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# Fernley Swimming Pool roof project still on schedule despite structural surprises, pump delay

*By Robert Perea*

The project to replace the roof of the Fernley Swimming Pool remains on schedule, even after crews encountered several surprises once interior demolition began, pool officials said last week.

The work stems from damage caused by a 2024 windstorm, which forced the district to plan a full roof replacement. Construction began in mid-February, and contractors estimate they can finish the interior portion by May 31, leaving a narrow window to refill, heat and prepare the pool while exterior work is being finished in time to reopen by June 14, the day after the end of the school year.

Project Superintendent Tom Estes of SB Builders, Pool Director Patrick Daniel and Pool Board President Suzanne Prouty said the surprises only became visible after construction crews removed the acoustic ceiling tiles and exposed decades-old materials and systems that had been hidden from view.

Those surprises ranged from systems that no longer met current standards to structural elements that didn't match the original plans.

Estes said crews began the project by removing the acoustic ceiling tiles and the hangers that supported them, which exposed abandoned ductwork that had been left in place and hidden above the drop ceiling. Because the remodel will feature an open industrial style ceiling, all unused ductwork had to be removed. Estes said crews have since framed new 2½ inch walls along both sides of the pool to hold insulation, cement board and new electrical and security conduit. A temporary storefront opening was installed to move equipment and materials in and out of the building, and a buffer zone was created around the pool edge to protect the finished cap along the top of the pool wall known as the coping, and scuppers, which are the openings that carry overflow water into the gutter system.

*Pool officials say the replacement of the roof at the Fernley Swimming Pool is still on schedule despite some unexpected issues that were found when the ceiling panels were removed. Photo by Robert Perea*

When crews removed the interior ceiling panels, they found that a layer of material shown in the original design documents between the insulation and the external roof was missing.

"When they opened up the roof, it was just a complete surprise," Daniel said.

The demolitions also revealed electrical wiring and fire-alarm components that no longer met current code requirements. Estes said the outdated wiring and fire-alarm components are being replaced as part of the interior work, and electricians are installing new conduit and cabling to bring the entire system up to current code. He said the upgrades won't affect the overall schedule but had to be addressed while the ceiling was open.

"The biggest shock was the electric and the fire," Prouty said. "Having to redo everything, we did not expect that."

Estes said once the ceiling was opened, the work shifted from demolition to rebuilding the systems that had been exposed.

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# County clerk explains concerns over mailed ballots, automatic voter registration

*By Robert Perea*

Concerns about recurring mail-ballot delivery problems in rural areas and about automatic voter registration that leaves voter rolls filled with people who never cast a ballot were the focus of an April 14 presentation by Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer Staci Lindberg to the Rotary Club of NW Nevada.

Lindberg told members the most reliable way to ensure their ballot is counted is to return it directly to a county polling location or drop box, because recent changes in rural mail service have made it harder for the Postal Service to postmark ballots on time.

She said the Postal Service no longer makes evening pickups at collection boxes, so ballots dropped after about 8:30 a.m. won't receive a same-day postmark.

"Please bring those back to us, because we cannot guarantee that those are going to be postmarked appropriately" she said.

Every active registered voter in Nevada is mailed a ballot unless they have opted out by submitting a Mail Ballot Preference Form to their county clerk's office. Lindberg urged voters who don't want to vote by mail to opt out of receiving a mailed ballot.

"I totally appreciate mail out ballots for anybody that wants one, but there is so much waste in the mail out ballot process and I think it also affects the integrity of the election because we have all these ballots out," she said.

For those who do vote by mail, Lindberg said a ballot tracking process called Ballot Scout allows voters to track their ballot once it is scanned at the post office. She said the system only works when USPS scans a ballot, but she said the Postal Service does not guarantee consistent scanning or postmarking. She also said many of the delivery problems occur on rural routes now handled by contract carriers, which she believes contributes to inconsistent service.

Lindberg said she has reported more than 200 complaints about things like ballots being delivered to the wrong address, and one instance where a husband and wife received one ballot, but the other was returned to the Clerk's office as undeliverable. She said has raised those concerns with the Secretary of State's Office, USPS officials and U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto.

"She is going to take on the fight about trying to hold them accountable," Lindberg said.

Her other major concern is automatic voter registration at the DMV, which she said makes it harder for counties to maintain accurate records because people who have not voted in years are added to the rolls and often move without updating their information.

"The biggest threat to democracy in my eyes is automatic voter registration," she said. "We're registering people that will never vote, have no intention on voting, nor do they take the time to figure out who the best candidates are. So that worries me."

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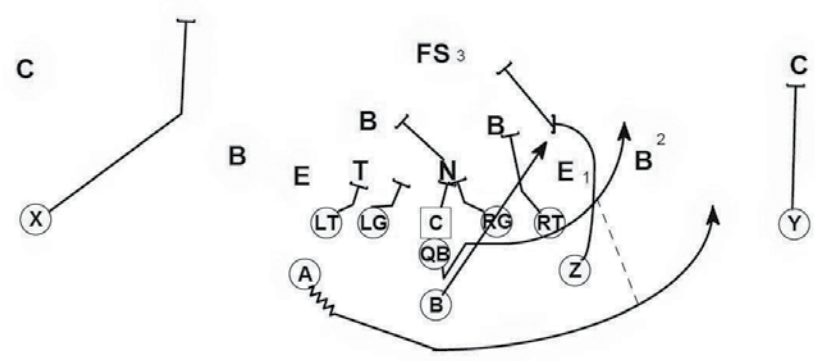


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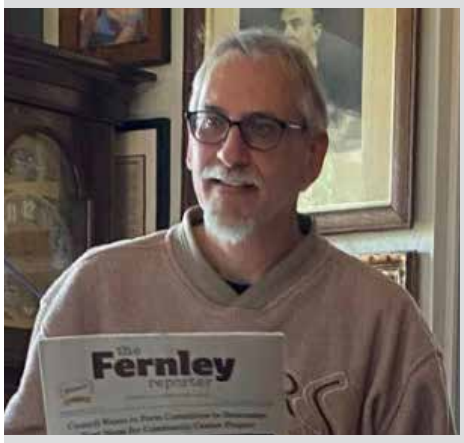

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By necessity, I think I've gotten pretty good at multi-tasking. That's not to say that I do things well when I'm multi-tasking. What I mean is I've gotten pretty good at the mechanics of doing more than one thing at the same time, even though none of them end up being done as well as they might if I was able to focus on them individually.

But sometimes a little is too much, like the metaphorical straw that broke the camel's back.

It's never straw that breaks the camel's back, it's whatever else has been piled on there before that was already just the weight of a straw away from the breaking point.

That's how it works. You can adeptly handle one crisis after another, absorb blow after blow, and start feeling invincible. Then a little annoyance that you probably wouldn't even otherwise notice becomes too much.

At least in my case, that's because the big stuff commands all the attention. That's the stuff that requires a plan, or at least provides a warning. But the next thing you know, some unexpected little detail, or task, or notification pops up. The annoyance, the frustration is usually not because of the issue itself, but because of the surprise.

When you're trying to protect yourself from a big punch, you don't brace for a tap on the shoulder, but that's the one that knocks you down.

That's what breaks the camel's back.

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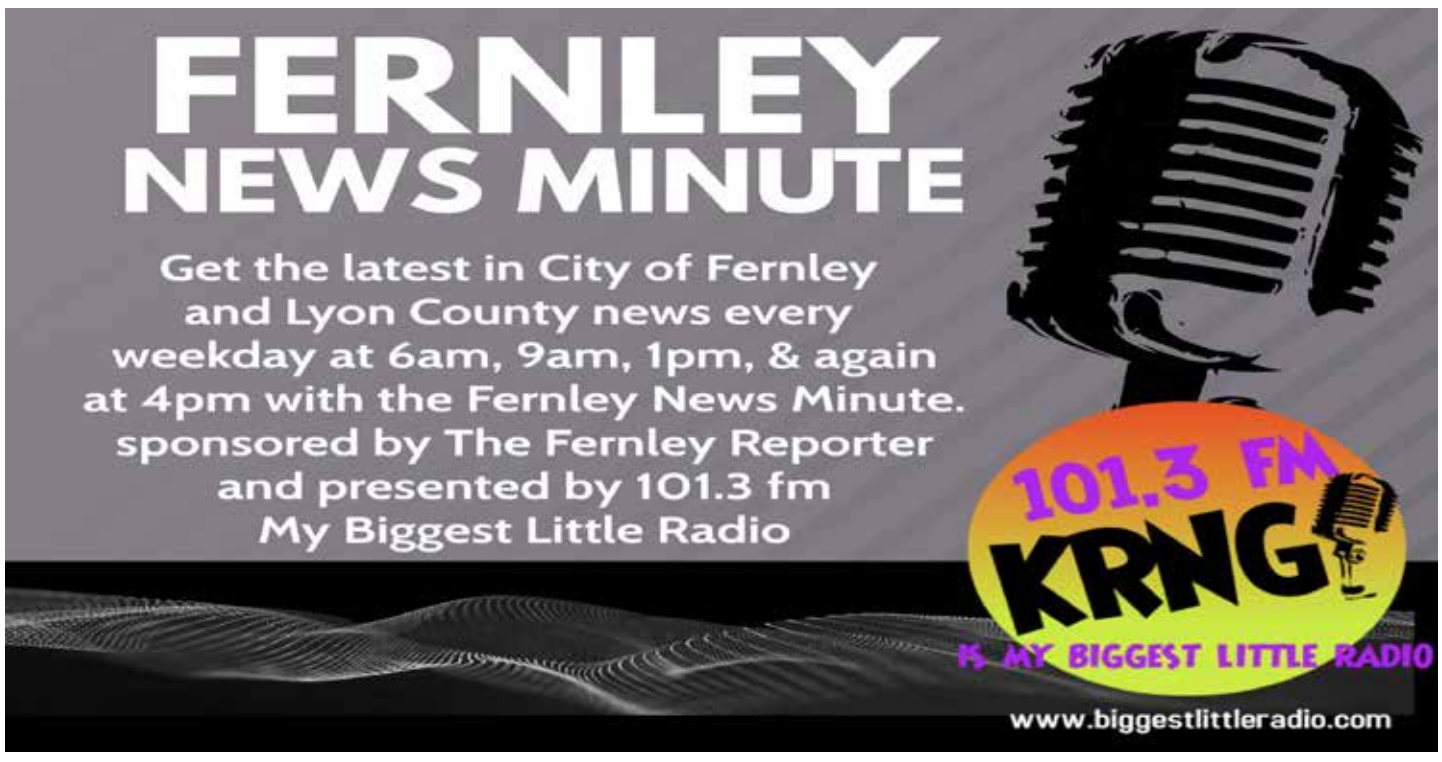

FEATURES

# Ground broken on Fernley early learning center to address critical childcare shortage

## *New Boys & Girls Club facility will expand care for infants through preschool, serving up to 80 additional children*

*By Rachel Dahl*

Local leaders, families, and community partners gathered last week to break ground on a new early learning center in Fernley, a project aimed at tackling one of the region's most persistent challenges: access to childcare.

The facility, developed by the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, will serve children from six weeks to five years old and is expected to accommodate 70 to 80 additional children once completed.

Lyon County Commissioner, Rob Jacobsen emphasized the urgency of the need. In Lyon County, only about 10 percent of licensed childcare demand is currently being met, leaving many families without reliable options.

"This is a daycare desert," he said during the ceremony, noting that limited childcare access directly impacts workforce participation and family stability.

The new center will be located adjacent to the existing Boys & Girls Club site, creating what organizers described as a "one-stop" location for families with children of different ages. Parents will be able to drop off both school-aged children and younger siblings in a single place, reducing daily logistical challenges.

*Calista Tate Executive Director of the Early Learning Centers for Boys and Girls club of Truckee Meadows with Oscar Padilla Area Director of the Boys and Girls club in Fernley and Lovelock. Photo by Rachel Dahl*

*From left to right; Calista Tate, Oscar Padilla, Mayor Neal McIntyre, Lyon County Commissioner Rob Jacobson. Photo by Rachel Dahl.*

Club officials said the expansion reflects a broader shift in how the organization serves the community.

"We're not just an after-school program anymore," Oscar Padilla, area director of the Boys & Girls club said. "We're becoming a comprehensive support system for families."

The early learning center will offer structured curriculum for all age groups, including infants, toddlers, and pre-kindergarten students, with a focus on preparing children for success in school.

City officials highlighted another key aspect of the project: it is being built entirely through private fundraising and donor support, with no cost to taxpayers.

"This represents an investment in our children, our families, and our future," Mayor Neal McIntyre said.

The project has been years in the making, spanning multiple city administrations and requiring coordination between local government, nonprofit leadership, and private partners. Construction is expected to begin immediately following final permitting, with crews scheduled to break ground the day after the ceremony.

Community leaders say the impact will extend beyond childcare alone. Early childhood education is widely recognized as a key factor in long-term academic success, and local educators noted that children who enter kindergarten prepared are significantly more likely to succeed.

Organizers also pointed to future plans for the site, including additional community facilities such as a gymnasium, as part of a larger vision to expand services in Fernley.

For now, the focus remains on getting the early learning center built and open to families.

"This is a big step forward," Padilla said. "And it's just the beginning."

*Hard hats and shovels for the groundbreaking at the Boys & Girls club last week for the Early Learning Center. Photo by Rachel Dahl*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CareSource outlines new Medicaid model in Fernley

*Nonprofit insurer promises expanded services and rural investment, but access challenges remain*

*By Rachel Dahl*

A major shift in how Medicaid is delivered in Nevada is beginning to take shape in rural communities, and last week's Fernley Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Breakfast offered a closer look at both the promise and the growing pains.

Representatives from CareSource, Bren Oscarson-McClean and Deb Whittaker, explained their program. One of the state's new managed care organizations, Oscarson-McClean and Whittaker outlined expanded benefits, community investment commitments, and a new approach to rural healthcare delivery for local business and community leaders.

CareSource, a nonprofit insurer founded in 1989, is new to Nevada but serves more than two million members nationwide. Company representatives emphasized a community-based model, with staff living in the regions they serve and working directly with residents to navigate care.

"We're not just billing insurance," Whittaker said. "We're trying to fill the gaps that people face in their everyday lives."

That approach includes a range of "value-added" services beyond traditional medical coverage, such as transportation to appointments, workforce assistance, housing and food support, and home visitation programs for mothers and infants.

One of the more notable commitments: CareSource pledged to reinvest 10 percent of its profits into Nevada communities—well above the state's required 2 percent—along with a minimum of $500,000 directed specifically toward rural areas.

The company is also partnering with organizations like the Boys & Girls Club to help cover program access for eligible families and is offering expanded transportation options, including mileage reimbursement for family members or community drivers, an effort aimed at addressing one of rural Nevada's biggest barriers to care.

But alongside those opportunities, local attendees raised concerns about the rollout.

Healthcare providers and community members described confusion over which doctors are currently accepting CareSource patients, with some reporting gaps in specialty care, including dermatology.

"There were hiccups," one attendee said, noting that some patients were transitioned into the new system before provider networks were fully established.

CareSource representatives acknowledged the challenges, pointing to ongoing contracting efforts with providers and encouraging community members to report gaps so they can be addressed.

In some cases, the company said it can arrange "single case agreements" to allow patients to continue seeing needed specialists while contracts are finalized.

*Bren Oscarson-McClean presents information on Care Source at the Chamber breakfast last week. Photo by Rachel Dahl*

The shift comes as Nevada moves from a traditional fee-for-service Medicaid model to a managed care system, a change intended to improve coordination of care and address long-standing disparities particularly in rural areas such as Fernley, where access to specialists, transportation, and support services has historically been limited.

Whittaker said the long-term goal is to build stronger local systems by working directly with community organizations, healthcare providers, and residents.

"This is a step in the right direction," she said. "We've been asking for something like this in rural Nevada for a long time."

For now, both providers and patients are adjusting to the new system, working to balance expanded benefits with the realities of implementation. For more information see the Care Source website at caresource.com/nevada/ or contact bren.mcclean@caresoruce.com for Lyon County. For Humboldt, Lander and Pershing counties the contact is debra.whittaker@caresource.com.

# Duffy Road retains name for new route

*By Kerry Lyman*

The Fernley City Council voted at its April 15 meeting to vacate a half-mile stretch of Duffy Road northeast of Nevada Pacific Parkway to accommodate future development in the Victory Logistics District, but agreed to keep the Duffy Road name for the mile-long road section that will replace it.

Duffy Road currently curves through two Victory Logistics parcels north of Nevada Pacific Parkway before joining with Conner Drive and passing under Interstate 80 (I-80). It is that portion of Duffy Road that was approved for abandonment.

A new road, called Innovation Drive, was proposed adjacent to and southeast of the two affected parcels, running from Nevada Pacific Parkway to Conner Drive, in order to continue the connection with the I-80 underpass, where Duffy Road retains its name on the other side of the freeway.

Longtime resident John Duffy requested that the new roadway tentatively named Innovation Drive instead be named Duffy Road to retain the name of his family, which has been in the city since the 1930s and to maintain continuity.

After a brief recess, Councilman Joe Mendoza asked if retaining the Duffy Road name was acceptable to Mark IV Capital, the developer of Victory Logistics District. Mark IV Capital Vice President of Entitlements Scott Barnes said the new road had been labeled Duffy Road during the planning process, but Lyon County insisted the name should be Innovation Drive to prevent confusion for emergency responders.

"We do see the importance of the local heritage," Barnes said, adding that Mark IV is willing to keep the Duffy Road name as long as the fire department agrees and the city supports that name change when it is presented to Lyon County.

The council voted unanimously to approve the road abandonment on the condition that the new roadway between Nevada Pacific Parkway and Conner Drive be renamed Duffy Road.

A temporary public access easement and maintenance agreement will allow continued public access across the abandoned section of Duffy Road until the new section of Duffy Road is completed and accepted by the city, according to a staff report.

*Margaret S. Duffy and George David Duffy, Sr.; Residents of Fernley circa 1930-2011. Photo courtesy of Legacy.com*

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## OBITUARY

# Howard David Jackson

*Howard David Jackson, born April 9, 1944, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025.*

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Jackson; his mother Hazel (Cypert) Jackson; his three sisters, Helen (Jackson) Grey, Nola-Faye (Jackson) Bryen, and Nonie (Jackson) Humested.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Blake) Jackson and their children: Tregg (Kennedy) Jackson, Shannon (Michael) Matheson, and Blake (Wendy) Jackson.

Howard met Linda while attending East Central University, where he earned dual bachelor's degrees in biology and geography, along with a minor in chemistry. They were married on May 14, 1966, in Coalgate, Oklahoma, where they began a lifetime of love and shared memories. Their journey together took them to Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Houston, Texas, before they finally settled in Fernley, Nevada in 1978.

In Fernley, Howard worked at Nevada Cement, Eticam, and eventually Fernley High School, where he discovered his true calling and a passion for teaching. He dedicated himself to his students and community until his retirement in 2016, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of countless young people.

Howard's family will forever remember the warm and joyful home he helped create, one filled with laughter, love, and traditions. His grandchildren will always cherish memories of Fourth of July "water parties," Christmas Eve gatherings, and the many special days spent with their beloved "Cookie." To his family, Howard was a role model, a steady presence, and a source of inspiration. Known for his kindness, dedication, and unwavering family values, Howard touched the lives of many. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A gathering to celebrate Howard's life will be held at the Clubhouse at The Golf Club at Fernley, on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 2-4 p.m.

His family is grateful for the love and support they have received and encourages everyone to share their memories of Howard, whose presence made the world a little brighter.

# Cassinelli speaks at Fernley Builders meeting

*NNDA interim director says thousands of jobs possible in pipeline, but workforce housing remains key challenge*

*By Rachel Dahl*

Fernley could be on the verge of significant economic expansion, but local builders and development leaders say the region's ability to keep up will depend largely on housing, infrastructure, and policy decisions made now.

That was the message delivered during last week's Fernley Builders Association meeting, where Northern Nevada Development Authority Interim Executive Director John Cassinelli outlined a growing pipeline of industrial projects and the challenges that come with them.

Cassinelli, who has been in the position for a week, said the NNDA is currently tracking nine active projects in the Fernley area, eight in manufacturing and one in distribution, with the potential to bring an estimated 3,800 jobs to the region if completed.

"We're on the brink of things taking off," he said. "It's just getting them across the finish line."

But the biggest obstacle may not be attracting business, it's where the workforce will live.

Workforce housing dominated much of the discussion, with builders, real estate professionals, and developers pointing to a growing mismatch between job creation and available housing.

Cassinelli said prospective employers are increasingly asking where workers will be able to live, particularly as housing costs rise across Northern Nevada.

"We're talking thousands of jobs," he said. "Where are those employees going to live?"

Local real estate data presented at the meeting showed continued pressure on the market, with limited inventory and homes selling quickly, often within about 11 days leaving little room for new buyers to enter the market.

At the same time, builders said rising costs, particularly fuel and materials, are expected to push construction prices even higher in the coming months.

Diesel prices nearing $7 per gallon are already driving up concrete and transportation costs, one builder noted, adding that increases are likely still ahead.

The combination of high demand and rising construction costs is creating what attendees described as a "tight" housing environment, with rental shortages also becoming more pronounced.

Beyond housing, infrastructure limitations continue to shape development decisions across the region.

Cassinelli addressed concerns about Lyon County's sewer capacity, particularly in the Dayton area, clarifying that the issue is not treatment capacity but disposal of treated water during winter months.

While permits are still being issued, larger projects have slowed as the county works through solutions, including additional infiltration basins.

He also pointed to broader infrastructure constraints, including power availability and transportation.

Regional discussions are ongoing around potential highway improvements, including future Interstate 80 impacts and long-term bypass planning. Increased traffic and limited alternative routes remain a concern for both residents and developers.

Power capacity is another growing issue, with Cassinelli noting that energy infrastructure may already be lagging behind projected demand.

"We're behind," he said, adding that long-term planning needs to accelerate to support incoming projects.

Among the projects under consideration are data centers and advanced manufacturing facilities, both seen as major economic drivers.

While data centers have raised concerns about water usage, Cassinelli said newer designs use significantly less water than traditional agricultural uses

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BUSINESS

# Fernley Business Expo draws 55 exhibitors in second year

*By Robert Perea*

Fernley's Business Expo held last Saturday at City Hall drew a surge of participation over last year, with 55 local businesses and community organizations to the event at City Hall.

Development Coordinator Jessica Murdock said the first event last year had about 35 exhibitors.

"Based on the results we had, I'll probably be bringing it back for out third annual Business Expo," she said. "We want We want to continue to facilitate these connections so that we continue as a community and with the city of Fernley growing, we're all going to see the growth. We might as well all grow together."

Murdock said the idea for the expo came from the city's 2024 business survey.

"I proposed organizing a business expo and opening it up to everyone, whether they have a storefront or not, whether they have a Fernley business license or are coming from Reno, Fallon, Sparks or Carson," she said.

Last year's expo drew more out-of-town businesses than this year's, which she said became "truly more of a local business event."

*The second Fernley Business Expo last Saturday at City Hall drew 55 businesses and community organizations. Photo by Robert Perea*

## New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its April 15 meeting:

**Arts Plumbing, LLC**, Reno, Plumbing contractor
**High Desert Electric, Inc.**, Gardnerville, Electrical contractor
**Case Craft Construction LLC**, Fernley, Contractor
**Gary Lawless dba/HandyMan Hands**, Fernley, Handyman
**Panelized Structures, Inc.**, Modesto, CA, Contractor
**RVE, Inc. dba/RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture**, Reno, Business specific professional
**Padgett and Son's LLC**, Sparks, Contractor
**Fusion Sign & Design LLC**, Las Vegas, Contractor
**Los Placoso, Fernley**, Restaurant/Fast Food
**Imperfectly Perfect**, Fernley, Hobby/Crafter, Sewing
**F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection**, Champaign, IL, Contractor
**Calyn Wright dba/The Wright Touch**, Fernley, Massage Therapist
**Spanish Springs Plumbing, LLC**, Sparks, Contractor
**Moore Construction LLC dba/ Striker Construction LLC**, Sparks, Contractor
**BD Investments, LLC**, Reno, Property Rentals
**Eugene Victor Erickson dba/E V Erickson**, Fernley, Surveying services
**STC Netcom Inc. dba/Centerline Communications LLC**, Loomis, CA, Contractor

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"It's part of the process of, basically, you kick open the door and you get rid of the cosmetics, and you see the old bones," he said. "You've got a good situation, but you've got to update everything before you can put the skin back on."

All of that came after a separate problem surfaced even before construction began. The pool was scheduled to stay open through Feb. 16, but on Feb. 13, Daniel told the contractors during a meeting that he could drain the pool using the pool's circulation pump.

"I left that meeting, walked into the back of the building and said, 'Wow, it's really quiet back here," Daniel said. "Nothing was running."

The pump failure forced the pool to close three days early and staff spent President's Day weekend trying to find another way to drain the pool so construction could begin that Tuesday.

The pool uses a two-pump system, with one pump running and the other serving as a backup. But Daniel said one of the pumps was already inoperable.

"When the working pump stopped, we just had two broken pumps," he said.

Daniel said one pump will be replaced and the other will be refurbished to serve as the backup, and he hopes the upgrade system will last a decade.

Despite the setbacks, Estes said the work remains on schedule. He hopes to finish the section of the roof over the pool area before May 31, which would give staff time to get the pool ready to open by June 14. Prouty said the work on the portion of the roof over the offices can be completed while the pool is open.

"We're still sticking to the schedule as designed, and whatever hiccups come through, we'll meet that situation head on and keep going forward," he said.

Prouty said it will take about two weeks to refill the pool, heat it to the proper temperature and balance the chemicals.

"We're literally filling 170,000 gallons with a garden house," Daniel said. "So it takes it takes days."

The district will also replace some of its lifeguards after being closed for four months.

"We've lost staff that went off to college or whatnot, so we'll be looking at hiring probably five to 10 junior employees to make up for that," Daniel said.

When the project is finished, Estes hopes the next crew that works on the building won't find similar surprises behind the walls.

"We're updating everything so the next person who takes this on gets something better than we found," he said.

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# GOVERNMENT

## Council approves zone change, master plan amendment for site of proposed power plant

*By Kerry Lyman*

Following a public hearing during a second reading at its April 15 meeting, the Fernley City Council unanimously approved a rezoning ordinance and master plan amendment for the 109-acre parcel along Interstate 80 that is planned for a large gas-fired power plant to serve the Victory Logistics District.

The master plan amendment changed the land use designation from GR (General Rural) to (I) Industrial, and the zoning change rezoned the property from GR20 (General Rural, 20-acre minimum lot size) to (I) Industrial.

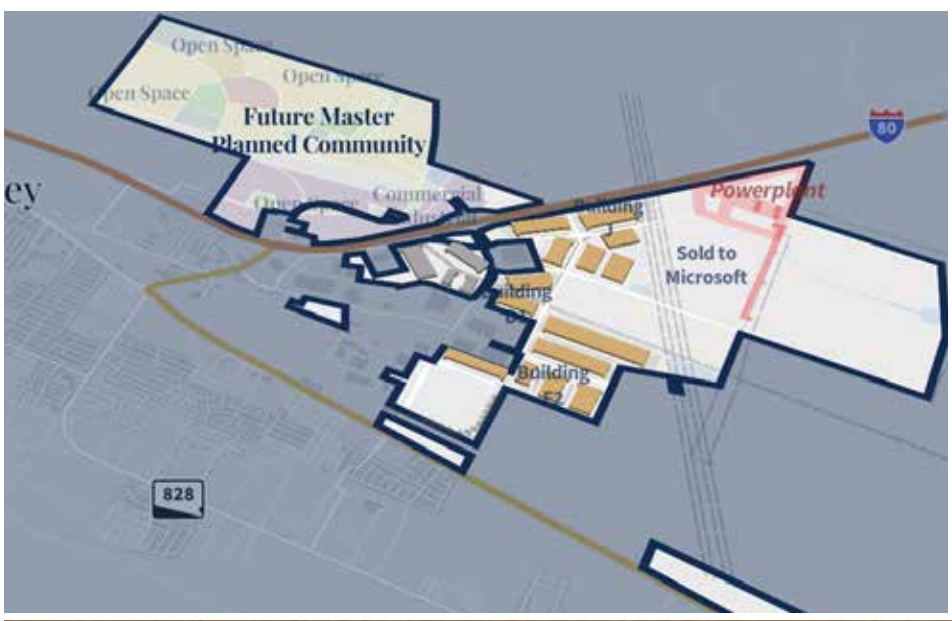
During earlier public comments, a man who said he was a long-time project manager for electrical generating projects, cautioned the council that such a large electrical plant may have severe noise impacts on nearby residences.

Dave Snelgrove, a planning manager for Bowman Consultants, representing Mark IV Capital, showed an aerial view of the site looking south and indicated that the closest residential properties are about two-and-a-half to three miles away, on the south side of U.S. Highway 50A.

The 109-acre triangular-shaped power plant parcel is located directly adjacent to I-80 on the west, Bureau of Land Reclamation land to the east and City of Fernley land containing the Victory Logistics Planned Development to the south. The parcel was annexed into the city in mid-December by a unanimous vote of the city council.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski asked whether any workforce housing is planned within the industrial area. Mark IV Capital Vice President of Entitlement Scott Barnes said workforce housing is part of the North Fernley Plan the company will be working on this spring and would be separated from the industrial development by the freeway.

In earlier comments about the proposed power plant, Barnes said the power plant would serve large power users in the Victory Logistics District many years before Nevada Energy would be able to provide that service.




## Meetings

**Fernley City Council**
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 6

**Fernley Planning Commission**
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 13

**Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 8

**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 May 7

**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 May 12

**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 April 28

**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 April 28

**North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees**
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting May 14

**Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District**
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
300 Cottonwood Lane
Next meeting May 19

## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LYON**

In the Matter of the Estate of JIMMIE GENE ALLEN, Deceased.

Case No.: 26-PT-0056

Dept. No.: 2

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May 1st - Yerington Library, and Jerry's Grill in Fallon
May 8th - Zephyr Cove Library, and Gold Dust West in Carson City

TRAVEL ITINERARY

April 15 - Winnemucca Library
85 E 5th St, Winnemucca, NV 89445
Doors open at 12:30PM, Program begins at 1:00PM

April 16 - Lander County Courthouse
Meeting Room - 50 State Rte 305, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
Doors open at 2:30PM, Program starts at 3:00PM

April 18 - Elko County Convention
Stockman's Casino - Upstairs, Diamond Banquet Room
Doors open at 2:00PM, Event begins at 2:15PM

April 19 - White Pine County Convention
White Pine High School Multi-Purpose Room
Doors open at 2:00PM, Event begins at 2:15PM

April 20 - Eureka Opera House
31 S Main St, Eureka, NV 89316
Doors open at 3:30PM, Program starts at 4:00PM

May 1 - Yerington Library
20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
Doors open at 10:30AM, Program starts at 11:00AM

May 1 - Jerry's Restaurant - Fallon
1801 W Williams Ave, Fallon, NV 89406
Doors open at 4:30PM, Program starts at 5:00PM

May 8 - Zephyr Cove Library
233 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV 89449
Doors open at 2:00PM, Program starts at 2:30PM

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# Arrest report

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## *April 13 – April 19 , 2026*

**ADRIANA CARDONA** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $4,780, Charges: Unlawful use of emergency phone number (911); resist public officer; false statement to/obstruct public officer

**MICHAEL WHITESIDE** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: $2,280, Charges: Contribute to delinquency/negligence of minor; obstruct/hinder/interfere with public officer

**ROBBIE WENDT** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: $1,895, Charges: Drive with suspended driver license; owner – proof of insurance required; license plates improperly displayed

**ALEXANDRIA ERDEI** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st

**MARK HARRIS** – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: $10,000, Charges: Violation of stalking/harassment EPO

**NICKALAS RICHARDSON HAINES** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $640, Charges: Drive with revoked driver license

**DANIELLE BROWN** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $46,445, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance 42+ grams; use/possession of drug paraphernalia; drive without driver license

**SHELDON PHELPS** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $4,135, Charges: DUI (2nd); resist public officer; open alcohol container in vehicle

**MICHAEL MORENO** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $1,895, Charges: DUI (1st); driver disobey peace officer; fail to yield at stop/yield sign or controlled intersection

**TRAVIS GUMATAOTAO** – Area: Silver Springs, Bail amount: $2,500, Charges: Criminal contempt

**TAMMY COX** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: $2,280 , Charges: Obstruct/hinder/interfere with public officer; contribute to delinquency/negligence of minor

**MICHELLE SCOTT** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: $20,000, Charges: Battery by prisoner/probationer/parolee on first responder

**RONALD MILLER** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $3,530, Charges: DUI (1st); reckless driving; disregard safety (1st) – enhanced/work zone

**ROCK ROGERS** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: $6,280, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st (2 counts)

**RICKY ARSON** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: $3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st

**JOSHUA FINE** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $2,750, Charges: Drive with suspended driver license; buy/possess/receive stolen property < $1200; display fictitious registration/plate/title; operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; owner – proof of insurance required

**KANAAN BOWMAN** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $309,205, Charges: Driver disobey peace officer, endangering persons/property; reckless driving, disregard person/property safety (1st); basic speed – 41+ mph over posted limit; driver fail to obey traffic control devices; follow too closely; fail to yield at stop/yield sign or controlled intersection; fail to wear safety belt/shoulder harness; drive with suspended driver license; owner – proof of insurance required; operate vehicle with expired registration/plates; fail to possess/surrender driver license; resist public officer

**ERIC STILLWELL** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)

**MANUEL MORALES GAMEZ** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $1,280, Charges: Non resident drive when privilege suspended/revoked/cancelled; driver disobey peace officer

**KATIE KISSEL** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $12,030, Charges: DUI (1st); reckless driving with disregard safety person/property (1st) – enhanced – pedestrian safety zone; felony arrest fugitive from other state/complaint/warrant; court commitment

**LINDSAY RIDDLE** – Area: Silver Springs, Bail amount: $3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st

**FRANCISCO DAMIAN PLASCENCIA** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: $1,795, Charges: DUI (1st); open alcohol container in vehicle; basic speed – 46–50 mph over posted limit

**CARLOS SCOTT** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: $2,385, Charges: DUI (1st); fail maintain lane/improper lane change/use signal; drive with suspended driver license; operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; possess/consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/vehicle

**MICHAEL JOHNSON** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: $1,395, Charges: DUI (1st); basic speed – 1–10 mph over posted limit; fail maintain lane/improper lane change/use signal

# June 16 status hearing set for man charged in Fernley parking lot shooting

*By Robert Perea*

With both sides saying they're still reviewing evidence, Canal Township Justice of the Peace Lori Matheus scheduled the next status hearing for June 16 in the case of Cameron Kessler, who is charged with attempted murder and battery stemming from a shooting on Jan. 7 in the parking lot of a Fernley shopping center.

Kessler is facing charges of attempted murder with the use of a deadly weapon, battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm and discharging a weapon where persons might be endangered. He was arrested following the shooting Jan. 7 in the parking lot of the Fernley Village Marketplace, in front of Steve's Homemade Ice Cream.The criminal complaint alleges that Kessler attempted to kill the victim by shooting him eight times. The complaint states that the victim suffered a fractured femur, internal bleeding and other substantial injuries.

Deputies were dispatched to a report of the shooting at 6:48 p.m. on Jan. 7. Kessler was arrested at the scene and the victim was transported to Renown

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## APR. 24

**KARAOKE PARTY (21+)**
8:00 p.m.
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396 US Highway 95A North

## APR. 25

**TABLE TENNIS**
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

**MICROCHIP CLINIC ($15)**
or one 10 lbs bag of pet food
5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
595 Silverlace Blvd
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**PASSPORT TO PARTY (21+)**
Music, food and auction
Boys and Girls Club
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fernley Community Response & Resource Center
695 E. Main Street

## APR. 25 (Continued)

**CHILDREN'S DAY / DÍA DEL NIÑO**
12:00 p.m. - FREE
Food donated by La Fiesta Restaurant
Music, Games, Piñatas, Face painting, Shaved ice
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

## APR. 28

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

## APR. 29

**PAINT NIGHT - $40**
**Let's Be Artful**
Wine Glass Workshop
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

## APR. 30

**TRIVIA (21+)**
7:00 p.m.
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## MAY 2

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**
7:00 p.m.
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## MAY 6

**FERNLEY PUBLIC MARKET**
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center
105 Lois Lane

## MAY 7

**TRIVIA (21+)**
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McHoppers Brew Co.
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SPORTS

# Vaqueros wrap up regular season in Elko

*By Robert Perea*

The Fernley High School baseball team closes the regular season this week with a three-game series in Elko with a wide range of playoff possibilities still in play.

At 15-6 in league play and in third place entering this week, the Vaqueros could finish as high as second if they sweep Elko and Dayton sweeps Spring Creek, or as low as fifth if they go winless this weekend.

Elko leads the league with a 20-1 record, while Spring Creek is 17-4. Behind the Vaqueros, Wooster and Dayton are both 14-7. Wooster will be at home this week for three games against Fallon, which is in sixth place at 10-11. The top eight teams qualify for the regional tournament, which opens May 1-2 with the top four seeds hosting a best-of-3 series. The winners of those four series will advance to the double-elimination tournament the following weekend.

Spring Creek took two of three games in Fernley last week, giving them a tiebreaking advantage if the two teams finish with the same record.

Spring Creek won Friday's game 9-2, then Saturday the teams split a pair of 1-run decisions, with Fernley winning the first game 4-3 and Spring Creek returning the favor in the second, 5-4.

"Friday was a bad day of baseball for us, and Saturday was a day of great baseball from both teams," Fernley coach Thomas Chapin said.

Spring Creek broke Friday's game open with all nine runs in the third and fourth innings, while the Vaqueros couldn't capitalize with runners on base.

"We really got beat with two strikes," Chapin said. "Whether it was pitching with two strikes or hitting with two strikes, we didn't execute and win those battles. Hitters going down on bad pitches and pitchers giving too good of pitches to hit."

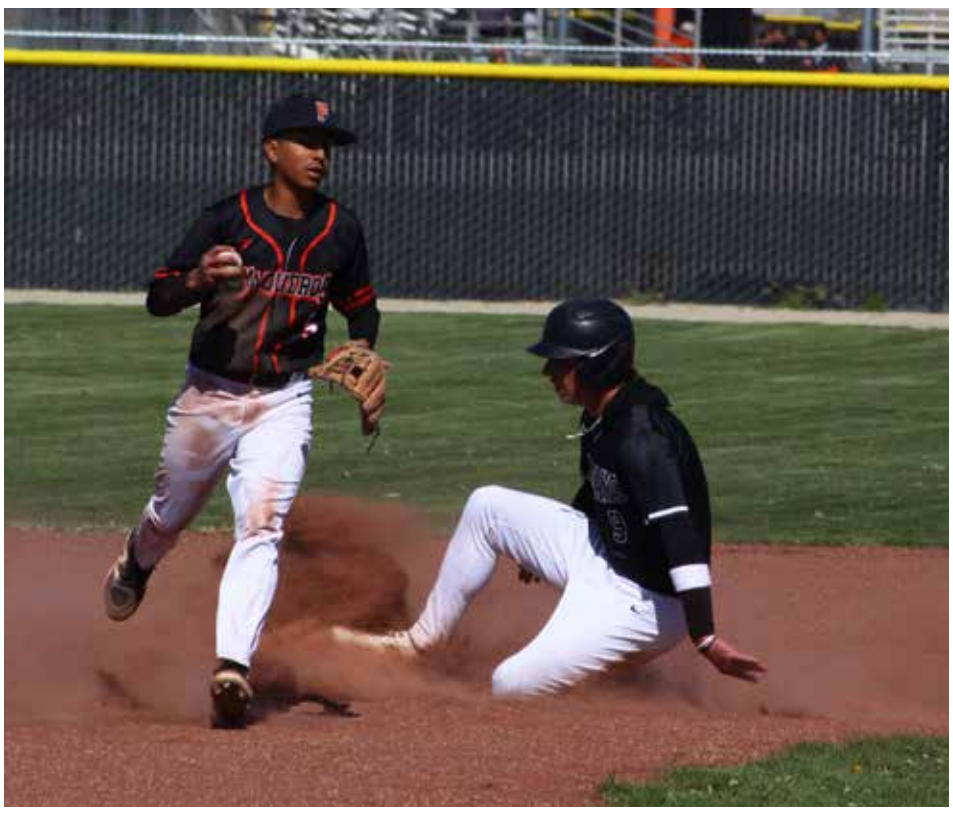
Vaquero batters made hard contact through the game, starting with a home run by Vance Swindlehurst in the first inning and three doubles among their other nine hits. They also had several hard-hit balls that Spring Creek turned into outs.

Nikko Pryor had four of Fernley's 10 hits, including two doubles, but Fernley was unable to string multiple hits together.

In Saturday's first game, Sidnny Clark singled to score Nikko Pryor with the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Spencer Pryor delivered the tying run with a single that scored Swindlehurst.

"When we came around with the middle of our order up in the bottom of the seventh, I had a lot of confidence we could win it," Chapin said. "And Spencer delivers a huge game-tying hit and is followed up by Sidnny with his second walk-off of the season. Just great stuff."

But in the second game Saturday, it was Spring Creek's McCoy McArtor who singled in the winning run in the top of the seventh.



*Fernley's Hector Bernal checks another baserunner after forcing out a Spring Creek runner at second base during last Friday's game. Photo by Robert Perea*

Fernley led 4-1 after scoring three runs in the second inning, but the Spartans chipped away with a run in the third, two in the fifth to tie it 4-4 and then won it in the seventh.

"We were able to exploit their defense early with small-ball bunts, but our offense just stalled after that," Chapin said.

Five of Fernley's seven hits in the game came in the first two innings.

With two of the three games coming down to the final pitch, the Vaqueros got a preview of what the playoffs might look like, especially if they can advance past the first round.

"We played a good team, but we're only going to keep playing good teams," Chapin said. "We'll focus on fixing our approaches and clean up some other things and prepare for a big series with Elko."

# Fernley clinches No. 2 tournament seed with sweep of Dayton

*By Robert Perea*

With three wins in Dayton last weekend, the Fernley High School softball team clinched the second seed from the East Division for the Northern 3A Regional Tournament. As one of the top two seeds from the East Division, the Vaqueros get a bye into the six-team double elimination bracket, which starts May 7 in Dayton. The third and fourth seeds from the East and West will play best-of-3 series on May 1-2, with the two winners advancing to the double elimination bracket.

The Vaqueros beat Dayton 14-1 last Friday and swept Saturday's doubleheader with 8-3 and 5-2 wins.

Fernley scored eight runs in the top of the fourth inning on Friday, after coming up empty the first time through the lineup against Dayton pitcher LaSade Conti.

A grand slam by Grace Chapin was the biggest blow, making it 5-0, and a double by Ximena Rodriguez drove in two more.

Fernley put the game away with five more runs in the sixth inning.

In Saturday's first game, The Vaqueros trailed 2-0 until Emma Masters tied things up with a two-run double in the top of the fourth. Chapin homered to lead off the fifth, and Rodriguez hit a two-run shot later in the inning that put Fernley ahead 7-2.

In the second game Saturday, Leija and Masters both had RBI-doubles to stake the Vaqueros to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Pitcher Janessa Robinson made it 4-0 with a single that scored two runs in the fourth inning, giving her a cushion she protected by allowing just one hit and no walks.

"Our pitchers threw great again and then our defense played great," coach Diane Chapin said. "I think we had a double play in each game."

While Dayton's record doesn't reflect it, Conti is one of the best pitchers and hardest throwers in the Northern 3A. Chapin said having some success against Conti was a boost to the confidence for some players, particularly younger ones who hadn't faced that type of pitching before.

"I think it helps them down the line knowing what they need to do to make the adjustments," Chapin said. "Everybody had at least one or two successful at-bats against her."

The Vaqueros were scheduled to finish league play this week with a three-game series against Fallon on Tuesday and Wednesday, before heading to Susanville for a tournament on Friday and Saturday. Finishing the season in Susanville has become a tradition for the Vaqueros, and Chapin believes it helps her team prepare for the playoffs by facing good teams with tough pitchers.

"Having eight games in five days this week gets us ready for a run in the postseason," she said. "We'll face good teams with some good pitching and fine tune some stuff."

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and rely on closed-loop systems that minimize environmental impact.

"These can be good projects for us if we do them right," he said.

He explained that a recent report from the Carson Water Subconservancy District on downstream flows on the Carson River below Dayton are higher than they were historically, despite the housing developments. "Why… there is less ag irrigating going on. Just take a few of those alfalfa fields out of the equation, offset and increase the water even though we build homes there. Something to think about."

The NNDA is also working on workforce development efforts, including partnerships tied to regional training programs, as companies look for assurance that labor needs can be met locally.

Cassinelli, who also serves as a Lyon County commissioner, said regulatory and zoning challenges can sometimes deter potential projects before they gain traction.

He emphasized the need for a more business-friendly approach, particularly when companies are evaluating multiple locations.

"I don't want to send the message that we're turning people away," he said.

Efforts are underway to improve outreach and proactively recruit businesses, rather than relying solely on inbound inquiries.

For local builders, the conversation reinforced both opportunity and uncertainty.

On one hand, the scale of potential development suggests long-term demand for housing and construction. On the other, rising costs, infrastructure limitations, and regulatory hurdles could slow progress if not addressed.

Several attendees noted that while the region may be in a strong position for growth, timing will be critical.

"I think we're in the right place at the right time," said. "We just can't mess it up."

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

# Food for Thought

## How Much Do I Loaf You?

*By Justin Miller*

How does 928% sound? That's how much certain big-box retailers are marking up "personal", or half loaves, of bread. They're a tempting item for those who don't want to waste food, but end upactually waste something more important: your hard-earned money. This week you will learn how for less than a quarter you can outbake "greedflation" and every grocery store in town.

Use any brand or grade of all-purpose flour you have on hand. If you are buying flour for this recipe specifically, try to buy the unbleached variety. The double-pack available at Costco is very highly rated. I used the cheapest Great Value variety available and still achieved impressive results.

You can make this loaf in a Dutch oven or by using the "inverted method": where the ball of dough is placed on a flat cast iron skillet with another iron skillet placed upside down on top. Either way, the idea is to trap steam from the dough, which gives the loaf that crunchy golden crust.

When first assembling, the wet dough ball should have the consistency of messy mashed potatoes - gloopy. Later, make sure to score the top of the dough ball just before baking so the loaf rises up instead of out.

If you do these two things you will end up with a loaf that looks like you made a trip to an artisan baker.

You might think the convenience justifies the price but this recipe takes only a few minutes of your time and four ingredients. No kneading required and your house will smell delicious. Making two of these personal loaves a week could save you $215 a year over buying from the big-box. Any way you slice it, that's a lot of dough.

**Ingredients**

You will need 1 dutch oven or cast iron skillet and pan, Parchment paper and a mixing bowl

- 1.5 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 tsp instant yeast (1/2 tsp if using Active Dry)
- 3/4 tsp salt

**Directions:**

1. Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl until they form a sticky ball.
2. Cover the dough ball and leave on your counter for 12-18 hours. It should double in size and get bubbly.
3. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
4. Place the Dutch oven or iron skillets into the oven for at least 30 minutes until thoroughly hot.
5. Scrape the dough ball onto a piece of parchment paper lightly dusted with flour.
6. Carefully remove the hot Dutch oven/ cast iron from the oven and drop the dough ball into/on it, parchment paper and all.
7. Bake covered for 25 minutes.
8. Remove the lid and bake uncovered 5-8 minutes until crust is golden in color.
9. Remove from oven and let cool completely before slicing, about 1 hour.

*If you enjoyed this recipe let us know with comments or photos at: robert@fernleyreporter.com*

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Regional Medical Center by Care Flight.

A not guilty plea was entered by the court during a bail/arraignment hearing in Justice Court on Jan. 9.

During the status conference on April 14, attorney Joey Gilbert, representing Kessler, and Deputy District Attorney Samantha Edmondo both told the court they are still reviewing evidence and are not seeking to rush the case.

Gilbert told the court a use-of-force expert had been on scene the previous weekend as part of the defense's investigation.

"Eventually I'd like to sit down with the state and discuss a proposed offer," he said. "We're in no hurry. Mr. Kessler is doing everything the court asks him to do, and we have no problem accommodating the state."

Judge Lori Matheus said she agreed, "As long as we're in communication and compliance is good."

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## PETS OF THE WEEK

### *Meet Brenda & Jill*

Brenda and Jill, two young cats currently available for adoption, are still waiting to find permanent homes after being repeatedly overlooked. Both of these cats have gentle, affectionate personalities and are well-suited for a calm, low-energy household.

Brenda is approximately 1 1/2 years old, while Jill is about 11 months old. The pair is described as playful and loving, and they may do well in homes with older children. They have not been exposed to dogs.

Those interested in meeting Brenda and Jill can schedule an appointment by calling **775-575-0950** and leaving a message with contact information. The phone line does not accept text messages.

**Precious Paws Society of NV | 1085 Aster Ln, Fernley, NV 89408**
**775-575-0950 | preciouspawssocietynv@gmail.com**

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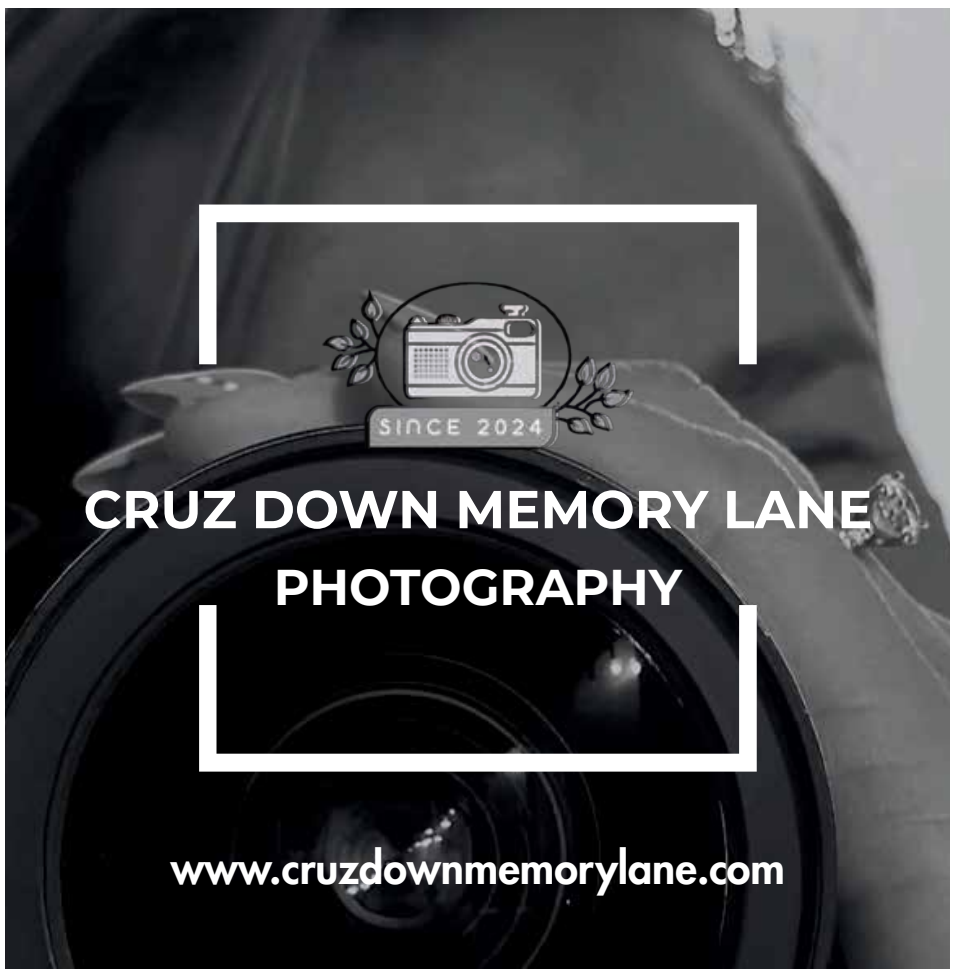
### *Kino is waiting to meet you!*

324 days ago, Kino was found as a stray on the side of Farm District Road. He's waited throughout the summer, holidays, winter, and now, he's coming up on his one year anniversary at the shelter. Although he is greatly loved by staff, he needs to find his forever home. Kino has seen his shelter friends adopted to their forever homes and still he remains, waiting for his chance to have a permanent family. Is that you? Help Kino to celebrate a new family instead of 365 days of waiting.

For any questions or to meet sweet Kino, please contact the Lyon County Shelter at 775-577-5005.

**Lyon County Animal Shelter**
**3705 Highway 50 West in Silver Springs, NV 89429**
**775-577-5005**



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