches and planters will be made of concrete that



Metal flower sculptures and a sign were installed last week at the Main Street Art Park. Photo courtesy City of Fernley

will look like wood. Also planned is an 8-foot by 8-foot tree planter donated by Trex, according to Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick. The city, Fernley ACES and Main Street Fernley are all looking to secure funding for future improvements to the art park, Altick said.

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COMMUNITY

Fernley dancers win gold score awards at national competition

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley Performing Arts studio continued its July winning streak at the Starbound National Talent Competition Finals at Bally's Lake Tahoe earlier this week, taking away several awards and winning the Studio Spirit Award for the overall competition.

Performing solo dance routines on the intermediate level and taking away high gold scores were Annabella Villa, Caylee Meeks and Bianca Campbell. Bella Bezinque earned an elite gold score for her solo dance routine. High gold is for scores attaining between 280 and 290 points, while elite gold is for scores between 290 and 300 points, explained Sophie Workman, one of the dancers and an assistant teacher at the studio.

Fernley Performing Arts won three high gold awards and two elite gold awards for team dance routines on the competitive level, with the "Keep Up" group placing third overall on the elite gold level, office manager Mirandy Lewis said.

Group routine members included Sophie Workman, Annabella Villa, Bella Bezinque, Caylee Meeks, Skylar Fitts, Da'Eemah Devold, Iza Van Phoenix, Bianca Campbell, Sandy Bearden, Melody Banuelos, Velei Hale and Trista Wyant.

Laken Boonlua, the studio's coach leading the competition teams, trained with the Radio City Music Hall's world-famous Rockettes and ran her own dance studio for 17 years.

All of Fernley Performing Arts performers at the national event were from the studio's senior competition team, between 14 and 18 years of age. Training for the competition teams is a year-long effort, with training for the next season starting in August, Lewis said.

New classes at the Fernley Performing Arts studio, at a cost of \$55 a month, begin on September 2 and are held six days a week. For more information, log onto FernleyPerformingArts.com.



Fernley dancers win gold score awards at national competition. Courtesy Fernley Performing Arts.

Veterans Coalition honors seven during July unaccompanied service

By Robert Perea

The Nevada Veterans Coalition recognized seven veterans on July 24 during its monthly Unaccompanied Service. The services represented were three from the U.S. Army and two each from the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force. Serenko said every gravestone at NN-VMC tells a story to the thousands of visitors who visit the cemetery during the year.

The Nevada Veterans Coalition conducts monthly "unaccompanied services" at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC) in Fernley. These services are specifically for veterans who passed away without family or whose families chose not to have a full military honors service. The services, which include a full military honors ceremony, are held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Each ceremony also includes a 3-round volley and the playing of Taps. The Patriot Guard Riders paraded the colors from the columbarium wall to the pavilion to begin each service.

Those recognized included the following: Army — Specialist 5 James Slusser, 1st Lt. Jack Cooney, and Specialist 4 Gerald Murphy. Navy — Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Michael Sessa and Aviation Electronics Airman Robert Detrick, Air Force— Airman Robert Crapo and Sgt. Wilfred Adam.



The students from Fernley Performing Arts participated in the Fernley 4th of July parade. Photo courtesy of Fernley Performing Arts

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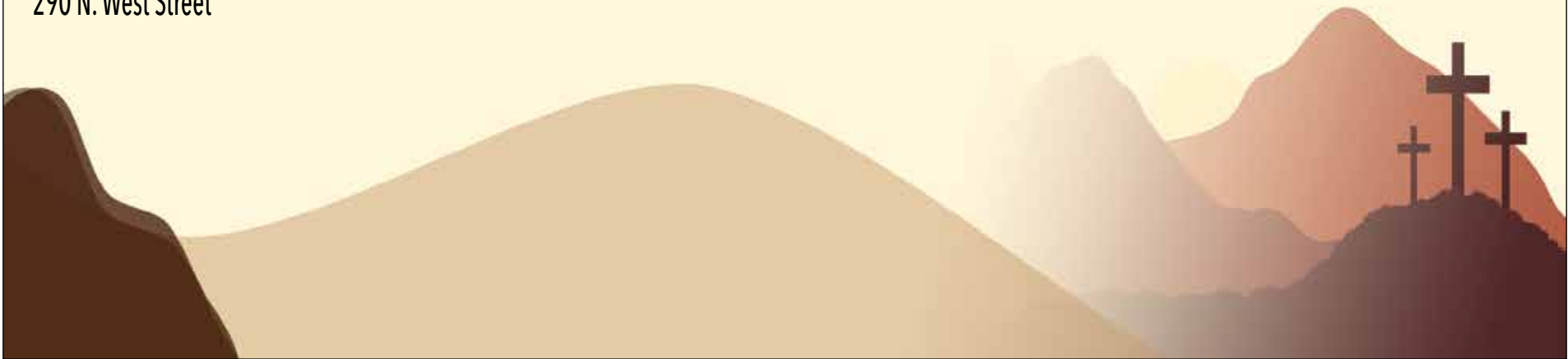
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GOVERNMENT

Fire chief, captain discuss financial challenges with Cortez-Masto

By Robert Perea

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Chief Brian Bunn and Captain Joe Mendoza recently visited with U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Mas- to in Washington D.C. to discuss the district's revenues as it aims to meet current and future demand.

During a report to the North Lyon Fire Board of Directors, Bunn and Mendoza each said they were encour- aged by the visit.

"It was refreshing to see that they were having discussions prior to our arrival due to an outline that the chief sent to them that gave a baseline of what our concerns were for our com- munity," Mendoza said. "And it became their concerns to the extent where they requested that we correspond with them every two weeks to keep these things fresh."

Although they went to discuss the district's financial challenges, Bunn said they also discussed potential statewide challenges from future Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG), the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Assistance to Fire- fighters Grants (AFG), and Staffing for Adequate and Emergency Response

(SAFER) grants. "At the end of the day I don't care what branch it's under, but those mon- ies need to remain available, not just for North Lyon or the State of Nevada, but country-wide," Bunn said.

During a separate interview, Bunn said public safety needs to be the num- ber one priority for any government entity.

"And we're doing everything we can as an agency within our financial needs to provide the service that is required for Fernley," he said.

Bunn said North Lyon Fire averages 11.8 calls per day, with about 84 per- cent of them being Emergency Medical Service calls. Many of those require patient transport to hospitals in Fallon or Reno/Sparks, which takes that am- bulance out of service for an average of two and a half hours per transport. Because of that, he said the district requests mutual aid from neighboring agencies an average of 22 times per month.

While Bunn said he was pleased with the reception he and Mendoza's visit received, he doesn't know what will ultimately come from it.

"That's going to be up to the Sena- tor," he said. "They are looking at any



North Lyon Fire Captain Joe Mendoza (left) and Chief Brian Bunn recently visited Washington D.C. to discuss the district's political and financial challenges with U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire

and all avenues about all federal reve- nues that are coming into Lyon County, period."

In addition to his bi-weekly corre- spondence with Cortez Masto's office, Bunn said he will also be working with

a Senator from Montana on bipartisan bills.

"I tell you what was comforting, was their interest in North Lyon Fire from the Senator's office blew me away, and that it's their priority now," Bunn said.

County clerk asks for input on new election equipment

By Robert Perea

Faced with a requirement to buy new election equipment to comply with an executive order by President Donald Trump, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer Staci Lindberg told the County Com- mission at its July 17 meeting that she estimated the cost would be about \$107,000.

Lindberg gave a presentation with slides showing the equipment that would be required to comply with the order, adding she was seeking to get input, answer questions and address concerns of the board before request- ing funding.

She also expressed irritation that she was only notified on July 7 that counties that purchased the equip- ment by June 30 would receive subsi- dies from the state.

"I've followed up with other clerks to find out how they heard of this op- tion and was told they received individ- ual calls stating if they had paid by June 30th, they are eligible for assistance," Lindberg said.

Whether they upgrade the equip- ment or not, Lindberg said the coun- ty will be required to do a software upgrade and replace all smart cards for the 2026 election. She said the county has done that and is awaiting the prom- ised reimbursement of \$9,267.

Lindberg said Trump signed an ex- ecutive order on March 25. That order bans ballots containing votes within barcodes, which Lindberg said makes the county's current system obsolete, even though the county does not use the barcodes.

"We've always audited from those paper ballots," she said. Lindberg said the state is requiring the new equipment for the 2026 election event though Nevada Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar has joined in a

lawsuit against the order. Lindberg said based on the fact sheet that comes with the order it appears the President would assist in funding states that would comply with the order.

"So, I'm unsure if the decision to fight the order is affecting our ability to get federal funding assistance or if our SOS did not request assistance for our county since he chose to oppose the legitimacy of the order," she said.

Lindberg said her research has led her to conclude that the county must comply with the equipment upgrades. She said she didn't have quotes final- ized yet but said her estimate would be approximately \$107,000 if they update the existing equipment rather than re- placing it in full, which she said would be about \$550,000.

Lindberg said while it appears the county will have to buy the equipment from county funds, she will continue to pursue assistance.

Lindberg said the order also ad- dresses many processes that need to be corrected and updated, but she has not received direction on how or if the Secretary of State will implement them outside of the equipment re- quirements. She said in conversation with the secretary of State's Office on whether the state will subsidize or assist in with the cost due to the executive order is when she found out counties who already purchased the equipment by June 30 will be subsi- dized.

Commission chairman Scott Keller wondered whether the county could sue Aguilar for interpreting something wrong and requiring something that burdens the county with the cost.

"We can get the counties that want to can sue him back, because I don't think he has a foot to stand on, on that," Keller said.

Storey County pursuing agreement for helicopter for regional fire, medevac purposes

By Robert Perea

The Storey County Commission is pursuing an agreement and a location to station a helicopter that would be used for regional wildland firefighting operations and medical evacuation.

The County Commission, acting in its role as the Storey County Board of Fire Commissioners, approved a request for authorization to pursue an

agreement with Global Medical Re- sponse (REACH Air Medical Services), and for county staff to identify a secure location to house the aircraft.

The program would involve REACH basing a helicopter in Storey County at a secure location provided by the Storey County Fire District. Storey County Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar told the Commission in a report that this partnership would enhance Storey

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City transfers bond cap to NRHA to encourage housing

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved the transfer of \$1,637,475 in federal bond cap funds to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) during its July 16 meeting, for the purpose of making affordable housing more available to low- and moderate-income Fernley residents.

The transfer of the bond cap is not money, but a federal allocation to issue tax-exempt bonds to fund qualified housing initiatives like the home own- ership program, said Katie Coleman, NHRA's director of communications. "It doesn't affect your local budget," Coleman said.

Since June 2024, the rural home

ownership program has assisted 21 homebuyers in Fernley with \$6.8 mil- lion in mortgages, Coleman said.

In materials provided to the council by the NHRA, it was noted that since 2006, when the city began allocating its private activity bond cap to the organization, there have been \$15.2 million in bond cap transfers to the NHRA from the city. This has resulted in \$189 million in low-cost mortgages to 846 Fernley homebuyers, \$5 million in down payment assistance and \$3.4 million in estimated federal tax savings to local homeowners.

Statewide, the NHRA's new Launch- pad program, initiated last summer,

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LAW AND ORDER

Adam Miller Preliminary Hearing Set for November 6

By Leanna Lehman

Adam Elijah Miller appeared in Canal Township Justice Court via Zoom from the Lyon County jail on July 29. Miller's appointed defense attorney, Patrick Mansfield, and Judge Lori Matheus scheduled the next steps in the felony murder case stemming from a December 2024 knife attack that left Miller's father dead, and his mother seriously injured.

A preliminary hearing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 6, at 9 a.m., with Friday reserved in case the hearing extends beyond one day. A status check was scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, to ensure both sides are ready to proceed.

A preliminary hearing is not a trial, and guilt does not have to be established; rather, it is a proceeding where the state must present enough evidence to establish probable cause

that the crimes charged were committed and that the defendant may have committed them. If the judge finds sufficient evidence, the matter will be bound over to the Third Judicial District Court for trial. Justice courts in Nevada do not have jurisdiction to try or sentence felony cases.

Early this month, Miller was ruled competent to stand trial following a court-ordered psychological evaluation.

He is charged with Open Murder with the Use of a Deadly Weapon, a Category A felony. In Nevada, "open murder" is a general allegation that could include first- and second-degree murder, as well as voluntary and involuntary manslaughter. Murder in the First Degree is a Category A Felony and may call for the death penalty if the "aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating ones. Otherwise, First-Degree Murder is punishable

by life in prison, with or without the possibility of parole after 20 years, or 50 years in prison.

Miller is accused of killing his 73-year-old father, Lance Miller. He also faces charges of Attempted Murder and Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim Age 60 or Older, stemming from the knife attack on his mother, Elizabeth Miller. Additional charges include Destruction of Evidence, for allegedly hiding the knife, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Obstructing a Public Officer from an earlier incident.

Miller was arrested on December 19, 2024, after a two-day manhunt ended with his capture in the rafters of an abandoned barn. He remains in custody in Lyon County on a no-bail hold.



Adam Miller. Photo courtesy of Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

EDUCATION

School Board asks for School Performance Plans to align with District plan

By Robert Perea

With several Trustees unhappy that the goals they set for the district were not being addressed, the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees voted at the July 22 meeting to table a request to approve the 18 School Performance Plans they were presented, instead asking that they be brought back to the board in alignment with the District Performance Plan.

The item to approve the School Performance Plans was on the consent agenda for the July 22 meeting, but Board President Tom Hendrix requested they be pulled for discussion. Hendrix then said that several of the School Performance Plans (SPP) don't align with the District Performance Plan (DPP) that was unanimously approved by the Trustees in March.

"For them to say they're going to do this their own way, when we as the Board of Trustees have set goals for the district, I don't think that's the correct way," Hendrix said. "They just kind of thumbed their nose at the board and decided they're going to set their own standards. And to me, that's not acceptable."

At the March 25 meeting, the Trustees approved the District Performance Plan, which included eight goals.

Among those goals were percentages of students meeting or exceeding their individual growth in math and reading as measured by the end of the year i-Ready assessment and Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing; increase the graduation rate from 88.7% to 89.7% by the end of the 2025/26 school year; increase the number of work-based learning opportunities provided to all students by 10%; increase the total number of students participating in K-12 work-based learning opportunities by 10%, that

all high schools will implement WorkKeys for students by the end of their 10th grade year; the percent of college bound students in grade 11 earning a composite score of 16-36 on the American College Test will increase by 5%; and reduce the chronic absenteeism rate by 10% in the next school year. Hendrix said the district has not had that kind of data-driven, measurable goals in the past.

"The District Performance Plan is the minimum standard, as I see it," he said. "We set these as data-driven, measurable goals. If they have additional things that they feel are goals for their school, I applaud them for that."

Trustee Bridget Peterson, who said she previously was a part of a committee that developed a School Performance Plan, said SPPs should not mirror the DPP because each school has different needs and areas of improvement.

"Not every single thing in the goal has to be aligned exactly word for word with the district," Peterson said. "As a matter of fact, I think that it's prohibitive, because each school has their own individual needs and individual things that they're working on."

Deputy Superintendent Stacey Cooper said the school performance plans are put together by committees that include staff, parents and students using community feedback. She also said that if the approval of the plans were postponed, it wouldn't be possible to get those committees together again until school starts. She said the School Performance Plans are due to the state by September 15.

In the past they were due in November, but Superintendent Tim Logan said next year they will be required by August 15, so the state gave the districts until September this year to adjust to the new deadline.

"One of the things we noted as we went through each one of the School Performance Plans is that they each uniquely aligned in their own way, based upon community feedback on how they were going to complement, not parallel, but complement, the district's performance goals," Cooper said. "It may evolve or look differently at each of the schools, depending upon their grade levels, academic performances, input from their stakeholders and communities."

Trustee Sherry Parsons said the district's absenteeism is high and test scores are low because the Board in the past didn't hold schools accountable.

"The cabinet and the superintendent has got to understand it's not like it used to be," she said. "When we set our goals, we want those goals to go to the principals, and we want them to fulfill the goals at their school. We didn't ever get anything done before, and that's why our numbers were so bad, and our attendance is so bad."

Trustee Elmer Bull asked if it has been customary in the past for School Performance Plans to differ from the district plan.

"Somebody may have attendance issues, and that's what their community and teachers said, let's work on this," replied Logan. "Some may say we are super low in math. They could be in different spots, depending on their needs in their schools."

Logan said he understood the Trustees wanting the school plans to align with the district plan, but said he was struggling with how the individual needs of each school fit in.

"I see the disconnect. I'm not struggling with that," Logan said. "But they're still accountable to the DPP, regardless. We're going to be gathering that data, and when we see one school's low, it's still accountable to the DPP whether they have it in their SPP or not."

Logan said because school administrators don't return to work until August 18, there would be no way to

get each school's committee together in time to have the SPPs rewritten in time for the Board's August meeting. In response to a question by Hendrix about what would happen if the District didn't submit the SPPs by September 15, Logan said the district would receive a letter from the State Department of Education that it did not meet the deadline, but he said he doesn't believe there is any federal funding tied to meeting the deadline.

Trustee Darin Farr said the DPP is the Trustees' directive to the superintendent to make happen within the district, but he said the Trustees shouldn't be micromanaging schools.

Hendrix disagreed, saying the Trustees set a standard for the superintendent and district.

"And apparently, he hasn't relayed that real well to our schools, because they haven't incorporated our District Performance Plan in their School Performance Plans," Hendrix said. "I'm not micromanaging them, I'm saying you haven't done what the Board of Trustees set out in the District Performance Plan."

Fernley Intermediate School Principal Blake Cooper said the DPP was presented to administrators twice and they were told their SPP needs to mirror the DPP as much as possible.

"We do have individuality at each school, and if I were to just take the DPP and slap it at Fernley Intermediate School, it wouldn't make much sense," he said. "We look at the percentages, how the percentages were created, we then do our own data dig at each school site. I think it takes individuality out when you say here's the DPP, write these eight goals down."

After an admonition from attorney Don Lattin that because the item was on the consent agenda it wasn't scheduled for discussion, Lattin advised the board to vote on the motion by Hendrix, and it passed 5-1, with Peterson opposed and Trustee James Whisler absent.

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Arrest Report
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Arresting Agency LCSO: 39 State: 5 YPD: 2 Tribal: 0	MFG/IMPORT/POSS/USE DANG WEAP, (1ST); POSS DANG DRUG W/O P-SCRPT, (1ST/2ND); RESIST PUB OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; CRIMINAL CONTEMPT- FTO COURT ORDER	KNESS, DUPREE SWEET Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$7,780.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold; PE- TIT LARCENY; ASSAULT; THROW SUBST AT VEH, DAMAGE \$250 - \$5000; Assist Other Agency–Hold KRAMER-STANTON, LAURA MAYLEEN Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$31,140.00 Charges: RES BURG, 1ST OFF; MAYLEEN BUY/POSS/RCV STOLEN PROP, \$1200 BUT LT \$5K; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	ROGNE, BRADLEY NELSON Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,000.00 Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME
ALBERGO, JEFFREY THOMAS Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,300.00 Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION (2 counts)	DEACON, WILLIAM SCHAUM Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$4,780.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	LOPEZ, JESSICA JOSEPHINE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$11,480.00 Charges: USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; DRIVE W/O DRV-LIC; POSS/RCV/TRNSFR STO- LEN VEH	ROMAN-ESCALANTE, RAMIRO Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment
BAY, KATY JEAN Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$640.00 Charges: DRIVE W/SUS DRV-LIC	DERUSHE, MATTEA RAE-LYNN Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST)	LUJAN, HUNTER JOSHUA Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$2,500.00 Charges: DESTROY PROP OF ANOTHER, \$250 - \$5K	STOKKE, EDWIN RUSSELL Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,315.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); BASIC SPEED - 16-20 MPH OVER POSTED LIMIT
BETHEL, BRADY JOHN JR Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$5,420.00 Charges: PETIT LARCENY; ASSAULT; RESIST PUB OFF; BATTERY ON PROTECT- ED PERS	DURBIN, KIMBERLY CORA Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$36,115.00 Charges: OBT/USE ANOTHER PERS ID, HARM/UNLAW PURP; POSS SCH I, II C/S 14 GRAMS BUT LT 28 GRAMS; MFG/IMPORT/POSS/USE DANG WEAP, (1ST); POSS DANG DRUG W/O P-SCRPT, (1ST/2ND); RESIST PUB OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA, FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION (2 counts)	STRICKLAND, MALCOLM LOWELL III Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$27,280.00 Charges: POSS TO SELL SCH I/II, FLN- TRZPM/GHB, (1ST); OWN/POSS GUN BY PROHIBIT PERS; RECKLESS DRIVING DISREGARD PERS/PROP SAFETY, (1ST); USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	THOMAS, CHADMAN Z Area of Arrest: Mound House Bail Amount: \$50,000.00 Charges: BATTERY W/DW
BEYER, BRETT ROBERT Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,395.00 Charges: INTOX PEDESTRIAN/ANIMAL RIDER ON ROAD; FALSE STMT TO/OB- STRUCT PUB OFF	ESTEP, JASON ALLEN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,195.00 Charges: FAIL YIELD AT STOP/YIELD SIGN OR CONTROLLED I-SECT; DRIVER DISOBEY PEACE OFF; DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC	THOMPSON, KAYLA DANIELLE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	VASQUEZ, JASON MICHAEL JR Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,640.00 Charges: HABOR/CONCEAL/AID GROSS MISD OFFENDER; USE/POSS DRUG-PA- RA
BULLINGTON, TRAVIS LEE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$228,420.00 Charges: FEL ARRST FUGITIVE FROM OTHER STATE/CMPL/WARRANT; USE/ POSS DRUG-PARA; SELL/TRANS OR ATT SCH I OR II C/S, 1ST OFF; MFG OR ATT, C/S OR POSS CHEMS FOR MFG C/S; OWN/ POSS GUN BY PROHIBIT PERS	EURESTI, MICHELLE NICOLE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,500.00 Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	WASHAM, WILEY CHRISTOPHER Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: POSS TO SELL SCH I/II, FLN- TRZPM/GHB, (1ST); OWN/POSS GUN BY PROHIBIT PERS; DESTROY/CONCEAL EVIDENCE; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; FEL ARRST FUGITIVE FROM OTHER STATE/ CMPL/WARRANT (3 counts)	WASHBURN, WENDIE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,770.00 Charges: FAIL DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROAD; DUI, (1ST); RESIST PUB OFF; OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH
CASTELLON, ALEXANDER AARON Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST)	FAGERLIND, CORY CHARLES Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: None Charges: ROBBERY	WHITE, CODY KEITH Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT - FTO COURT ORDER	WOOLERY, ANTHONY EUGENE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: None Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PRO- BATION/COND OF SUSP SENT (2 counts)
CASTILLO, PHILLIP HAROLD-PETER Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$21,140.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); INTIMIDATE PUB OFF/OTHERS, W/TOE, (1ST)	FAST, TIMOTHY J Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,640.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	MUNOZ, JULIE ALLISON Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,495.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); OPEN ALC CONTAIN- ER IN VEH	
CLARK, AMBER NICOLE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,535.00 Charges: BASIC SPEED - 31-40 MPH OVER POSTED LIMIT-E/WZ; DUI, (1ST)	FOUNTAIN, KRISTIAN MICHAEL Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$4,280.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST; BATTERY	OLVERA, HEIMY SEM Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$11,140.00 Charges: INTIMIDATE PUB OFF/OTHERS, W/TOE, (1ST); RESIST PUB OFF	WEMPNER, TAMARA LYNNE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,640.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA
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COOPER, JASON LEE Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$35,655.00 Charges: DRIVER DISOBEY PEACE OFF, ENDANG OTHER PERS/PROP; POSS SCH I, II C/S 14 GRAMS BUT LT 28 GRAMS;	HENDRICKSON, MEGAN ELIZABETH Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	PETERSON, JACOB MICHAEL Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,495.00 Charges: BASIC SPEED - 21-30 MPH OVER POSTED LIMIT; DUI, (1ST); POSS LT/= 10Z MARIJUANA	
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Westbound traffic is especially congested at shift change time with commuters trying to merge onto the Interstate from USA Parkway and Patrick and during peak traffic periods, the commute from Fernley to Reno takes more than an hour. Commuters often ask why USA Parkway employers don’t stagger shifts so that everyone isn’t on I-80 at the same time and complain that the cities and counties have allowed growth to overburden the infrastructure. Others wish for a commuter train to and from USA Parkway. A glimpse of posts from the last month – taken from the Storey County Sheriff’s Office and the Fernley-Reno Commute Facebook pages – show an average of 18 traf-fic-halting incidents between July 7 and July 28 nearly one per day

adding to the persistent frustration. The Nevada Office of Traffic Safety, 2024 Annual Report, lists the Traf-fic Safety Enforcement Programs undertaken from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2024. There were several “safety enforcement” and “speed enforcement” programs done in specific communities like Hender-son, Sparks and Nye County but none were earmarked for Storey, Lyon or Washoe counties or the stretch of Interstate 80 that spans from Fernley to USA Parkway. The Nevada Department of Transportation’s I-80 Widen-ing Project between Vista Blvd. in Sparks and USA Parkway is currently in the Environmental Approval phase until September, followed by the Final Design phase from now until Sept. 2027, with construction expected from 2027 to 2031. More information on the project can be found at i80eastnv.com.





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SPORTS

Little League All-Stars take bigger lessons from State appearance

By Robert Perea

Things didn't go as well as they hoped on the scoreboard for the High Desert Little League All-Stars last weekend. Fernley lost 15-0 to Summerlin South Little League in their first game last Thursday, then were eliminated with a 12-1 loss to Carson Valley on Friday night. But manager Ben Pagni said what the team accomplished was more important than whether they won or lost baseball games.

A retired veteran, Pagni said team building and developing leadership are his specialty, and he believes the players developed as leaders and teammates in their run through the regional tournament to qualify for State.

"They showed so much heart and dedication and they fought the whole time, even though the scores didn't reflect what we would have liked," Pagni said.

Two early home runs put Fernley behind on the scoreboard in both games. Summerlin South scored two runs in the first inning and 10 in the second and ended the game by the 15-run rule with three runs in the third inning.

Two Summerlin South pitchers combined on a three-inning perfect game, striking out seven of Fernley's nine batters.

Friday night, two of Carson Valley's first four batters hit homers to give the Douglas County team a 4-0 lead four batters into the game. Carson Valley scored eight runs in the first inning, one in the second and three in the third.

Fernley got its run in the top of the first inning when JJ LaCroix singled in Weston DeGolyer.

Pagni said DeGolyer, Garrett Conner and Ayden Pagni were three players who led the team throughout the regional and state tournaments. "I could name great qualities about every single player but those were three that stood out," Pagni said. "We were consistent throughout the lineup."



Weston DeGolyer high fives a teammate after scoring a run during High Desert Little League's game against Carson Valley last Friday in the State Little League Tournament in Reno. Photo by Robert Perea



Fernley's JJ LaCroix applies the tag as a Carson Valley runner slides into second base during High Desert Little League's game against Carson Valley last Friday in the State Little League Tournament in Reno. Photo by Robert Perea

Coaches declare first FHS Youth Football Camp a success

By Robert Perea

Coaches for both Fernley High School football and the Fernley Youth Football League each said the first ever FHS Youth Football Camp held last week was a successful one.

About 60 youth football players aged from 5 to 14 participated in the camp, which was conducted and coached by the high school coaches and players.

"For it being our first one we've ever put on it was awesome," Fernley High coach Anfernee Sloan said. "I was extremely happy to watch our guys that are going to be representing the high school this upcoming season, take that coach role on at the camp and instruct and teach the next generation of athletes of our sport has to offer."

Roman Sisneros of Fernley Youth Football said the youth players were excited to work with the high school coaches and players.

"Some of them asked to have pic-

tures taken with coach Sloan, some of them asked to have pictures taken with some of the players and they all had smiles on their faces at the end of the day," Sisneros said.

Sisneros said the camp focused on fundamentals and individual skills. "The little guys get to see the kids they're going to see playing on Friday nights, they're doing the same drills they're doing in practice with us," Sisneros said.

Both Sloan and Sisneros said they expect the camp to grow. The Youth Football League has about 200 players in eight teams this year, along with 160 to 180 cheerleaders split among 10 teams.

"We are endlessly working with the Youth league to come up with better ways of making it a more enjoyable, yet larger event for the sport of football in the city of Fernley and i know next year it's going to be even better," Sloan said.



About 60 youth football players participated in the first Fernley High School Youth Football Camp. Photo courtesy of Fernley High School Football

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