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Contested city races highlight Fernley's June 9 primary election



By Robert Perea

While Fernley voters debate issues such as the merits and flaws of proposed changes to the city's Title 16 code enforcement ordinance, the shabby condition of many of the city's parks and how the city should handle data center growth, the clock is ticking down to the June 9 primary election that will narrow the field in three heavily contested municipal races.

Mayor Neal McIntyre is facing challenges from John Barchie, Tim Bickerton, Alexis Colosi and Lawrence Ruiz. In the Fernley City Council Ward 1, incumbent Ryan Hanan is being opposed by Gregory Barrett and Debbie Skinner. In Ward 3 where councilman Stan Lau was expelled by the council and was unable to run again due to term limits, the race is between Ryan Cross, Roy Edgington and Alisa Rhyno.

In each of those races, the two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election will advance to the general election in November, unless one of them receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary.

The last time a candidate in a Fernley municipal race received more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary was in 2018, when Edgington was elected mayor with 53.18 percent of the vote. In 2016, two city council races were decided in the primary, when Fran McKay received 55.45 percent to win the Ward 5 seat and Sue Seidl won the Ward 4 seat with 52.94 percent.

With early voting coming to a close on Friday and Primary Election Day set for June 9, a total of 1,327 ballots had been cast in person in Lyon County during early voting as of 11 a.m. Tuesday morning, June 2.

At that time, 3,806 mailed ballots had been returned for processing, and 3,719 of those passed signature verification and were ready to be counted. Four ballots had been rejected and 83 still required signature curing.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before June 9, but the Nevada Secretary of State Office recommends voting in person or dropping off mailed ballots into a dropbox if they were not mailed by June 2.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9 at Fernley City Hall. Photo courtesy of Lucia Starbuck, KUNR Public Radio

Two suspects arrested in fatal shooting in Fernley

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office arrested two suspects following a fatal shooting in Fernley Monday afternoon.

About an hour and a half after investigators released photos of the two suspects and the vehicles they were believed to be driving, the Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of the first suspect, 44-year old Fernley resident James Edward Karol.

Less than an hour after that, they announced the second suspect, 40-year-old Fernley resident Jeremy Barrett, had also been taken into custody.

Both Barrett and Karol were charged with Open Murder and were being held in the Lyon County jail with no bail.

According to the LCSO, deputies responded at about 4:30 p.m. to the 1600 block of Burger Road



Jeremy Wayne Barrett, photo courtesy of LCSO.



James Edward Karol, photo courtesy of LCSO.

for a report of a shooting involving one victim. When they arrived, they found a man suffering from a single gunshot wound. Personnel from the North Lyon County Fire Protection

District responded and immediately began lifesaving measures, but the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Tuesday morning the Sheriff's

Office identified the victim as 45-year old Fernley resident Richard Allen Hightower.

LCSO said witnesses told them Hightower had been involved in an altercation with two men moments before to the shooting. After the incident, both men fled the area. LCSO said one was operating a red quad, while the second fled in a tan Jeep.

At about 6:45 p.m. Monday, the LCSO issued a press release that identified the suspects as James Karol and Jeremy Barrett, and said Investigators determined Barrett was the shooter. The initially put out photos of the two men and the vehicles and said they were searching for both suspects.

At 7:50 p.m. Monday, LCSO issued another press release stating deputies had arrested Karol and had found the tan Jeep investigators were looking for. That press release

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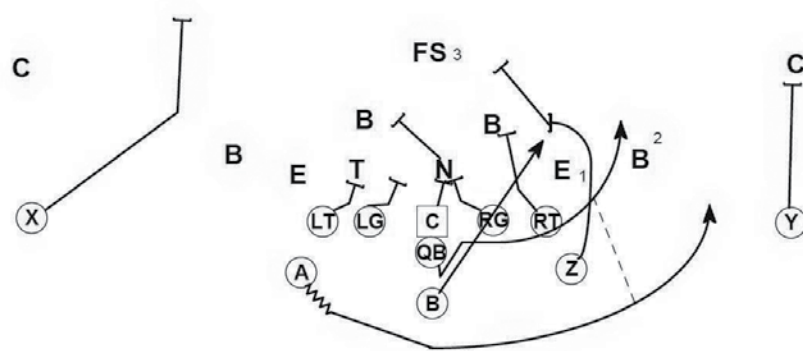
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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When a campaign robocall is a relief

My phone vibrates constantly.

Because I get so many notifications, I leave the call volume muted, so instead of ringing, it vibrates.

Most of the alerts are for apps I've set up, but when it comes to phone calls or texts, over the past few weeks, most of them are digital garbage.

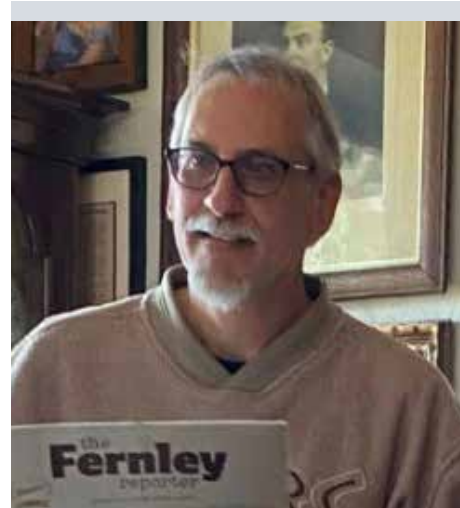
Scammers want to clear my nonexistent back taxes, and predatory lenders want to offer debt consolidation loans that I have never applied for.

But in this sea of spam, something strange happened. I've started appreciating campaign ads.

I used to just completely ignore any unknown number, but given the ridiculous number of other spam calls, a political robocall or text now feels like a relief.

I haven't listened to many of the campaign calls all the way through, except for a couple I received from people I've actually met, just to make sure they're not actually calling to talk to me specifically about some issue I've covered.

I answered one of those calls a couple of days ago from someone I've not only interviewed for



ROBERT PEREA

stories but have talked with socially a couple of times. When the voice started talking, it actually took me a second to realize it was a recording.

But strangely, and not just because I legitimately haven't decided who to vote for in a couple of races, I have at least begun to listen to every message or read the beginning of every text, even if I delete it partway through.

Pretty much everyone I know hates political ads, except for ones for candidates they support or attacking ones they don't. But whether you like them or don't, political ads represent actual civic life. Sure, they may be irritating, obnoxious and sometimes even

blatantly false, but a candidate begging for your vote is democracy. A bot trying to steal your identity is malicious.

As I typed that last sentence, I suddenly realized that will probably come next; a bot trying to steal your identity posing as a candidate begging for your vote.

Until then though, I'll take a politician over a scammer any day.

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

Fernley 4th of July 2026
Theme: Celebrating the birth of Liberty
Join us for a day filled with fun activities.





Breakfast, Masonic Lodge 7 am to 10 am
Parade 10 am, Main Street
Flag raising 1 pm, Out of Town park

Fernley 4th of July is accepting applications for vendors, parade entries, and dry camping spots
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FEATURES

Pool reopening pushed back because of roof material delays

By Robert Perea

The reopening of the Fernley Swimming Pool that had been hoped for by the end of the school year will instead be pushed back for several weeks because of a delay in the production and delivery of the new roof panels.

The pool closed in mid-February to replace the roof that sustained significant damage from strong winds during a storm in February 2024. Initial expectations were that the project would involve a straightforward replacement of the roof, as well as electrical and fire system upgrades.

However, once demolition of the old roof and engineering review began, portions of the original roof system did not match the existing plans. Fernley Swimming Pool Manager Patrick Daniel said when contractors began to remove the roof panels, a layer of material that was supposed to be between the aluminum panels and the insulation was missing.

At the time, they didn't believe that would cause any delays in the project. Daniel said they originally expected to have the new roof panels in early May.



The reopening of the Fernley Swimming Pool is being delayed several weeks because of an issue with the production and delivery of materials for the new roof. Photo by Robert Perea

When that didn't happen, Daniel said they discussed pausing the project for the summer and restarting it later in the year.

"Then the more we learned about these roof panels, the more impossible

that became," he said. "There's a long list of do's and do nots with these panels for how they can be handled and how they can be stored. So we're just stuck."

Daniel was notified last week that

the new roof panels, which will include the roof, insulation and ceiling all in one product, were expected to be delivered June 3. He said the installation of the panels would take about six weeks. Once the panels are installed the project then must pass required inspections and approvals related to structural, electrical, fire and life-safety codes.

Daniel said that means the soonest possible reopening would be in mid-July.

"That's what it looks like, but I'm not going to promise anything at this point," he said.

Suzanne Prouty, president of the Fernley Swimming Pool GID Board of Trustees, said the board is frustrated by the delay and understands the frustration many residents feel.

"When I found out, I was horrified," she said. "I know people want their pool back and we are absolutely doing our utmost to try and make that happen. It's a public works project, and that means you have to go through a lot more hoops and through a lot more details than if you were a homeowner that wanted to do some kind of thing in your house. We have to bend over backwards to get this right."

Commemorative sculpture to be unveiled during Fernley's 25th anniversary celebration

By Robert Perea

The City Council voted at its May 20 meeting to approve the purchase and temporary installation of a commemorative sculpture for the city's 25th Anniversary celebration, with plans to relocate it to the Main Street roundabout once the improvement plan for that site is approved.

Community Development Program Manager Jessica Murdock told the council the project stems from the \$100,000 the council allocated last year for the anniversary celebration.



The globe sculpture on Main Street, steel pole banners and Welcome to Fernley Sign were designed and fabricated by Twisted Steel as part of the City of Fernley beautification project. Photos courtesy of Twisted Steel

Murdock, who chairs the anniversary committee, said the city issued a call to artists in February but received two proposals that did not meet the project scope. Staff then contacted additional sculptors and metal artists directly.

Executive Administrative Assistant April Homme said the city is working under tight timelines and could not conduct another full call to artists. She said

staff contacted hundreds of artists before identifying two workable options: a 9 foot bronze rearing horse from Art of Bronze of Camarillo, CA, for \$21,000, and a steel installation from local artist Twisted Steel that includes a fabricated rock base, a bighorn sheep, an eagle, a cowboy hat to signify the Vaqueros, and three or four "F" pieces visible from each approach to the roundabout.

Homme said the bronze horse will weigh between 675 and 800 pounds and will be reinforced with internal steel piping. The Twisted Steel installation would sit on a 60 by 96 inch platform. The city would provide a 30 foot flagpole and flag, with solar lighting. If the sculpture is later moved to the roundabout, a concrete pad would be placed underneath the sculpture. Homme said Twisted Steel is working to find a contractor to donate the concrete pad.

The Twisted Steel work is estimated at \$15,000, not to exceed \$17,000 with the addition of the eagle. Both pieces would be fabricated so they can be relocated with minimal difficulty.

Home said they did not release a rendering of the statue because they want to unveil it on July 1 during the 25th Anniversary celebration.

Staff recommended temporarily placing the sculpture at the Main Street Art Park for the July 1 unveiling. Homme said the existing concrete pad at the park where the bottlecap gazebo used to be cannot support the weight of the installation, so the sculpture would be placed adjacent to it and would be fabricated to be able to move if the relocation to the roundabout was approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Lyon Fire support firefighters participate in live fire training

By Robert Perea

North Lyon Fire support firefighters participated in Firefighter I Live Fire Training on May 30 in partnership with the Yerington/Mason Valley Fire Protection District.

The district's support firefighters, formerly referred to as volunteers, augment daily staffing levels, respond to emergencies when requested, assist with special events, and help the district provide emergency services throughout the community.

The district said training opportunities such as this are essential to building the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to operate safely and effectively on emergency incidents, providing realistic, hands-on experience that prepares firefighters for the challenges they may face while protecting lives and property.

North Lyon Fire Captain Mike Silverberg and Firefighter Josh Chandler were among those instructing the support firefighters.



Support firefighters from North Lyon Fire participated in live fire training May 30 in Yerington. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire

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Fundraiser for
Loring Hutchinson
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Fernley Masonic Lodge
40 East Street

CARNIVAL - Davis Shows NW
5:00 p.m. - Closing
Out of Town Park
<https://davisshowsnw.com/>

JUNE 6

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

CARNIVAL - Davis Shows NW
2:00 p.m. - Closing
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JUNE 7

CARNIVAL - Davis Shows NW
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JUNE 9

TRIVIA NIGHT
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
775-575-7529

JUNE 10

FAMILY BOARD GAME & LEGOS
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Cash payouts!
5:30 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
775-575-7529

JUNE 11

TRIVIA (21+)
7:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

JUNE 13

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

JUNE 16

TRIVIA NIGHT
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
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JUNE 17

FAMILY BOARD GAME & LEGOS
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Cash payouts!
5:30 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
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JUNE 18

TRIVIA (21+)
7:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

JUNE 20

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

JUNE 24

SUMMER JUTE TOTE BAG PAINTING WORKSHOP 21+
\$45 includes art supplies and beverage
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

JUNE 27

WALK IN - MICROCHIP CLINIC
\$15 or a 10 lbs bag of pet food
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, June 9

Turkey Taco Salad
Spanish Rice
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Creamy Italian
Dressing
Chantilly Fruit Cup

Wednesday, June 10

Sweet & Sour Chicken
Brown Rice
Peas & Carrots
Fresh Chopped
Spinach
Catalina Dressing

Thursday, June 11

Crab Pasta Salad
Hush Puppies
Corn
Mixed Fruit
100% Juice

Friday, June 12

Father's Day Lunch
BBQ Spareribs
Scalloped
Potatoes
Creamy Coleslaw
Watermelon
Peach Crisp

OBITUARY

Susanne Lynn Foster

1959 - 2026

You might remember Susie as one of the servers at the Wigwam, or wondered what happened to that familiar face who's topped off your coffee for the last 29 years. If so, you'll be saddened to learn Susanne Lynn Foster of Fernley passed away in Reno, NV on May 16, 2026, having retired less than a year ago due to illness. She'd like to remind her grandchildren she was six seven years old.

Sue wasn't from Fernley originally, she was born January 23, 1959 in San Pedro, CA. Her father, a Korean war veteran, settled there after being discharged from the Navy. Her childhood was spent between San Pedro, Sacramento where her grandparents lived, and Gardnerville. She briefly attended Douglas High School where, for better or for worse, she met Stevan Palmer of Topaz, CA. They wed in 1982. Stevan was a miner by trade, and Sue followed him to such exciting places as Round Mountain, Carson Hill, Sonora, and Lovelock before reaching Fernley in 1994.

Along the way they had three children and took in two more after Sue's brother tragically passed away. They suddenly had five kids under six, without being Catholic. Much of Sue's life was dedicated to being a mother. She was an involved

and encouraging parent, sincerely amazed at every small achievement, cherishing every scribble, and bragging about her children to anyone who'd listen. Her family thanks everyone who humored her.

Mining isn't steady work. Whenever Stevan was unemployed Sue would work to support her family. In October 1996 she began working at Mary and Moe's Wigwam. She kept the job even after Stevan found work, after their divorce in 2007, and after all her children left home. She kept at it for 29 years!

She never professed any special love for her job. She sometimes professed the opposite. So why did she spend so much of her life there, on the floor and in the bar? Well, her job was just her excuse to meet someone new every day, smile with them, and brag about her kids as soon as they were trapped in a booth. To be a helpful ray of sunshine to anyone who needed it. Not as waitress, but as a human being.

Susanne was predeceased by her brother Dennis Foster and mother Joan Louise Ritenour. She is survived by her father Donald "Frosty" Foster, her children Garth, Joanne, Callie, George, and Aaron, and her grandchildren Gabriel, Adriana, Jameson, Emily, Ayano, and Grant. She will be missed.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Send yours to Robert@FernleyReporter.com



CODE ENFORCEMENT TUNE-UP!

Join the discussion!

Every Fernley resident has a stake in the City's appearance. Your Voice Matters!

Please join us on:

June 4th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

June 6th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers @ 595 Silverlace Blvd.

Code Enforcement exists to protect public health, safety, and quality of life by reducing environmental hazards and maintaining property standards. The city is updating the nuisance ordinance to help preserve property values and prevent neighborhood deterioration. We would love to hear input and have open conversations about the nuisance ordinance the city may adopt. To view the new Ordinances, please go to: <https://www.cityoffernley.org/DocumentCenter/View/30296/Clean---New-title-16--Fernley>

Discussion Topics:

- Code Update
- Code sections
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- Learn what code enforcement is and what it isn't.

Key Components of Code Enforcement

- Public Safety & Health
- Neighborhood Preservation
- Fairness & Consistency
- Voluntary Compliance
- Service & Partnership

BUSINESS

Fernley students win overall award at LCSD Economic Summit

By Robert Perea

A group of Fernley High School students were the overall winners of the Lyon County School District Spring 2026 Economic Summit held May 28 at Silver Stage High School.

The LCSD Economic Summit was started in 2009 by Damon Etter, a former economics teacher at Dayton High School. It has since grown to include each of the high schools in the county. Students study international trade, with each team representing a country and learning its history, culture and economy.

They compete to raise the standard of living of their assigned country by applying their knowledge and skills in problem solving, international trade, finance, banking, debate, and video production. They also design creative costumes and country displays.

The Fernley team of Brandon Castro-Ibarra, Jesus Bernal-Infante, Jaden Doan, Aiden Mercado and Nataani Bitsilly, who are all in the economics class taught by Thomas Chapin, represented the Philippines. In addition to winning the overall summit, they also were the top-placing team representing a low-income country.



A team of Fernley High School students were the overall winners of the Lyon County School District Spring 2026 Economic Summit. Pictured from left to right are Brandon Castro-Ibarra, Jesus Bernal-Infante, FHS economics teacher Thomas Chapin, Jaden Doan, Aiden Mercado and Nataani Bitsilly. Photo courtesy of Lyon County School District

Meetings

Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting June 17

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting June 10

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting June 12

Lyon County Commission
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington
Next meeting June 18

Lyon County Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington
Next meeting June 9

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting June 23

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting June 23

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
2nd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting June 11

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
300 Cottonwood Lane
Next meeting June 16



Welcome to Fernley Sign. Photo courtesy of Twisted Steel

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Council members asked whether the project remained within the \$100,000 anniversary budget. Murdock confirmed it does.

The council approved the commemorative sculpture, its temporary installation at the Art Park, and future relocation to the roundabout upon approval of the improvement plan. The motion also authorized payment of the \$21,000 invoice for the bronze horse and a not to exceed amount of \$17,000 for Twisted Steel. The vote was 4-0.

Homme also announced that commemorative 25th anniversary coins will be available for preorder beginning June 1. Fifty .999 percent silver coins will be sold for \$250 each, and 250 silver plated coins will be sold for \$35. Orders must be paid by June 22. During the 25th Anniversary Committee meeting on May 27, Murdock said the price for the coins was determined by the city's cost, because the city is not allowed to make a profit from the sale of the coins.

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GOVERNMENT

City opens review process for East Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade

By Robert Perea

The City of Fernley has opened the review process to invite public comment and requests for consulting party-status for its proposed East Wastewater Treatment Plan expansion.

The city is pursuing federal and state funding for the project, including through the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the city is required to identify and consult with all parties, including history groups, preservation non-profits, neighborhood associations and citizen groups to determine whether construction could affect historic properties in or near the plant site.

The city's East Wastewater Treatment Plant is located about four miles east of downtown between Interstate



The City's Wastewater Department operates and maintains the public sewer system which delivers wastewater to a centralized location northeast of Fernley. Photo courtesy of the City of Fernley.

80 and U.S. Highway 50A. It treats wastewater collected across the city and discharges effluent to the Fernley Wildlife Management Area.

All proposed construction will take

place within the plant's existing site on an industrial parcel. The city plans to build a mechanical treatment system;

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City adds fax services after council approves fee schedules

By Robert Perea

At its May 20 meeting, the Fernley City Council approved adding incoming and outgoing fax services to the city's fee schedule after staff reported a rise in requests following the recent closure of a local business that previously provided the service.

City Clerk Kim Swanson told the

council the closure of The Office Shipping and Mailboxes has resulted in people coming to City Hall for faxing needs. She said the addition allows staff to provide the service consistently and charge an established fee.

Under the new schedule, the city will charge \$1 for the first page and \$1.50 for each additional page.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski

asked whether the city already offered faxing and whether the change would create a workload issue. Swanson said the city has received requests but did not previously have an adopted fee, and the change simply adds the service to the existing resolution.

The council approved the fee addition on a 4 - 0 vote.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF VACANCY

North Lyon County Fire Protection District

The North Lyon County Fire Protection District is seeking candidates to fill one (1) vacated Board of Directors position. Candidates must live within the boundaries of the District. Interested parties need to provide the District with a Letter of Interest no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 8, 2026. Appointment will be made at the Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at 195 East Main Street, Fernley, NV 89408. For complete information call the District Office at 575-3310."

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May 25 – May 31, 2026

BENTON BOND – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$2,500, Charges: Court commitment

JONATHAN TRIPLETT – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment

JONATHAN DIONNE – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$2,730, Charges: Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Tail lamp violation; License plates improperly displayed

BRIAN HALL – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$2,280, Charges: DUI, first offense; Use or possess drug paraphernalia

CLAYTON REYNOLDS – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$6,035, Charges: Use or possess drug paraphernalia; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense

CHELSEA WILSON DOYLE – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,610, Charges: DUI, first offense; Open alcohol container in vehicle; Drive on sidewalk

THOMAS NEELEY – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,000, Charges: Misdemeanor bench warrant

SHELDON PHELPS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$20,115, Charges: DUI, third offense – enhanced work zone; Rear license plate lamp violation; Court commitment

MATTHEW BROWN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,810, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime

JOSHUA HUGHES – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$3,640, Charges: Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Use or possess drug paraphernalia

JESSE PERKS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$6,280, Charges: Domestic battery, second offense (2 counts); Criminal contempt – failure to obey court order

CIARRA MAHE – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$68,640, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence; Use or possess drug paraphernalia; Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Buy/possess/receive stolen property \$25,000 but less than \$100,000 or gun; Own or possess gun by prohibited person; Sell/offer/possess/transfer tear gas device by convicted person

ROBERT HURD – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$2,030, Charges: DUI, first offense; Reckless driving disregarding persons or property safety, first offense

CHARLES MANESS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$2,235, Charges: Criminal contempt – failure to obey court order; Assist other agency – hold

CATRINA JENSEN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$6,190, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime (2 counts); Assist other agency – hold

LUIS MORAN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$545, Charges: Assist other agency – hold

CHRISTOPHER MELVIN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$21,245, Charges: DUI, third offense; Reckless driving disregarding persons or property safety, first offense; Open alcohol container in vehicle

AIDEN BURGESS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,895, Charges: DUI, first offense; Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage in public; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi

ANNETTE HUTCHINSON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$77,500, Charges: Child abuse or neglect, first offense (2 counts)

SOLANA HUGHES DICKSON – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$2,500, Charges: Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence

LISA SMITH – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$56,560, Charges: Residential burglary, first offense; Home invasion, first offense; Domestic battery, first offense; Assault

ELIAS MANALO – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,520, Charges: Possess schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Drive with suspended driver license; Assist other agency – hold

CHRISTIAN CEDILLO – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$21,335, Charges: Own or possess gun by prohibited person; Resist public officer; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence

ALLYSON COMER – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, first offense

ROBERT DAVID THOMPSON – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$31,780, Charges: Coercion with force or threat of force; Prevent or dissuade reporting crime or causing prosecution or arrest; Allow child abuse or neglect (endangerment), first offense; Battery; Domestic battery, first offense

SARA HOLDEN – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,450, Charges: DUI, first offense; Basic speeding violation 11–20 mph over limit; Operate vehicle with expired registration or plates

EMILIO MARTINEZ – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$1,210, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation; Drive with suspended driver license

LEMUEL ROSIER – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$29,325, Charges: Own or possess gun by prohibited person; Nonresident drive when privilege suspended/revoked/canceled; Owner proof of insurance required; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Possess or consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/vehicle; Use or possess drug paraphernalia; Assist other agency – hold (3 counts)

MARCEL BARLOW – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$10,635, Charges: DUI, second offense; Open alcohol container in vehicle; Nonresident drive when privilege suspended/revoked/canceled; False statement to or obstruct public officer

Trial set for November in Miller murder case

By Robert Perea

A jury trial has been scheduled to begin Nov. 16 for the man accused of killing his father and attempting to kill his mother.

Adam Miller, 20, faces charges of open murder with a deadly weapon, attempted murder, and battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial harm to a victim 60 years of age or older. The charges stem from a December 2024 double-stabbing at the home of Miller's parents on Farm District Road.

Miller, who was 19 at the time of his arrest, was arrested after a 30-hour manhunt when he was found hiding in the rafters of an abandoned barn.

Miller pleaded not guilty to the charges during an arraignment hearing in Third Judicial District

Court on May 18. The Trial Scheduling Order issued by District Court Judge John Schlegelmilch was filed May 26.

The judge also ordered that status hearings be held July 22 and Sept. 17 for attorneys for to discuss any pretrial issues with the court and that the parties file any pretrial motions on or before Sept. 22, oppositions or other responsive pleadings on or before Oct. 2 and any replies to motions by Oct. 9.

A pretrial hearing and evidentiary hearing on any outstanding motions would be held Oct. 16.

Miller was ruled competent to stand trial last July after a competency test was ordered by the court on Jan 13, 2025. The order issued by Schlegelmilch states that the defendant understands the nature of the criminal charges against him; has



Adam Miller, photo courtesy of LCSO.

an understanding of the nature and purpose of court proceedings, and that he has the ability to aid and as-

sist counsel in his defense within a reasonable degree of rational understanding.

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said Barrett was still outstanding.

LCSO then released a statement at 8:48 p.m. announcing Barrett's capture.

Central Commander Jeffrey Miller said more than half of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office sworn personnel were mobilized and responded during the incident and subsequent manhunts.

Deputies and supervisors from the Northern, Southern, Central, and Western Command patrol areas, members of the Detention Division, the Investigations Division including the Special Investigations Unit and Major Crimes Unit, the LCSO K9 Unit, the LCSO SWAT Team, and members of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Administration were in-

involved in the investigation. Miller also said approximately 75% of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Communications Division assisted in managing the incident response. Lyon County Emergency Services personnel also responded in support of the operation.

He also said the Lyon County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the City of Fernley, Nevada State Police, and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Investigative Services Unit for their help throughout the investigation.

"The coordinated response, rapid mobilization of personnel, and strong interagency collaboration played a critical role in quickly locating the suspects and helping ensure the safety of the community," Miller said.

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SPORTS

Fernley junior named one of Nevada's "Most Positive" athletes

Staff Report

Fernley High School's Landon Bates has been named one of Nevada's "Most Positive" athletes for the 2025-26 school year by the national organization Positive Athlete.

Bates was one of seven high school student-athletes, two coaches and one athletic trainer on the organization's second annual list of Nevada winners.

As a junior last fall, Bates played 15 games on the JV team and sev-

en on varsity. He was a captain on the JV team and tallied a total of 15 points, with five goals and five assists.

The Positive Athlete organization selected athletes across Nevada who demonstrate leadership, positivity, character, teamwork, and service both on and off the field. Since 2013, Positive Athlete has recognized thousands of student-athletes nationwide and awarded more than \$825,000 in scholarships and special opportunities.



Fernley's Landon Bates was named one of Nevada's "Most Positive" athletes for the 2025-26 school year. Photo by John Baker

New trophy cases will be installed at Fernley High School with help of \$10,000 donation



Mark IV Capital recently donated \$10,000 donation to Fernley High School, which will be used to help purchase new trophy cases for the new gym for awards earned by all sports programs at Fernley High School. Pictured from left to right: FHS Assistant Principal Paul Sullivan, Mark IV Capital Vice President, Entitlements Scott Barnes, FHS Principal Ryan Cross and Mark IV Capital Vice President, Development Paul Kinne. Photo courtesy of Fernley High School.

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SPORTS

High Desert Little League announces baseball All Stars

By Robert Perea

High Desert Little League has announced its 2026 baseball All-Stars in the Minors, Majors, Juniors and Seniors divisions. The Minors, Majors and Juniors will play in the District 3 Tournaments in Elko starting June 23 for Majors and Minors and June 26 for Juniors. Seniors are scheduled to compete in the District 3 Tournament in Yerington starting June 23.

Junior All Stars are Andrew Walker, Braedyn Geddes, Briar Kuntz, Carter Ward, Deegan Holt, Eastin Stapleton, George Standfill, J.J. LaCroix, J.J. Velazquez, Logan Jurich, Teegan Karol and Trenton Fuller. The manager is Steve Stapleton and coaches are Tye Ward and Gabe Velazquez.

The Seniors All Stars are Alfie Martinez, Bodie Henderson, Carson Foster, Clayton DeGoyler, Drake Lyon, Hayden Smith, Hector Bernal, Jackson Macy, Jayse Jones, Kyle Edwards, Landen Kestle, Luis Padron and Owen Parale. The manager is Steve

Henderson and coaches are Brad Macy and Jason DeGoyler.

The Majors All Stars are Callan Holt, Dillon Stockton, Harley Montoya, Jesus Reyes, Johnathan Gililand, Kayden Hill, Liam Wiggins, Louie LaBee, Malcolm Clarke, Nikko Ventura, Rogan Mastin and Weston Truran. The manager is Kyle LaBee and coaches are Cody Nunez and Chris Chamberlin.

The Minors All Stars are Braxton Ripley, Brody Harlow, Bruce Flemming, Carter Tinajero, Cash Shively, Cash Wardleigh, Ezekiel Dini, Jaxon Erdman, Milen Escartin, Mules Cardone, Preston Gossett, Walker McCoy and Zachary McGuigan. The manager is Dylon Getz and coaches are Rich Brown and Chris Towle.

League champions for the 2026 season were the Cubs in the minors division, Giants in the majors division and Orange in the juniors division.

Brackets for each of the district tournaments were expected to be announced this week.



Minors Champions, Cubs, photo courtesy of High Desert Little League.



Juniors Champions, Orange, photo courtesy of High Desert Little League.



Majors Champions, Giants, photo courtesy of High Desert Little League.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Lyon County Board of County Commission summary of May 21 meeting

The Lyon County Board of County Commissioners met on Thursday, May 21, to hear presentations, conduct public hearings, and take action on several development and policy items. Highlights from the meeting include:

Presentations

The Board received a presentation from the Northern Nye County Extension Educator Misha Allen regarding agrivoltaics and its application in western states. Agrivoltaics is an emerging land-use approach that integrates solar energy development with ongoing agricultural activities, such as crop production and livestock grazing, allowing both uses to coexist on the same property.

Lyon County Community Development provided an update on code enforcement efforts at 490 Cemetery Road in Dayton, outlining the successful completion of a ten-month, multi-agency effort to address public health, safety, and environmental concerns associ-

ated with the property. Through coordination with the property owner, Lyon County departments, and partner agencies, the site was cleared of hazardous debris, abandoned vehicles, temporary structures, and accumulated waste, resulting in the removal of approximately 97 tons of debris and the restoration of the property.

Final 2026-2027 Budget

The Board of County Commissioners approved the final budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. There were no changes made from the tentative budget to the final budget. The Nevada Department of Taxation provided a letter affirming the tentative budget was in compliance with the law and appropriate regulations.

Other Board Actions

Emergency Management – The board approved to accept a donation of an enclosed mass casualty incident response trailer from the Nevada Division of Public and Be-

havioral Health.

Comptroller – Approved changes to the federal de minimis indirect rate in the Lyon County grants management policy. In addition, the Board approved the Lyon County Debt Management Policy and Capital Improvement Plan for 2026-2027. Commissioners also approved a four-year contract between Axon Enterprise and Lyon County Juvenile Probation in the amount of \$82,272.95 for body cameras and tasers.

Government Affairs – The Board received a presentation from the Emergency Management & Government Affairs Department regarding the development of legislative priorities and potential Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) for the 2027 Nevada Legislative Session. Staff provided an overview of key issues impacting county government following the 2025 legislative session, and discussed potential legislation to better align child welfare assessments with service demand and authorize counties to negotiate

community benefit agreements for qualifying development projects. The Board directed staff to continue researching the proposals and return with additional information and recommendations.

Closing Business

The Board recessed to reconvene as the Willowcreek GID, Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District, Walker River Weed Control District, Central Lyon County Vector Control District, and Silver Springs GID Boards to approve each district's final 2026-2027 budget.

The meeting concluded with commissioner comments, and additional public comment.

The complete agenda and back up materials are posted online at www.lyon-county.org/Agendacenter.

Residents can view recordings of Board of County Commission meetings on the Lyon County YouTube Channel.

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switch to an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system using salt to treat the water instead of the chlorine solution it uses now; and design infrastructure to reuse treated wastewater. The project will also deactivate open waste ponds that have operated since 1988.

During a City Council meeting last August, Christine Brandon, executive director of the Western Nevada Development District, said the upgrades and improvements to the plant

would support a city population of about 65,000 residents. She also said upgrading the quality of the effluent leaving the plant would allow the city to sell it to industrial users instead of letting it flow out to the Wildlife Management area.

At that meeting last August, the council voted unanimously to proceed with the design, planning and prioritization of the recommended Phase 1 improvements to the wastewater treatment plant at a projected cost of about \$10.3 million. Phase 2 improvements, anticipated to be needed by

2031, are expected to cost approximately \$17.1 million.

The review's Area of Potential Effect (APE) covers the 55-acre plant site and several adjacent public parcels, including the Fernley Wildlife Management Area, which receives treated water from the facility. Local groundwater, the TCID Canal, and the Truckee River are also included in the review area.

The city is inviting historical societies, preservation nonprofits, neighborhood associations, and interested individuals to participate in the re-

view process. Separately, the city initiated government-to-government consultations on May 13 with seven regional Native American tribes, including the Pyramid Lake Paiute and Walker River Paiute tribes.

Written comments and consulting-party requests must be sent by the June 27 deadline to Grant Administrator Trisha L. Livingston at 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408, or via email at tlivingston@cityoffernley.org. Full project documents and engineering reports are available upon request.



City of Fernley Staff Spotlight: Barry Williams



The City of Fernley's Public Works Department plays a critical role in maintaining the infrastructure and services that keep the community moving every day. Leading those efforts is Barry Williams, Fernley's Public Works Director, whose nearly 20 years of experience and commitment to public service continue to help shape the city's growth and long-term success. Barry Williams joined the City of Fernley in September of 2006 as a Maintenance Worker I. "Public Works is about serving the community every day in ways people may not always see, but rely on constantly," said Williams. "I'm proud to work alongside a dedicated team that helps keep Fernley moving forward." Barry Williams brings extensive operational and leadership experience to the City of Fernley. Throughout his career, he has built a strong background in public works operations, infrastructure management, and municipal services. His professional experience reflects a long-standing dedication to improving community systems and ensuring essential services are delivered efficiently and effectively. As Public Works Director, Williams oversees a wide range of city functions that directly impact residents' daily lives, including streets, parks, facilities, fleet operations, vector control, cemetery operations, and infrastructure maintenance. His department also supports the planning and implementation of city improvement projects that contribute to Fernley's continued growth and quality of life. Colleagues and staff recognize Williams for his practical leadership style, steady approach to problem-solving, and commitment to maintaining high standards across city operations. Under his leadership, the Public Works Department continues to support community events, maintain public spaces, and assist with infrastructure improvements that benefit residents and visitors alike. As Fernley continues to expand, the role of Public Works remains essential in supporting safe roads, reliable city services, and well-maintained public facilities and infrastructure. Williams' leadership helps ensure the department remains focused on operational excellence while adapting to the needs of a growing community. The City of Fernley appreciates Barry Williams' continued dedication, experience, and service to the community.

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School district to provide free summer meals and meal kits for students

Staff Report

Lyon County School District will again offer free summer meals and weekly meal kits for students beginning June 17 and continuing through Aug. 12. Families can pick up grocery meal kits each Wednesday at designated school sites across the county.

The program is open to all students and is intended to ensure children continue to have access to meals while school is out. Each kit includes a week's worth of breakfast and lunch items.

Meal kits will be available through drive thru pickup from 10 to

11 a.m. on Wednesdays at Fernley Intermediate School, East Valley Elementary School, Silver Stage Elementary School, Dayton Intermediate School and Yerington Elementary School.

Parents or guardians may pick up kits by providing the student's name and student ID number. Students who are receiving free meals through Summer School programs are not eligible for meal kits until Summer School ends.

The district said the summer meal program is part of its effort to maintain access to nutritious food for students during the break.



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PET OF THE WEEK

Sweet Autumn is ready for her forever home!

Autumn is about 3 years old and has somehow spent the last 61 days waiting for a forever home. We think that's 61 days too long.

This sweet Pitbull mix is energetic, goofy, affectionate, and full of personality. She loves attention, loves people, and would do best in a home without other dogs so she can soak up all the love and attention for herself, exactly how she prefers it.

Autumn isn't asking for much, just a soft bed, a family to love her, and maybe a few snacks she can pretend she didn't already eat five minutes ago.

She's ready to leave shelter life behind and become someone's best friend, adventure buddy, couch companion, and professional shadow.

Please help us find Autumn the forever home she's been patiently waiting for.



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