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Main Street Fernley completes crosswalk project, awarded new grant for gazebo at Art Park

By Robert Perea

After the installation of a new pedestrian crosswalk in late December, Main Street Fernley is now turning its attention to the installation of a new gazebo at the Main Street Art Park.

Main Street Fernley was awarded a grant last week from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development and Nevada Main Street in the amount of \$31,488.75 for the installation of a metal art gazebo where the Burning Man gazebo used to be at the Main Street Art Park. Another portion of the grant is to perform engineering analyses (geotechnical, drainage, and grading reports) at the Main Street Art Park to allow continued installation of features there. This will allow the City or an organization like Main Street Fernley to continue the improvements because there are drainage issues that need to be corrected prior to continued improvement in the western portion of the park.



Main Street Fernley's project to place a crosswalk across Main St. between Silverlace Blvd. and the Main Street Art Park was finished shortly before Christmas. It was funded primarily by a grant from Nevada Main Street. Photo by Robert Perea

The crosswalk installation across Main St. between Silverlace Blvd. and the Main Street Art Park was finished shortly before Christmas. That was funded by a \$16,844.43 grant from

Nevada Main Street and Main Street Fernley matched that with \$5,028.52 in cash or in-kind contributions for a project total of \$21,883.95.

Main Street Fernley President

Lowell Patton said the crosswalk allows parking for events at the park to occur at the County and City Administrative centers due to the limited parking at the park itself. The grant paid for the yield markings and signage and the Nevada Department of Transportation donated and installed the striping of the crosswalk itself.

"Now you can safely cross there within the crosswalk," Patton told the Fernley City Council at its Jan. 7 meeting.

In the second half of 2025, Main Street Fernley utilized Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority funds to put up a billboard between Logan Lane and Interstate 80 and produce an accompanying brochure promoting their "Drive To It – Not Thru It" campaign.

This year, Main Street Fernley is accepting applications for its 2026 Façade Grant Program. The intent is

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Mayor, council pass on both city manager finalists

By Robert Perea

Mayor Neal McIntyre and the Fernley City Council declined to offer the city manager position to either of the two candidates they interviewed on Jan. 7 and will restart the process of recruiting candidates for the job.

The council interviewed two finalists for the job, Andy Ramirez, Assistant City Manager in Loma Linda, CA and Amy Stephenson, who was most recently the Director of the State of Nevada Governor's Office of Finance.

A third finalist, Sean Grayson, the former City Manager of Nevada City, CA withdrew from consideration after

being appointed the interim city manager in California City, CA, and a fourth finalist had withdrawn in mid-December.

During the interviews, council members and McIntyre each asked Ramirez and Stephenson one question relating to their leadership, experience and vision. Following the two interviews, the council went into recess and McIntyre conferred individually with each council member.

When the council reconvened, McIntyre announced that they would not be bringing either of the two candidates forward for a vote.

The recruitment for the city manager's position was led by CPS HR Consultants, which received 92 applications for the position. McIntyre said they will reach out to some of the other candidates who applied and see if they are still interested.

McIntyre also said council members asked him to try to form a committee that would include Sheriff Brad Pope, North Lyon Fire Chief Brian Bunn, a council member or Mayor Jeff Tedford from Fallon, and at least one representative of the Fernley business community to help vet the next batch of candidates.

As part of its \$30,000 contract with the city that was approved in July to conduct the candidate search, CPS Consulting will conduct another recruitment at no cost to the city except for additional expenses such as re-advertising, additional consultant travel expenses and added background checks.

During a separate conversation, McIntyre said he emphasized to CPS HR Executive Recruiter Erich WonSavage that the search cannot take six more months, because the city is preparing to begin its process for the fiscal year 2026-27 budget.

McIntyre said he also asked WonSavage to meet individually with each council member to get their input on what they are looking for in a city manager.

Multiple city, county offices up for election in 2026

By Robert Perea

With the filing period for the 2026 election coming up March 2-13, this year's election will bring several key city and county offices before Fernley and Lyon County voters.

Two city council seats, the mayor's

office, three school board seats, two spots on the county commission, and the sheriff's and district attorney's offices are among those up for grabs this year.

The Primary Election will be held June 9, with the General Election on Nov. 3.

In the city, Fernley City Council

Ward 1 seat currently held by Ryan Hanan, the Ward 3 seat held by Stan Lau, and the Mayor's seat, held by Neal McIntyre, will be on the ballot. Lau has filled his term limits and is not eligible for reelection.

Fernley voters will also fill two seats on the North Lyon County Fire Protec-

tion District Board of Directors and two on the Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District.

For the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees, the District 2 seat currently held by Darin Farr, the

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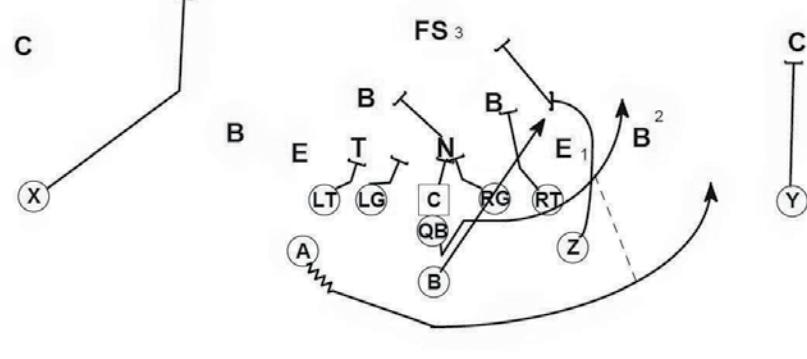
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The Inside Veer



Between the crowd and the story

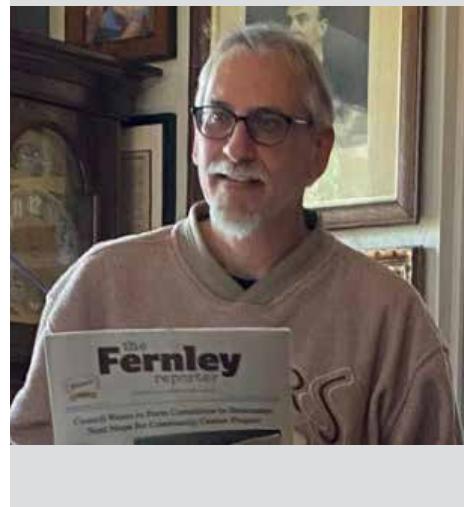
At a recent community event, I was greeted with warm hugs by a couple of friends I hadn't seen in a while. An onlooker, a person I'm acquainted with only professionally, watched for a moment before asking if that's how I'm always greeted, noting that newspaper reporters are not usually met with that kind of enthusiasm.

That is most certainly true, and the fact that I'm a newspaper reporter has probably very little to do with how most people who know me feel about me.

But the exchange did make me think about the strange place a community reporter occupies. Mostly, close enough to be recognized, but not quite part of the crowd. You're visible, but not in the way people might imagine.

That actually feels natural to me, because I've never really felt like part of the crowd. I got into journalism completely by accident, fell in love with it just as unexpectedly, mostly because I discovered how much I love telling people's stories. Maybe more accurately, I love having people tell me their stories, then finding a way to carry those stories onto the page.

That's why being a community reporter feels right to me. It's a role built on listening and observing, and those are things that come more naturally to me than talking.



ROBERT PEREA

Most days, that means standing just off to the side, paying attention to the details that other people might not notice.

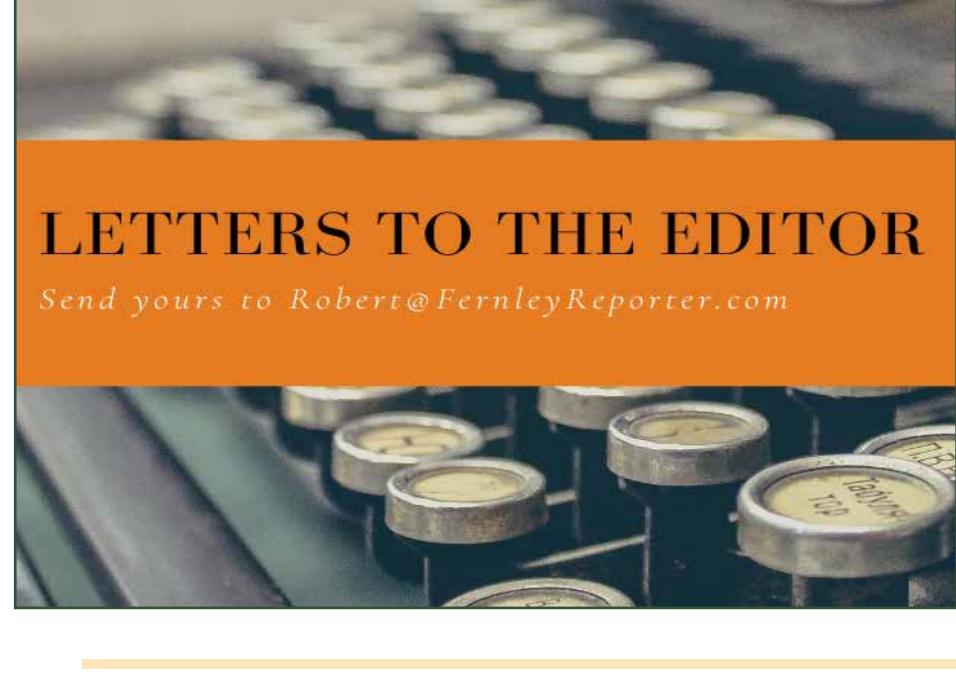
The onlooker that day was right, though. Being a reporter means that most people who know who I am, but don't know me, see me through whatever lens they view my job.

Sometimes conversations stop when I walk into a room and other times people approach to tell me what they either liked or didn't like about a certain story.

In a community like this, stories aren't abstractions, because they're about people you see at the grocery store or the post office. The distance between your notebook and the people in it is never very wide.

So, when that onlooker wondered whether I'm always greeted with hugs, it made me smile. The job doesn't come with warm embraces, and life doesn't hand out many of them either. But every once in a while you get one, and it's enough to keep you going.

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.



Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, Jan 6

Game: Monthly Stroke Play

1st Gross: Juneil Key, 95

1st Net: Marashane Miller, 68

Low Putts: Nancy Newton

Birdies: Kathy Kennedy, #5 and #7

Closest to hole #7: Kathy Kennedy, 6'

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NEWS

Sheriff's Office identifies prisoner who died during transport

By Robert Perea

Following a preliminary investigative briefing from the Carson City Sheriff's Office, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office identified the person who died in custody while being transported to jail on Dec. 31 as Dean Allen Hendricks, 75, of Dayton.

Hendricks was arrested on the charge of failure to register as a sex offender by deputies from the LCSO Sex Offender Task Force on Dec. 31 following an anonymous tip regarding a convicted sex offender who had failed to register as required by law.

The Sheriff's Office said it had received information late December that Hendricks had previously been

convicted of a sexual offense against a minor in Kitsap County, WA and had never registered as a sex offender as required by law. Members of the LCSO Sex Offender Task Force confirmed that Hendricks was convicted in 1982 of Indecent Liberties with a Minor, the Washington equivalent of Sexual Assault of a Child in Nevada.

The Sheriff's Office said Hendricks was placed under arrest at 2:16 p.m. on Dec. 31 and handcuffed behind his back. The arresting deputy then escorted Hendricks inside his home to collect his required medications before placing him in the back seat of the patrol car for transport. Transport began at 2:31 p.m.

LCSO said the deputy arrived at

the Silver Springs substation at 2:53 p.m. to change Hendricks' restraints from the handcuffs behind his back to waist restraints for the rest of the trip to the jail in Yerington. The Sheriff's Office said stopping at the Silver Springs substation during transport is a common practice because of the distances from Fernley and Dayton to Yerington.

The Sheriff's Office said when the deputy opened the rear door of his vehicle, he found Hendricks unresponsive and not breathing. The deputy pulled Hendricks from the vehicle and began life-saving efforts. Personnel from Central Lyon County

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Dean Allen Hendricks,
Photo courtesy of LCSO

Sheriff's still awaiting ID of body found last year

By Robert Perea

Lyon County Sheriff's investigators are still working to identify a body found near Fernley last year, but do not believe the remains are those of a man who has been missing since 2022.

A person walking on a nature trail in a wooded area on the south side of Farm District Road found the body on Jan. 7, 2025. The remains are of a man believed to be between 5'6" to 5'10" and less than 70 years old. The person was wearing sweatpants, a medium sized Starter jacket, a dark blue XL long sleeve Faded Glory brand shirt, knit beanie hat and a blue George brand XL jacket, with khaki Dickies brand pants and brown tennis shoes.

LCSO Chief Deputy Mitch Brant-

ingham said detectives are still actively working the case, managing DNA comparisons and trying to identify the person.

"They are working with an independent lab to try some other methods of identification, but are on a wait list to get results," Brantingham said. "Everything we have to this point, including the Medical Examiner results indicate a natural death with an undetermined cause."

Because the cause of death appears to be natural, Brantingham said the case is on waiting list because active criminal cases take priority.

However, he said the detectives working the case do not believe the person is Ronald Littley, who went missing from a home on Dixie Lane in September 2022.



Clothing worn by a person found dead on Jan. 7 last year.
Photo courtesy of The Unidentified Project

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibitors, judges needed for Fernley 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.

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council will hold a public hearing next Wednesday on an ordinance proposed by Councilman Albert Torres that would require the mayor to solicit council member evaluations of the city manager's performance and consider those evaluations during the mayor's annual review of the city manager's performance.

Fernley is still searching for a new city manager following the resignation of City Manager Benjamin Marchant last year prompted by a budget dispute over his position, with some council members unhappy with his performance.

Under the city's current municipal code, during city manager performance reviews, the mayor "has the discretion but is not required to solicit a peer review from the statutory positions (using an approved peer review form)."

Under the amendment proposed by Torres, the above text would be eliminated and replaced with text indicating "The mayor shall solicit a peer review from each member of the city council for the purpose of informing the mayor's evaluation."

There was no discussion of the proposal at last week's first reading of the ordinance.

Council to weigh code change allowing major recreation in industrial zones

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council will hold a public hearing on January 21 to amend the development code to allow the use of major recreational facilities in the city's industrial zoning districts with a conditional use permit.

The action was prompted by the discovery that the Fernley racetrack is currently operating in an industrially zoned property without any recorded approvals or entitlements. The racetrack owners would like to expand their footprint, which they would be unable to do under the current code, according to a staff report for the first reading of the proposed ordinance at the Jan. 7 council meeting.

During the Nov. 12 meeting of the Fernley Planning Commission, Planning Director Michelle Rambo said this code change came about due to the recent parcels the city acquired through the Lands Bill. The racetrack was previously on BLM land. Now that it is city property or next door to city property, the racetrack owners want to expand onto the city property. Through that process, it was discovered that they do not have any recorded approvals.

"Recreational Facility, Major," is not currently a permitted use in industrial zoning districts, as indicated by a blank cell in the development code's use table,

the staff report noted.

In addition, the city's development code does not specifically list "racetrack" as a use, but it is listed under the definition of major recreational facilities, defined as "large, generally outdoor facilities such as outdoor roller or ice-skating rinks, sports stadiums and arenas, amusement and theme parks, racetracks..." etc., according to the staff report.

After a staff review, it was determined that major recreational facilities may be compatible in industrial zoning districts with appropriate mitigation measures because the districts typically have few adjacent residential uses, larger lot sizes and higher thresholds for noise and traffic, the staff report indicated.

Requiring a conditional use permit for major recreational facilities in industrial zones provides the city with the ability to review each proposal on a case-by-case basis, evaluate potential impacts related to noise, traffic, lighting and dust, and to impose reasonable conditions of approval to ensure compatibility with surrounding uses, the staff report said.

The proposed process further ensures that such uses are properly regulated while also recognizing their economic and recreational value to the community, the staff report concluded.

City proposes code amendment to address grading issues

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City council will hold a public hearing at next Wednesday's meeting on an ordinance to amend the city's development code to add grading definitions, clarify grading permit thresholds, slope limitations, erosion and dust control, inspection, bonding and enforcement requirements for such activities.

The proposed amendment adds a permit requirement for clearing and grubbing one acre or more and establishes slope thresholds requiring engineered grading plans and geotechnical review for grading on slopes 20 percent or greater, according to a staff report on the item presented at the first reading of the proposal at the council's Jan. 7 meeting.

The amendment also would require erosion and sediment control plans, as well as stormwater pollution prevention plans, for disturbances of one acre or more.

It would also introduce new dust control provisions for projects disturbing

five acres or more, add inspection and bonding requirements and provide enforcement through stop work orders and penalties related to unauthorized grading or failure to maintain required controls, according to the staff report.

The report noted amendment is necessary because the city's development code currently defines grading activities in general terms and does not distinguish between minor site preparation and large-scale engineering earthwork.

In addition, the report indicated the existing code does not adequately address large-scale clearing or grubbing activities that can result in erosion, dust and drainage impacts even when limited grading occurs.

Associate Planner Treston Rodriguez explained at last week's council meeting that grubbing is the removal and disposal of stumps, roots, brush and other organic materials at or below the natural ground surface in preparation for grading, excavation or construction.

WNC Spring Semester starts Jan. 20

Courtesy of WNC Public Relations

A new year, a new semester and new possibilities are available as Spring 2026 classes at Western Nevada College begin Jan. 20. Register now to build the schedule that works best for you and give yourself this new year's opportunity.

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dent, phone 775-445-3277. To receive academic advice, phone 775-445-3267 or book an appointment at wnc.edu/advising.

Students should also take advantage of the numerous scholarships offered through WNC Foundation. The 2026-27 application for scholarships is now open for full-time and part-time students. Apply now and become eligible for more than 250 scholarships and over \$800,000 in funding.

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Reno Fernley Raceway motocross track. Photo courtesy of Reno Fernley Raceway



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Tuesday, Jan. 20

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Wednesday, Jan. 21

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Brown Gravy

Lima Beans

Tomato Herb Salad

Mixed Fruit

Thursday, Jan. 22

Lemon Baked Fish

Broccoli Stuffed

Potato

Steamed Carrots

WW Bread

Smart Balance

Honeydew Melon

Friday, Jan. 23

Sweet Italian Sausage with

Red Peppers & Onions

Whole Wheat Macaroni

Steamed Broccoli

Mixed Greens Salad

Italian Dressing

Fresh Banana

COMMUNITY

Letter to the Editor

Cruelty is not an American Value

I grew up in a very conservative area, much like Lyon County. And what I know is that true conservatism has never been about cruelty. It has been about responsibility, moral restraint, respect for family, and the disciplined use of power. When the country intentionally inflicts suffering on the powerless, it does not demonstrate strength – it reveals moral failure.

Conservatives have long argued that character matters – in individuals and in nations. A government that deliberately traumatizes children, shames the desperate, and weaponizes suffering forfeits its claim to moral leadership. Order without conscience is not stability; it is decay.

America can be strong without being cruel. Secure without being heartless. Sovereign without becoming tyrannical. These are not abstract ideals. They are lived values in places like northern Nevada, where people believe in hard work, personal responsibility, helping a neighbor in trouble, and keeping power within moral bounds.

That is why the growing embrace of harshness, even deliberate cruelty, in our national politics should trouble anyone who takes faith, family, and moral responsibility seriously. We are risking conservative American values.

Conservatives have always believed that power must have limits. The Bible is clear on this point: authority exists to serve justice, restrain evil, and protect the innocent—not to glorify itself through cruelty or domination.

Immigration enforcement does not require cruelty. Yet policies championed by Stephen Miller deliberately use suffering as a deterrent—separating families, traumatizing children, and treating human desperation as leverage. Human dignity is dismissed as weakness. This is not about borders, or law and order. It is about who we decide deserves humanity. Scapegoating immigrants for political gain repeats a dangerous pattern from history. Cruelty should never be a tool of governance.

Scripture warns against this abuse of authority: “Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees.” (Isaiah 10:1) A government that relies on fear and dehumanization does not strengthen a nation—it weakens its moral foundation.

That same failure of restraint is now visible in talk of taking control of other countries or territories, including Greenland. Conservatives should be alarmed by this. Free nations do not speak the language of acquisition and domination. That is the language of despots.

Greenland is not a bargaining chip. It is home to a people with their own culture, sovereignty, and right to self-determination. Suggesting that America should “take” another land—by pressure, purchase, or threat—abandons the core principles this country was founded on.

America rejected the idea that ‘might makes right’ when we rejected monarchs. We philosophically (but imperfectly) rejected conquest. The Founders understood what Scripture teaches: unchecked power leads to tyranny. Conservatives once stood firmly against unbridled ambition because we knew it corrupts both the ruler and the nation.

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8) Humility is not weakness. Mercy is not surrender. And cruelty—whether aimed at immigrants or disguised as being tough, touted as ‘strength’ in acting against other nations—is not patriotism. It is a moral failure.

Cruelty is not patriotism. A government that breaks families, scorns the vulnerable, and speaks casually about ruling over others has forgotten why authority exists in the first place. Disrespect, rule by fear, is something that honest, independent people have always stood against. Strength guided by conscience built this country, and abandoning that restraint will undo it.

Suzanne Prouty

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District 4 seat held by Tom Hendrix and the District 6 seat held by Kallie Day are up for election. Day was appointed in November to finish the term of Bridget Peterson, who resigned last September.

On the Lyon County Commission, the seats up for grabs are District 2, which represents part of Fernley and part of Silver Springs and is currently held by Scott Keller and District 5, representing Smith and Mason Valleys held by Dave Hockaday.

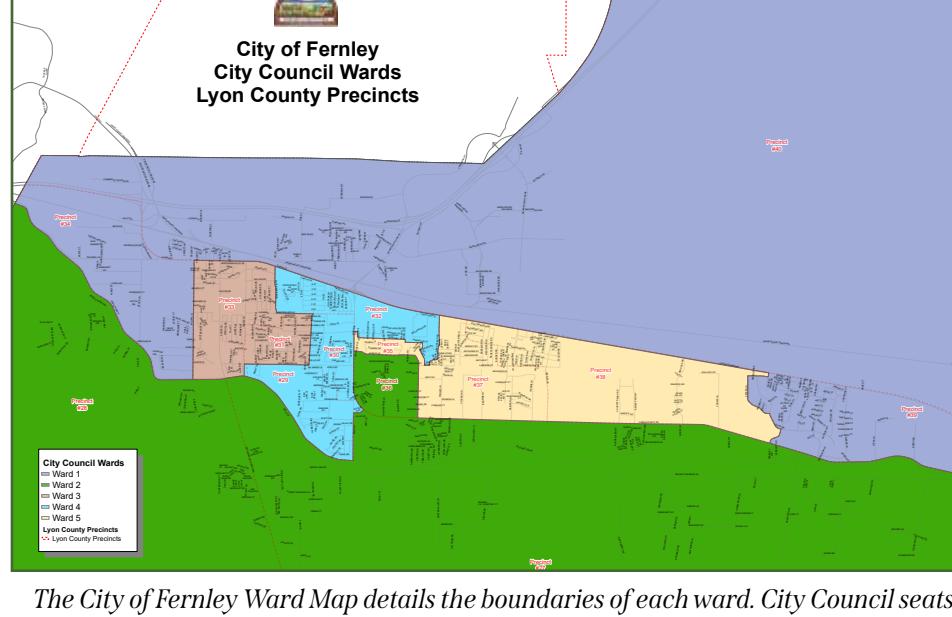
In county offices, the Sheriff's office is up for grabs and Sheriff Brad Pope has announced he will run for reelection. The District Attorney's Office is also open, but current District Attorney Steve Rye has filed to run for Third Judicial District Court Judge in Department

2, to replace the retiring Judge Leon Aberrasturi. In Third Judicial District Court, Judge John Schlegelmilch has filed to run for reelection. The Judicial candidate filing period ends Friday, Jan. 16.

Other county administrative offices up for election this year are Assessor, Clerk/Treasurer and Recorder.

Statewide, the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller and Attorney General will be on this year's ballot, along with Assembly District 38, currently held by Greg Koenig of Fallon and State Senate District 17 held by Robin Titus.

The Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer's Office has created an informational package for candidates running for office. Anyone interested in filing can contact CTLYON@lyon-county.org for the introductory package.



The City of Fernley Ward Map details the boundaries of each ward. City Council seats in Ward 1 and Ward 3 are among the offices up for election this year. Photo courtesy of City of Fernley

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Fernley Community Events

JAN. 16

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE
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Department
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FAMILY CRAFT
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

JAN. 17

YOUTH CODING CLUB
(ages 8 - 12) bi-weekly
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

LIVE MUSIC - Great Highway
8:00 p.m. - midnight
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
775-575-7529

JAN. 21

BINGO - with Precious Paws
Society of NV
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

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10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Silver Springs Senior Center
2945 Ft Churchill St.
775-577-5009 ext. 3324

JAN. 22

TRIVIA (21+)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

JAN. 24

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

JAN. 25

GLOW PAINTING
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Southern Charm & Let's be
Artful
25 East Main Street Suite # 5
775-302-1488

JAN. 26

PUBLIC MARKET
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fernley Senior Center
105 Lois Lane
775-575-3370 Ext.1

JAN. 27

BOOK CLUB
2:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
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BUSINESS

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Jan. 7 meeting:

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Devco Painting LLC, Las Vegas, Painting Contractor
Halo Fire Protection, LLC, Mesa AZ, Fire Protection Contractor
Frontier Mechanical LLC, West Jordan, UT Plumbing Contractor
Extraordinaire by Ellie B LLC, Sparks, Hobby/Crafter
Grafics Unlimited, Sparks, Outdoor Advertising/Paint Contractor
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WNC offers emergency medical technician training for spring semester

Courtesy of WBC Public Relations

Serve your community on the front lines of emergency health care by training to become an emergency medical technician at Western Nevada College.

WNC is offering Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 108 during the Spring 2026 semester, providing students with the foundational knowledge and hands-on skills needed to assess and care for patients in emergency and pre-hospital settings. The course prepares students for both national and state certification exams for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Advanced EMT positions.

"Emergency medical technicians are often the first point of care in critical situations, and their role in keeping our communities safe cannot be overstated," said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. "Through programs like EMS 108, Western Nevada College

is preparing students with the skills, confidence and hands-on experience they need to step into these vital roles. We're proud to support pathways that lead directly to meaningful careers while strengthening emergency healthcare services across our region."

The EMS 108 class meets from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 20 and continuing through May 16. Attendance is mandatory during the first week of classes.

To enroll, students must be at least 18 years old and meet program requirements, including current CPR certification, health insurance, required immunizations, flu vaccination and testing.

Spring semester classes at WNC begin Tuesday, Jan. 20. New students can start the enrollment process at wnc.edu/starthere or by calling 775-445-3277. For additional information about the EMS program, contact WNC at 775-445-4425.



Western Nevada College is offering an Emergency Medical Services class in the Spring 2026 semester. Photo courtesy of WNC Public Relations

Meetings

Fernley City Council
 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
 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 February 11

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 February 5

Lyon County Planning Commission
 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
 Lyon County Administrative Complex
 27 S. Main St. Yerington
 Next meeting February 10

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
 4th Tuesday of the Month,
 9:30 a.m.
 Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
 Next meeting January 27

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 27

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

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

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to give a competitive grant of \$5,000 to a business downtown and have them match with their own \$5,000 to improve the façade of their building. The application and other information about the organization can be found at www.mainstreetfernley.org. The application period closes at the end of February.

The Fernley Downtown Corridor Association, doing business as Main Street Fernley, is a nonprofit organization formed in 2022. It is funded through donations and grants.

"Since we're not a membership-based organization, we raise our own money through partnerships with businesses, individuals, and other non-profits," Patton said.

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Fire Department arrived on scene within approximately six minutes and took over lifesaving efforts, but Hendricks was pronounced dead at 3:23 p.m.

LCSO said the deputy's body camera was activated and recording throughout the entire contact with

Hendricks, including the transport.

The preliminary investigation conducted by the Carson City Sheriff's Office found no evidence of foul play, no violation of law and no violation of LCSO policy. An autopsy was conducted by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office and final results are pending.

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GOVERNMENT

Council OKs contract to draft RFP for water plant upgrades

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a \$25,000 contract at its Jan 7 meeting with Taney Engineering to prepare a comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) for improvements to the city's water treatment facility to enable it to treat surface water from the Truckee Canal.

Last August, the council was told by CDM Smith, a consultant firm examining the city's current water treatment methods, that several improvements and upgrades to the plant would be needed to add surface water treatment to the facility, which the city plans to do in the future.

Among the improvements CDM recommended was the addition of three drying beds since surface water tends to add solids as a waste product of treatment.

CDM also recommended SCADA upgrades to the water treatment plant. SCADA stands for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, whereby all the

plant's analyzers go through a central control system to help operators make adjustments to the treatment process.

Treatment of PFAS, or long-lasting chemicals that break down slowly over time, was also recommended to be looked at by CDM since the Environmental Protection Agency will impose a deadline for the treatment of PFAS in 2031.

The RFP from Taney Engineering will be based on the recommendations of the Final Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by CDM, including treatment and distribution needs, PFAS-related improvements, SCADA enhancements, drying bed improvements and long-term capital improvement requirements, according to a staff report on the item.

In August, the city council unanimously approved moving forward with the improvements recommended by CDM, at an anticipated cost of \$40 million, and approved the use of \$4 million to design the recommended improvements.



Inside the City of Fernley Water Treatment Facility.
Photo courtesy of KG Walters Construction

Council approves contract for utility materials

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a "materials supplier" contract for fiscal 2025-2026 with Western Nevada Supply at the Jan. 7 meeting to supply commonly used water and sewer materials needed for operational and maintenance activities in the city's utilities department.

The utilities department requires a consistent supply of materials to support ongoing maintenance, operations and emergency repairs. To maintain fair pricing and ensure compliance with the city's procurement policies, staff annually advertises an invitation to bid for utility materials, according to a staff report.

This year, the annual materials

supplier bid was publicly advertised in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and city requirements, but no bids were received.

As a result, staff issued a direct invitation to bid to Western Nevada Supply, a qualified regional supplier, in accordance with procurement procedures that allow for soliciting bids after an unsuccessful formal advertisement, the staff report noted.

Western Nevada Supply responded to the invitation, establishing unit pricing for commonly used utility materials the city purchases on an as-needed basis throughout the year. The bid award ensures stable pricing, availability of critical materials and efficient procurement for water and sewer operations, according to the staff report.

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:

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

Northern NV Jobs career fair set for March 26 at Reno-Sparks Convention Center

Staff Report

Northern NV Jobs will host a premier hiring event and Career Fair at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on Thursday, Mar. 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will welcome businesses from across the Silver State and is expected to be one of the largest career fairs of the year in Northern Nevada.

Northern NV Jobs is a job board and career promotion organization dedicated to connecting employers with job seekers throughout Northern Nevada. The company has successfully hosted annual career fairs in Elko and Winnemucca and will now expand its footprint into Reno, bringing its high-energy event to the Biggest Little City.

"As a Northern Nevada native and a University of Nevada graduate, I couldn't be more excited or proud to bring this event to Reno," said Kyle Jones, owner of Northern NV Jobs.

"We've seen tremendous success at our career fairs, with thousands of Nevadans and out-of-state job seekers walking through the doors and leaving with interviews and job offers. We're excited to make Reno our biggest event yet."

The career fair is free for all job seekers and will provide opportunities to connect face-to-face with hundreds of employers from across Nevada. On-site interviews will be available for candidates.

Setting up a booth at the Northern NV Jobs Career Fair provides businesses with a unique opportunity to connect directly with qualified job seekers, promote their brand within the local community, and conduct on-the-spot interviews to find the right talent.

Nevada businesses interested in participating can register at <https://northernnvjobscareerfair.com/reno-career-fair/> or by visiting northernnvjobs.com.



Northern NV Jobs will host a career fair Mar. 26 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.
Photo courtesy of Northern NV Jobs

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:

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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.
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Jan. 5 – 11, 2026

RUBEN GUZMAN – Area: Yerington, Bail: \$40,000, Charges: Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order (3 counts); Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

CAMERON KESSLER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$80,640, Charges: Battery w/ Use of Deadly Weapon, Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm; Attempted Murder – Enhancement/Deadly Weapon; Discharging Gun in/on Public Thoroughfare or Public Place

JAMES BURROWS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$640, Charges: Drive w/ Revoked Driver's License

NICHOLAS LOVAN – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Drive w/ Revoked Driver's License

CHERI LOPEZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)

NATHAN PERRIGAN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$10,000, Charges: Possess/Receive/Transfer Stolen Vehicle

TRAVIS GUMATAOTAO – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

CARLOS QUINTANA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,050, Charges: Failure to

Appear on Traffic Citation
DESTINY VASQUEZ – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

LEON REMSTEDT – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence; Resist Public Officer

MICHAEL RESSLER – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court Commitment

AARON KOLLER – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$1,495, Charges: Resist Public Officer; Violation of Provisions re: Use of Handicap Parking/Placard

ANDREW ROSINGANA – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,270, Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

ALTON WILLIAMS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$6,370, Charges: Possession to Sell Schedule I/II (Flunitrazepam/GHB), (1st); DUI (1st); Fail to Give Appropriate Signal When Required; Unsafe Turn, Improper Position/Method at Intersection

ERICA DOLL – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

LUCIO FONSECA RAMIREZ – Area:

Silver Springs, Bail: \$12,585
Charges: Resist Public Officer; Intimidate Public Officer/Others w/ Threat of Force (1st); Battery on Protected Person; Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order

JODY MAY – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$325
Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

JACOB HETZLER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court Commitment

BRIAN AGRESTI – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,001, Charges: Assist Other Agency – Hold

SHANNON SHRADER – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

JASON WILLIAMS – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Prohibited Act – Violation of Sex Offender Registration (1st)

DANIEL ARDISANA – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Battery

JESUS CABRERA ARMENTA – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,640, Charges: DUI (2nd)

JUSTIN RATCLIFFE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,000, Charges: Criminal Contempt

ROGER HOPPER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$30,000, Charges: Embezzlement \$3,500+ (2 counts); Exploit Older/Vulnerable Person \$5,000+ (2 counts)

FRANCISCO CRUZ ESQUIVEL – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$21,140

Charges: Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Sell/Transfer or Attempt Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (1st)

ARIANNA MORALES HERNANDEZ – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$21,140
Charges: Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Sell/Transfer or Attempt Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (1st)

ALDO ACOSTA – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,085, Charges: Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle; Drive w/ Revoked Driver's License; Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/Title; Resist Public Officer; Fail to Wear Safety Belt/Shoulder Harness

MANUEL PALACIOS ROMERO – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$5,115, Charges: Prohibited Act – Violation of Sex Offender Registration (1st); Operate Vehicle w/ Expired Registration/Plates



Cameron Bryce Kessler,
Photo courtesy of LCSO

One arrested, one critically injured in shooting in Fernley parking lot

By Robert Perea

One person was arrested and another was taken to the hospital by Care Flight after a shooting on Jan. 7.

The Lyon County Sheriff's office received multiple 911 calls starting at 6:48 p.m. about a shooting in the parking lot of the Fernley Village Marketplace, in front of Steve's Homemade Ice Cream.

Deputies found one person with

multiple gunshot wounds. Personnel from the North Lyon Fire Protection District arrived and immediately began providing medical care to the victim. The victim was subsequently transported to Renown Regional Medical Center by CareFlight.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division responded and arrested Cameron Bryce Kessler, a 35-year old resident of Fernley, on charges of attempted murder, battery

with a deadly weapon and discharging a firearm in public. His bail was set at \$80,640.

The Sheriff's Office said it hasn't yet determined the motive for the shooting and the investigation is continuing.

The victim was in critical but stable condition but was expected to survive.

Fernley man arrested on drug, weapons charges



Investigators said they found and seized drugs, paraphernalia, firearms and firearm parts. Photo courtesy of LCSO.

By Robert Perea

A Fernley man was arrested Jan. 8 on several drug and weapons charges after the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit served a search warrant as part of an ongoing narcotics and firearms investigation in the Fernley area.

Jacob Alan Hetzler, 39, was arrested during a traffic stop prior to the execution of the warrant. LCSO said Hetzler was the primary resident of the home in the 1100 block of Wild Cherry Drive where the warrant was served.

The Sheriff's Office said the investigation began earlier this month and resulted in the issuance of the warrant through the Canal Township Justice Court.

During the traffic stop prior to the execution of the warrant where Hetzler was arrested, the LCSO K9 Brady was deployed and conducted a free-air sniff of the vehicle and provided a positive alert for the odor of narcotics.

During the search of the residence and property, investigators said they found and seized drugs, paraphernalia, firearms and firearm parts. Among the

items seized was methamphetamine, concentrated cannabis products, psilocybin mushrooms and evidence of drug use and distribution. They also said they found firearms and firearm components, including items they believed were unlawfully possessed under Nevada law.

Hetzler was booked into the Lyon County Jail on multiple felony charges, including possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance (psilocybin mushrooms), possession of concentrated cannabis, manufacture or possession of a silencer, altering or obliterating the serial number on a firearm, and unlawful possession, purchase, transport or receipt of an unfinished firearm frame or receiver.

The Sheriff's Office said the investigation remains ongoing and additional charges may be forthcoming pending further analysis and review. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office or submit information anonymously through Secret Witness.



Jacob Alan Hetzler,
Photo courtesy of LCSO

Man charged with destruction of property after throwing rocks at restaurant windows

By Robert Perea

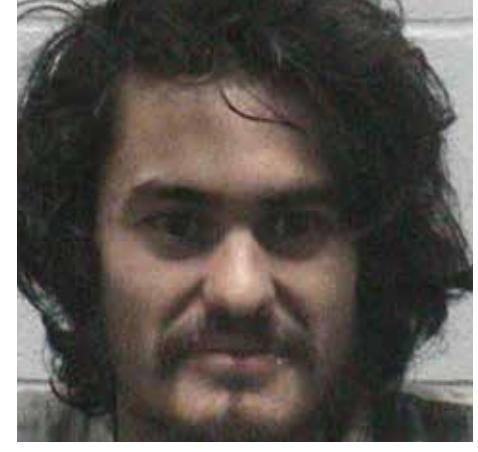
A Fernley man charged with throwing rocks at several restaurants and a bank was arrested Dec. 28 on five counts of destruction of property.

According to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to

Main St. and East Newlands Drive for a report of destruction of property at McDonald's. Deputies were informed that a man had thrown rocks at the windows. While there, deputies also learned that the man had thrown rocks at the windows of KFC, Jack in the Box, Panda Express and WaFd Bank.

The rocks had caused damage at each location.

Deputies found the suspect, who they later identified as Salvador Herrera-Rosas, at an area gas station. He was charged with five counts of destruction of property and booked into the Lyon County jail with bail set at \$5,700.



Salvador Herrera-Rosas,
Photo courtesy of LCSO



South Area Plan Open House

January 22 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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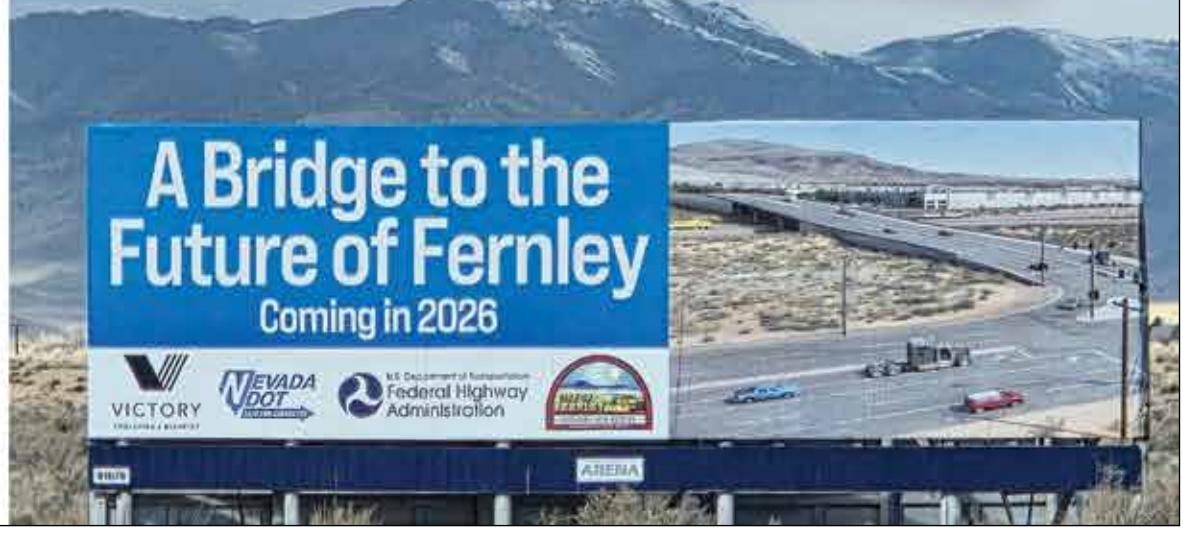
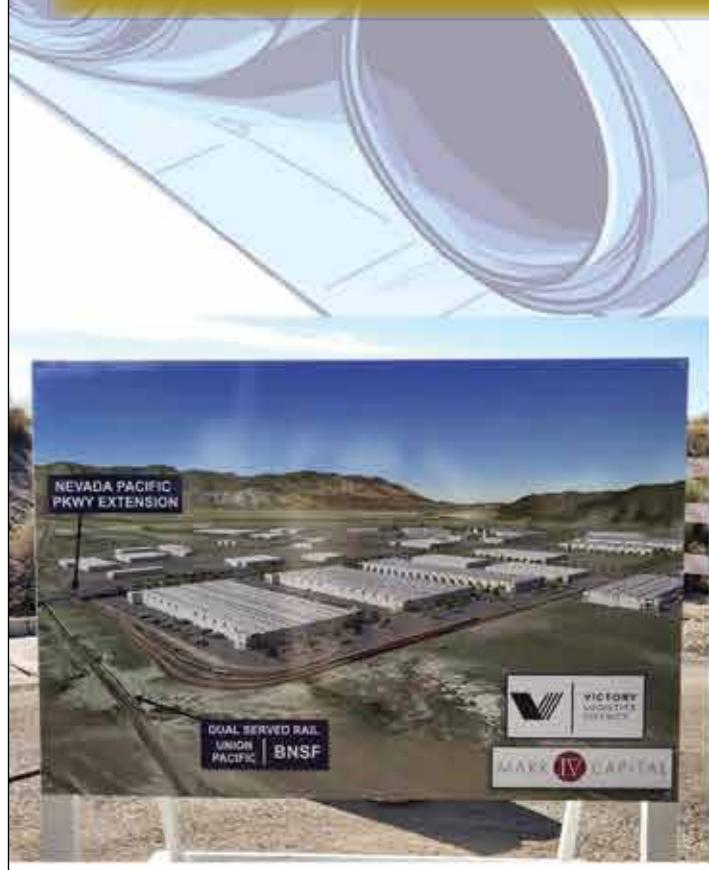


The South Area Plan is kicking off its community engagement process with an open house and a virtual survey. The meeting will revolve around land use and mapping of different opportunity areas. Come participate in the conversation and share your vision for the future of the area.

Your feedback will help shape the South Area Plan's vision for growth, land use, and community priorities.

The South Area Plan Survey is open between January 6 - February 20.

To take the survey, scan the QR Code or visit this website url: surveymonkey.com/r/PPSVJ5T



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SPORTS

Vaqueros cruise through busy stretch

By Robert Perea

Facing one of their top two challengers in the Northern 3A East and a stretch of three games in four days, the Fernley High School boys basketball team came away with four dominant wins in the past week.

The Vaqueros put together a strong finish to beat Fallon 62-44 on Jan. 6, dominated Elko 56-35 and Spring Creek 70-26 last Friday and Saturday, then were never challenged in an 81-17 win over Sparks on Monday night.

The Vaqueros now lead the Northern 3A East with a 4-0 record, and head to Dayton Friday to finish the first half of the league schedule.

The Vaqueros began the week with the win over Fallon, outscoring the Greenwave 28-12 over the final 12 minutes. The Vaqueros had led 24-9 before Fallon closed within 31-29. Bryce Dunagan-Stephens then scored

Fernley's next eight points, kickstarting the Vaqueros' finishing kick.

Dunagan-Stephens finished with 26 points and Sheldon Jacobson added 16 and the Vaqueros' defense held Fallon's leading scorer Calin Anderson to six points.

"I thought Bryce did a good job keeping the ball out of his hands, but ultimately when he started shaking free, we had guys there," coach Cade Knutson said. "And that was the key to the game, in our opinion."

Knutson focuses his defensive game plans on stopping the opponent's best scorers, and the Vaqueros were again successful at that in Elko and Spring Creek.

They held Elko's leading scorer Tallan Delmore to seven points Friday night. The game stayed close through the first half, as the Vaqueros led 27-21 at the half. They scored the first six points of the third quarter and led by

13 going to the fourth before pulling away.

Sheldon Jacobson scored 19 points, while Stephens added 13 and keyed the defensive effort against Delmore.

"Bryce has been guarding the other team's best players since he was a freshman and it's really impressive that he's able to be such a two-way player," Knutson said. "But it's a collective thing. It takes all five guys to guard the ball. We call it man-to-man defense, but it's really ball defense. Wherever the ball is, we're flying around and rotating."

Saturday afternoon it was Spring Creek's Snowden Williams that drew the Vaqueros' attention, and they held him to just four shot attempts and seven points.

Fernley used a 15-0 run to take a 20-5 lead, led 40-14 at the half and only twice in the game did Spring Creek score on consecutive posses-

sions.

Stephens led the Vaqueros with 22 points and Leland Ketelaar added 20.

"We want to wear teams down with our pressure, and we knew that they were short on their rotation," Knutson said.

Friday the Vaqueros will face a Dayton team that beat them once last year and, along with Fallon, is expected to be the top challenger in the Northern 3A East. Dayton defeated Elko and Spring Creek last week as well and is 2-0 heading into a Wednesday game against Fallon. Their leading scorer Isaac Powell averages 21.9 points per game, and Talon Brown is close behind at 19.2.

"They are good basketball players and then outside of that, they just have physical kids who are bought into their system," Knutson said. "I anticipate quite the test."

Defense keys strong week for Fernley girls

By Robert Perea

While they've had the same recurring issues on offense during the first half of the season, defense has been the key for the Fernley High School girls basketball team, and it carried the Vaqueros to three wins and a competitive effort in a loss to Fallon last week.

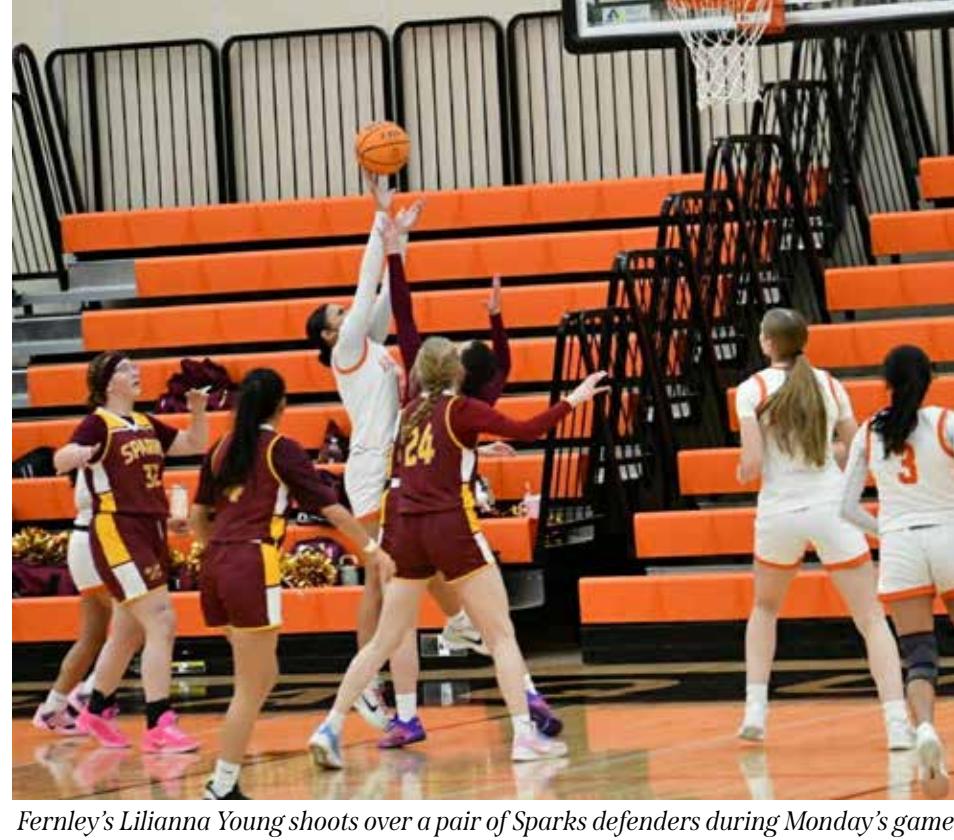
The Vaqueros swept their two-game road trip to Elko and Spring Creek over the weekend with a late comeback in Elko Friday night to win 51-49 and an easy 64-37 win in Spring Creek, followed by a 64-17 blowout of Sparks on Monday.

But it was their loss to Fallon on Jan. 6 that might have been the most encouraging outing of the week. After having lost three lopsided games to Fallon last year, including in the regional championship game, the Vaqueros battled on near even terms with the Greenwave last Tuesday, despite their struggles offensively.

The Vaqueros committed 32 turnovers, made 12 of 17 free throws and converted only 13 of 31 two-point field goal attempts. Despite all of that, they had multiple chances to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

"The game could have gone either way," coach Ralph Dunn said. "I wasn't very happy with all the turnovers we had and the missed free throws and close bunnies. Hopefully, we start converting them."

The Vaqueros hung in the game because their defense forced Fallon into 22 turnovers and held the Greenwave



Fernley's Lilianna Young shoots over a pair of Sparks defenders during Monday's game in Fernley. Photo by Felicity Zoberski

to 26 percent shooting.

A 9-0 run in the first quarter had the Vaqueros up 11-6, but Fallon's Kortnie Simper hit three 3-pointers in the final minute of the quarter to put the Greenwave back up 15-11.

After Fernley made an 8-0 run to open the second half and take a 25-24 lead, Fallon responded with a 12-0 run, with eight of those points by Kortnie Simper, to take its biggest lead of the

game at 36-25.

But Fernley rallied back again, getting within 38-35 with 5:29 left in the fourth quarter. Taylor Tolleson hit a 3-pointer and three free throws in the final minute to draw Fernley within 45-42, but neither team scored in the final minute.

"I'm very happy the way the defense has been performing on the court," Dunn said.

In Elko on Jan. 9, the Vaqueros came back from an 8-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Elko 51-49.

The Vaqueros looked like they might run away with the game when they opened an 18-6 lead after the first quarter, but Elko responded by outscoring Fernley 17-2 in the second quarter. Elko went up by as much as 43-25 in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but Fernley made an 11-2 run to regain the lead at 46-45.

After Elko went up 49-46 with 2:41 left, the Vaqueros didn't allow another point while scoring the last five points to pull out the win.

"I really didn't expect us play the way we did after the first quarter," Dunn said. "The wheels just kind of fell off. No hustling back on defense and Elko was making layups after layups."

There were none of those dramatics on Saturday in Spring Creek when the Vaqueros used a 15-0 run in the second quarter to take a 35-11 lead and never looked back.

"We played our normal game and the end result was because of it," Dunn said. "Our defense just smothered them and we were converting our shots."

Monday night the Vaqueros scored 24 consecutive points to take a 26-3 lead in a game they were never challenged by Sparks.

This week the Vaqueros play in Dayton at 6 p.m. Friday, then host Bishop Manogue in a nonleague game at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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SPORTS

Fernley FFA shines at Churchill County 4-H contest

Staff Report

The Fernley High School FFA won a first place team award and several individual awards last weekend Churchill County 4-H livestock and horse judging contest.

The team of Arianna Walker, Dylan Viehland, Ainsley Blackorby and Jayde Thomas won First Place Senior Team.

In Livestock awards, Viehland also took second high individual overall and third high reasons, while Walker was fourth high individual overall and second high reasons. In Horse awards, Thomas was the first high individual and Blackorby was the second high individual.



The team of Arianna Walker, Dylan Viehland, Ainsley Blackorby and Jayde Thomas won First Place Senior Team at the Churchill County 4-H livestock and horse judging contest.

State Champions



Fernley wrestlers Riley McCullar and Nathan Pritchard were presented with their state championship rings Monday night for winning state championships last year. McCullar won the 157-pound championship last year, and Pritchard is a two-time state champion, winning the 144-pound title last year.

Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography



The 2025 Fernley High School softball team was honored for winning the state championship with the presentation of championship rings Monday night. The Vaqueros defeated Fallon in the state championship game in Pahrump to claim the 3A state title.

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Fernley Church Directory

Summit Church
Silverland Middle School

Grace Baptist Church
460 W. Main Street, Suite 108
gbcfernley.org

Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
290 N. West Street

Living Faith Church
110 Center Street

Crosswinds Assembly of God
3015 Farm District Road

Calvary Chapel
875 Fremont Street

Joy! Alliance Fellowship
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St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
625 Desert Shadows Lane

Fernley Free Methodist Church
100 N. West Street

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
155 Hwy 95A South

Living Stones Church
868 Cottonwood Lane



PET OF THE WEEK

Spooky and Boo are ready to meet you!

We are Spooky & Boo. We are both boys. We are 16 weeks young. We are very loving, socialized, playful fur babies. We are fixed, vaccinated and microchipped. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet us please call 775-575-0950 and leave a message with your contact info and someone will get back to you asap!



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775-575-0950 | preciouspawssocietynv@gmail.com



PET OF THE WEEK

Ryker is looking for his forever home!

Ryker is an Alaskan Malamute and he is described as brave, dignified, independent, and protective. Ryker is believed to be 3-8 years old. This loyal and friendly boy has a heart of gold.

Ryker patiently awaits a loving family to whisk him away!

Contact today for more info!

You can contact the Lyon County Animal Services 775-577-5005.

He is located at 3705 Highway 50 West in Silver Springs, NV

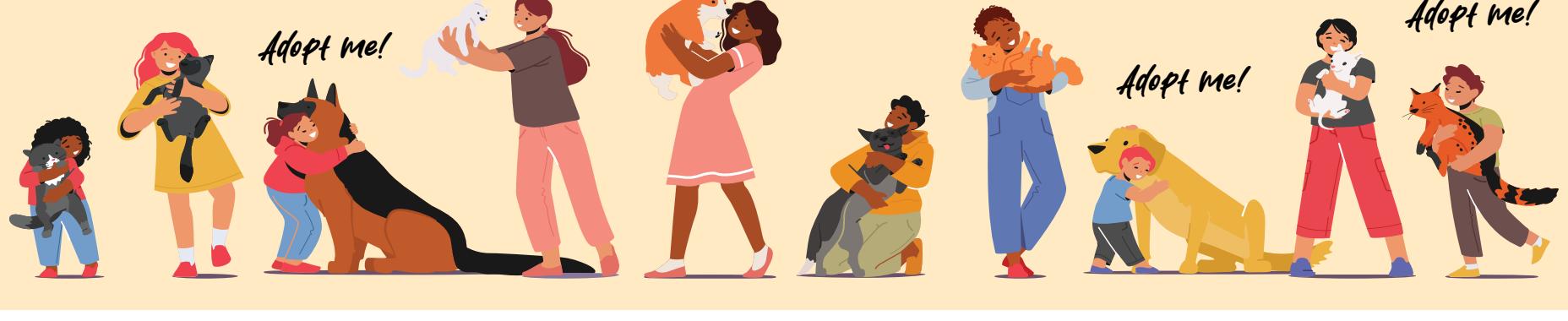


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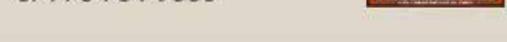
The City of Fernley's 25th Anniversary



Want to volunteer?
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