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Boys & Girls Club opening at CRRC

Ribbon Cutting ceremony to be held Aug. 27

By Robert Perea

After nearly 10 years of planning and 17 months of construction, the City of Fernley will celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Community Response and Resource Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, August 27.

Meanwhile, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley will welcome students to the new building for the first time on Monday, September 2.

““This is going to be game changing for the city and help increase the quality of life for its residents as it grows,” Mayor Neal McIntyre said.

The City Council was scheduled to consider approval of the lease agreement negotiated between the city and the Boys & Girls Club for the lease and operation of the building. If the lease is approved, the Boys & Girls Club would occupy the building and house its Fernley operations there.

“The Community Resource and Response Center is a huge step forward for youth and families in one of northern Nevada’s fastest-growing communities,” Boys & Girls Club Area Director Oscar Aguilar said.

In a message to parents, the Boys & Club said it would be relocating the



A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled at 2 p.m. Sept. 27 for the Community Response and Resource Center. The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley will be moving into the building next week as it prepares to open its new space on Sept. 2. Photo by Kerry Lyman

Fernley Intermediate School, Fernley Teen Senter and Silverland Middle School sites to the CRRC starting on August 25. Hours of operation at the Fernley Youth & Teen Clubhouse at the CRRC would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Transportation will be provided before and after school to and from the new location.

School site programs at Cottonwood Elementary and East Valley El-

ementary will continue before school from 6:30-8:30 a.m., after school from 3-4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 2-3:30 p.m. on Fridays. Youths will be transported to the new location at approximately 4:15 p.m. each day.

“(This is) sorely need for the Boys & Girls Club and for the city’s emergency

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WNC secures nearly \$600,000

Will launch Fernley Advanced Manufacturing Training Center

By Robert Perea

Western Nevada College (WNC) has been awarded almost \$600,000 to help establish a state-of-the-art workforce training hub in Fernley’s Victory Logistics District – a project expected to expand career opportunities for residents in Fernley, Fallon, and surrounding rural communities.

The funding comes through the Governor’s Office of Economic Development’s Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada (WINN) program, which awarded roughly \$2.7 million statewide to expand industry-led training programs in mining, manufacturing, healthcare, and more.

“This investment represents a strategic partnership that directly addresses Nevada’s workforce challenges,” said Board of Regents Chair Byron Brooks. “These expanded training programs will not only help fill critical skills gaps in mining, manufacturing, and healthcare, but will also create pathways for Nevadans to access high-wage careers

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California refineries closures threaten fuel prices for Nevada

By Christy Lattin

The impending closure of two California refineries means Nevadans can expect higher fuel prices. Valero Energy Corporation informed the California Energy Commission that it will shut down refining operations at its Benicia refinery in the Bay Area by the end of April 2026. Meanwhile, Phillips 66 announced that it would close its Los Angeles refinery in the fourth quarter of 2025. The closures will reduce California’s refining capacity by approximately 20 percent.

State Senator Robin Titus sponsored a bill in the recent legislative session to establish an Energy Independence Task Force to explore alternatives to relying on California fuel. While the bill was hugely popular, she said, it never got a hearing. However, Governor Joe Lombardo encouraged her to form a blue-ribbon task force to pursue the issue, which she has

started since the legislative session ended in June. She and Lombardo met in Las Vegas recently for preliminary discussions on Nevada’s energy independence. California supplies approximately 88 percent of Nevada’s gasoline, according to Stillwater Associates, a transportation energy consulting firm.

The Kinder Morgan SFP North Line pipeline transports petroleum products, including gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, from Northern California refineries and terminals to the Reno Terminal, a facility technically located in Sparks. Kinder Morgan also operates the six-inch pipeline that carries jet fuel 63 miles from the Reno Terminal directly to NAS Fallon. In Southern Nevada, the Kinder Morgan subsidiary CALNEVA pipeline, which originates in Colton, Calif., supplies 90 percent of the fuel used in the Las Vegas area. The CALNEVA eight-inch pipeline transports jet fuel from Las Vegas to Nellis Air Force Base, branching off from the

14-inch pipeline that carries multiple products to Las Vegas.

Areas in Eastern Nevada are serviced by the UNEV pipeline out of Utah, making them less susceptible to market changes driven by California’s supply. The UNEV pipeline brings roughly 15 percent of the state’s inbound fuel and contributes to the fuel supply in Las Vegas.

“There is very little Nevada can do with the lack of current infrastructure as we are at the end of the pipe,” said Energy & Convenience Association of Nevada (ECAN) State Executive Miranda Hoover. “To stabilize volume and price, Nevada will need to look to other fuel sources to make up for the expected loss that will start to occur in the next 12–18 months.”

Several fuel terminals in Northern Nevada are supplied by rail. These include the Golden Gate Terminal in the Tahoe Regional Industrial Center, the Omega Partners Terminal in Sparks,

the Teton Reno Terminal, and the ROC Terminals in Tonopah and Dunphy.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), Nevada doesn’t have any significant crude oil reserves. In 2024, the state produced fewer than 140,000 barrels of oil. Nevada has one crude oil refinery, which can process approximately 2,000 barrels of oil per day; however, it only produces asphalt and road oil. The EIA noted that in 2023, Nevada had the sixth-highest average gasoline price in the nation.

Because Nevada is reliant on California for its gasoline supply, prices are vulnerable to market fluctuations. According to the California Energy Commission, the factors affecting California’s fuel prices include higher taxes on gasoline, higher production costs, environmental program costs, a shorter winter season, and the isolated

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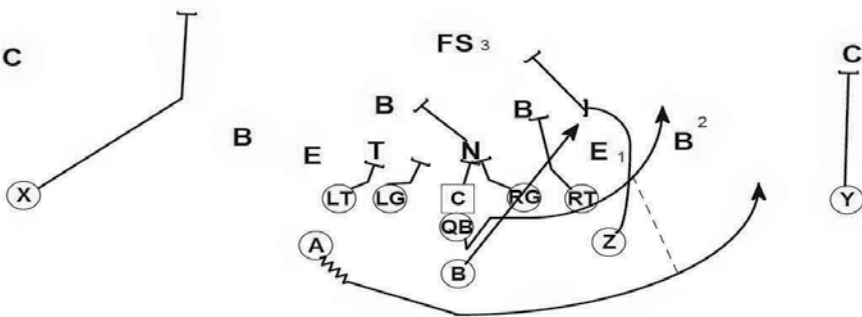
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A civic black eye

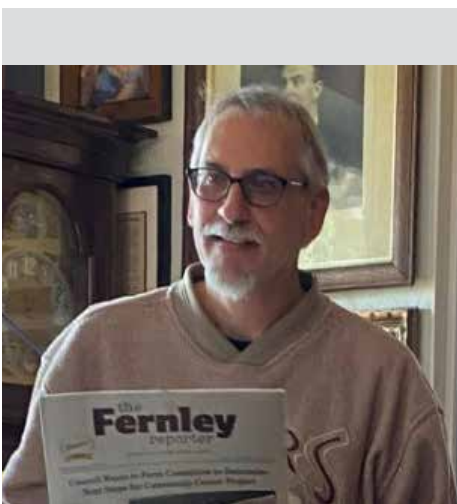
By Robert Perea

I learned a long time ago to never be surprised by anything. But somehow that still doesn't keep me from getting caught off guard.

That's what happened Monday. I was ahead of schedule for a change, on track to have all of my work finished on Monday night, when an email from Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope hit my inbox with the subject line "Fernley City Councilman Arrested."

I didn't have that on my bingo card for the week. The details of the press release regarding the arrest of Councilman Stan Lau on a battery charge are in the story and I'm not going to rehash them here or debate what should happen next. The judicial system will decide what, if any, legal repercussions Lau will face. I'm also not going to join the chorus calling for Lau to resign, at least until the case is adjudicated, because that's how due process in this country works.

I also understand that many



ROBERT PEREA

of the people calling for Lau to resign are not just basing that on this incident, but on a pattern of behavior that includes several verbal outbursts toward other council members and the mayor during council meetings, as well as accusations of other incidents that I'm not privy to or aware of.

What I will say is that this is one example that reminds you how quickly public service can collide with personal impulse. Regardless of whether this was Lau or any other elected official, public trust is fragile, and even more so in the current polarized political climate.

Power doesn't always come with restraint. In fact, it might

actually erode restraint. That thought lingered as I typed "City council member arrested" into a search bar, expecting a handful of outliers. Instead, I found a parade of mugshots and misdemeanors—DUIs, fraud, even one council member detained by ICE. That one, I admit, did surprise me.

Whatever the outcome is with Lau, this case is a reminder that we expect our elected officials to be civil. Although the deputies who arrested Lau said they saw no physical evidence of a punch, if the charges against Lau are true, he may not have left a physical bruise, but he definitely left a civic black eye.

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FEATURES

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preparedness,” McIntyre said. “This is really going to help the Lyon County School District, because all of their programs were spread thin across all the schools, now it will be under one roof.”

Spanning 18,230 square feet, the facility includes a multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, office space, classrooms, teen center, and an outdoor event plaza.

“This first phase is just the beginning, laying the groundwork for a larger campus that will bring vital services together, strengthen our community, and open the door to brighter futures for Fernley’s kids and families,” Aguilar said.

Construction on Phase I of the CRRC building began in March 2024 and was completed in July. Phase II is planned as an Early Learning Center and Phase III would be a gymnasium, expanding its role as a hub for education, recreation, and emergency response. Funding for the project came from a mix of sources, including \$12 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, half a million in Community Development Block Grants, and a robust capital campaign led by the Fernley Community Foundation, which rallied local businesses and residents to support the build.

The effort to build a community center began in earnest in 2017 with the formation of the Fernley Community Foundation. The city had begun the process in 2013, but at that time, the idea was to build a convention center that would bring in businesses and events. But in 2017, the idea changed to a community center that could host conventions, but would house many other community entities, such as the Boys & Girls Club, Western Nevada College and several other ideas. The Fernley Community Foundation held a series of public meetings to determine what residents wanted in a community center, and among the ideas were a large gym space that could be used to host the performing arts, a large commercial kitchen to be used for major events, and a host of other facilities.

Also in 2017, when Lyon County was looking to build a new Senior Center, the city and county began working together to see if it could be done on the site the city had purchased for the proposed community center. The city had formed the Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority about 10 years earlier to use room tax money for community development, and that money was used to buy the land on Main St.

Construction on the new Senior Center began in 2019 and was completed in 2020.



Construction workers finish the installation of playground equipment at the CRRC last week. Photo by Kerry Lyman

On August 4, 2021 the City Council allocated \$12 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) toward the development of a Community Response & Resource Center. Because the city used ARPA funds, programming and services in the CRRC must be ARPA eligible. The city identified the following ARPA eligible services and programs needed in the community as COVID-19 testing and vaccination site, workforce development services/

programming, education assistance services, afterschool programming, and early childhood education.

On January 19, 2022 the council approved a Letter of Intent to a lease agreement between the city and the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to operate and maintain sections of the CRRC to meet ARPA funding requirements.

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right here at home.”

The new WNC center will be part of what Mark IV Development is calling the Center of Excellence at the Victory Logistics District.

Mark IV Senior Vice President Rick Nelson said Mark IV has donated 40,000 square feet of brand new industrial space lease free for 10 years as their contribution to establish workforce development program. He said the company is working with WNC to set up academic workforce training curriculums aimed at the variety of new businesses coming to Northern Nevada.

Nelson said Mark IV has also completed engineering designs for the academic space and is ready to start construction, with the goal of having them complete by January of 2026. He said these funds will support that effort.

The workforce training center will focus on advanced manufacturing and logistics training, targeting regional labor shortages and providing programs for dual enrollment high school students, adult learners, and English language learners. Participants will have the opportunity to earn certifications that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs in the growing manufacturing sector.

“Western Nevada College will conduct vocational training for several skills needed in the Northern Nevada region,” Nelson said. “Additionally, as the new businesses come to Victory, Western Nevada College will support the creation of new Programs of Instruction dedicated to the skills required in these businesses.”

Other WINN grant recipients include:

- Great Basin College – NORCAT Mine Skills Training Expansion: Over \$500,000 to train 500 workers in mine safety, technical roles, and certifications to meet the needs of regional employers like KG Mining, Barrick, and Lithium Americas.
 - College of Southern Nevada – Westside Education & Training Center: More than \$1.5 million to provide accelerated training in manufacturing, welding, IT, healthcare, and other in-demand fields, as well as adult basic education and GED programs, in one of Southern Nevada’s most underserved communities
 - Truckee Meadows Community College – Logistics Program: About \$60,000 to continue supporting logistics sector training and increase enrollment in related programs.
- “These investments help to make sure Nevadans have access to the skills needed for careers that support our state’s economic growth,” said Board of Regents Workforce Committee Chair Heather Brown.
- Chancellor Matt McNair added, “These programs give students in high-demand fields the tools they need to succeed, whether they’re just starting out or advancing their careers.”
- GOED’s director of workforce development, Elaine Silverstone, called WINN “one of the most impactful tools we have at GOED towards economic diversification,” noting that the goal is to create more high-wage career pathways so that Nevadans can find good jobs without leaving the state.
- For more information about the Fernley Advanced Manufacturing Training Center, contact Western Nevada College or visit www.wnc.edu.

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nature of California’s fuel market. Stillwater Associates summarized it best: “The closure of the Benicia refinery underscores the interconnectedness of regional energy markets.

Comprehensive measures are needed to ensure energy security for Arizona and Nevada. This includes diversifying supply sources, investing in alternative energy infrastructure, and collaborating with neighboring states to develop resilient energy policies.”

Above left: KM Fuel Terminal, photo courtesy of Kinder Morgan Fuel. Right: Pipeline map to NAS Fallon, courtesy of KM Fuel.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

City looking to recognize longest living resident

Staff Report

The City of Fernley is looking to recognize the resident who has lived in Fernley the longest as part of its 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for next July.

To enter, include the full name and age of the nominee, a short story, memory, or fun fact about them, a photo of the person (current or past is welcome, both is preferred) and proof of residency if available, including old envelopes, deeds, paperwork and fun documentation.

Entries can be submitted to contest chair Brandi Lehman

Jensen at bjenses@cityoffernley.org or drop them off to her attention at City Hall.

Fernley Development Services Coordinator Jessica Murdock is heading the planning for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the city's incorporation. Murdock is looking for community groups, businesses and residents to volunteer to help plan the festival which would run for three days, July 1-3, leading up to a big 4th of July celebration.

To participate, email jmurdock@cityoffernley.org or call (775) 784-9850.

Ladies Aid recruiting new members

Staff Report

The Fernley Community Church, known in the past as the East End School, is a building that a group of women known as the Fernley Ladies Aid Society is committed to preserving. The Ladies Aid, organized in 1927, raised sufficient funds to purchase the vacant building, which originally served the children of Fernley's first settlers, and move it to a lot they had acquired on South Center Street in the heart of town.

In 2003, the Ladies Aid was instrumental in getting the building listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places because of its significance as a center for promoting the community, spiritual, and social welfare in the

early years of Fernley. Since few other buildings were available, it not only served as a church and Sunday school, but opened its door for various functions including community meetings, school activities, weddings, funerals, and charitable events.

The Ladies Aid is still an active group with the mission of preserving, protecting, and maintaining the integrity of this building which currently houses the Living Faith Christian Fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a member of The Ladies Aid and joining in this endeavor, we are currently seeking interested parties. For more information, contact President Sherry Grund at (775) 741-9717 or prettyeggs2@aol.com.



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OBITUARY

Linda Elaine Jackson

Linda Elaine Jackson, 79, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2025, in Salem, Utah. Born December 10, 1945 in Tacoma, Washington to Perry and Edith Reese, Elaine was the youngest of three siblings and the apple of her daddy’s eye.

Elaine attended Brigham Young University, studying elementary education and music. She was active with the opera workshop and kept a lifelong love of singing and music. She could fill a room with her voice, a talent that aided her in her career as a teacher.

A long time resident of Fernley, Nevada, Elaine taught elementary school for Lyon County School District. Teaching and entertaining was her passion, which has been carried on by her grandchildren. She is often

remembered for staying up late at night crafting a costume for the next day’s festivities or working throughout the weekend in her classroom creating something new that would bring joy to her students.

She is survived by her two sons, Jimmy (and his wife Brooke) and Gary (and his wife Naomi), and six grandchildren: Michelle, Lena, Annie, Peri, Cora, and Rory. She is held in fond memory by many who knew her as Aunt Elaine or “Grandma”.

Elaine will be remembered as a caring teacher; loving mother; fund grandma; and generous and compassionate woman. Her bright spirit and creativity will be missed by all who knew her.



COMMUNITY

Lyon County Fair and Rodeo celebrates community spirit and Western heritage

Courtesy of Leah Wilkinson, Pizen Switch Times

Every year, families and friends eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Lyon County Fair, Rodeo & Silver State Livestock Expo in Yerington on the 3rd weekend of August—an event that has become an enduring tradition in northern Nevada. The 2025 edition, held from August 14-17, was no exception. Drawing in crowds both local and from afar, the fairgrounds buzzed with excitement, laughter, and the unmistakable aroma of fair food. The community came together, celebrating rural life, agricultural achievements, and the enduring spirit of rural life in Nevada.

From the opening morning, the fairgrounds in Lyon County were transformed. Rows of colorful banners welcomed guests at the main entrance as they walked along food vendor boulevard.

The fair’s reputation for hospitality was evident at every turn. Information booths offered friendly guidance, and vendors prepared for the rush, their stands gleaming with homemade crafts, jars of preserves, and local honey. The Lyon County Fair is more than an event—it’s a homecoming.

The four-day celebration featured a packed schedule, seamlessly blending tradition and innovation to keep attendees of all ages entertained. A beloved staple, the parade entries traveled north on Main Street from Bridge St. to Yerington City Hall on Goldfield Avenue on Saturday morning.

The 2025 Lyon County Fair served not only as entertainment but as a catalyst for community pride, economic support, and educational enrichment. The joy of shared experiences strengthened bonds and inspired a new generation to participate. The fair’s legacy is woven into the fab-



ric of Lyon County. It is a celebration of heritage and hope, a gathering where stories are told, memories are made, and the future is envisioned. Local leaders expressed gratitude for the volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who made the event possible, reminding all that the spirit of Mason Valley & Lyon County, Nevada endures year after year.

In sum, the 2025 Lyon County Fair, Tractor Pull, Rodeo, Demolition Derby, Street Dances, Parade, and Livestock Expo embodied the essence of community—welcoming, vibrant, and resilient. It offered a stage for the best of Nevada’s rural life, leaving visitors and locals alike eagerly anticipating next year’s festivities.



Lyon County Sheriff’s Deputies handed out swag and talked with visitors at the Sheriff’s Office informational booth at the Lyon County Fair last weekend. Photo by Ray Farris



Above left: Miss Walker River Paiute Tribe rides on the back of a convertible during the Lyon County Fair and Rodeo Parade last Saturday. Above: Drivers line up waiting their turn during the Truck and Tractor Pull at the Lyon County Fair last weekend. Far right: Food vendors lined both sides of the walkway at the Lyon County Fair last weekend. Right: Hispanic dancers perform during the Lyon County Fair and Rodeo Parade last Saturday. Photos by Ray Farris

Volunteers dig in at Main Street Art Park

By Kerry Lyman

Volunteers trickled in and out of Fernley’s Main Street Art Park most of the morning on Tuesday, August 12 to help install 95 plants in newly irrigated planters and among new artwork installed along the linear park.

The artwork and landscaping effort was mostly funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant, a \$1,200 donation by Twisted Steel and a \$2,500 donation by the Fernley ACES, according to Lydia Altick, deputy city manager, noting that Trex also donated an eight-foot by eight-foot tree planter.

At about 11 a.m. last Tuesday, Jessica Murdock, development coordinator for the city manager’s office, said about 20 volunteers had shown up earlier, but the growing heat of the day made many of them disburse and only a few were left at that time, before two small school buses from the Step Ahead Preschool drove into the parking lot and disgorged 16 young and eager volunteers.

Seven city employees also helped out at

the planting event, Murdock said.

The block grant funds were also used to pour an asphalt walking path along the length of the park, extend electrical lines to provide nighttime lighting to some of the displays and self-watering irrigation to the planters, costing about \$60,000, Murdock said.

Pointing across the street to the barren yard by the train depot, Murdock said improvements to that landscaping effort will be done at a later date. At an earlier city council meeting, Altick had said block grant funds had also been used to purchase a planter for that site, as well as a 9-foot metal flower bouquet and three 5-foot sculptures of flowers and insects.

Sixteen student volunteers from the Step Ahead Preschool pitched in to help during a community planting event at the Main Street Art Park on August 12. Courtesy City of Fernley.



COLUMNS

Sippin' From the Canal

Life is too short to drink bad wine
We have all heard it said, and probably
said it several times ourselves, life is
too short to insert your favorite saying
here!.

While this certainly is the case when it comes to drinking wine, I have come to realize it really applies to just about everything. Life is just too darn short to put off anything that is important to you.

I think most will agree, as far as our conscience selves goes, we only get one run around this life. We really should strive to make the absolute most of it. Why would you want to deny yourself anything that you really desire?

There are a million reasons, or excuses, to avoid doing the things we want. The most popular for most people is money; “Oh, I really want to do X, Y or Z, but I can’t afford it”. Okay, I

can accept that; lord knows I have said that myself about a million times. But maybe we need to lower our standards a bit. Maybe we don't need that expensive car to drive every day, but perhaps we can rent one for a week. Maybe we can't afford to vacation in Europe for a month, but we can probably afford a week in Napa or Dallas or Seattle.

I believe the second most popular reason is time. This one is tricky. Time, and land, are the two things that there will never be more of. However, when it comes to time, we all have the ability to make it. The reality is none of us know how much time we have. When you got out of bed this morning, you could have looked at your bank account and you would know exactly how many dollars you have. That is not true for time. Do you have a decade or a month? What would you do differ-

ent today if you knew your time bank account only had 1 week left in it? That is kind of how we should look at every day. We have to make the time.

Mortality is something most don't think about until they reach that age when, well, you think about it. It's just not something we think about when we are 10, 18, or even 21 years old. At that point most of us think we are going to live forever, and 50, or even 40, is so far away we can't even conceive it. Well, we probably should.

I know I am not alone in this, but recently I have experienced far too many losses in my life. I have lost loved ones that have always been there for me, and that I have admired and hoped to be as good as. I have lost good friends, new friends that I was looking forward to making into good friends, acquaintances, and people that I admired from

afar. In my efforts to answer the “why” question I have learned something very important; Today is Someday.

We have all said it, "Someday I am going to...." Well, there really is no better time than today.


Now, back to that wine. What if your time bank account ran out today, wouldn't you be sad knowing the last wine you drank was a bad wine. Life is just too short to drink bad wine.

Love the wine you're with, and live every day like it's your last.

Cheers!

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2025

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Saturday, September 13th

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EDUCATION

School District presents SchoolLinks program at Chamber

By Robert Perea

Lyon County School District representatives made a presentation about the its college and career readiness program during the August 12 Fernley Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Breakfast at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Teen Center in Fernley.

Executive Director of Educational Services Jim Gianotti, and Work-Based Learning Coordinator Taleah Hinkey discussed the SchoolLinks program, a digital platform that simplifies post-secondary planning. The program’s resources help students discover their interests, explore diverse career paths, research colleges, find scholarships, manage applications and plan their academic courses effectively.

For the district, the platform helps streamline college and career planning, ensure federal and state com-

pliance for student readiness. It helps counselors and staff provide personalized guidance, track student progress and helps students achieve their post-secondary goals.

Gianotti and Hinkey told the Chamber members that SchoolLinks is bridging the gap between education and the workforce — helping students become more employable whether they choose college, trades, or another pathway after high school.

They said that through SchoolLinks, local employers can partner with LCSD to attend career fairs, connect with qualified student interns, offer work-based learning opportunities and more.

They described the program as a win-win for the community — businesses get early access to the talent in local schools, and students gain both the technical skills and soft skills needed to stand out in today’s job market.



Lyon County School District Executive Director of Educational Services Jim Gianotti talks about the district’s college and career readiness program, including how local employers can partner with the district through the SchoolLinks program.
Photo Courtesy of Lyon County School District

WNC Recognizes 76 Students on Summer Dean’s List

Courtesy of
Western Nevada College

Western Nevada College announced that 76 students have made the grades necessary for inclusion on the 2025 Summer Dean’s List.

To earn this recognition during the summer term, students attained a grade point average of 3.50 or higher and completed six units of classes or more.

“We are incredibly proud of these 76 students for their commitment to academic excellence during the sum-

mer term,” said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. “Balancing coursework with other responsibilities is never easy, and achieving this level of success is a true testament to their dedication, focus, and perseverance. They are an inspiration to the entire Wildcat community.”

Students achieving the academic honor are:

Dayton
Chloe Donnels, Sydnea Hanses, Richard Tidrick, Alexandra Tucker

Fallon
Nicolle Cassidy, Kelti Koehler, Zachary Mullins, Kassandra Porretta, Mason Rolfe

Fernley
Veronica Davis, Tyler Francis, Sevann Parnham, Jeff Poeschel

Mound House
Max Bachman

Silver Springs
Owen Lopez, Mikayla Swoverland, Rosalita Vanroon

Wellington
Emma Aynedter, Karlee Iverson, Noel Sweeney



Meetings

- Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting September 3
- Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting September 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 September 4

- Lyon County Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting September 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 August 26

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

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- Fruit Juice Varieties
- Assorted Breakfast Items: Cereal, Breakfast Bars, Muffins, Pop Tarts, Etc.



LAW AND ORDER

City councilman Lau arrested on battery charge

By Robert Perea

Fernley City Councilman Stan Lau was arrested on a battery charge Monday afternoon after an altercation in which a construction worker said Lau punched him in the face.

Lyon County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the area of Shadow Lane and U.S. 50A at approximately 2:59 p.m. for a reported of an altercation.

Deputies met with the construction crew doing work in the area. One of the workers reported he was approached by Lau, who was upset with the traffic

control in the area. The worker said a verbal altercation ensued and Lau grabbed the sunglasses off the worker's face, leaving a minor injury.

The worker told deputies that Lau broke his sunglasses and threw them on the ground, and that when he went to pick the glasses up, Lau punched him in the face. Deputies said they saw no physical evidence of the punch. Lau left the scene prior to the deputies' arrival.

The worker requested criminal charges against Lau and to place him under citizen's arrest.

The Sheriff's Office said deputies

investigated the worker's claims and determined there was enough probable cause to make an arrest.

Because deputies weren't present during the incident and the alleged crimes are misdemeanors, Lau was taken into custody on a citizen's arrest. He was booked into the Lyon County Jail on charges of battery and injury to property. Bail was set at \$1,140.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Lyon County Communication Center at 775-463-6620 and request to speak with Deputy Steven Vawter.



Nebraska man identified as person killed in Main St. crash Aug. 11

Staff Report

The Nevada Highway Patrol has identified the person killed in a fatal crash on Main St. on Aug. 11 as a 75-year old man from Nebraska.

NHP said the victim was Steven Voris, 75, of Papillion, Neb. Based on witness statements and vehicle damage that is inconsistent with a fatal collision, NHP said the cause of death is not believed to be from the crash. Official cause of death is pending Medical Examiner's Office review. Foul play is not suspected.

The Highway Patrol said Voris

was driving a gray 2017 Honda CR-V eastbound n Main St. west of Lois Lane. The Honda entered the right shoulder of the road, and the front of the Honda struck a road sign, continued eastbound in the right shoulder across Lois Lane and through the front yard of a business where the Honda struck another sign. The Honda continued eastbound in the right shoulder across 6th Street where it hit a house. The Honda came to a stop with the front of the Honda still in contact with the house.

A female passenger in the car suffered minor injuries.



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Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$4,635.00
Charges: Drive with Suspended License; Owner – Proof of Insurance Required; Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/Title; Domestic Battery, 1st

MICHAEL DAVIS
Area: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$2,395.00
Charges: Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/Title; DUI, 1st; Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

NATALIE VELA
Area: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$25,000
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

TIMOTHY TURNER
Area: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$52,850.00
Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail (Felony); Own/Possess Gun by Prohibited Person; Use/Possess Stun Gun/De-

vice by Felon/Fugitive; Noncompliance with Criminal Extradition Law/Regs; Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle; Attempted Trespass, Not Amounting to Burglary; Assist Other Agency – Hold

SAVANNAH MEREDITH
Area: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$3,140.00
Charges: Domestic Battery, 1st

HUNTER LUJAN
Area: Mason Valley
Bail Amount: \$2,640.00
Charges: DUI, 2nd

DARIEL SOTO
Area: Mason Valley
Bail Amount: \$2,500.00
Charges: Battery on Protected Person

JOHN PRUITT
Area: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$15,620.00
Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation; Failure to Appear After Bail (Misdemeanor); Possess/Receive Forged Instruments/Bills; Possession

of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Possession of Hypodermic Device

RYAN ORONA
Area: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$10,000.00
Charges: Domestic Battery by Strangulation

CHRISTINA VERANO
Area: Lyon County Sheriff’s Office
Bail Amount: \$25,000.00
Charges: Child Abuse or Neglect, 1st

EMMANUEL SOLORZANO
Area: Lyon County Sheriff’s Office
Bail Amount: \$0.00
Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Probation/Conditions of Suspended Sentence

DENNY PITTSER
Area: LYFM
Bail Amount: \$2,510.00
Charges: DUI, 1st; Operate Vehicle with Expired Registration/Plates; Display Fictitious Vehicle Registra-

tion/Plate/Title; False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer

CHARLES CRIDLAND
Area: Silver Springs
Bail Amount: \$9,280.00
Charges: Domestic Battery, 1st; Resist Public Officer; Intimidate Public Officer/Others

KATIE VOKEL
Area: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$3,140.00
Charges: Domestic Battery, 1st

COLTON PARSLEY
Area: Mason Valley
Bail Amount: \$2,260.00
Charges: DUI, 1st; Reckless Driving Disregard Person/Property Safety, 1st; Possess/Consume Marijuana in Public Place/Store/Vehicle; Improper Additional Lighting Equipment

MACK MIESSNER
Area: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,140
Charges: Resist Public Officer

Highway Patrol Running Distracted Drivers Campaign

Staff Report

The Nevada Highway Patrol, a division of the Nevada State Police, will be joining forces with participating law enforcement agencies across the state for a Joining Forces Distracted Drivers campaign. The campaign will take place from August 14 - September 1, 2025.

This Joining Forces Distracted Drivers campaign aims to increase law enforcement participation by coordinating highly visible patrols across the State of Nevada with the goal of keeping motorists safe by educating the motoring public about the dangers of distracted driving.

Distractions come in many forms, whether it’s the phone, other passengers, eating or anything else that takes your mind and eyes off the road. Focus on what matters most – driving – and keep yourself and others on the road safe.

Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for approximately 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that is the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

The Zero Fatalities Nevada program reminds drivers that “every time you choose to get behind the wheel, lives are in your hands”.

The Nevada Highway Patrol remains dedicated to bringing the number of fatalities on Nevada’s roadways to zero through increasing public awareness about the dangers of speeding, impaired driving, driving unrestrained, distracted driving more. Information about safe driving and the Nevada Zero Fatalities goal is available Online at www.ZeroFatalitiesNV.com.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety’s- Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides funding for law enforcement agencies to participate in Joining Forces to reduce traffic deaths.



A Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper conducts a field sobriety test on a driver.
Photo courtesy of Nevada State Police

Fernley Church Directory

Summit Church
Silverland Middle School

Living Faith Church
110 Center Street

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
625 Desert Shadows Lane

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

Crosswinds Assembly of God
3015 Farm District Road

Fernley Free Methodist Church
100 N. West Street

Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

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875 Fremont Street

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

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SPORTS

Vaqueros rally to beat Douglas in opener

By Robert Perea

In March, Fernley High School football coach Anfernee Sloan started a clock to count down 155 days until the first game of the season August 15 at Douglas.

Friday night, that wait and the hard work in between paid off. Fernley rallied from a 21-7 halftime deficit to beat Douglas 29-21 in the season-opening game for both teams last Friday night. The Vaqueros’ defense shut out the Tigers in the second, half, including a key fourth down stop, while Bryce Stephens ran for two touchdowns and Riley McCullar had one to help the Vaqueros turn the game around.

“I told these guys since the very first day, ‘You can go and shock the world right off the bat in the beginning of this year because you’re a great football team,” Sloan said. “For us to go and beat a team that just got promoted to the 5A was pretty impressive. And, you know, I think that kind of shows you the direction which this football program is going.”

Stephens scored on Fernley’s first two possessions in the third quarter. Douglas drove to the Fernley 39-yard line on the opening possession of the third quarter before the Vaqueros’ defense forced a punt. On second-and-14 from the Fernley 16-yard line, Stephens kept the ball on an option keeper, but as he was getting tackled at the 24-yard line, he pitched the ball to McCullar who took it the rest of the way for an 84-yard touchdown. After a penalty against Douglas on the extra point, the Vaqueros went for two and Stephens ran it in himself to cut Douglas’ lead to 21-15.

After another Douglas punt, the Vaqueros drove 70 yards in nine plays, with Stephens scoring on a 3-yard run. The extra point put Fernley ahead 22-21 with 35.7 seconds left in the third quarter.

Douglas responded with a nine-play drive, but on fourth-and-3 at the Fernley 33, the Tigers came up a yard short on a quarterback sneak. Stephens capitalized with a 57-yard touchdown



Fernley High School players sign the school fight song after beating Douglas last Friday night. Photo courtesy of Fernley Football

run that put the Vaqueros up 29-21. Douglas had one last chance to try to tie the game. On second-and-9 from its own 37-yard line, Douglas quarterback Keston Sadabseng lofted a pass down the sideline to Jackson McKinney running down the right sideline for a big gain. But as McKinney got inside the Fernley 25-yard line, Alex Juliot knocked the ball out of his hands and McCullar scooped it up and returned it to the Fernley 48. From there, the Vaqueros took a knee three times and ran out the clock.

“The first half was night and day compared to our second half,” coach Anfernee Sloan said. “We cleaned up the football, we made the adjustments, we tackled the football, and guess what? They went and executed, and we came out on top.”

The Vaqueros trailed 21-7 in the first half, largely because of the same problems that thwarted them for much of the last three years. A fumble on the first play of the game led to a Douglas touchdown just a minute and

a half into the game. Another fumble inside the Douglas 10-yard line cost the Vaqueros a chance to get within a touchdown before the half, but in what might have been the biggest play of the game, Brody Jones tackled Douglas receive Nathan Priou three yards short of the goal line on the last play of the first half, when the Tigers were trying to extend their lead to 21 points.

“If they score there, that’s a different game,” Sloan said.

Douglas running back Zachary Jackson scored all three of Douglas’ touchdowns in the first half. His three yard run with 10:30 left in the first quarter after the Vaqueros’ fumed on the first play of the game made it 7-0. After Keeshawn Love tied the game at 7-7 with a 51-yard touchdown run, Jackson scored on a 2-yard run with 11:22 left in the second quarter, and he added a 14-yard touchdown with 4:23 left in the second.

Jackson finished with 156 yards rushing on 25 carries and caught five passes for 53 more years.

Listed at 6-foot-2 and 207 pounds, Jackson has an offer from Southern Utah, a Division I FCS school.

“That’s a good running back, and we prioritized all week, we need to tackle him,” Sloan said. “That’s tough, trying to stop a Division 1 running back inside the five. But for the most part, that second half, they did a heck of a job.”

Keeshawn Love, Fernley’s answer to Jackson, led the Vaqueros with 136 yards on 15 carries, while McCullar had 90 and Stephens added 69. In all, the Vaqueros ran for 321 yards on 30 carries. Douglas finished with 369 yards of offense, but nearly 300 of those yards came in the first half.

This week the Vaqueros host Bishop Union (CA) in their home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, and Sloan said the challenge is to put last Friday’s win behind them.

“Don’t let this define your season,” Sloan said. “We’ve got to get ready because you’ve got somebody that can come in here and take it to you.”

Vaqueros win South Tahoe volleyball tournament

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School volleyball team avenged an earlier loss to Fallon to win the championship of the South Tahoe Volleyball Tournament last Saturday. The Vaqueros defeated Fallon 27-25 and 25-16 in the championship match to finish the weekend with a 6-2 record.

Justice Artiaga had six kills and one block, Trista Menesini added five kills and Lillianna Young had four in the championship match for Fernley. Emma Masters passed for 10 assists and Alauna Escartin dished out eight.

The Vaqueros opened the tournament with two wins, beating Spring Creek and Lovelock in two sets each. They finished pool play with a loss to Reed, 27-25 and 25-18. In bracket play, the Vaqueros beat South Tahoe and Elko before losing in two sets to Fallon in the semifinals, but they beat South Tahoe again to get into the championship match, where they beat Fallon.

For the weekend, Menesini led the Vaqueros with 43 total kills, while Artiaga had 38 and Young contributed 20. Grace Chapin had 10 total blocks, while Escartin finished the weekend with 70 assists.

“The girls worked really well together and got better each set,” coach Diane Chapin said. This weekend the Vaqueros will play in the Yerington Tournament, before they host Truckee next Tuesday.

Soccer

The boys soccer team had a tough opening weekend, going 0-3-1 in their opening tournament at South Tahoe, The Vaqueros tied Lowry 0-0, lost 5-0 to Elko, 6-0 to Sparks and 3-0 to Spanish Springs.

The Vaqueros were scheduled to play at the Debbie Smith CTE Academy Thursday.

The girls soccer team reported only one score over the weekend, a 4-0 loss to Spanish Springs. This week the Vaqueros were scheduled to play at Wooster on Tuesday and host the Debbie Smith CTE Academy Thursday. Next week they host Dayton at 5 p.m. on Monday and Sparks at 5 p.m. Thursday.



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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Sam and Dean

Sam **Dean**

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