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Fire Board approves MOU to protect firefighter health, maintain paramedic on duty

By Robert Perea

The North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Directors has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the firefighters' union aimed at addressing the physical, mental and occupational health of the firefighters while ensuring there is always a paramedic on duty.

The agreement between the district and the North Lyon Firefighters Association Local 4547 modifies staffing requirements under Article 19 of the current collective bargaining agreement to allow for a fire captain to serve as the paramedic on duty in the event that no paramedic is available for a shift.

It also states that no firefighters shall be required or mandated to work more than 96 consecutive hours and no mandatory callback or forced coverage of open shifts shall exceed the 96-hour threshold.

A member may voluntarily exceed the 96-hour limit.

The district only has three para-



North Lyon firefighter Josh Chandler works at the scene of a fire. The Fire District's Board of Directors and firefighter's union have agreed on an MOU that allows for a fire captain to serve as the paramedic on duty to prevent firefighters from being required to be on shift for more than 96 consecutive hours. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire

edics currently, and Battalion Chief and Local 4547 President Joe Mendoza said one of them has been out for 60 days with a medical issue that was directly related to workload and mental

health.

"We've had multiple times where people have been held for eight to 10 days straight," said. "Unsustainable, and it's going to put another individual

in a bad place mentally and physically, emotionally."

Mendoza said fire captains are classified as paramedics, but they are not eligible to fill paramedic positions.

"With this MOU, it gives us a little bit more freedom to be creative with our staffing, to fill positions and meet those minimum qualifications outlined by the CBA," Mendoza said.

A paramedic can administer a higher level of care than an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), including administering narcotics. Mendoza said that means without a paramedic, a critical patient might not be receiving care during transport that a paramedic could provide.

"There's things that could be done within 45 minutes for a cardiac patient that can't be done by somebody who can't, so that's another 30 to 45 minutes, if we're not in traffic, of no care given at that level," he said.

The district has a battalion chief and four firefighters on duty per shift,

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Fernley rings in holiday spirit with parade, tree lighting



Residents gather around the Fernley Community Christmas Tree during the lighting ceremony at City Hall last Saturday. Photo by Robert Perea

By Robert Perea

The city of Fernley rang in the holiday spirit on Dec. 5, as parade floats, cocoa cups, carols and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus filled Main St. and City Hall with cheer.

Families lined the sidewalks for the annual Chamber of Commerce Parade, which concluded with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving on the back of a North Lyon Fire ladder truck.

Children clutched cookies and cups of cocoa while being greeted inside City Hall by Lyon County sheriff's deputies for Cocoa with the Cops, then took their turns telling their Christmas wish to Santa.

Outside City Hall, Biggest Little Radio provided the soundtrack as the crowd counted down the lighting of the city's new 30-foot Christmas tree.

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Luis, Sebastian and Mia Muniz visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at City Hall following the Fernley Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade last Saturday. Photo by Robert Perea

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FEATURES

Continued from FRONT - HOLIDAY...

Lifelong Fernley resident and community leader Wendy Fagundes flipped the switch to light the tree.

The event included a “Stuff the Ambulance” toy drive hosted by Christmas for Kids in partnership with North Lyon Fire, dancers from Fernley Performing Arts, carols led by Stephen Myler and the Fernley High School band and choir and the Dee’s Potato Box food truck.

The cocoa was donated by the Wigwam, and Karen Wagner collaborated with the Fernley Chamber to provide baked and hand-decorated cookies.

Mayor Pro Tem Felicity Zoberski opened the tree lighting ceremony before turning it over to Fagundes for the official lighting. Councilmen Joe Mendoza and Ryan Hanan were also in attendance.

Fagundes was chosen for the honor for her commitment to service through her past role as a Girl Scout group leader and her current volunteer work with Family Promise and Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada.



Two brightly decorated floats arrive at City Hall during the Fernley Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade last Saturday evening. Photos by Robert Perea

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City to host 11th annual
Chanukah Menorah lighting
Dec. 15

By Robert Perea

The city of Fernley will host the 11th annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15 in front of City Hall.

Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and is celebrated with nightly menorah lightings.

The event will celebrate the Festival of Lights with traditional Chanukah food such as doughnuts and latkes, plus festive music and the traditional lighting of the Menorah.

The timing aligns with the second night of Chanukah, which begins at sundown on Sunday, Dec. 14 and lasts eight nights, ending at sundown on Monday, Dec. 22

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story?

5th Annual 4th of July Christmas Bingo



December 13, 2025 at the Fernley Senior Center, 105 Lois Drive.
Doors open at 11:00 am, Bingo played from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.
Christmas tree auction!
Pulled pork or chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, cheese and salsa available for purchase. Bottle of water or can of soda included.
One free bingo card with a donation of one new unwrapped toy or 3 cans of food for the local food bank.
limited to one free card per person.



BUSINESS

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Dec. 3 meeting:

- Land, People, Place LLC dba/Civic Innovation Consultants,
Reno, Government services consulting
- Good Morning Sunshine Safety Zone, Fernley,
Public school zone safety
- The Fern 45, Fernley, Fundraising for veterans
- Bao English Billiards, Fernley, Vending of billiard tables
- Tesla Motors NV, Inc., Fernley, Storage of finished goods
- B & C Cabinets & Millwork, Inc., Carson City, Carpentry contractor
MRN LLC, Reno, Handyman
- Rural Education and Behavioral Services dba/ Oasis ABA,
Fernley, Behavioral Health Clinic
- Reins of Hope, LLC, Fernley, Equine and animal assistance

Meetings

- Fernley City Council**
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting December 17
- 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 December 12
- 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 December 18
- 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 December 16
(3rd Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas Holiday)
- 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 December 16



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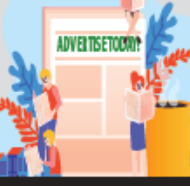


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GOVERNMENT

Council approves emergency repair of sunken stretch on Farm District Rd.

By Kerry Lyman

At its Dec. 3 meeting, the Fernley City Council approved the emergency repair of a 38-foot stretch of the northbound lane of Farm District Road, between Jenny’s Lane and the roundabout, to temporarily repair an area of subsidence, which is the gradual caving in or sinking of an area of land.

Under the emergency repair, to be undertaken before the end of December, a 38-foot by 7-foot section of the roadway will be replaced with six inches of asphalt as a temporary fix to get through the winter, with more extensive repairs planned for next spring to include replacing the base and the asphalt, according to Kiera Italiano, a project manager in the city’s engineering department.

The city was notified of the of the subsidence by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) in October, resulting a temporary asphalt patch being placed over the area. However, NDOT informed the city the patch may not survive the winter, resulting in the need for the emergency repair, a city staff report noted.

Although Farm District Road is owned by NDOT, the section in need of repair had previously been under a City of Fernley work permit for the lift station near Jenny’s Lane, thereby placing maintenance responsibility on the City.

Staff sought proposals from Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., A & K Earthmovers, Inc., Granite Construction and Q & D Construction, with

Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. being the only company to respond at a cost of \$38,857, according to the staff report.

The area of subsidence is much larger and deeper than the typical pothole, more than 10 inches deep, according to the NDOT inspector working with the city on the issue, Italiano said.

“Next spring, a more extensive removal will be completed to address the underlying conditions” that caused the collapse, she said.



The Fernley City Council approved the emergency repair of a 38-foot stretch of the northbound lane of Farm District Road. Photo by Kerry Lyman

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 25CV468655

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Jason Donald Burnett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Jason Donald Burnett Proposed name: Jason Donald McCullah

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: DEC. 16, 2025 Time: 8:45 a.m. Dept: Room: Probate. The address of the court is: Santa Clara Superior Court 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation.

THE FERNLEY REPORTER. Date: OCT 29, 2025 Published: Nov 21, 28, DEC 5, 12, 2025

Ad #2513

Case Number: FL-25-002330

Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus
Court Address: 800 11th Street, PO Box 1089 Modesto, Ca 95354

In re the Marriage/Nullity of:
Petitioner: William Carvalho
Respondent: **Aundrea Munoz-Browning**

YOU ARE BEING SUMMONED
Petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution/Annulment against you. You are required to respond to the petition within **30 days** after the completion of the fourth week of publication of this summons—or your rights may be affected.

If you fail to file a timely Response (FL-120/FL-220), the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief requested in the petition, Nullity of Marriage.

This summons is published by order of the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus granted on 10/01/2024 Publication is to be made in the following newspaper: The Fernley Reporter, once a week for four successive weeks.

Ad # 2515

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Case No.: P-24-122850-E

Dept. No.: PC-1 (26)

In the Matter of the Estate of EARL JOHNSON JR., aka BABY EARL JOHNSON, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE 3781 e. 8TH Street, Silver Springs, Nevada 89429

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BRAD JOHNSON, Executor of the Estate of Earl Johnson, Jr. (“Decedent”), will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to the confirmation of the above entitled Court, on or after 5:00 p.m., on the 1st day of January, 2026, all of the right, title, interest and estate of the above-named Decedent, which is a ¼ interest in and to that parcel of real property situate, lying and being in the County of Lyon, State of Nevada, commonly known as 3780 E. 8th Street, Silver Springs, Nevada 89429, described as follows, to-wit: Parcel #45 Stockton Subdivision #1, situate in E ½ of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 25 East MDB&M APN: 017-363-04. The Executor shall sell such property for cash, subject to the approval of the above-entitled Court, to the highest and best bidder. All bids or offers must be in writing, and may be left at the office of the Executor’s attorneys, Alice S. Denton, Esq., and Patrick S. Denton, Esq., 411 E. Bonneville Ave., #300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, or may be filed in the Office of the County Clerk of the above-entitled Court at any time after the publication of this Notice and before the making of the sale. The Executor reserves the right to refuse and reject any and all bids.

DATED this 4 day of December, 2025. /s/ Alice S. Denton, Esq. State Bar No. 8420 Patrick S. Denton, Esq. State Bar No. 15399 411 E. Bonneville Ave., #300 Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 384-1723 filings@dentoncho.com Attorneys for Executor
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Ad #2516



Council votes to advance start of design phase for repair of several streets

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council voted at its Dec. 3 meeting to advance the start of the design phase for rehabilitation of several city streets, approving the expenditure of \$800,000 in reimbursable funds for this purpose from the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

Funds for the rehabilitation design of 6th and 7th Streets and B through G Streets at a cost of \$400,000 was approved, moving the design from FY 2029 to this fiscal year.

Also approved were \$400,000 in funds for the rehab design of Miller Lane, transitioning the design responsibility for Miller Lane from the Red Hawk Ranch subdivision to the city’s

engineering department, according to a staff report.

The transfer of design responsibility for Miller Lane “does not relieve the Red Hawk Ranch subdivision of its obligations under the development agreement, which covers improvements from Main Street to Shadow Lane,” the staff report noted.

The Red Hawk Ranch development agreement, extending along Main Street from Stock Lane to Miller Lane and south to Shadow Lane, was amended by the council in October extending the expiration date for the development’s tentative maps by five years and making other changes.

The Miller Lane design will extend south of Shadow Lane to approximately

200 feet north of Sara Court, according to the staff report.

Advancing the design funds “will enable the city of Fernley to proactively prepare for construction and position these projects for earlier implementation,” the staff report noted, adding that the design will be coordinated with the city’s utilities department for nearby underground utility upgrades to be funded from the utilities budget.

The \$800,000 in RTC reimbursement costs were approved by the RTC of Lyon County on November 26. The city currently has an unused RTC reimbursement balance of a little more than \$4 million, “and the balance increases annually by an additional \$2.5 million,” according to the staff report.

Council to consider annexation of county parcel adjacent to Victory Logistics District

By Kerry Lyman

A public hearing on the proposed annexation of almost 108 acres of county land to accommodate a large gas-fired power plant proposed by Mark IV Capital will be conducted at the December 17 city council meeting.

During a presentation last month before the Lyon County Commission, Scott Barnes, Mark IV Capital’s vice president of entitlement, told the commission the modular power plant will begin by generating 250 megawatts of power and will scale up to 1.8 gigawatts of power as demand grows, eventually rivaling the 2 gigawatt power output for Reno-Sparks and Washoe County.

Barnes told the commission the surge in demand for data centers is driving the demand for more power because data centers consume vast

amounts of electricity to power servers and cooling systems.

The city staff report on the annexation indicates service to the property by Lyon County public services and facilities could not be done efficiently because no county infrastructure is currently nearby. However, through annexation, the area can be served by infrastructure and service networks “already in development to the immediate south.”

The proposed 107.87 acre annexation is undeveloped at this time and has no current vehicular access. The triangular-shaped parcel is bounded by Interstate 80 directly to the west, Bureau of Reclamation land to the east and city of Fernley parcels to the south, according to a staff report.

The parcel is one of 107 parcels within city limits that is considered a county island because it is within

the city limits. The property directly abuts properties that are part of the Victory Logistics planned development along the south property line, providing the property with nearby access to water and sewer infrastructure, according to a staff report.

The developer will be responsible for extending infrastructure to the annexed site in a manner that is cost-effective to the city and will help meet the needs of the Victory Logistics District without overburdening the city’s infrastructure capacities, the staff report indicated.

There was no discussion of the proposed annexation during the first reading of the ordinance at last week’s council meeting. However, the Fernley Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the annexation at its November 12 meeting.

LAW AND ORDER

Arrest report

All information for the arrest report is provided by the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office and is considered by law to be public information.
All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dec. 1 – Dec. 7, 2025

ALEXANDER BARAZA – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,555.00, Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

COREY WILSON – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,930.00, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime; Drive w/Suspended Drivers License; Owner - Proof of Insurance Required; Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/Title

JAMES PATTERSON – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$4,560.00, Charges: Assault (2 counts) Harassment (1st) (2 counts)

MARIAH COOK – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$25,000.00, Charges: Assault w/Deadly Weapon

CHRISTOPHER PETERS – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime; Contempt of Court

BYRON JOHN – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,235.00, Charges: DUI (2nd); Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle; Tail Lamp Violation; Improper Use of Restricted/Center Lane

MICHAEL NEVIS – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court Commitment

EZEKIEL TOVANI – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Condition of Suspended Sentence; Domestic Battery (1st)

JIMMY CURRIER – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$5,000.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold

TEGAN AHEARN – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$20,000.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Conditions of Release

MELANIE KETCHEM – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$415.00, Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

ALEJANDRA SANDOVAL – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,245.00, Charges: FTA on Traffic Citation (2 counts)

ROBERT BUSH – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st)

JOSEPH KENDALL – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/

Conditions of Suspended Sentence; Domestic Battery (1st)

WYNN SATTERLEE – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court Commitment

KATHRYN ROWE – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail, Felony Crime

ALEXIS CHRISTY – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,000.00, Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order

NAKKIA HARALSON – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court Commitment

EDWARD MARKS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,470.00, Charges: Possession Schedule I, II Controlled Substance < 14 Grams (1st or 2nd Offense); Operator - Proof of Insurance Required; Operate Vehicle w/Expired Registration/Plates; Possess/Consume Marijuana in Public Place/Marijuana Store/Vehicle

CHRISTINA GREENE – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$201,140.00,

Charges: Kidnapping of Minor (1st Degree); False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer

ROBERT BENSON – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$18,000.00, Charges: Criminal Contempt - FTO Court Order (4 counts)

FRANK TERRELL – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,335.00, Charges: DUI (1st); Civil-Basic Speeding Violation (11–20 mph over limit)

BRIAN JOHNSON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$50,000.00, Charges: Violation Stalking/Harassment EPO

EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ ORTIZ – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$4,640.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Condition of Suspended Sentence; Domestic Battery (1st)

JAMIE KELLY – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

CHAD PATTON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

LCSO announces death of Search & Rescue K-9

Staff Report

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office announced on Dec. 8 that Search & Rescue K9 Inca has passed away.

LCSO said Inca, alongside her handler Mary, provided vital assistance to local, state, and federal agencies in some of the most challenging and sensitive investigations, including missing persons cases, homicides, suicides, and accident scenes. Together, they assisted with more than 200 investigations.

The Sheriff’s Office said Inca’s career has left an indelible mark on search and recovery operations in Nevada and across the nation.

Inca’s unique skills and unwavering commitment led her and Mary to travel extensively, both to participate in advanced training and to support organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the FBI. Due to the confidential nature of many investigations, details of Inca’s involvement often remained



The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office announced that K9 Inca, shown here utilizing her water search skills, has passed away. Photo courtesy of LCSO

undisclosed; however, her efforts were crucial in bringing answers to families and justice to victims.

LCSO said the impact of Inca’s work extended beyond her immediate teammates, affecting families, friends,

law enforcement partners, and the broader canine community. Notably, Inca advanced the field of K9 water search, achieving extraordinary feats such as locating drowning victims at depths greater than 1,000 feet in Lake

Tahoe and navigating challenging environments like whitewater rivers and the Sacramento Delta. From the onset of her career, she played a pivotal role in fire victim recovery, including her service in the aftermath of the 2018 Camp Fire in California.

Images of Inca in her Lyon County Sheriff’s vest have been featured in presentations around the globe. She and Mary even appeared on the covers of two Duluth Trading Company catalogs, proudly representing the LCSO Search and Rescue team in both Winter and Summer editions.

“Inca’s legacy of steadfastness, professionalism, and compassion will be remembered by all who had the privilege to work alongside her,” LCSO said in its statement.

The LCSO expresses its deepest gratitude for Inca’s years of service and the profound difference she made in the lives of so many. She will be deeply missed and forever honored as a valued member of the LCSO Search and Rescue team.

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SPORTS

Vaqueros go 4-0 in Winter Tip Off Classic

By Robert Perea

It's been six up and six down so far for the Fernley High School girls basketball team, which enters this week with a 6-0 record after winning all four games over the weekend in the Winter Tip Off Tournament at Spanish Springs.

The Vaqueros defeated Douglas 48-27 on Thursday, McQueen 40-39 on Friday and won twice on Saturday, 54-44 over Trinity (Weaverville, CA) and 59-46 over Pyramid L

The Vaqueros began the season with a 38-37 win over Reed on Dec. 1 and beat the Debbie Smith Career and Technical Academy 67-7 on Dec. 2.

"I thought overall it wasn't too bad of a showing," coach Ralph Dunn said.

Taylor Tollestrup led Fernley with 22 points in the win over Douglas, Lilliaanna Young added seven points and both Laura Rosales and Justice Martell-Artiaga scored six.

Tollestrup scored 18 more against McQueen, Martell-Artiaga added eight and Zaelynn Wasson hit a clutch 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter.

Saturday against Trinity, the Vaqueros opened up a 16-point lead in the third quarter, but saw Trinity cut the deficit to three before Fernley stretched it back out in the fourth quarter.

Irene Brown scored 19 points for the Vaqueros and Tollestrup added 13.

Tollestrup scored 24 and Martell-Artiaga added 17 against Pyramid Lake, as the Vaqueros did most of their damage inside.

But Dunn said the Vaqueros missed a lot of uncontested layups throughout the weekend and made only 25 of 52 free throws.

"We still need more conditioning," Dunn said. "It was a factor on a lot of missed shots. (Those are) things we really have to improve on as the season goes on."

While they struggled with those things offensively, Dunn said the Vaqueros did well defensively, especially making adjustments on the fly, pressing at times and playing both man-to-man and zone defenses.

"Our transition game was another bright spot, forcing some turnovers and getting the ball up the court," he said. "The season is early but it's nice to be 6-0 right now with some tough games coming up with Damonte/Galena coming to our house."

The Vaqueros were scheduled to play at South Tahoe Tuesday in a Northern 3A crossover game, host Damonte Ranch at 7 p.m. Thursday and Galena at 7 p.m. Friday.



Fernley's Lillianna Young pulls down a rebound during last Saturday's game against Trinity in the Winter Tip Off Tournament in Spanish Springs. Photo by Robert Perea

Vaqueros take second place in Legacy Classic

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School boys basketball team finished in second place in the Legacy Classic in Las Vegas last weekend, winning their first three games before losing in overtime to Mojave in the championship game.

The Vaqueros began the tournament with a 71-51 win over Rancho on

Dec. 4. They outscored Rancho 22-10 in the second quarter to take a 37-26 halftime lead and extended the margin to 55-36 after three quarters.

On Dec. 5, they beat Faith Lutheran 50-44, riding a strong first quarter to a 17-10 lead and held off the Crusaders after leading 40-29 going into the fourth quarter.

One Dec. 6 the Vaqueros started

the day with a 59-51 win over Sierra Vista to reach the championship game. After trailing 10-6, the Vaqueros used a 19-6 second quarter to jump in front 25-16 at the half, led 47-39 after three quarters and maintained their lead in the fourth quarter.

In the championship game, the Vaqueros started hot with a 16-9 lead and were up 46-39 after three quarters, but

Mojave rallied to forced overtime with a 59-59 tie, before Mojave pulled out the 69-66 win.

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LOCAL COLUMNS

A weary world rejoices — Part 1: Hope

By Phil Christian

Advent has long been a season of anticipation—an intentional slowing down to notice the light rising on the horizon. Across Christian traditions, Advent invites us to reflect on the coming of Christ, but even outside of church walls, the themes of Advent speak to universal longings we all recognize. And perhaps none is more needed today than hope.

Hope is more than optimism, more than simply believing things will “work out.” Hope is the quiet conviction that even in the darkest seasons, something new is possible. It is the assurance that despair does not have the final word. As the prophet Isaiah wrote, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). Hope begins when even a small light starts to push back the darkness.

We live in a weary world. Many feel

exhausted by uncertainty, fractured relationships, or heaviness that seems to hover without explanation. Some are weary from grief, others from disappointment or waiting that never seems to end. Advent doesn’t ignore this reality, it enters into it. It says that hope does not deny hardship; it grows in the midst of it.

In the Gospel of Luke, the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth reminds us of this kind of hope. The couple had prayed for a child for many years, and now they were well past the age where such a dream seemed possible. Yet when the angel announces that their long-awaited son will be born, Zechariah can hardly believe it. Still, the promise stands. Their waiting wasn’t wasted; hope was quietly at work even when they couldn’t see it.

This story mirrors the experience of so many today. We hope for healing, reconciliation, clarity, or simply a fresh

start. Some feel their hope fading. Advent gently urges us not to let go. In Romans 15:13, the apostle Paul offers a blessing that echoes across generations: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope.” Notice the movement—hope doesn’t just fill; it overflows. It spills into communities, families, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

Hope is not passive. It invites us to live differently. To speak words that lift others up rather than tear down. To choose generosity when scarcity feels easier. To practice patience in a world that prizes instant gratification. To keep our eyes open for small signs of goodness, even during seasons when trouble feels loud.

This Advent, as the world continues to wrestle with weariness, we can embrace hope as both grounding and guiding. Grounding, because it settles

us in the truth that light is already breaking in. Guiding, because it directs us toward others who need encouragement as much as we do.

Where can hope rise in your life today? Maybe in a restored relationship. Maybe in a challenge you’ve been avoiding. Maybe in simply acknowledging that you don’t have to carry everything alone. Advent hope doesn’t always reveal the whole path, but it lights the next step. May this word, hope, remind us that even in uncertain days, something new is already on the way. The world may be weary but hope whispers that we are not abandoned. Light is coming. And when hope takes root, a weary world really can rejoice.

Phil Christian is the campus pastor of Summit Church in Fernley

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Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Classic Dinner Roll

Buttery, warm and delicious, everybody will go back for seconds with this classic dinner roll, this is homemade golden goodness at its best, perfect for any holiday meal.



Sherry Perea has nearly 20 years’ experience managing restaurants and creating delicious menus. She enjoys sharing unique recipes with her family and friends and is excited to bring her love of food to the Fernley community.

Ingredients

- 4 1/2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Packet Fleishmann’s Rapid Rise yeast
- 1/4 Cup granulated sugar
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 Cup warm milk (about 110° F)
- 5 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 Egg, room temperature
- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter, melted for brushing after baking

Instructions

1. Combine 3 cups of flour, yeast, sugar, salt, warm milk, butter, and egg in the bowl of a stand mixer.
2. Using the dough hook mix on low while scraping the sides of the bowl to ensure all ingredients are combined.
3. Turn mixer up to medium speed and mix for 2 minutes
4. Add another 1/2 cup of flour and continue mixing with dough hook until blended then add remaining 1/2 cup of flour and mix for an additional 2 minutes until it forms a ball of dough and pulls away from the bowl. Dough should have bouncy and slightly sticky feel.
5. Place the dough in a lightly greased bowl and cover with a towel. Let set at room temperature for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Dough should approximately double in size.
6. Remove the towel and gently punch the dough.
7. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish.
8. Pinch dough into 24 equal pieces and form rolls, set on cookie sheet and cover with a towel and allow rolls to rise an additional 30 minutes at room temperature.
9. Preheat oven to 375° F
10. Bake the rolls for 14-18 minutes or until golden brown. Remove and brush with melted butter, serve warm. Enjoy!

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