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# About 400 meals served at Community Thanksgiving Dinner

By Robert Perea

The Rotary Club of Fernley served more than 300 free meals at its community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Wigwam and delivered about 100 more to home-bound residents last Thursday.

The meals were prepared and served by the staff of the Wigwam, the Rotary Club of Fernley, volunteers from the community and the Leadership class at Fernley High School.

Roy Edgington, who helped organize the event, said 24 turkeys were donated for this year's dinner.



Fernley High School leadership students, Riley Schultz, Cameron Manning, Ella Coast, Sara Gleason, Mikayla Marsh, Bella Leija, McKenzie Marsh and Jackson Hohnholz helped serve the Fernley Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Wigwam. Photo by Robert Perea



Volunteers and the staff at the Wigwam hosted the Fernley Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Wigwam. Photo by Robert Perea

"I think it went pretty well," Edgington said. "I really can't thank those guys enough."

This was the second year the Community Thanksgiving Dinner has been served at the Wigwam, and owner Victor Serna said the turnout was significantly higher than last year.

"We love doing these kinds of

events and bringing happiness to the community," Serna said. "Hopefully everyone will be back next year."

The free Community Thanksgiving began in 2011 and came from the inspiration of a then 10-year old, Sarah Jean Gleason, who felt that everyone should feel like part of a family on Thanksgiving.

# School Board praises progress and staff efforts to meet District goals

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees reviewed progress on the eight goals in its District Improvement Plan at its Nov. 18 meeting, hearing updates on student assessments, graduation rates, work based learning and chronic absenteeism.

District staff reported that fall testing has established baselines across grade levels. Elementary students completed i-Ready assessments, ninth and 10th graders finished Measures of Academic Progress testing, and ACT profile data show 74 percent of juniors on a college track meeting the composite benchmark of 16 or higher. Administrators have completed Nevada School Performance Framework training, and preliminary graduation data show 87.6 percent, slightly below the 88.7 percent projected last winter.

"In my scrutinization, I can only speculate that 88.7 percent was what we anticipated during our January workshop, when, indeed, it may not accurately reflect what the cohort graduation percentage is when it

comes forward and is validated from the state," Deputy Superintendent Stacey Griffin-Cooper said. "So, I'm just letting you know, we are probably going to recalibrate that 1 percent graduation percentage when we come back to see this in February."

Work based learning drew particular attention. More than 22,000 experiences were logged in the first quarter, surpassing the district's 10 percent growth target, and 4,222 students have already participated in career exploration activities.

"That's a phenomenal growth," Griffin-Cooper said.

Trustees noted that exposure to career pathways is resonating with younger students. Trustee Darin Farr recounted a parent's story of a child who, after seeing older students present projects and hearing professionals discuss their work, "finally clicked" on why math mattered and set a goal for his future.

"So, I think if we can increase and keep going with our opportunities, especially with the work based learning and exposing our kids to positive

examples and role models in the industries and things, I think that will really serve," Farr said.

He also referred to a school trip to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he said students were exposed to education opportunities they didn't know existed.

"And they were really impressed because the college students were talking to them on their level about. you better be really good in math if you want to pursue this, and you better do this, so I think that helps," he said.

Trustees also praised creative attendance strategies at the elementary level, such as classrooms highlighting students on "VIP boards" to encourage daily participation. Chronic absenteeism stood at 36.2 percent last year; the district aims to reduce it to 32.2 percent by 2026.

Board members expressed gratitude for staff efforts.

"I personally thank all of them for the hard work and dedication they put

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Lyon County School District Board of Trustees, November 18 meeting. Photo courtesy of Lyon County School District



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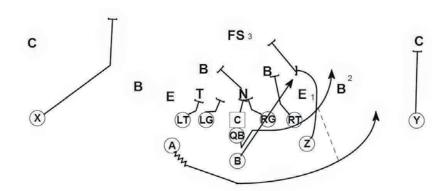
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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# The Inside Veer



# Early nights make December feel like borrowed time

I'm not used to it getting dark so early. Twice last week I thought it was close to midnight, only to realize it was barely after 9 p.m.

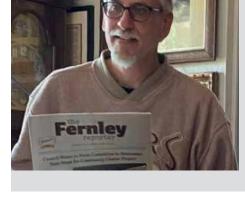
That's the kind of trick December plays on you. The sky folds down before I'm ready, and suddenly I'm sitting there wondering if I should call it a night or just admit I've still got half the evening left and keep going.

It's a strange rhythm for someone who lives by deadlines. The Reporter doesn't stop because the sun does, and my own circadian rhythms peak in the late afternoon and early evening. And yet, by the time I'm hitting my stride, the sky outside has already gone black.

There's a kind of irony in it. Just when I feel like I'm getting started, the day tells me it's done and I feel like I'm working on borrowed time.

I'll admit, I don't romanticize these early nights. In fact, I don't like them at all. I'd rather have the long evenings of July, when the sun hangs around and the day feels like it has more to give.

As a sports fan, flipping the calendar from November to December also brings the disappointment that football season is ending, juxtaposed against the excitement of the beginning of basketball season. The bleachers shift from Friday Night Lights



ROBERT PEREA

to multiple evenings under the gym lamps, and the rhythm changes with it.

Football and basketball each represent different parts of my personality. Football is the part that thrives on structure. It feels finite, where every game matters, every mistake looms larger and it appeals to the side of me that likes order, deadlines and the sense that everything has weight.

Basketball leans more into improvisation. It's faster, looser, more forgiving. You can miss a shot and get another chance seconds later or change defenses on the fly. You can lose today and play again tomorrow. It appeals to the side of me that values persistence.

I guess that's why December feels like a pivot point. Even though it's the last month on the calendar, it's always felt to me more like a transition than a conclusion. It's where endings and beginnings overlap, where the calendar insists on closure but the rhythm of life keeps moving forward. The nights come too soon, but even borrowed time is still time, and it's worth using.

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

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### Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, Nov. 25

Game: No Putts
1st: (3/way tie)

Juneil Key, Patty Liljeberg and Cheryl Wahlgren, 30

Low Putts: Val Montgomery, Juneil Key, and Terry Richter, 32

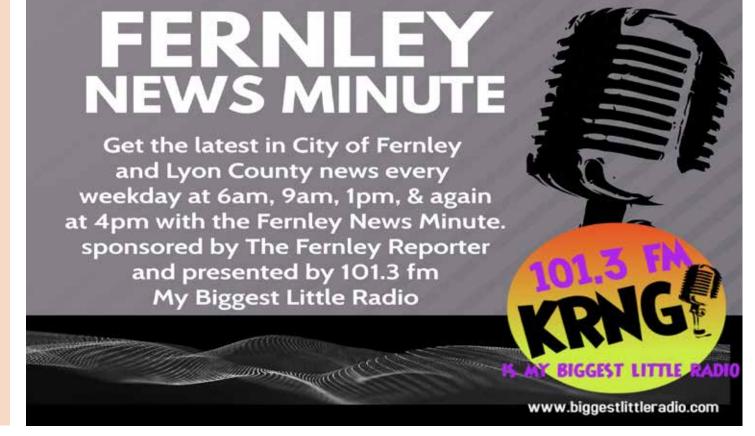
Closest to hole #7:

Linda Garrett 27'8"

Chip-Ins:

Val Montgomery, #12 and #18; Linda Garrett, #15

No birdies



#### COMMENTARY

# This Holiday Season, Talk About the Health History That Could Save Your Life

By Jennifer Belza-Vinuya, BSN RN

Thanksgiving is the start of the season that brings families together to share stories, laughter and a good meal. But there's another important conversation we should have while we're gathered around the table: our family health history.

November 28 was National Family Health History Day, a reminder that knowing your family's medical background could save your life. While it's not as lighthearted as talking about football or pie recipes, these conversations matter. Many diseases, from heart disease to diabetes to cancer, have genetic links. When we know what runs in our families, we can act earlier, get screened on time and sometimes even prevent serious illness altogether. Taking just a few minutes to discuss your family's health can provide a roadmap for generations to make better, more informed choices.

As a nurse and a daughter-in-law who has lost three loved ones to cancer—my mother-in-law, father-in-law and sister-in-law—I know how serious the risks are. Their stories inspire me to stay consistent with my own preventative health tests. But even as a healthcare professional, I recently experienced firsthand just how tough it can be to follow my own advice: getting screened.

It took me months to schedule my



own colonoscopy to get screened for colorectal cancer (CRC). Between finding an available appointment, arranging time off work and preparing for the procedure, the process did take time and effort. I'm glad I got it done, but it gave me an increased understanding of the importance of making a plan to get screened and looking at all options available.

CRC is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in our state, and the Nevada Cancer Coalition forecasts 1,480 new CRC cases this year, with nearly 520 Nevadans expected to die from the disease in 2025 alone. What's more discouraging is that, despite CRC's position

as a leading cause of cancer deaths, it's actually one of the most treatable cancers when caught early, boasting a 91 percent five-year survival rate for patients with early-stage, localized CRC. Screenings save lives, but rates remain too low, often because the process can be perceived as inconvenient, uncomfortable or intimidating.

Colonoscopies and stool-based tests are effective screening options. I'm also glad to see innovations in the CRC screening to increase options for patients nationwide. The first FDA-approved blood test for average-risk individuals as a primary screening method for CRC, Shield, is

gaining ground. It's not intended to replace a colonoscopy and is intended for those at average risk, but it offers patients an additional choice that could encourage more people to get screened who might otherwise delay it.

This is more than just a matter of convenience; it's about access. For people who live far from major medical centers, work multiple jobs or have caregiving duties, some screening options can seem overwhelming. A blood test during a routine doctor's visit has the potential to significantly boost screening rates and save lives, especially in underserved communities.

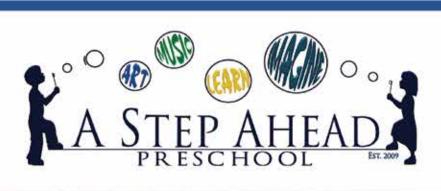
No matter which test you choose, the most important thing is to get screened. Talk to your doctor, ask about your options and encourage your family members to do the same. This Thanksgiving, while passing food around the table, take a moment to share your family's health history. It may not be an easy conversation, but it could protect future generations

Jennifer Belza-Vinuya, BSN RN, resides in the Las Vegas area and is the Director of Nurses for a local healthcare

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wreaths Across America to be held Dec. 13

By Robert Perea

The Nevada Veterans Coalition will host this year's celebration of Wreaths Across America beginning at 9 a.m. next Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley.

The annual event begins at 9 a.m., to coincide with the noon start at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Visitors will lay wreaths throughout the cemetery on headstones and along the columbarium to honor each of the veterans buried and interred there.

Wreaths will be staged in boxes throughout the cemetery. Family members who are there to place a wreath on the grave of a relative are invited to go first, then the general public can place

wreaths on the rest of the graves.

During the Fernley ceremony, representatives for the specific military services along with a Sea Cadet will place a wreath at a flag associated with that specific branch of the armed forces. Cadets assist with the ceremony and also help afterward by placing wreaths on the individual gravesites.

The wreaths are purchased by the Nevada Veterans Coalition with funds received through donations and other fundraising efforts by the Coalition. The Coalition has been able to raise enough money to place a wreath on every grave in the cemetery every year since 2014.

Coffee, cocoa and pastries will provided by Nevada Veterans Coalition volunteers.



The Nevada Veterans Coalition will host Wreaths Across America at 9 a.m. next Saturday at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Photo by Robert Perea

## Fernley Christmas Parade set for Dec. 6

By Robert Perea

Fernley's annual Christmas Parade will return Saturday, Dec. 6, with a lineup of floats, music and holiday traditions beginning at 5 p.m. along Main St. and ending at City Hall on Silverlace Blvd.

The parade will start at Locust Street with the Nevada Veterans Coalition leading the procession. The group will stop at North Lyon County Fire Protection District Station 61 to play the national anthem and present the colors.

Two announcers will provide commentary during the parade, one on the west side of the viewing stand and another on the east side.

This year's grand marshal is Richard "Mac" McDonald, a Fernley resident, U.S. Navy veteran and retired

Los Angeles Police Department officer. McDonald, who was recently honored at the 2025 Fern 45 Off-Road Poker Run, will ride in a red 1941 Ford convertible driven by Dan Ravetto, owner of the Canal Wine Lounge.

Mrs. Nevada Ruth Wayrynen will follow in a black 1950 Ford convertible driven by Fernley resident Larry Hicks.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will ride aboard NLCFPD Ladder 61, then greet families inside City Hall alongside the Lyon County Sheriff's Office during "Cocoa with the Cops" at 6 p.m.

The city's new Christmas tree will be lit at approximately 6:30 p.m. in front of City Hall.

Parade participants will begin registering at the Chamber of Commerce office at 3 p.m. and will form up on Locust Street ahead of the start.

# Senior Citizen Advisory **Committee hosting** 2nd annual Angel Tree

Staff Report

The Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is again bringing a little more Christmas cheer to local seniors.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is hosting its second annual Angel Tree. Applications for recipients ages 60 and older are available for pick up at the City Clerk's Office, for

Dec. 5. The Angel Tree is located inside City Hall and angels will be available to Dec. 15 for anyone to pick up and adopt a senior angel.

Gifts in gift bags should be returned to the Clerk's Office by Dec 15. The gifts will be available for pick up by the recipients at City Hall on Dec. 19 from 12-5 p.m.

For more information, call the City

### Christmas for Kids

By Robert Perea

Christmas for Kids, a local no-profit program, will be hosting two more "Stuff the Ambulance" events this week and next week to fill an ambulance with toys, clothing and gifts for children in Fernley.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys or clothing for kids of all ages can be brought to the Fernley City Hall during the community Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. Donors can also enjoy hot cocoa, warm apple cider and candy canes with North Lyon Fire-

The final event will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at the North Lyon Fire Station 61 on Main Street.

All donations are distributed to children in Fernley.

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into this," Trustee James Whisler said. Farr added that interventions at the grade school level have been "really critical, especially with some

of our ELA successes." Trustee Kallie Day, speaking as a parent, said recent conferences gave families clearer insight into student progress. Trustee Sherry Parsons called the focus on data "refreshing," noting a shift from past years.

"This, to me, makes my heart sing," Parsons said.

In response to a question from Trustee Tom Hendrix about when adjustments to the goals are required,

Griffin-Cooper emphasized that the goals are not static. She said the graduation cohort data will be adjusted once the state verifies graduation data, and she said the district would probably recalibrate its goals in a future workshop.

"Reading and math is always important. Graduation cohort, ACT performance, work based learning, college and career readiness, they're all important," Cooper said. "We have nowhere else to go but up."

Following discussion, the board voted unanimously to accept the report.





#### FERNLEY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Wednesday, Dec. 10

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Thursday, Dec. 11

Parmesan Garlic Fish **Brown Rice** Four Bean Salad WW Bread Pineapple Bits

Friday, Dec. 12

Italian Rice and Beef Tossed Salad Red Wine Vinaigrette **Carrots** Spiced Applesauce

#### **FAITH**

# In the City, For the City

By Pastor Tim Abina Living Stones Church Fernley

When our church first planted in this city in 2019, we adopted a simple conviction: we want to be in the city and for the

Not above it. Not against it.

Not isolated from it. But for the good, flourishing, and future of Fernley.

But what does that really mean?

#### It Means We Believe Strong Communities Come From Strong Families

A thriving city is not built on businesses alone, nor on policies, nor on programs, but on people, and more specifically, on the family unit. Studies consistently show that when families are stable, supported, and connected:

- crime goes down,
- graduation rates go up,
- local businesses flourish,
- mental and emotional health rise,
- and neighborhoods become safer and stronger.

thing else is built on.

Whether through marriage support, mentorship, counseling resources, or simply helping parents connect with each other, we want to be part of strengthening the foundation that every-

When families are healthy, cities are

#### It Means We Believe Business Thrives When Families Thrive

Businesses are the economic heart of our community. But business owners know something very practical: economic growth follows relational strength.

When people are rooted, stable, and supported:

- they work better,
- stay longer,

healthy.

- invest more,
- and spend more locally.

Workers with strong family support systems show up more consistently, innovate more freely, and contribute more effectively.

A flourishing workforce begins with flourishing homes.

So, to business owners reading this:

you are not just providing jobs, you are shaping the culture of our city. When you value people, Fernley wins.

#### It Means We Stand Shoulder-to-Shoulder With the City, Not Apart From It

As a church, we don't want anything from Fernley, we want something for Fernley.

We want:

- healthy homes,
- safe neighborhoods,
- strong schools, businesses that thrive,
- families that feel supported,
- and a sense of belonging for everyone who calls this city home.

That's why we invest in foster families, partner with local nonprofits, meet with our city leaders, serve the schools, and open our doors to anyone who needs community.

Because the wellbeing of the city is the wellbeing of its people.

It Means This: We Are Better When We Are For Each Other

Fernley is growing. Families are mov-

ing in. New businesses are being planted. And with that comes opportunity, not just for economic expansion but for human connection.

Being in the city for the city is an invitation to all of us, churches, businesses, families, and neighbors, to link arms and build something meaningful together.

If we commit to strengthening families, supporting businesses, and caring for our neighbors, Fernley won't just grow, it will flourish.

And as a Christian pastor, I believe this vision flows from Jesus Himself, who didn't come to be served but to serve, who entered real cities with real people, and who calls us to love our neighbors with the same compassion He showed us.

He is the model of what it means to give, to serve, and to seek the good of

When we follow His way of love, grace, and service, our city becomes a better place for everyone.

And that's something worth giving our lives to.

> Tim Abina is the pastor of Living Stones Church in Fernley

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#### **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**

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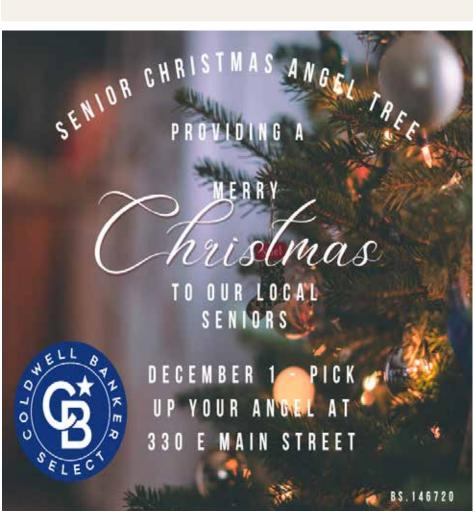
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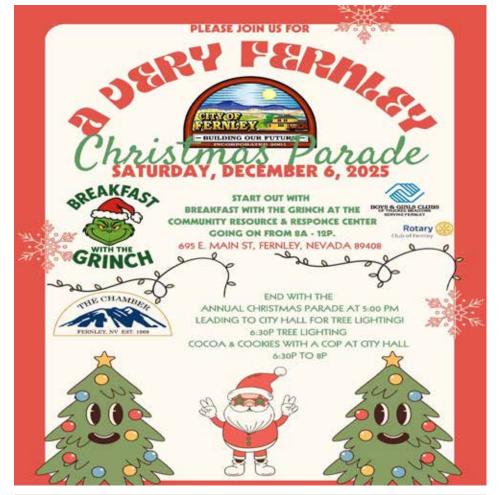
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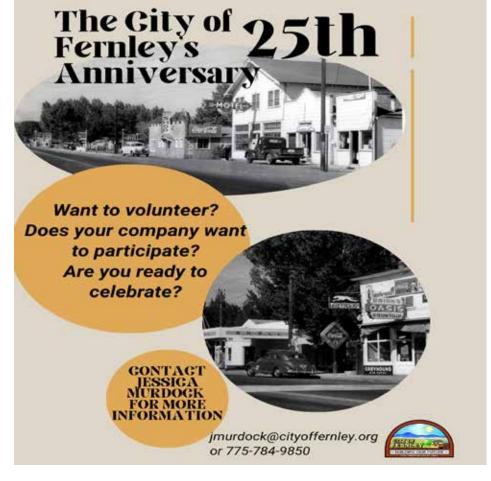
#### **Living Stones Church**

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#### **EDUCATION**

# School Board approves pilot program to test classroom monitoring software

By Robert Perea

At its Nov. 18 meeting, the Lyon County School Board of Trustees approved a pilot program to test GoGuardian, a program that allows teachers to monitor student browser activity on their school issued Chromebooks.

The Trustees approved the licensing for up to 250 students at a cost not to exceed \$3,000, and to come back with a follow-up report on the results of the program when they can.

The program is designed for in-person, supervised lab-oriented environments and not for big online programs with hundreds of students on at the same time, said the district's Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains.

LCSD Executive Director of Educational Services Jim Gianotti said the teacher should be moving around the room monitoring the class, not at a desk monitoring a video screen. Gianotti said the staff of the district's distance education program, LyOnline, expressed a desire to have it during testing periods during their semester exams to monitor large numbers of students testing at once.

Bains said some students in LyOnline use their own device, but with GoGuardian, all students would be required to use a district-provided Chromebook. He said it is not district policy to install software on non-district equipment.

LyOnline teacher Loraine De La Torre said the district uses a program that can catch plagiarism or AI usage, but she said many students have found a program that runs in the background and answers questions for them. But she said GoGuardian would record what those students are doing.

"We really would like to try it because when it comes time for them to do their testing online, they can't go into the lock mode because they can't have their camera on at the same time as they're in the lock mode," De La Torre said. "It's not for every student, but it would help us to have proper consequences."

For final exams, De La Torre said LyOnline teachers proctor the tests by having the students log into a private meeting on Google Meet and are not allowed to have other students there.

"So, no one else besides us are watching them or monitoring them," she said.

Trustee Tom Hendrix asked what would keep a student from having a second device providing answers. De La Torre said students have to keep their microphone on during final exams so the teacher can hear if the student is using a second device or if there is another person in the room giving the student answers.

Trustee Darin Farr asked whether the program was worth whatever it might cost if it's only going to be used for a couple hundred students.

"At this point, we want to give it a try to see if it is," De La Torre responded. "We would love the opportunity to try it out on final exams, see how that works."

Bains said the cost of each license and how it might be used or applied is a conversation the district would have if the Board decided to proceed, as well as how teacher will determine when students must use the program.

"That conversation has not been had," Bains said. "However, it would be had if this board chooses to proceed with this."

Without a specific cost for the program for the board to approve, Farr made a motion to move forward with a pilot for the program and procure student licensing for up to 250 students at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. That motion passed unanimously.

#### 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 December 10

#### 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 December 9

#### 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

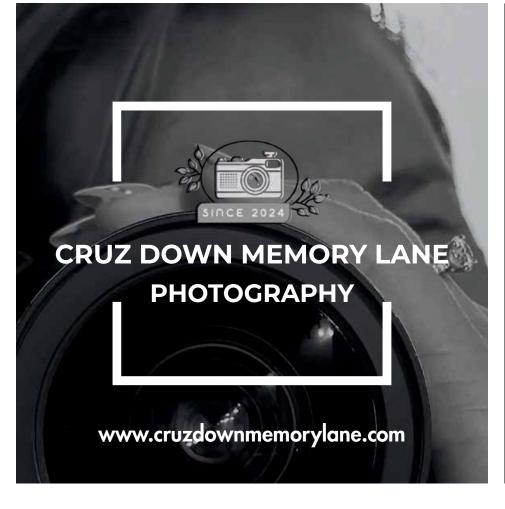
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting December 16
(3rd Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas Holiday)

#### North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month 195 E. Main St. Next meeting TBA

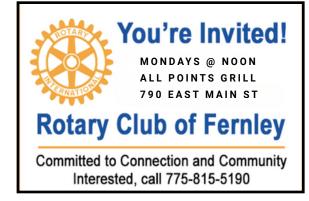
#### Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District

3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m. Next meeting December 16





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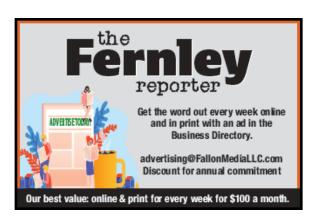












#### GOVERNMENT

# McIntyre says city manager interviews rescheduled to Jan. 7

By Robert Perea

The Fernley City Council will have to wait at least another month before selecting a new city manager.

Mayor Neal McIntyre had said he hoped to present the final four candidates for the position for the council to interview on Dec. 3, but because of schedule conflicts, McIntyre said the interviews will now be at the Jan. 7 meeting.

CPS HR consulting conducted a nationwide recruiting process for the

position and McIntyre said they received a total of 92 applicants for the position. The committee formed by McIntyre interviewed six candidates and chose four to bring to the council for consideration.

Under city code, the mayor will nominate one candidate to be the city manager, and the council then votes to either affirm or deny that nomination. If the nomination fails, the mayor can either nominate a different candidate or start the search process over again.

# Council approves non-exclusive franchise agreement for waste collection

By Kerry Lyman

Following the approval by the Fernley City Council on Nov. 19 of a franchise agreement with the Southwest Gas Corporation, the council approved another franchise agreement the same night, this one a non-exclusive agreement, for waste collection within the city for multi-family and commercial establishments.

Like the franchise agreement with Southwest Gas, which requires a fee of 5 percent of gross revenues be paid to the city, the non-exclusive agreement with Nevada Recycling & Salvage, LLC requires a franchise fee of 8 percent of gross revenues collected within the city be paid to the city.

A staff report on the item noted that Nevada Recycling and Salvage had applied for a waste hauler permit, paid all relevant fees and possessed both the required state and city business licenses.

Councilman Albert Torres asked whether the agreement bound commercial and industrial companies to using only that company

"It's a non-exclusive agreement, which means anybody else can compete in that same sphere," replied City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen.

# Water main failure prompts emergency repair of Wedge Ln.

By Kerry Lyman

A water main failure on Wedge Lane in late July prompted an emergency repair of the roadway in late October costing the city \$240,700, which the city council approved last week.

On July 29, the city's utilities department identified a water main failure along Wedge Lane that required immediate excavation and repair to prevent further damage. After the damaged water line was repaired, the road needed structural reconstruction, including replacement of the aggregate base and

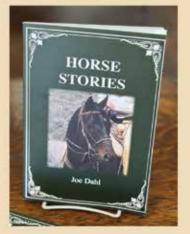
asphalt paving, according to a staff report on the incident.

Due to the immediate need to reopen the road and restore public safety, city staff solicited an emergency proposal from A & K Earth Movers, Inc. and Q & D Construction, two qualified local contractors with active Nevada Class A & B licenses. A & K Earth Movers was the only company to respond to the request for proposals, citing a cost of \$240,700, the staff report said.

The road repairs were completed on Oct. 27 and the council approved the repair cost at its Nov. 19 meeting.



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#### 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
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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

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#### INVITATION TO BID

#### **PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Project Name: Fernley Pool Project Address: 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley NV 89408 Project No.: FP-CP-1.2026 / PWP-LY-2026-102

#### OWNER Endo

Fernley Swimming Pool District 300 Cottonwood Lane Fernley, NV 89408 (775) 575-2235

#### **BID OPENING**

Bids will be received by Fernley Pool at the Fernley Pool Facility, 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley, Nevada 89408. All sealed proposals must be received and time recorded prior to 3:00 PM, Local Time on 1/15/2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

#### PRE-BID MEETING

Non-Mandatory (for all Prime Contractor/Bidders)

Pre-Bid Meeting Location: 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley, NV 89408 Pre-Bid Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Pre-Bid Meeting Time: 1:00 PM Local Time

#### A Link to the plane and appointed to

A link to the plans and specifications can be obtained by email from dnelson@hkarchitects.com. All questions and answers during the bidding phase will be directed through and by H+K Architects via email or other written correspondence. No verbal questions or answers will be processed.

#### BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS Each Didden shall be a man sub-

Each Bidder shall be properly licensed by the Nevada State Contractors Board

### prior to bid opening. CONSTRUCTION COST

#### ESTIMATE

The estimated construction cost for the base bid for this project is: \$1.4 million NEWSPAPER PUBLISH DATES

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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.

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

*Nov. 24 – Nov. 30, 2025* 

MICKEY LAUGHLIN — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,000.00, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime

**COLBIE CLEVELAND** — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,000.00, Charges: Assist Other Agency—Hold

DONALD MCELROY — Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$88,420.00, Charges: Child Abuse or Neglect (1st); Intimidate Public Officer/Others, W/Threat of Force (1st); Domestic Battery (1st) CHARLES HAKALA — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$4,480.00, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st); Failure to Appear After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime

CARSON JONES — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)

#### SAVARAN WURTHMANN –

Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$62,280.00,

Charges: Assault w/Deadly Weapon; False Imprisonment DV; Intimidate Public Officer/Others, W/Threat of Force (1st); Prevent/Dissuade Report Crime/Cause Prosecution/Arrest; Destroy Property of Another (\$250– \$5K); Resist Public Officer

DAVID HODGES – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Misdemeanor Civil Custody for Alcohol Abuse Endangering Self/Others

LESLIE LOMBARDI — Area: Yerington PD, Bail Amount: \$2,380.00, Charges: Failure to Drive on Right Half of Road; Owner Proof of Insurance Required; Fail Possess/Surrender Driver's License; DUI (1st)

NICHOLAS BUCHANAN – Area:

LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Parole Conditions

BRIAN GATES — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$12,430.00, Charges: Basic Speed (1–10 MPH Over Posted Limit); Throw/Place Burning Material from Vehicle; DUI (1st) Enhancement/Work Zone; Drive with Suspended Driver's

RICHARD CHADA — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,335.00, Charges: Drive with Revoked Driver's License; Civil Speeding Violation (16–20 MPH Over Posted Speed Limit)

THOMAS METZGER — Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence

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BENJAMIN GOFFINET — Area: LYSO,
Bail Amount: \$3,420.00, Charges:
Duty Upon Damaging Unattended
Vehicle/Property; Fail to Report Accident; False Report of Crime
HEATHER LOWRY — Area: Fernley,

TED SAXE – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$34,560.00, Charges: Battery on Protected Person; Domestic Battery (1st); False Statement to/ Obstruct Public Officer; Resist Public Officer

Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI

WYATT YOUNG — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st) THOMAS FLYNN — Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$2,500.00, Charges: Criminal Contempt JEFFREY MASSENGALE — Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$50,000.00, Charges: Assault w/DW; Own/Possess Gun by Prohibited Person; Discharge Gun/Weapon Where Person Might Be Endangered; Manufacture/Import/ Possess/Use Dangerous Weapon (1st) JAYDEN KETELAAR — Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$5,280.00 Charges: Domestic Battery (1st); DUI (1st); Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended

Sentence
BRITTNEY HARRIS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$630.00, Charges:
Assist Other Agency—Hold; Felony
Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence
ASLAN WURTHMANN – Area:
Dayton, Bail Amount: \$500.00,
Charges: Criminal Contempt—Failure
to Obey Court Order; Felony Arrest
for Violation of Probation/Conditions

#### GABRIAL ESTAVILLO-BOOKER

of Suspended Sentence

Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount:
 \$1,335.00, Charges: DUI (1st); Overtake on Left Side/Left Turn in Prohibited Zone

JOHN ENRIQUEZ — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,100.00, Charges: DUI (1st); Basic Speed (11–20 MPH Over) WALTER SUESSMITH — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,485.00, Charges: DUI (1st); Follow Too Closely; Civil Speeding Violation (11–15 MPH Over Posted Speed Limit); Fail to Maintain Lane/Improper Lane Change/Fail to Use Signal

TRENT WOODWARD – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$640.00, Charges:

Drive with Revoked Driver's License JODY MAY — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,750.00, Charges: Provide False/Fictitious Info on Vehicle Registration Application; Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation; Civil-Fail to Use Appropriate Visual Signal

HUMBERTO AGUILAR VILLALBA — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$2,418.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency—Hold (2 counts)

AMBER MOSES — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$28,140.00, Charges: Assault Domestic Violence w/Use of Deadly Weapon; Domestic Battery (1st)

STACEY GLOVER — Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$2,615.00, Charges: Provide False/Fictitious Info on Vehicle Registration Application; Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/

JAMIE BESAW — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,755.00, Charges: Possess Dangerous Drug Without Prescription (1st/2nd); DUI (1st); Tail Lamp Violation

JESSE DIXON — Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$28,640.00, Charges: Assault w/Deadly Weapon—First Responder; Possess Schedule I/II Controlled Substance (<14 grams, 1st/2nd Offense); Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia

HERACLEO MONSIVAIS
GONZALEZ — Area: Dayton, Bail
Amount: \$1,255.00, Charges: DUI (1st);
Civil Speeding Violation (11–15 MPH
Over Posted Speed Limit)

**DIANA MADISON** — Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st)







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#### **SPORTS**

# Fernley's Perkins finishes 20th in NXR heat race

By Robert Perea

Fernley's Joe Perkins finished 20th in a field of 278 runners in the Boys Medium 2 heat at the Nike Cross Regionals (NXR) Southwest meet in Mesa, AZ on Nov. 22.

Perkins ran a time of 16.20.9 competing as an unattached runner, meaning he wasn't part of a team.

Perkins had applied to enter the boys championship race, but was instead placed into the medium-school sized heat.

"It's a great opportunity if someone likes racing faster people to see how they actually fare against other people, and it's a good chance for colleges to look at you," he said.

Perkins said he felt he ran well on the course, which was relatively flat, on a golf course. Perkins said he also plans to run

in a couple of indoor track meets this winter.

"I'm getting ready for spring, just

using meets to start training, he said. "I'll run in one or two races indoors during the winter."

Perkins is looking to run in college and said he has whittled it down to three or four options.



Fernley's Joe Perkins placed 20th in his heat at the NXR Southwest Meet in Mesa, AZ on Nov. 22. Photo by Ron Perkins

# **Food For Thought**

By Sherry Perea

#### Oatmeal Pecan Cookies with Black Currants

Tart with just a subtle hint of sweetness, the black currants compliment the warm buttery sweetness of the oatmeal cookie. I prefer to sprinkle in a few pecans. Their buttery and rich flavor are the perfect accompaniment to the black currant and they also add a light crunch to this delightful cookie.



#### Ingredients

- 1/2 Cup plus 6 Tbsp butter softened
- 3/4 Cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup granulated sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla
- 11/2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Teaspoon baking soda
- 1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 3 Cups uncooked old-fashioned oats
- 1 Cup dried black currants
- 3/8 Cup (6 Tablespoons) finely chopped pecans

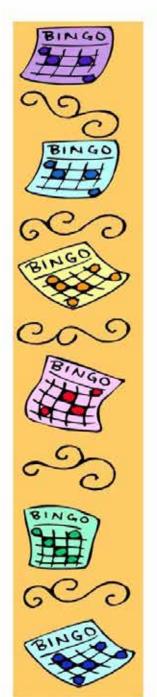
#### Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- In large bowl, add butter and sugars. Mix on medium speed with mixer until creamy.
- 3. Add eggs and vanilla, mix well.
- 4. Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, mix well.
- 5. Add oats and black currant, mix well, add finely chopped pecans and gently mix.
- 6. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of dough onto un-greased cookie sheets.
- 7. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool for one minute on cookie sheets then remove to wire rack to finish cooling.

Enjoy!

Sherry Perea has nearly 20 years' experience managing restaurants and creaing 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.

# 5th Annual 4th of July Christmas Bingo



December 13, 2025 at the Fernley
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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.



#### SPORTS

# Vaqueros display depth in opening win over Reno

By Robert Perea

Unlike last season's opener, the Fernley Vaqueros finished what they started last Saturday afternoon in Reno.

Behind a nine-man rotation that kept them fresh into the fourth quarter, the Vaqueros opened the season with a 64-57 win at Reno.

A year ago, the Vaqueros faded after leading at halftime against the Huskies in the season opener. This time, they hit the throttle.

After neither team had led by more than four points through the first 13 minutes of the game, the Vaqueros closed the second quarter with a 9-2 run to take a 36-28 halftime lead. They opened the second half with another 9-2 run, with all nine points coming consecutively after Reno hit the first basket of the half. That put Fernley up 45-30, and they kept going from there, eventually leading by as much as 59-40 with 5:21 left in the game.

A late surge by Reno got the Huskies back within the final margin of seven.

Bodie Parsons helped get the Vaqueros to a strong start, scoring 10 points in the first quarter and finishing with 18. He also hit all eight of his free throws, including six in the first quarter.

"The guy fixes his wrist and now he can't miss free throws," coach Cade Knutson said. "And you know, he's just such a physical presence inside and when you combine that with the ability to make free throws, you can't just bail them out and foul him. If he's going to make free throws, he's kind of a nightmare in there."

Sheldon Jacobson led the Vaqueros with 23 points, Bryce Stephens added 14 and Leland Ketelaar scored 8 points. Andrew Peterson led the Vaqueros with 9 rebounds.

Knutson said the difference between this year's matchup with Reno and last year was the Vaqueros' depth.

"Last year, we were a little bit tighter on our rotation. We got tired by the end of it," he said. "And this year, being able to put nine guys through a rotation and just be fresher."

Knutson said the Reno's run at the end happened partly because the Vaqueros didn't handle it well when Reno went to a 1-3-1 defense.



Fernley's Sheldon Jacobson tries to dribble through the Reno defense during Saturday's season-opening win over the Huskies. Photo by Robert Perea

"We just, for whatever reason, we were shaky sort of at the end, but that was only the last about two minutes where we were shaky," he said. "I mean, for the most part, pretty darn solid, but nine guys that know what's expected of them, you know, offensively and defensively."

The Vaqueros were scheduled to play Debbie Smith CTE Academy Tuesday night before heading down to the Legacy Classic in Las Vegas starting Thursday. That tournament includes Southern 4A and 5A powers like Legacy, Sierra Vista, Mojave and Rancho.

# Fernley wrestlers finish 2nd in Redwood Rumble

By Robert Perea

With four tournament champions, the Fernley boys wrestling team finished second out of 33 teams in the Redwood Rumble last Saturday in Larkspur, CA.

Riley McCullar, Nathan Pritchard, Isaid Solis and Archie Mendez each won the championship in their weight classes, while Jackson Bragg and Keon Kreller both placed fifth and Brody Jones and Isaiah Mutte finished in sixth place.

The prep teams traveled to Hug and also wrestled well. For the boys, Alex Davis was a tournament champion, Bryan Rotor finished in second place, Ayden Stolle, Baylor Gillespie, Roverto Robles and Isaiah Barajas all finished third, while Darius Carney, Ivan Arias and Landon Monahan each placed fourth.

For the girls, Bronwynn Garrett, Zoe Gillespie and Faith Mhondo were the champions of their weight classes, Blessing Mhondo and Izzy Martinez finished second and Morgan Neher came in fourth.

"Overall, as a program, Fernley wrestlers were well represented at the podium this week," coach Jake McCullar said. "We need to keep grinding and stay humble."



The Fernley High School wrestling team had four tournament champions and four other placers at the Redwood Rumble, while four wrestlers won their weight classes and 10 others earned a spot on the podium at a tournament at Hug. Photo courtesy of Fernley wrestling

# Defense carries Vaqueros to dramatic opening win over Reed

By Robert Perea

Their layups and free throws weren't falling, their legs were tired and Reed's defensive pressure was forcing turnovers. But grit and resilience overcame fatigue as the Fernley High School girls basketball team grinded out a dramatic season-opening 38-37 win Monday night.

The Vaqueros defense carried them on a night where they struggled offensively, except for one extended run in the second half. Coach Ralph Dunn said the Vaqueros looked "rusty."

"There was a lot of stuff because we're way out of condition - no legs, no free throws, no layups," Dunn said. "But a good pressure game like this, they made some pretty good decisions."

After a 13-3 run by Reed erased what had been a 29-20 Fernley lead, the Vaqueros answered quickly with six straight points and led 38-33 heading into the final two minutes. A fast break basket by Reed's Taua Poluka with 1:56 left cut the lead to 38-35. The Vaqueros missed four free throws in the final 1:05, but got two key defensive stops.

Reed got the ball after Fernley's last missed free throws with 14.6 seconds left, but a 3-point attempt to tie the game missed and the Reed's Zinetta Akutey rebounded and scored with 1 second left.

The Vaqueros opened the game with a 6-0 lead, but a 15-2 run by Reed had the Raiders up 15-8 until a basket by Taylor Tollestrup made it 15-10 at halftime. The Vaqueros then opened the second half with their own 15-2 run over a six-minute stretch to take a 25-17 lead.

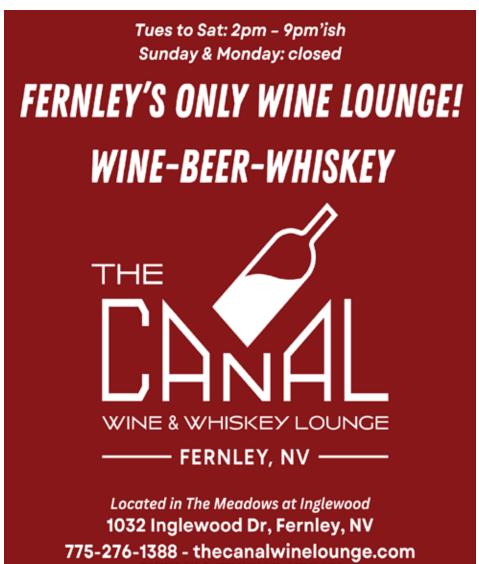
Despite turning the ball over frequently, the Vaqueros made up for it by forcing turnovers.

"We did a lot of changing on defense, half court, zone, man, and different styles of full court and got a lot of steals out of it," Dunn said. "I was happy with our defensive end." Tollestrup led the Vaqueros with 14 points, Justice Martell-Artiaga added 7, Laura Rosales scored 6 and Zaelynn Wasson had 5 for the Vaqueros.

"For the first game at home with new girls, it's different," Dunn said. "Pretty good first game."

The Vaqueros were scheduled to host the Debbie Smith Career & Technical Education Academy on Tuesday, then play in the Spanish Springs Tournament this weekend, facing Douglas at 6 p.m. Thursday, McQueen at 6 p.m. Friday and two games on Saturday, against Trinity (Weaverville, CA) at 12:30 p.m. and Pyramid Lake at 3:30 p.m.





#### PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet our cat of the week... Jack!

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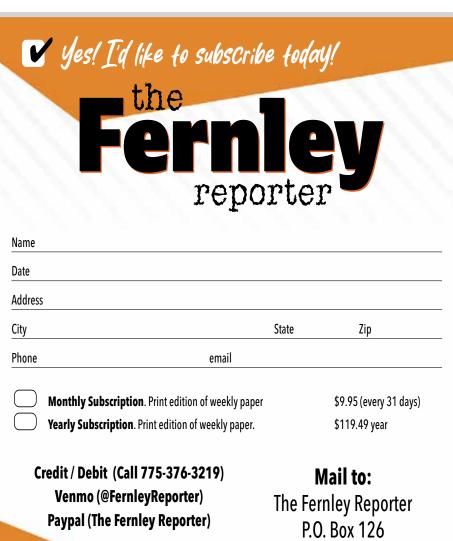
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