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## “You were the one who finished” Valedictorian reminds grads to thank themselves, too

By Robert Perea

An accomplished class of 293 graduates celebrated their achievements, reminisced on the past 12 years and looked toward their futures as they celebrated the 2025 Fernley High School Commencement Ceremony last Friday night.

Valedictorian Carly Abrahamson told the graduates that while they remember how they got to this point, that they will get through the next chapters of life the same way. While she urged the graduates to remember and thank the people who helped them along the way, she also reminded them to thank themselves.

“When it felt impossible, you were the one who finished,” Abrahamson said. “You were the one who made it to the deadline despite everything else you had going on, and you are the one who earned this diploma.”

This year’s graduating class includes 86 members who received advanced diplomas, 35 who earned college and career ready diplomas and 90 potential recipients of the Millennium Scholarship. There were also five members of the National Honor Society, four Cum Laude graduates, four Magna Cum Laude graduates and 14 Summa Cum Laude graduates.

Abrahamson remembered the seniors being in kindergarten 12 years ago, thinking about how cool the seniors were during Spirit Week and how long they had to wait to become seniors themselves. She told the graduates that being without the people who have surrounded them will be terri-



Fernley High School graduates toss their caps in the air at the end of the graduation ceremony last Friday night.  
Photo by Robert Perea

fying and they will have to develop all new relationships and will be uncertain of most choices.

“But as the fear and uncertainties start to grow, remember, you were the one who got through all 12 years,” she said. “Remember the mistakes and accomplishments you made and how you made it to the finish line, despite everything.”

Salutatorian Keagen McKinney told

the graduates to see the beauty in their dreams and not mourn what’s ending but celebrate what’s beginning.

“Your dreams matter, chase them, even if the path they lead you on is challenging or uncertain,” McKinney said. “Let your dreams not stop at dreams, but become your reality. The future is yours to shape, whether you’re heading to college, starting work, joining the military or still figuring

things out. Let your dreams guide you forward.”

Abrahamson urged her fellow grads to remember how fast time goes and take a minute to soak it all in.

“Have belief and grace for yourself,” she said. “It will all be okay and you will get through it and end in the place you deserve. I’m so excited for everyone here and cannot wait to see all we can do.”

## Fire Board approves MOU for air transport

By Robert Perea

With its call volume outpacing its available staffing, the North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Directors last week approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for medical air transport for critical calls.

The Fire Board approved the MOU with the Rural Medevac Alliance, doing business as Battle Born Medevac for auto-launching air medical transport. Battle Born Medevac is an air ambulance based in Yerington and the helicopter is stationed at South Lyon Medical Center.

Under the terms outlined in the MOU, Battle Born Medevac will automatically launch their helicopter when North Lyon Fire is dispatched to critical priority one medical calls. Fire Chief Brian Bunn said the battalion chiefs can make the determination if the helicopter is needed and can cancel its response, if necessary.

“With their spool of time they can be here in about 13 minutes, which is quicker than our closest ambulance coming up to Silver Springs,” Bunn said.

With no emergency room within the city of Fernley, patients requiring transport are taken to hospitals either

in Fallon or Reno/Sparks. In a staff report for the meeting, Bunn wrote that 12% of all patient transports are directed to Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon, while the remaining 88% are transported to hospitals in the Reno/Sparks area. Those transports can average up to 2.5 hours from the time of service to the time the crew returns to service, which Bunn said even further limits the district’s ability to respond to new emergencies.

“Due to our staffing, even prior to me getting here, we’re not meeting the service demand of the community,” Bunn said. “We don’t have the resources to get everybody transported to the

appropriate facility.”

In May, Battle Born Medevac announced a sponsorship in which SB Energy fully funded a membership for every resident of Lyon and Mineral counties for the next three years. The company said that means any medically necessary air transport is fully covered with zero out-of-pocket costs, through May 31, 2029. That agreement does not apply to any other medical transport service.

“I think it’s a great benefit to the community and our staffing levels,” Bunn said. “They’ve become a key player in the rural medicine in Northern Nevada.

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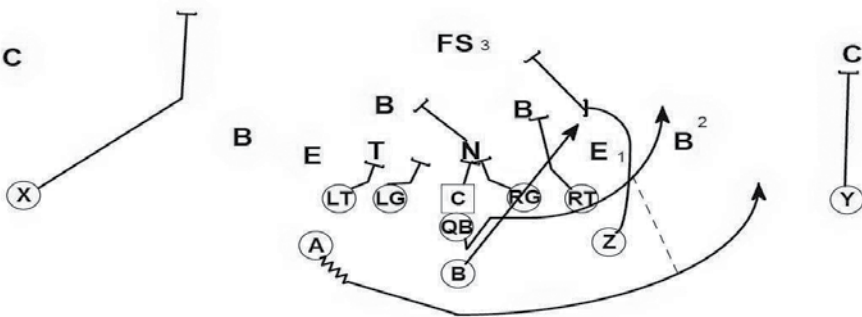
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



The Optimism of the Tassel Turn

By Robert Perea

Maybe it's because I'm a pessimist, but there's something about the optimism of graduation that always inspires me.

It's a curious paradox—watching the graduates walk across that stage, clutching their diplomas with equal parts certainty and uncertainty. Some dance a little, some share a hug with the principal or assistant principals, others go stoically on about their business.

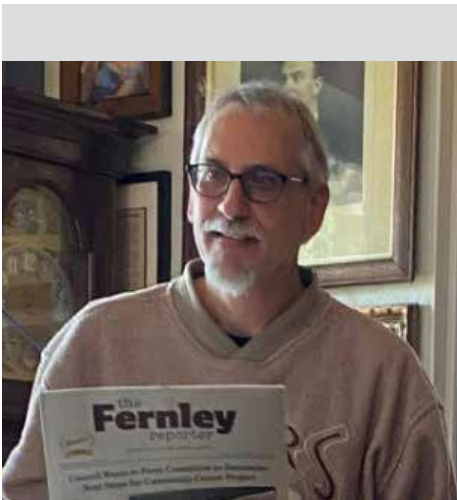
There's an undeniable hope in their eyes, a belief that the world is open, that their efforts mean something. It's the kind of optimism that I, with my cautious outlook, envy.

My favorite place to be as the graduates are announced is right behind the stage, where I can watch their reactions and see their emotions as they are handed their diplomas.

Watching many of the graduates hand little plastic tokens to principal Ryan Cross last Friday night reminded me of my own high school graduation. Nobody in my family had ever graduated from high school, and I had never even attended a graduation ceremony, so when another student gave me a marble and told me to give it to the principal, I didn't know if he was playing a prank on me, or on the principal.

I not only kept that marble in my pocket when I crossed the stage, I kept it on a shelf in my bedroom until it got lost a couple of years later when my family moved.

I don't remember much else about



ROBERT PEREA

my high school graduation other than the pride on my parents faces, neither of whom had gone past eighth grade.

Graduation is a promise and a question. It's the moment when speeches tell them to "go change the world" and they believe—for a while, at least—that they might.

Of course, reality will settle in. Plans will shift, ambitions will stretch, and some dreams will shrink. But those are concerns are for later. Graduation day is a time to bask in the sense of accomplishment and look into the future with hope. In this brief moment, standing on a stage surrounded by a beautiful sunset and hopeful applause, there is nothing but possibility.

Some graduates have their futures all planned out. Some of those plans will come true, others will change. Some graduates, like me, have no idea

what to do next. Even when I graduated from college, I still didn't know what I was going to do.

But my favorite part of graduation is that for that night, none of that matters. All that does matter is that for at least a moment, you have opened up the door to your future and all of the possibilities it brings.

Maybe I'm a pessimist. But every time I see a graduation, I feel a little of that optimism, too.

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

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FEATURES

Sheriff outlines training requirements

*This is the last of a series of stories about the wide range of expectations modern society places on law enforcement, and how the Lyon County Sheriff's Office manages those expectations.*

By Robert Perea

While law enforcement officers everywhere in the United States are tasked with handling a wide range of responsibilities, that's even more true in a small rural agency such as the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

That means that once a potential candidate is thoroughly vetted and sent to the Nevada Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy and is assigned to patrol, that deputy undergoes several types of rigorous training each year.

While law enforcement officers are expected to be proficient in everything from community engagement to potentially deadly confrontations, officers in large rural departments are often assigned to specialized beats. While LCSO does have specialized units such as investigations or SWAT, deputies in Lyon County and other small departments must be prepared to handle any type of call.

"You take a Reno PD street patrolman, and you compare it to a deputy, say Lyon County," Sheriff Brad Pope said. "Now that Reno PD personnel respond to a call, secure the scene and then a specialized unit comes in and handles it, whether it's a domestic or homicide or something like that. You look at our street deputies here in Lyon County, and they handle all that.

So, our deputies are very well-rounded and very well-versed in criminal law. and it does it does give them a bigger workload, but it gives him an advantage, too. They're connected to the street crime and a little bit more connected to the community."

While Pope said handling everything from serving civil papers to solving homicide and everything in between is part of what's appealing to people that get into law enforcement, it also means that they must constantly be up to date in the latest standards, tactics and procedures.

"We have mandatory yearly training, plus we have range training, our annual training with defensive tactics, use of force, what we feel is appropriate for the area, our range training, our building searches, and train those guys so they're ready to go when that time comes," Pope said.

Chief Deputy Mitch Brantingham said Lyon County deputies conduct range training that consists of scenario-based training four times a year. SWAT training is two days a month.

"That's a 24 hour block of training every month," Brantingham said. "They get together and work on tactics and use of force skills and de-escalation skills, major scenario training. They work with the negotiations team that we have internally in the agency that works on de-escalation and community relations."

But he said that's only a portion of the training LCSO provides. While POST requires K-9 deputies to train 16 hours a month, Brantingham said LCSO conducts 24 hours a month of

training.

"And then we have a pretty healthy training budget as an agency, and we send deputies all over the country to get training and seek new information, both in use of force and defensive tactics," Brantingham said. "We just sent a couple guys here recently to a national defensive tactics and de-escalation school, where they got updated on the current trends and current techniques that are used for those things."

That also includes training in Armament Systems and Procedures (ASP) such as tasers, and Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), commonly known as pepper spray.

In addition, a law passed a few years ago requires 12 hours of training in things like de-escalation tactics, racial bias and mental health. Pope said deputies also receive specialized investigation training such as burglary investigation, interviewing, interrogation and interacting with mentally ill persons. Most of that training is proficiency based rather than specified time.

Brantingham said he and Pope brief on a weekly basis about things going on in the community and within the sheriff's office.

"And then what kind of training can we apply to those situations that target that and make sure that we're staying up to date and we're not inbreeding training into the agency, where we have the same guy that's been teaching this course to the agency for 20 years and the rest of the country has passed us by or the best practice has passed us by," Brantingham said.

Pope said the Juvenile Probation Office recently conducted training for deputies about juvenile law, and the District Attorney's Office will come in and talk about subjects such as search and seizure case law.

LCSO will occasionally bring in instructors to conduct training, but whenever possible, Brantingham said they prefer to send a single deputy to become a certified instructor.

"Can somebody internal go out, receive the training and become a certified instructor and then bring that back and train the other 85 members of the agency in that field? That's obviously our preference," he said. "That's really just trying to be good stewards as taxpayer dollars that are coming into the county."

The county also has a reimbursement program for those deputies who go out on their own and get a degree, as long as it's in something specific to law enforcement such as criminal justice, political science or sociology.

Pope said one of his goals as sheriff is to eventually build a centrally located training center in Silver Springs. His idea is for a large steel building that could house SWAT equipment plus have a full classroom and a full size training room. LCSO has applied for congressional grants for it and was denied the past two years.

"We priced it out as about \$990,000," he said. "Now, a lot of that depends on the budget and the money coming into the county, so it may be realistic, it may not be."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Main Street Fernley looking to place billboard on I-80

By Kerry Lyman

Hoping to bring more activity to Fernley’s downtown, especially during special events, the Fernley Downtown Corridor Association, doing business as Main Street Fernley, hopes to rent an I-80 billboard for at least three months this summer.

The proposed billboard will tout “Main Street Fernley, drive to it, not through it” and will list some upcoming special events, according to Lowell Patton, president of Main Street Fernley. The group hopes to have the billboard up sometime next month, depending on availability, or as soon as an existing billboard lease adjacent to Fernley expires, he said.

The billboard effort was made possible last Monday by a \$6,250 grant from the Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority, which Patton said should cover about half of the expected cost, with Main Street Fernley to cover the other half with its own funds.

The City of Fernley approved a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Main Street Fernley on June 4, granting the organization \$25,000 a year in funding for the term of the MOU to promote Fernley and, hopefully, enhance downtown facade improvements and support other

programs created by the group.

Late last year, Main Street Fernley received a \$25,000 grant from Nevada Main Street to construct a high visibility crosswalk across Main Street at Silver Lace Boulevard to the Main Street Art Park.

Patton was not sure when the crosswalk work will begin this summer, as it depends on getting an encroachment permit from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the availability of the contractor hired to perform the work. However, Main Street Fernley is planning a celebration of the crosswalk completion on Sept. 27, he said.

The group’s poker walk, usually conducted during the city’s Fourth of July celebration, will instead be conducted during the crosswalk celebration this year, Patton said. During the poker walk, attendees purchase a poker card for a nominal fee and get it stamped at participating businesses, hoping to win prizes by filling their cards.

Main Street Fernley will still have a presence at the city’s Fourth of July celebration, Patton said, noting that the group will have a booth and is planning extra space for a children’s booth with some kind of entertainment.

BLM Conveys First Phase of Fernley Lands Bill

By Kerry Lyman

After more than a decade of effort, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conveyed eight parcels of federal land, totaling 2,166.86 acres, within city limits to the City of Fernley on Friday, June 6.

The effort began with the passage in late 2014 of the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3913), which included a section titled “Conveyance to the City of Fernley, NV,” and is commonly known as the Lands Bill, consisting of 23 parcels, totaling 9,779 acres.

The eight-parcel BLM land conveyance earlier this month is considered phase I of the Lands Bill. Phase II, containing 15 federal parcels consisting of 7,612 acres, is anticipated to be conveyed at a later date following completion of baseline studies, environmental studies, surveys and concept layouts in compliance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, according to Lydia Altick, deputy city manager.

At this time, the phase I lands may only be used for recreation and public purposes. However, the city does have the option of requesting to buy the reversionary rights to the lands for fair market value. Under this process, the land may then be used for economic development purposes for the construction of housing, retail and industrial uses, Altick said.

The city will probably only request reversionary rights to one or two of the eight parcels conveyed on June 6, with this process to probably take at least a year because the federal government does the land appraisals and the city has no control over this process, she said.

The remaining six or seven parcels in the phase I conveyance may be used to expand the city’s parks, athletic fields, open space and trail heads. In addition, the city would like to relocate its rodeo grounds for more space and would “like to have our own animal services and not rely on Lyon County, which is down in Silver Springs,” Altick said.

At one time, the desired land conveyance consisted of three phases, with 10 of the remaining 15 parcels in phase II, and the last five parcels in phase III. However, this April the city decided to add the remaining five parcels in phase III to the phase II conveyance after the BLM determined such an action would not negatively impact the existing phase II conveyance timeline, Altick indicated in a recent staff report.

Combining phases II and III would also streamline environmental reviews, requiring only one study rather than two as would be required by National Environmental Policy Act if the land were conveyed in two phases, the staff report noted.

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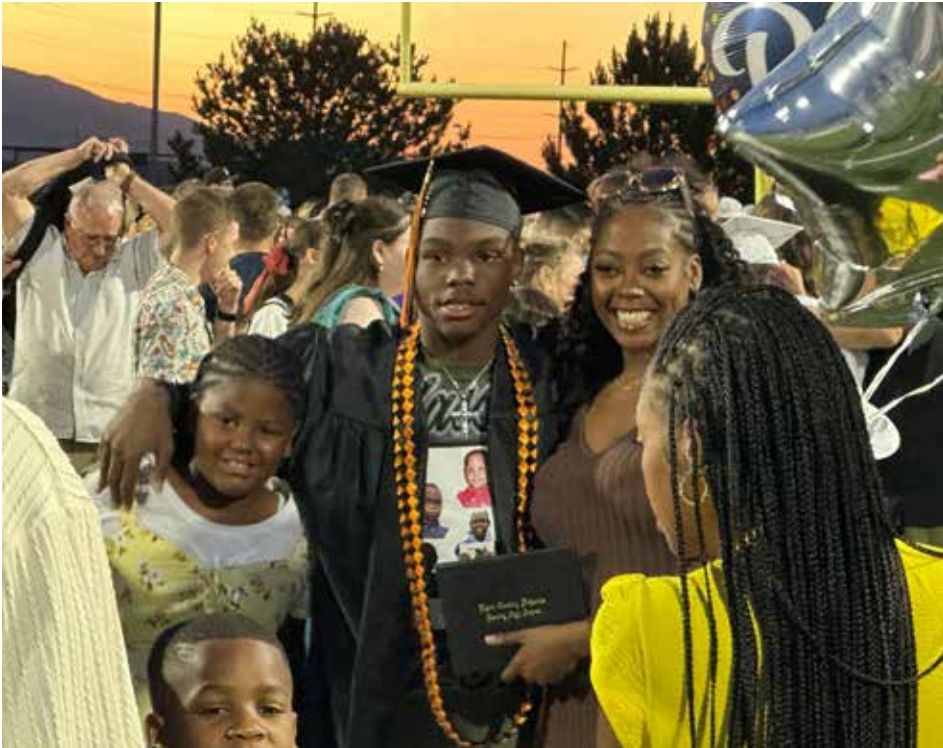
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Aron J. Jones celebrates with his family following last Friday's graduation ceremony at Fernley High School.  
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Fernley High School graduates enter the field during the procession for the Fernley High School graduation ceremony last Friday.  
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# ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Economic Ripple Effects: How Industrial Growth Supports Small Business

By John Mueller

When a major industrial project breaks ground, the most visible impact is often the building itself—a massive warehouse, distribution center, or manufacturing facility. But the real power of industrial growth lies in what happens next: the ripple effect it has across the local economy, particularly for small businesses.

In Fernley, this dynamic is unfolding in real time. As developments like Victory Logistics District take shape, the effects are being felt not just in job creation and tax revenue, but in coffee shops, auto repair garages, real estate offices, childcare centers, and other locally owned businesses that form the backbone of the community.

The economic ripple effect describes how a single investment can spark a chain reaction of additional spending and activity throughout a local economy. When a new industrial tenant moves into a facility like the Victory Logistics District, they don't operate in a vacuum. Their presence drives direct and indirect benefits that reach far beyond the walls of the warehouse.

Take, for example, a logistics company that signs a lease at Victory. That company might hire 150 employees, many of whom live in Fernley or nearby communities. Those employees spend their paychecks locally—eating at restaurants, buying gas, getting haircuts, and shopping for groceries. At the same time, the logistics company contracts with vendors for services like landscaping, equipment maintenance, and office cleaning. These vendors are often local small businesses.

In turn, those small businesses see increased demand, which may lead them to hire more workers or invest in expansion. This is the multiplier effect in action—where one lease agreement becomes the catalyst for a series of

economic gains, resulting in sustained, community-wide growth.

While industrial development brings broad economic benefits, certain sectors of Fernley's small business community are especially well-positioned to grow alongside this expansion.

Local restaurants and cafés, for instance, often see a measurable uptick in business as more workers clock in nearby—whether it's morning coffee runs, lunch breaks, or after-work dinners. Construction and trade services also benefit, since industrial tenants depend on electricians, HVAC technicians, and other specialized trades to keep operations running smoothly.

As new jobs attract families to the area, demand increases for housing, apartment rentals, and property management—fueling growth in the real estate sector. This population growth also drives the need for more healthcare and childcare providers, from family clinics and dentists to daycares and after-school programs.

Retailers and service providers—barbers, gyms, dry cleaners, auto shops—experience a rise in foot traffic and spending power as the community expands.

Fernley's strategic location along major transportation routes, combined with favorable tax policies, abundant land, and a skilled workforce, makes it an ideal environment for logistics, advanced manufacturing, and data-driven industries. Victory Logistics District is helping to unlock that potential, offering modern facilities, direct rail and road access, and shovel-ready parcels designed to meet the needs of today's industrial tenants.

But the benefits of industrial growth reach far beyond the industrial tenants. According to regional economic models, for every 100 jobs created in logistics or manufacturing,



All Points Bar & Grill has taken advantage of the growth in Fernley to expand their operations to a new building. Courtesy of All Points Grill.

an additional 60 to 80 jobs are generated in the local service economy. That's how growth becomes self-reinforcing, each new wave of economic activity setting off another.

To fully capitalize on this momentum, Fernley's small business community has an opportunity to position itself strategically. Local entrepreneurs can build partnerships with industrial employers to offer goods and services tailored to their workforce. Expanding hours, hiring new staff, or investing in training programs can help businesses scale to meet rising demand.

Collaborating with the city and local chambers of commerce can also boost visibility and streamline efforts across sectors. As new workers arrive, many with different schedules and needs, businesses that adapt to serve shift workers or newly relocated families will be better positioned to thrive.

At the same time, public-private coordination will be essential. Strategic investments in housing, infrastructure, and education will ensure that Fernley can grow not just rapidly, but sustainably and equitably, preserving its character while building a resilient future.

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As Victory Logistics District grows, so too will the small businesses that make Fernley special. This is how we create not just buildings—but opportunity.

## Interactive Map Reveals Full Scope of Victory Logistics District

By Rachel Dahl

A new interactive map created by Victory Logistics District reveals the most comprehensive visual to date of Fernley's largest industrial development and its growing impact on the future of the city.

The map, developed in collaboration with Cartifact, allows users to explore the entire Victory footprint by toggling layers that show existing and proposed buildings, utility lines, and even a planned residential community north of the industrial zone.

At a glance, the scale is impressive. The Victory site stretches from the core industrial park just north of Highway 50, weaving past Fernley's existing neighborhoods and reaching out toward I-80. Existing buildings are already clustered along the rail line, while proposed lots hint at future phases of expansion, many of which are already in active planning stages.

But it isn't just all about building warehouses. The layered map reveals water, gas, sewer, and storm infrastructure already in place, or in progress, which positions the district as a turnkey site for manufacturing, logistics, and innovation. Strategic infrastructure that makes Fernley a highly desirable location.

And just beyond the industrial core, the map shows what Victory has referred to as a "future master planned community," a residential area designed to support the workforce needed for a thriving logistics economy. It



includes designated places for schools, open space, neighborhood commercial centers, and a mix of housing densities.

This isn't just a developer's dream, it's a roadmap for regional transformation. By offering a publicly accessible, real-time visualization of the district's buildout, Victory is providing a level of transparency not always seen in private development.

It also gives residents and business owners a chance to see how all the puzzle pieces fit together. Whether you're a contractor eyeing infrastructure projects, a small business wondering where new customers may come from, or a resident curious about what's going in on the east side of town, the map provides answers.

The interactive tool which is hosted at [maps.cartifact.com/markiv/victory](https://maps.cartifact.com/markiv/victory) is expected to be updated as new projects come online, making it a dynamic reference point not just for developers and engineers, but for Fernley's community at large. Use the QR code above to go directly there.

### How to Use the Victory Map

**Explore the District:**  
Visit [maps.cartifact.com/markiv/victory](https://maps.cartifact.com/markiv/victory) to access the interactive map.

**Toggle Layers:**  
Use the left-hand menu to turn on or off layers including:

- Existing & Proposed Buildings
- Water, Gas, and Sewer Lines
- Storm Drains
- Proposed Lots
- Master Planned Community
- Satellite View (for real-world context)

**Zoom & Pan:**  
Use your mouse or touchpad to zoom in on specific lots, streets, or infrastructure features. Click and drag to explore the entire district area.

**Understand What's Coming:**  
The tan buildings represent proposed development. Purple, blue, green, and yellow lines show underground infrastructure that is either built or in the works.

**Watch the Buildout:**  
Victory plans to update the map regularly as new buildings are approved, utilities go in, and lots are developed. Be sure to bookmark the link to keep up with the real-time updates.



This page is brought to the community through a partnership between Fallon Media Co. and Victory Logistics District, and is aimed at informing Fernley residents about local government, community development, and economic growth. Each week, we provide in-depth coverage of key issues shaping the city's future, fostering transparency, and encouraging engagement.



EDUCATION

Lyle joins mother, uncle with 13 years of perfect attendance

By Robert Perea

When the final bell rang last Friday to signify the end of the last class of the 2024-25 school year, Hunter Lyle walked out of class with a distinction that is both rare among the general population, but a matter of routine in her family.

Lyle completed her 13th consecutive year of achieving perfect attendance at school, joining both her mother and uncle with perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, two of Lyle's cousins had perfect attendance for 12 years and another had six years. Her brother Travis Lyle, Jr. who started in pre-kindergarten, already has 11 years of perfect attendance, after completing his freshman year on Friday and will have 14 if he makes it through his senior year.

“Getting perfect attendance for 13 years has been a very difficult challenge and without my family and friends’ encouragement and support it wouldn’t have been possible,” Hunter Lyle said. “I was lucky that I very rarely got sick or had very few challenges along the way.”

Legendary football coach Bill Parcells is credited with being the first to coin the phrase that “The best ability is availability.” In being available for 2,340 consecutive school days, 180 days for 13 straight years, Lyle joined her mother Temple and uncle Richard Montoya, who both had perfect attendance for 13 years going through Mineral County schools. For good measure, Temple Lyle then had perfect attendance for five more years at the University of Nevada-Reno and two after that in the Truckee Meadows Com-

munity College dental hygiene program, for a total of 20 years of perfect attendance. Temple Lyle said her older sister Mary Hawkins had nine years of perfect attendance and her other sister Jena Montoya, who died in 2020 had at least six, but less than nine.

In her 20 years, Temple Lyle said she had only one close call, when the power went out one night during a storm while she was at UNR, and her alarm didn’t go off. She had an English class from 8-8:50 a.m. and woke up at 8:30 a.m. She quickly dressed and ran out to the door trying to get to class before it ended, or thinking the professor might let her sit in on the next class to make up the time, but when she got to the classroom, the lights were off and a note on the door said all English classes were canceled for the day.

Despite the Covid pandemic shutting down schools for parts of 2020 and 2021 and four years of playing three sports, Hunter Lyle never had such a close call.

“We were so worried, like how are we going to get perfect attendance with COVID,” Temple Lyle said. “They were homeschooled and they signed in every day did all their work, they turned it all in and they had proof.” Playing volleyball, basketball and softball, Lyle did assignments online every day if the teams were out of town for tournaments on school days, even though participating in games counts as being present because it’s a sanctioned school activity.

“I’m going to be honest, sometimes it could be discouraging,” Hunter Lyle said. “For example, I could not participate in senior ditch day and was one of the only few seniors that were in class for that day. However, it did teach



Principal Ryan Cross congratulates Hunter Lyle during the Fernley High School graduation ceremony last Friday night. Photo by Robert Perea

me responsibility and dedication and helped me reach my goals academically. It encouraged me to make all my practices and games, which showed dedication to my coaches and my teammates.”

Lyle was honored for her perfect attendance at the Senior Scholarship and Awards Recognition Night on June 11, where assistant principal Cory Sanford presented her with a laptop.

“She didn’t have perfect attendance for a semester, or for a year, or even four years,” Sanford said. “She had perfect attendance her entire school career. That is an amazing accomplishment, and it shows incredible dedication to her education.”

In addition to the perfect attendance award, Lyle was also presented with \$7,500 in scholarships at the Senior Awards Ceremony and has also received a \$3,000 scholarship from the

Nevada Women’s Fund and was one of 10 who were named Outstanding Scholar Athletes by America First Credit Union and Nevada Sports Net and received \$1,000 scholarships. She also is a certified nursing assistant and received the CNA Award. She plans to attend UNR and major in biology and ultimately wants to be a pediatrician.

“I am very blessed to have accomplished this goal, and I feel like it will help me in my future endeavors,” Lyle said. “I feel like achieving this goal can also help other generations. My brother is on his way of getting 14 years’ perfect attendance, and I’m glad that he can follow me in my footsteps and hoping other younger generations can as well. If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.”

FHS grads Van Wickler, Irwin and O’Neill awarded FRW Scholarships

Staff Report

Braidyn Irwin will be attending The University of Nevada, Reno to study pre-nursing with a goal of becoming a labor and delivery, emergency room or forensic nurse. She graduated fourth in her class while working and participating in a wide range of community activities, such as Fernley ACES Haunted House and Music, Murals and Margaritas Festival, and volunteering at the Fernley food bank.

Marli O’Neill will be attending the University of Idaho to study biology. She has maintained a balance of academic and extra-curricular activities by taking zoology, college English, political science and psychology while also competing in three different sports. She has served the community by volunteering at the local food bank and tutoring at Silverland Middle School.

Julianne Van Wickler will also be attending the University of Nevada, Reno to study nursing, specializing in labor and delivery. She has been awarded many academic honors in English, Spanish, zoology, math, and more. She has also made significant contributions to her church as an active member of the music department, youth group and children’s ministries.



Fernley High School graduating seniors Julianne Van Wickler, Braidyn Irwin and Marli O’Neill were presented with the \$1,000 Fernley Republican Women Scholarships. Photo by Carol Franich.

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LAW & ORDER

Fernley resident arrested on California warrant

By Robert Perea

A Fernley resident was arrested Monday after the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office and California Highway Patrol served a search and arrest warrant issued in California.

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Investigations Division, Special Investigations Unit (SIU) assisted California Highway Patrol Major Crime Unit (MCU) Detectives in the execution of search and arrest warrants at a home in the 200 block of Heather Lane. The warrants stemmed from an ongoing criminal investigation originating in California.

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team led the tactical operation to safely serve the warrant. During the operation, 41-year-old Fernley resident Eric Daniel Brock was taken into custody without incident. Brock was booked into the Lyon County Jail on a charge of being a fugitive from justice, pending extradition proceedings.

At 10:56 am., LCSO issued an alert notifying residents of police activity in the area of Shadow Lane and Miller Lane, advising the public to avoid the area. The announcement of the arrest was issued at 12:54 p.m.



Eric Daniel Brock was arrested Monday on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He is being held pending extradition to California. Photo courtesy of Lyon County Sheriff’s Office

Arrest Report  
June 8 – June 15, 2025

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

Arresting Agency: Lyon County Sheriff’s Office: 17 State of Nevada: 2 Tribal: 0 Yerington Police Department: 1	GARD PERS/PROP SAFETY (1ST); DUI (1ST); CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT (1ST)	ONEIL, JAMES THOMAS Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY (1ST)	WALKER, ALIA JOANN GEANINE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment
CHAVEZ, ERNEST Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$3,000.00 Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION; Assist Other Agency—Hold	GREEN, RICHARD BERT Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$25,000.00 Charges: HOME INVASION (1ST)	PEASNALL, LARRY ALVIN JR Area of Arrest: 3rd District Court Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	WHITAKER, TODD MATTHEW Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$122,500.00 Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF COND OF PAROLE; ATT OBT/USE ANOTHER PERS ID OF 5+ PERS; POSS/RCV FORGED INSTMTS/BILLS; OBT/POSS CR/DEB CARD W/O C-HOLDRS CONSENT; POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS (1ST OR 2ND OFF)
COMBS, HOWARD LESLIE JR Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	HARKER, RICHIE ERB Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: None Charges: ALLOW CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT (ENDANGER) (1ST)	RAMER, SHANNON JEAN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$4,025.00 Charges: UNLAW OPER OFF-ROAD VEH ON ROADWAY; DUI (2ND), OPER UNREG VEH/TRAILER/SEMI; OPERATOR - PROOF OF INS REQ; FAIL MAINT LANE/IMPROPER LANE CHG/USE SIGNAL	WHITE, SEAN EDWARD Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$21,610.00 Charges: FAIL TO OBEY STOP SIGN AT CONTROLLED INTERSECTION; RESIST PUB OFF; OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH; DUI W/PRIOR FELONY DUI-E/PSZ
DOMINIQUE, ALVIN RALPH IV Area of Arrest: Pershing County Jail Transfer Bail Amount: \$605.00 Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION	HOUSE, JUSTIN DEVERL Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	RIVAS, BYRON ABRAHAM Area of Arrest: 3rd District Court Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	WILSON, ADAM MICHAEL Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,495.00 Charges: DUI (1ST); OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH
EMERY, ROBERT DALE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$6,255.00 Charges: BASIC SPEED - 21-30 MPH	KATHRENS, JENNIFER ANN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,280.00 Charges: DUI (1ST); USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	ROACH, BRIAN LEE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	
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625 Desert Shadows Lane

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3015 Farm District Road

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875 Fremont Street

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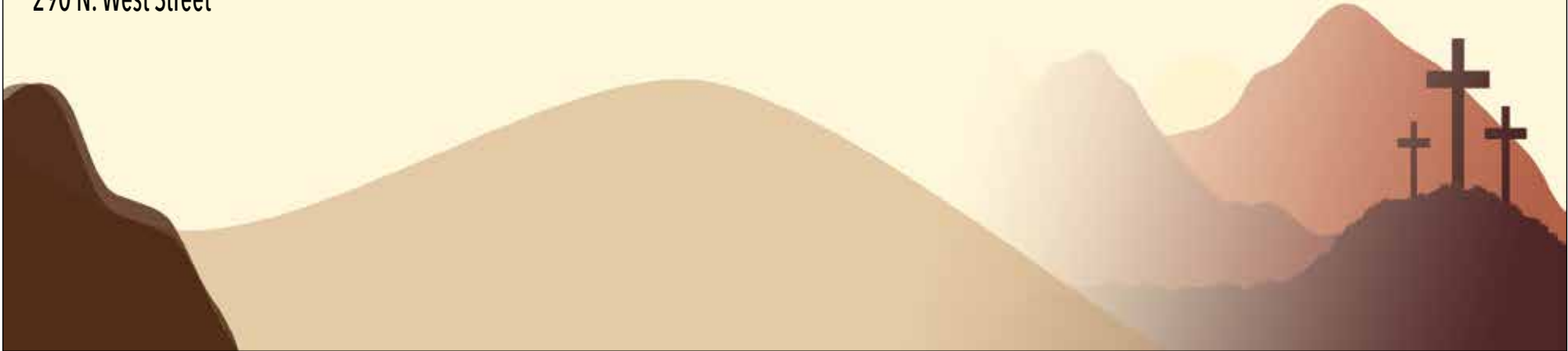
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EDUCATION

Fernley High School Senior Scholarships and Awards

Fernley High School graduating seniors were presented with the following scholarships at the Senior Scholarships and Awards Recognition Night. Many other scholarships, including the Nevada Promise Scholarship and Millennium Scholarship are awarded during the summer after final grades are posted.

Awards and Scholarships

CNA Awards: Annabelle Dromgoole-Hammond; Makenna Hawley; Brooke Jensen; Jenna Kopp; Hunter Lyle; William Nguyen; Neela Parker; Araceli Ramos; Julianne Van Wickler

Career & Technical Education Certification: Carly Abrahamson; Donna Aguilar; Abel Alaniz II; Chloe Bassett; Hannah Bigrigg; Owen Bird; Donquitas Brittain; Jillian Burns; Alexis Carver; Harley Denison; Brynn Dillon; Devon Doran; Annabelle Dromgoole-Hammond; Tyler Fey; Joseph Garcia; Katelyn Griffith; Ethan Hardman; Makenna Hawley; Braidyn Irwin; Brooke Jensen; Bryson Jessop; Tristen Johnston-Shedden; Julius Jordan; Christian Kimmel; Nicholas Koukouvetakis; Isaiah LaCour; Hunter Lyle; Nathaniel Makrdichian; Keagan McKinney; Wyatt McLaughlin; Jordan Meadows; Tristan Medlock; Emilee Montoya; Isaac Neil; William Nguyen; Marli O'Neill; Aubrey Paduani; Araceli Ramos; Joshua Ramos; Hailey Rios; Abraham Rivera; Anthony Robles; Destiny Rohlman; Phillip Rosas; Emily Rubalcabe Paredes; Isabella Seybolt; Isaiah Smith; Tracie Smith; Jaden Soriano; Avery Spohr; Lucas Stanger; John Sy; Javier Torres Jr; Brooklyn Tuttle; ;Cailayvonne Van Phoenix; Julianne Van Wickler; Elizabeth Wilcox; Gaia Yi

Northern Nevada Trades Council: Owen Bird; Alexis Carver; Joseph Garcia; Makenna Hawley; Tristen Johnston-Shedden; Jordan Meadows; Isaac Neil; Joshua Ramos; Anthony Robles; Destiny Rohlman

Lions Club Most Improved: Michael Johnson: Phillip Johnson  
Fernley Elementary School Scholarship: Brooke Jensen; Emilee Montoya; Marli O'Neill; Valeria Tapia

East Valley Elementary School Scholarship: Kylie Ann Behrendt; Arianna Mathern

Cottonwood Elementary School Scholarship: Braidyn Irwin; Keagen McKinney

New Millennium Scholarship: Arianna Mathern; Valeria Tapia

Robert Z. Hawkins Scholarship: Tracie Smith

Gil & Alice Clements Scholarship: Emma Sanchez

Dennis Pierre Zubieta Scholarship: Braidyn Irwin; Hunter Lyle; William McKnight; Tracie Smith

Diana Wagner Scholarship: Kylie Ann Behrendt; Arianna Mathern; Araceli Ramos; Tristen Johnston-Shedden

Rodger W. Denn Memorial Scholarship: Brooke Jensen

Marjorie Washburn Scholarship: Braidyn Irwin; Arianna Mathern

Alyce McCracken Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Jones

Fernley Republican Women Scholarship: Braidyn Irwin; Marli O'Neill; Julianne Van Wickler

Kelli Russell Memorial Scholarship: Marli O'Neill

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Madison Rodriguez

Rural Nevada Counseling Scholarship: Hunter Lyle

VFW Voice of Democracy: Julianne Van Wickler

Leroy Goodman Memorial Scholarship: Emma Sanchez

LCCSEA Scholarship: Linndey Bates; Christian Kimmel

LCEA Scholarship: Marli O'Neill; Isaac Neil

Rotary Club Scholarship: Braidyn Irwin; Tracie Smith

Fernley Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: Arianna Mathern; Lucas Stanger

FHS Booster Scholarship: Abel Arias; Sandy Bearden; Brooke Jensen; Matthew Jones; Hunter Lyle; Keagen McKinney; William McKnight; Marli O'Neill

Military - U.S. Army: Ana Paredes; Jeremiah Spencer

Fan of the Year: Gabe Leija & Family

Triathlete for Four Years: Marciano Montano

Iron Woman: Hunter Lyle

Brian Beatty Award: Kael Paz

Perfect Attendance Letter: Hunter Lyle

Cum Laude: Donna Aguilar; Jillian Burns; Isabella Seybolt; John Sy

Magna Cum Laude: Sandy Bearden; Christian Kimmel; Hailley Rios; Tracie Smith

Summa Cum Laude: Carly Abrahamson; Chloe Bassett; Katelyn Griffith; Ethan Hardman; Braidyn Irwin; Bryson Jessop; Keagen McKinney; Isaac Neil; Marli O'Neill; Madison Rodriguez; Phillip Rosas; Rachel Skubinna; Valeria Torres; Gaia Yi

28 Fernley students on WNC Spring semester Dean’s List

Staff Report

A total of 28 students who listed Fernley as their hometown were among the 446 students who made the Western Nevada College Dean's List for the Spring semester, ranking as one of the college's largest in history. The 446 students are only surpassed by the 487 students on the Fall 2023 Dean's List and the 461 students on the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

"The dedication of our students, faculty members and Student Services is why this list has grown in recent years," said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. "Congratulations to all 446 students on this list!"

To qualify for WNC's Dean's List, stu-

dents must complete at least 12 units during the semester and accumulate a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Fernley

Carly Abrahamson, Chloe Bassett, AnnMarie Boss, Zachary Budner, Ashlynn Cumming, Veronica Davis, Katelyn Griffith, Abigail Herrington, Bryson Jessop, Lily Kersey, Ariana Marshall, Keagen McKinney, An Nguyen, Jeff Poeschel, Jiovani Paredes Rosas, Anakin Pochop, Naomy Rivera Munoz, Madison Rodriguez, Phillip Rosas, Paul Schaeffer, Olivia Stetson, Robert Swain, Ryleigh Tippit, Orian Vallejo, Holly Vanden Brink, William Weitzel, Alina Williams, Robert Woolsey.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Fire board names Sullivan to fill vacancy

By Robert Perea

The North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Directors has appointed Christine Sullivan to fill the board seat vacated by the resignation of chairman Mike Tooms last month.

Two people initially expressed interest in the vacancy when it published a notification of the vacancy in May, but one of them didn't include a letter of interest, so the Board published the notification again earlier this month. The time it received two letters of interest. However, one of the candidates

sent an email on the morning of the meeting saying he had been called out of town for work and may not be able to attend the meeting.

The board interviewed Sullivan, who was present at the meeting, then voted 4-0 to appoint her to fill the vacant seat.

In her letter of interest, Sullivan said her experience as a paralegal in contract management and negotiations, leadership support and proven ability to manage diverse teams will be about strategic and transformative change to the district. She told the

board she has been in the legal field about 20 years, starting as a paralegal in intellectual property, before moving into contracts.

She said she has lived in Fernley for two years, and is married to Jim Sullivan, the district's public information officer.

Following the appointment of Sullivan, the board voted to name Paul Murphy as chairman, Debbie Skinner as vice chairman and Aly Roemer as secretary/treasurer.







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## **Thursday, August 14**

### **Kids Night**

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| 4:00 p.m. | Carnival until 10:00 p.m.   |
| 5:00 p.m. | Silver State Livestock Show   |
| 5:30 p.m. | Lions Club BMX Bike Race<br>Pig Scramble, Mutton Bustin,<br>Dare to be a Cowboy to follow |
| 6:00 p.m. | Horseshoe Contest   |

## **Friday, August 15**

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| 8:00 a.m. | Silver State Livestock Show         |
| 4:00 p.m. | Fair Opens                          |
| 5:00 p.m. | Carnival until 10:00 p.m.           |
| 6:00 p.m. | Frog Jump                           |
| 6:30 p.m. | LL Productions Truck & Tractor Pull |
| 9:00 p.m. | Dancing Under the Stars             |
| 9:00 p.m. | Hispanic Band                       |

## **Saturday, August 16**

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Silver State Livestock Show          |
| 10:00 a.m. | Main Street Fair and Rodeo Parade    |
| 10:00 a.m. | Fair Opens                           |
| 12:00 p.m. | Four Star - CCPRA Rodeo              |
| 12:00 p.m. | YHS Basketball Cornhole Tournament   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Carnival until 11:00 p.m.            |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Littlest Cowboy / Cowgirl Contest    |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Yerington Fire Department Demo Derby |
| 9:00 p.m.  | Dancing Under the Stars              |
| 9:00 p.m.  | Hispanic Band                        |

## **Sunday, August 17**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Livestock Buyer Sign up                          |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Mud Volleybal                                    |
| 10:00 a.m. | Fair Opens until 4:00 p.m.                       |
| 10:00 a.m. | Motorcross Barrel Racing                         |
| 10:00 a.m. | Painting Class                                   |
| 10:30 a.m. | Silver State Youth Livestock Show<br>Buyer Lunch |
| 11:00 a.m. | Carnival until 2:00 p.m.                         |
| 12:00 p.m. | Silver State Youth Livestock Show<br>Auction     |



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SPORTS

Montano, Lyle and Paz win top FHS athletic awards

By Robert Perea

Graduating seniors Marciano Montano, Hunter Lyle and Kael Paz earned Fernley High School's top athletic awards for the 2024-25 school year.

Montano won the school's Triathlete Award for being a three-sport athlete for four years. Lyle won the Iron Woman Award, which is presented to the top scholar-athlete who competed in multiple sports, while Paz won the Brian Beaty Award. The awards were presented during the Senior Scholarship & Awards Recognition Night on June 11.

In addition, Gabe Leija and his family were voted the Fan of the Year Award. Montano was the only male student-athlete who qualified for the Triathlete Award, competing in three sports for four years. Athletic director Paul Sullivan said the Triathlete Award is becoming more difficult to achieve due to the pressure to balance academics with extracurricular activities. In his freshman through junior years, Montano participated in football, wrestling and track. As a senior, he played football, wrestling and baseball.

Lyle played four years of volleyball, basketball and softball. She ranks among the top of her graduating class with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8. Chapin said she is an example that a student-athlete should be a student first.

"She's a leader on the field and in the classroom and believe it or not, she has had perfect attendance since kindergarten," Chapin said.

The Brian Beaty Award goes to the senior athlete who has achieved the most despite limitations or obstacles. It is named

after former Fernley football player Brian Beaty, who overcame injuries throughout his career to become a starter and an all-league player as a senior. He was later killed in a car crash. The name Brian Beaty has become synonymous to the words hard work, dedication and perseverance. His legacy is now handed down to those current Fernley High athletes that have shown these qualities.

Paz ran cross country and track for four years, qualifying for the State Meet all four years. Track coach Todd Wright said Paz is a standout in the classroom and the track.

"This young man has taken on extraordinary responsibilities at home that many high school students could not even imagine," Wright said. "These responsibilities require maturity, compassion and inner strength. What sets this young man apart is not just his achievements, but his resilience and humility and his selflessness. He is a true example of perseverance, responsibility and heart."

Chapin also presented the Fan of the year award to Leija. She said during the fall he makes food for the football team before and after games.

"He can be heard all across the field cheering on all the boys, always in a positive manner," chapin said. "He's also known for sneaking in snacks for the kids in the stands during basketball games."

Chapin said during the spring Leija is often out killing weeds, thatching, aerating the softball field on Saturdays and Sundays. He also brought coolers full of snacks and drinks for baseball and softball players during their tournaments.



Kael Paz was named this year's winner of the Brian Beaty Award, which goes to the graduating senior athlete who has achieved the most despite limitations or obstacles. Photo by Robert Perea

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Cheeseburger is an adult, female, Pit Bull / Terrier mix. Cheeseburger is described as gentle, funny and affectionate. She is spayed and vaccinated.

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