



North Lyon Fire names first battalion chiefs

By Robert Perea

Fernley's fire crews have long fought blazes without battalion brass. That changed last week, as three North Lyon County Fire Protection District firefighters assumed the roles of battalion chiefs, managing the district's day-to-day operations.

The District's Board of Directors on April 17 voted to approve job descriptions for the battalion chief positions and to promote three captains to battalion chief. After a testing and promotional process, Joseph Mendoza, William Snyder and Justin McCoy were sworn in as battalion chiefs on Oct. 16 and began serving in those roles on Oct. 21.

Snyder has been a firefighter with North Lyon Fire since 2005. He started in fire service in 2000 as a cadet with Central Lyon Fire. After graduating from Fernley High School, he went to work as a seasonal wildland firefighter for the Nevada Division of Forestry. He became a full-time firefighter with the Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Department until joining North Lyon Fire

Snyder holds a bachelor's degree in administration and is graduate of the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program and he was appointed to the Board of Fire Services by the Governor of Nevada. Since 2011, Snyder has represented both North Lyon Fire and the community of Fernley at the Nevada Legislature and in Washington, D.C., advocating public safety and firefighter interests.

Outside of his professional life, Snyder enjoys hunting, camping, hiking, and traveling and participates in a variety of civic activities.

Mendoza began as a volunteer with North Lyon Fire in 2011. He also became a reserve firefighter with Central Lyon Fire from 2015-2018 and

he became a full-time firefighter with North Lyon Fire in 2020.

He is also a Fernley City Councilman representing Ward 5, a local business owner and is a few credits away from completing his degree in construction trades.

Outside of his professional life, Mendoza serves internationally on mission trips to build homes in underprivileged communities. He is a die-hard fisherman and regularly enjoys saltwater fishing in the warmer waters of the Pacific Ocean.

McCoy also began as a volunteer with North Lyon Fire, in 2007. In 2008, he became a seasonal firefighter for a handful of seasons with Nevada Division of Forestry and East Fork Fire Protection District. In 2010 he became a fulltime firefighter with North Lyon Fire.

His is working toward completing his degree in fire science.

Outside of his professional life, McCoy enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, and playing Jurassic Park, freeze games, safari, and whatever new games are made up by his son.

When the district reorganized its operation effective June 2, 2024, the reorganization included a shift officer, or acting battalion chief. All of the district's six captains rotated bi-weekly as the acting battalion chief for the remainder of 2024. Then, effective this past January, captains rotated every three months.

In April, Fire Chief Brian Bunn said the captains rotating in the battalion chief position gave the district covering in leadership positions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"They're working out of class right now, and they shouldn't be," Bunn said. "They're willing to do it for that 24-hour-a-day, seven-day supervision."

The district said the total base



North Lyon Fire Battalion Chiefs Joe Mendoza, William Snyder and J.T. McCoy took their formal Oath of Office during a badge pinning ceremony at the Main Street Fire Station on Oct. 16. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire

expenditure to promote three battalion chiefs would be \$1,386.84 in base wages, with an additional Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) rate of \$13,036.30 annually.

According to the job description approved by the board, the battalion chief is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and supervising activities on an assigned shift, which includes management of personnel, fire prevention and training. The battalion chief also performs

administrative duties that may include the work of specialized functions within the fire district including operations, EMS, training and safety, program and policy review and development, and providing staff assistance to the fire chief. The battalion chief will perform duty officer responsibilities and work closely with mutual aid partners. The battalion chief may also act as the chief officer of the district in the absence of the fire chief.

Lyon County invites community input on Water Resource Plan

Staff Report

Lyon County officials are inviting residents to share their input in shaping a Comprehensive Water Resource Plan designed to guide how the county protects, manages, and invests in one of its most valuable resources — water.

The plan aims to identify long-term strategies for sustainable water use, infrastructure improvements,

and resource protection across the county's diverse communities, from agricultural valleys to rapidly growing cities like Fernley.

Fernley residents, in particular, are encouraged to participate. As one of the fastest-growing areas in northern Nevada, Fernley faces unique challenges related to groundwater management, development pressure, and long-term water reliability. County staff say community feedback

will be essential to ensure the plan reflects local priorities and captures the realities of each region.

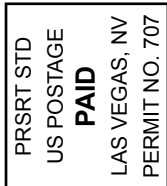
"Water is the foundation of every community, from farms and families to industry and growth," county officials said in a social media post. "We want to hear from residents about what matters most when it comes to water access, quality, and infrastructure."

The Lyon County Water Resource

Plan Survey is open now through November 24, 2025, and takes only a few minutes to complete. Responses will help shape policies and projects that support reliable, safe, and resilient water systems for current and future residents.

Survey Period: October 20 – November 24, 2025

For More Information: Lyon County Planning Department, (775) 463-6592, www.lyon-county.org.



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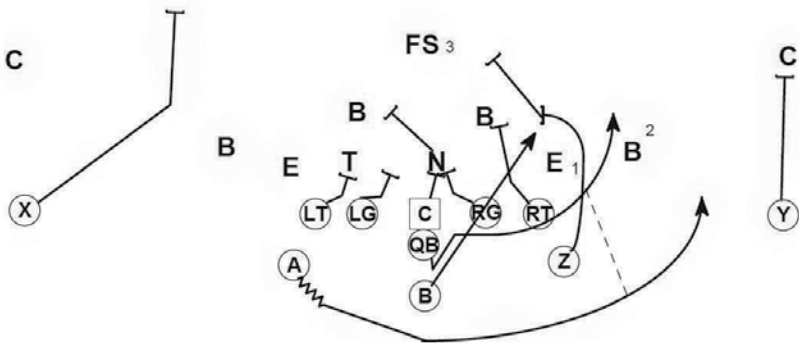
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



One year in: Volume 2 begins

I wrote about last week being the 52nd issue of the Fernley Reporter, marking one full year of producing this newspaper.

This week's paper not only marks the first edition of our second year in print, but because of a change in our production schedule partway through last year, it's also an anniversary edition, being published on the first anniversary of the first edition last year.

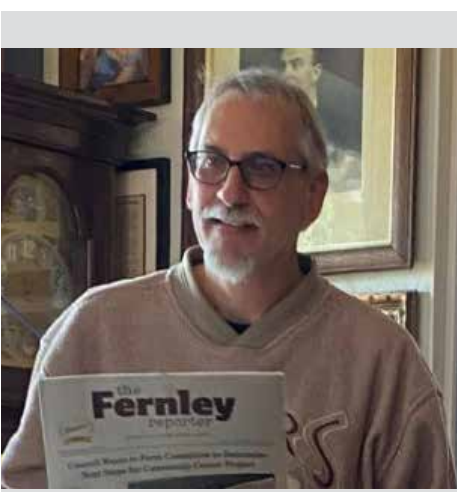
This week I want to talk about our hopes and plans for the second year. The best word that comes to mind is continuity. I've covered Fernley and Lyon County since 1993, long enough to know the contours of its ordinances, the rhythms of its meetings, the history that's behind some of the decisions facing local officials.

This paper may be young, but the reporting behind it is not. What I'm looking forward to now isn't introduction, it's refinement.

At the same time, Fernley's population has more than doubled over the past few years, so many readers are new, not just to me, but to the issues that shape this city and county.

Volume 2 of this newspaper isn't just about starting fresh, it's about bridging experience with emergence, offering context for those just tuning in and continuity for those who've been here all along.

As we start our second year, I'm looking forward to tracking the slow arcs; things like the beginning of construction on the extension of Nevada Pacific Parkway that has been promised since at least the mid-1990s. I completely understand the skepticism of long-time residents who have heard it all before, only to see nothing hap-



ROBERT PEREA

pen. The reasons for that are myriad and hopefully no longer present, so I'm looking forward to documenting the progress of that project.

I don't know what news our second year will bring, but I do know we'll keep refining how we cover it. The goal is to make it more accessible, audible and visible. As time and opportunity allow, we hope to incorporate more audio and video into our coverage, not to chase trends, but to meet readers wherever they are.

But the core of it all will remain writing. We started printing after eight years online because every week people kept telling me that what was missing was the feel of newsprint and the ritual of flipping pages.

In a city growing as fast as Fernley, where new residents arrive with fresh expectations and longtime locals hold tight to the familiar, the printed paper serves as a bridge between digital and tactile, between past and present.

The formats may evolve, but the foundation is still language, and my

love is still the printed word.
That's why I'm excited as we begin printing the paper for our second year. The news will shift, formats may expand, but the printed page remains a steady presence passed across counters, folded into mailboxes and tucked beside coffee mugs. I love it when people tell me they clipped a story and stuck it on the refrigerator, or my favorite of all, mailed it to their grandmother somewhere in another part of the country.
It's a small act of continuity in a city that's changing fast. But even as Fernley continues to grow, we will continue to document the shifts, week by week, page by page, bridging experience with emergence and making space for both memory and momentum.

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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Patty Liljeberg, 34
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FEATURES

Fernley ACES Haunted House—A delicatessen of delectable dread

By Jaimie Daniels

It's that time of year again, when screams emanate from within the walls of the Fernley ACES/1st Option Realty office. No, it's not from soaring rental prices or from the volunteer ACES crew (well, actually, there probably were some screams of frustration during the build, so that's not entirely true), it's from the many victims, I mean, patrons, of the annual Fernley ACES haunted house.

This year, the office has been

converted into a haunted delicatessen. As you approach the outside, the windows and signage have been converted into a rather convincing deli storefront, which has even confused some visitors into thinking that it has become an actual deli. The work of the ACES has just begun, though, in an impressive show of creativity and ingenuity.

A true labor of love, the build takes over a month to complete. The haunt takes over the entire backyard of the office and requires a lot of infra-

structure to be erected. This year's haunt encompasses around 5,000 square feet of space, the biggest it's ever been. Working with a small, all-volunteer crew, the space is slowly transformed. Each year, the challenge is to come up with a new theme, and to make it bigger and better than ever. Old props are reused and repurposed, new ones painstakingly built and placed. The attention to detail is something to be admired as these artists create something out of pure imagination and spunk.

On the nights that the haunt is open to the public, there are around 40 volunteers acting, selling tickets, doing actor makeup, entertaining victims (guests), keeping things running, and keeping people safe. It wouldn't be possible to do something so big without so many people willing to help. Teens return year after year, earning community service hours, making friends, and having a blast becoming the ghouls that haunt the halls. It's something that the crew looks forward to, a bit like a big family coming together for their annual gathering—if that family somewhat resembled the Addams Family, that is.

Food trucks like MH Fine Swine BBQ, We Can Warriors, and Del Barrio show up, ready to feed the crowds. Pizza Factory Fernley and Fire Forno donated to help feed the crew. It's a community effort to bring such an attraction like this to our city. All of this effort brings together something worth traveling for, and people come from all over to visit Fernley's haunted house. In years past, the reviews have put it in the top of the northern

Nevada haunted attractions, and this year promises to be no different.

When you come to visit, you'll enter the Delicatessen, finding yourself feeling like something is just a little "off" in this place. You'll get a behind the scenes tour that gets darker and more twisted with every turn. If you've visited the haunt in past years, you may recognize some familiar elements that have become somewhat of a signature for the ACES haunts over the years, but they're still surprising and unexpected, used in new ways, new places, and brought to the next level. Dark corners, confusing twists and turns, jump scares, and more are ready to elicit screams from each visitor.

In addition to the usual suspects and new frights, the ACES is trying some new things this year including the point-of-view Scare Cam where you can see the faces of ACES victims as they get spooked, weekend "High Frights" posted on ACES socials, and a 360 camera for fun selfies (wear your costumes!).

The weird light in the sky and the thundering booms are leading you to the depths of darkness in the ACES Delicatessen Haunted House, so watch out for the beacons leading to your doom. The haunt has been extended to three weekends this year through Nov. 1. It's located at 40 N Center St, Fernley and runs Fridays and Saturdays (plus Thursday, Oct 30th) from 7 p.m. until after 10 p.m., whenever there's no more line outside.

Check FernleyACES.net for more information. Come visit, if you dare!



The Fernely ACES Delicatessen Haunted House runs through Nov. 1 at 40 N. Center St. Photo by Kevin Waters/Magical Moments by Kevin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Extension hires new coordinator for Lyon and Mineral counties



Melissa Huntley will lead Extension's efforts in Lyon and Mineral counties to connect residents with programs to address county needs such as enhancing family well-being, local agriculture and community resilience. Photo by Robert Moore.

By Claudene Wharton, University of Nevada, Reno

University of Nevada, Reno Extension has hired Melissa Huntley as the new Extension county coordinator for Lyon and Mineral counties. Huntley will partner with residents and local leaders to expand access to research-based education in areas such as agriculture, youth development, health and nutrition, and community development.

A lifelong Nevadan with deep roots in Lyon County, Huntley brings extensive experience in public service, community programming, and support for families and underserved populations. "I'm excited to work with our local communities in a new capacity, helping families, youth and local organizations access educational resources that truly make a difference," Huntley said. "Extension's work reaches every corner of Nevada, and I'm honored to continue that legacy here at home."

Before joining Extension, Huntley worked in multiple roles with Lyon County Human Services and the State of Nevada's Rural Regional Center, where she provided case management, quality assurance and resource coordination for vulnerable populations. Her leadership experience includes supervising senior services programs and staff and fostering community partnerships.

As the Extension county coordinator for both Lyon and Mineral counties, Huntley will manage the Extension offices in those counties, located in Yerington and Hawthorne, ensuring that local programs meet county needs while connecting residents to state-wide University resources.

"Melissa's background in community service and local government makes her an excellent fit for this position," said Holly Gatzke, Extension northern area director. "She brings both professional expertise and a heartfelt understanding of the people and priorities of rural Nevada."

An alum of the University of Nevada, Reno, Huntley holds a bachelor's degree in speech pathology.

Obermayr announces candidacy for Nevada Assembly District 39

Staff Report

Longtime Lyon County resident Erich Obermayr, a Democrat, has announced that he will run for Nevada Assembly, District 39, which covers all of Douglas County and the western portion of Lyon County.

The District's approximately 1,100 square mile area includes rural and suburban communities and extends from the east slope of the Sierra Nevada at Lake Tahoe west to the Pine Nut Mountains and from Lake Lahontan south to Topaz Lake.

In his 77 years, Obermayr has held a wide range of jobs from dishwasher and factory laborer to janitor and construction worker, before building a career as a professional archaeologist and writer focused on Nevada's history and cultural heritage. His experience spans minimum-wage work, professional achievement, and the challenges and satisfaction of owning a small business.

"My life's experience has given me a deep understanding and appreciation for the struggles and triumphs of everyday life: putting food on the table, making the rent or house payment, and guiding the children to a bright, successful future," said Obermayr. "As your Assemblyman, I will focus on passing legislation that advances economic opportunity, health, education, safety, and quality of life for all Nevadans."

Obermayr emphasized that Nevada families are being squeezed by rising costs and lagging wages, and he believes the Legislature must take a

ground-up approach to problem-solving.

"Our government does have a role in addressing these issues, but only if we start by asking one question of every bill: How does this make life better for everyday Nevadans?" Obermayr said. "That's the philosophy I'll bring to Carson City."

Erich and his wife Meg have been residents of Silver City on the Comstock for more than 30 years, where they built their home, raised their daughter, and continue to be active members of their community. He currently serves as Chair of the Silver City Citizen Advisory Board, a position he has held for more than 15 years.

More information about Erich Obermayr and his campaign can be found at electerich.com.



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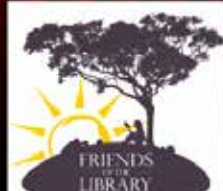
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COMMUNITY

Veterans coalition seeking donations for Wreaths Across America

Staff Report

With just a few weeks left before this year's Wreaths Across America event, the Nevada Veterans Coalition is seeking volunteers and wreath sponsorships.

This year's event will be held at 9 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and the Veterans Coalition is looking for donations of refreshments or raffle prizes for the events. The cost to sponsor a wreath is \$17 per wreath.

For the past several years, the Nevada Veterans Coalition has raised enough money to place a wreath on every gravesite in the cemetery, a total of more than 8,000 wreaths.

More information is available at www.supportnnvc.org.



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Volunteers invited to help 4th of July Committee

Staff Report

The Fernley 4th of July Committee is gearing up for another unforgettable Independence Day celebration and is looking for volunteers to help to make it happen. Whether you're a longtime local or new to town, volunteering is a great way to connect with neighbors, support your community, and be part of something spectacular.

Next year's 4th of July will be held in conjunction with the City of Fernley's 25th anniversary celebration.

There are a variety of opportunities to get involved. The committee currently has two open board positions, but it is not necessary to join the board to volunteer.

Volunteers are welcome to help with all aspects of planning and hosting the celebration.

The 4th of July Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month through May, then weekly in June at the Fernley Senior Center. Because the second Tuesday of November this year falls on Veterans Day, the November meeting will be next Tuesday, Nov. 4.

If you're interested, email fernley4thofjuly@gmail.com or call (775) 399-4796 for more information.

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460 W. Main Street, Suite 108
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GOVERNMENT

Storey County approves contract with NDOT for traffic signals on USA Parkway

By Robert Perea

As part of its effort to address traffic congestion on USA Parkway and Interstate 80, the Storey County Commission voted at its Oct. 21 meeting to confirm a pre-authorized contract with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the placement and maintenance of temporary traffic signals on USA Parkway.

The contract is for up to 24 months and cost-sharing up to \$273,600 for the traffic signals.

Storey County Manager Austin Osborne said NDOT is already installing the electrical work between Sydney Drive and USA Parkway for a light at that intersection.

He said the intersection at Denmark Drive needs improvements such as acceleration and deceleration lanes and straightening of the intersection, and lights can't be put in at this time because of high voltage power lines that are in direct proximity as well as some right of way alignments. He said a light there could be a few months to

as long as a year away, depending on the cooperation of adjacent property owners.

Osborne also said the Waltham Way intersection is feasible for a temporary and potentially a permanent signal, but there are some logistical issues in relation to other traffic signals in the area, particularly at Electric Avenue.

He said discussions are ongoing regarding the westbound on-ramp onto I-80 and the Patrick interchange. He said there have been calls from a state office about potentially closing Patrick or reducing access to and from Patrick. He said NDOT is looking at how the Sydney, Denmark and Waltham improvements might address the situation.

Storey County Public Works recently installed stop signs before the Patrick Interchange, metering vehicles entering I-80 and reducing congestion

"I've told the state offices we're going to get them real time information in what we're observing and the functionality of traffic flows, please do not close the interchange," Osborne said.

Lyon County Commissioners Oct. 16 meeting summary

Staff Report

The Lyon County Commission selected Blayne Osborn as the nominee to fill Nevada Assembly District 39 seat recently vacated by Ken Gray. Osborn was nominated Assembly Minority Leader Gregory T. Hafen, II. Blayne Osborn and the nominee selected by Douglas County will be considered for final appointment at a joint meeting of the Lyon County Commissioners and the Douglas County Commissioners.

District 39 represents Douglas County and part of Lyon County, including Dayton and a portion of Silver Springs. Because the district covers two counties, both county commissions are required to approve the appointment of a replacement separately, then meet jointly to approve the appointment.

Osborn is the current president of Nevada Rural Hospital Partners and has been involved in every legislative session and special session in Nevada since 2009.

Gray resigned his Assembly seat after he was appointed by President Donald Trump to serve as Senior Advisor to

the National Cemetery Administration at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Gray defeated Osborn in the 2022 Republican primary for District 39.

Other actions from the meeting include:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Mason Valley: The Commissioners heard an update from Travis Crowder and Nick Beaton from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mason Valley. The Clubs currently serve 1,500 kids and teens annually across Dayton, Silver Springs, Yerington, and Hawthorne. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mason Valley is expanding to meet the needs of Lyon County families, including breaking ground on the Dayton Early Learning Center and seeking funding to build a Silver Springs Clubhouse.

BBCJ Investors, LLC: Approved a request from BBCJ Investors, LLC to abandon portions of access, utility, and drainage easements at the south end of Evans Avenue in Dayton, and to accept a right-of-way dedication for the extension of Evans Avenue. The action applies to properties located at 120, 125,

and 135 Evans Avenue.

Advisory Board Appointments: Acknowledged the resignation of Katie Baker from the Silver Springs Citizen Advisory Board as she was recently appointed to the Planning Commission.

Recommendations to State Engineer: Commissioners recommended the State Engineer deny applications filed by the Walker Basin Conservancy Denied applications 94586 through 94588 filed by Walker Basin Conservancy on July 9, 2025 to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of water right claims of the East Walker River adjudicated in the Walker River Decree. The Board directed

County Manager to submit a letter of recommendation of denial based on concerns raised in the Walker River Irrigation District's protest (included in the agenda backup materials).

Personnel Policy Revisions: Approved the Lyon County Personnel Policy Manual with proposed revisions.

Utilities Update: Lyon County Utilities Engineer Kishora Panda provided an update on several key infrastructure projects across the county. Current efforts include wastewater treatment evaluations, lift station assessments, and sewer and water line replacements

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Meetings

Fernley City Council

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
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Fernley Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
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Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting November 14

Lyon County Commission

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting November 6

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2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
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4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
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Next meeting November 25

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
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Next meeting November 25

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GOVERNMENT

Council waits on Art Park funding decision pending CRRC final costs



The Fernley City Council voted to wait until getting final costs for the building of the Community Response and Resource Center before allocating money to complete the Main Street Art Park. Photo courtesy of the City of Fernley

By Kerry Lyman

Following a presentation at the Oct. 15 City Council meeting outlining costs to implement phases 2 and 3 of the Main Street Art Park, the council decided to continue the matter for 60 days to await any final invoices for the construction of the Community Response and Resource Center (CRRC) before reallocating CRRC funds for another purpose.

City staff was seeking authorization to spend \$268,374 of about \$700,000 remaining in the CRRC budget on phases 2 and 3 of the Art Park to keep momentum going at the park,

and to order equipment to ensure it is all in place for the city's 25th anniversary celebration next summer, said Development Services Coordinator Jessica Murdock.

The goal is to complete phases 2 and 3 of the art park by June 2026 and complete phases 4 and 5 of the Art Park in 2027, she said.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski said that although she loves art and supports the Art Park's development, she thought the price tag for phases 2 and 3 was "terrifying," and she felt more comfortable having a financial

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LEGAL NOTICES

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NO.: 25-CV-1052 - DEPT: I
District Court Lyon County, Nevada

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To: Unknown

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DATED the 2nd day of October 2025

Signed By: Paula Patterson
Published in the Fernley Reporter on October 17, 24, & 31, 2025
Ad #2511

By Kerry Lyman

The first amendment to the 161-acre Red Hawk Ranch Development Agreement was approved by the Fernley City Council after a public hearing at the Oct. 15 meeting, extending the expiration date for tentative subdivision maps, establishing a framework for a Special Assessment District (SAD) and relocating and enlarging the planned community park in the subdivision.

The amendment also incorporates all property owners into the agreement and allows an on-site density transfer for the project site, located on west Main Street to the north, Stock Lane on the west and Miller Lane to the east.

The original development agreement was approved in early 2021 and two tentative subdivision maps for Red Hawk Ranch and Duets at Red Hawk Ranch were approved in 2022,

with both of the tentative subdivision maps set to expire next year, according to a staff report on the item.

Due to the estimated \$14 million cost of installing roadways, utilities and a drainage basin in the proposed project before they are able to sell a single home, the developer is asking to extend the tentative maps' expiration date by five years to give the developers time to develop an SAD to pay for the needed site improvements, said Derek Kirkland, principal planner with Wood Rogers, Inc., representing the property owner.

The proposed SAD would finance offsite roadway improvements, offsite sewer and other utility connections, onsite utilities and roadways, mass grading for the site, including the retention basin and planned community park improvements in the retention basin, according to the staff report.

To address storm and surface water controls in the project site it was

necessary to increase the size of the retention basin from about 3 acres to about 11 or 12 acres, which causes the project to lose 190 housing units. Such a loss would not be financially feasible and would most likely doom the project, Kirkland said.

The proposed density transfer to save those 190 homes does not change the total number of dwelling units allowed and only adjusts their potential location. In addition, the density transfer does not alter the previously approved tentative subdivision maps and only applies to the central portion of the site that has not yet been platted, the staff report indicated.

Expansion of the retention basin also allows the proposed community park in the basin to double in size from 5 acres to 10 acres, which leaves enough room to place three 330-foot by 195-foot multi-use athletic fields

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KENNETH GEHRKE – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$7,500.00, Charges: Allow child abuse/neglect (endanger), (1st)
JOSEPH MACIEL – Area of Arrest: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00
Charges: Court commitment
TYLER WATERS – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,640.00, Charges: Battery on protected person; Resist public officer
JAMIE ROSASCHI – Area of Arrest: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment
AARON JACOBSON – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$25,000.00, Charges: Home invasion, (1st)
SALVADOR HERRERA-ROSAS – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$6,280.00, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st)
JAMES TILL – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: Resist public officer
FORREST HARRINGTON – Area of Arrest: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$640.00, Charges: Driving with suspended driver’s license
MAXWELL BOYER – Area of Arrest: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment
LILLIANIA BRYANT – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$2,125.00, Charges: DUI, (1st)l Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage in publicl

Impede traffic/travel too slow/stopping on road; Unsafe turn, improper position/method at intersection (2 counts)
MICHAEL BURGARD – Area of Arrest: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$2,855.00, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance <14g, (1st or 2nd offense); Possession/ consumption of marijuana in public place/store/vehicle
HENRI HENKEL –Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$4,140.00, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st) (2 counts)
ALYSSA BISPO – Area of Arrest: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$2,435.00, Charges: Assist other agency–hold; Driving with suspended driver’s license; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Owner - proof of insurance required
SEAN MICHELS – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$95,000.00, Charges: Child abuse or neglect, (1st) (2 counts)
EMILY WEBER – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$7,500.00, Charges: Allow child abuse/neglect (endanger), (1st)
ERIK HOOGSTAD – Area of Arrest: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$14,280.00, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st), E/ VOP; Resist public officer; Prevent/ dissuade reporting crime/cause prosecution/arrest; Grand larceny (\$1,200

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WAYNE WOFFORD – Area of Arrest: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$12,500.00, Charges: Possess/receive/transfer stolen vehicle; Take possession of vehicle/part with false/defaced/altered ID
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SEAN SAUNDERS – Area of Arrest: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment
RICHARD HIGHTOWER –Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,500.00, Charges: Criminal contempt – failure to obey court order
NATHAN SHUEY – Area of Arrest: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$2,640.00
Charges: DUI, (2nd)
VANESSA WRIGHT – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,730.00, Charges: False statement to/obstruct public officer; Intoxicated pedestrian/animal rider on road; Intimidate public officer/others
NICOLE THOMAS – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$5,280.00, Charges: DUI, (1st) (2 counts); Domestic battery, (1st) (2 counts)
MICHELLE CHAVEZ – Area of

Arrest: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI, (1st)
COLTON DOOLEY – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$52,435.00
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CHRISTIAN JIMENEZ AVILA – Area of Arrest: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,960.00, Charges: Driving without driver’s license; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Assist other agency–hold
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cushion for the CRRC to accommodate any contingencies that may arise at the center.
Other council members expressed the same concerns, with Councilman Joe Mendoza pointing out there are other city priorities that need funding, such as the roundabout, so maybe

the council should consider having a council meeting to list and rank priorities.
City Treasurer Robert Carson told the council there was about \$11 million in the city’s unallocated fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year that could be reallocated for any purpose the council decides.
A motion made by Councilman

Stan Lau and seconded by Councilman Ryan Hanan to approve the requested Art Park funding failed, with only Lau and Hanan voting to approve the motion. The council then took a 10-minute recess and voted on another motion to delay the matter for 60 days, which passed with unanimous approval.
Improvements to the Art Park

contained in phases 2 and 3 include an artistic gazebo with a possible water fountain, two polygon (looks leaf-like) shade structures, a community brick wall alongside the walking path displaying brick donations and a repainting of the tortoise. One of the proposed polygon shade structures would measure 8 feet by 14 feet and the other would measure 12 feet by 23 feet.

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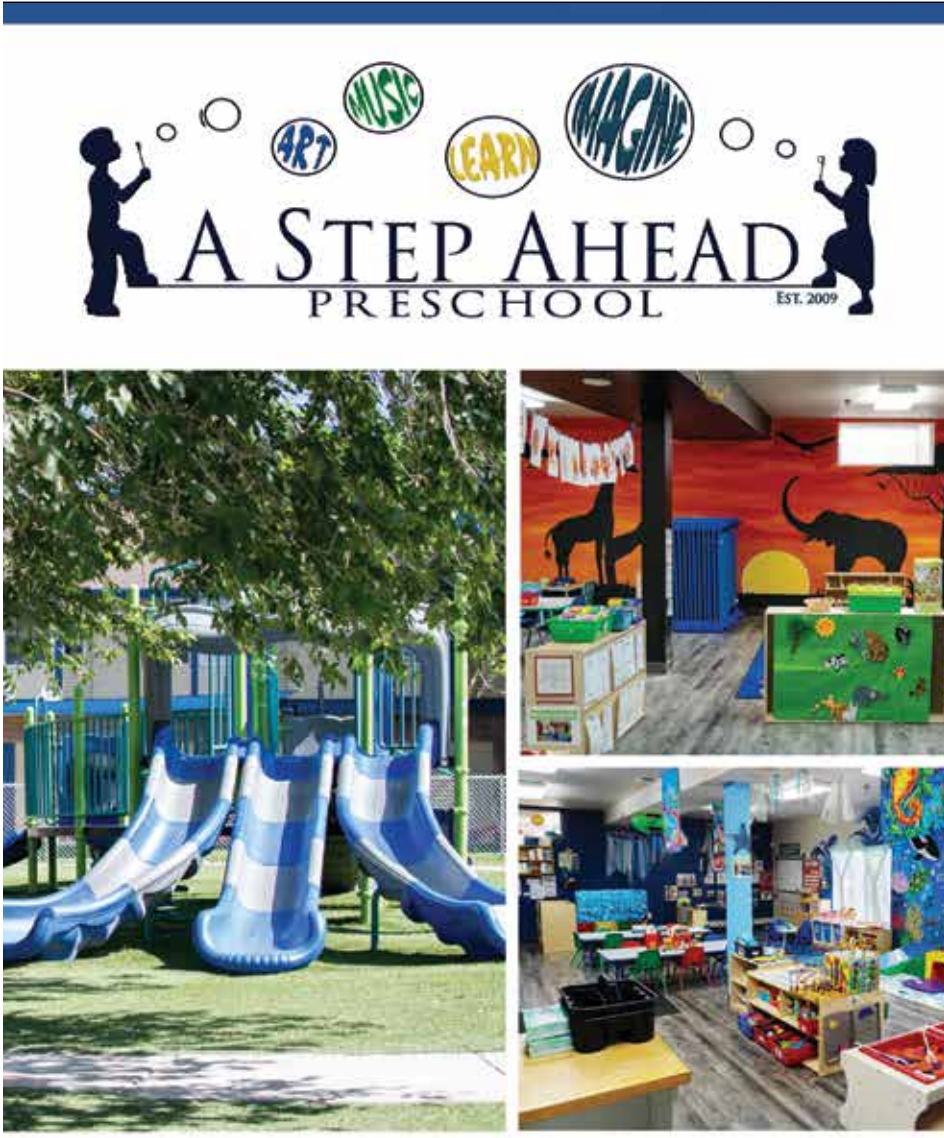
to support growing community needs. Projects in pre-design and planning include the Silver Springs GID Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Disposal Study, Sludge Dewatering and Disposal Alternatives Study, Lift Station 1 Condition Assessment, and Industrial Lift Station Improvement Evaluation. Design projects include the Rose Peak Water Main Replacement and the Highway 50–Dayton Valley Road Sewer Replacement (Phase 2). The Rolling A Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 4 Expansion remains under construction.
Nevada Clean Energy Fund Board Nominations: Nominated Commissioners Hendrix & Jacobson as a potential board member to serve on the Nevada Clean Energy Fund Board.
Commissioner Travel: Commissioners directed County Manager Haskin to draft and update the Board of County

Commissioners travel policy and bring it back to the Commission for final approval. In addition, the Board authorized Commissioner Keller to travel to Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties 2025 Rural Action Caucus Fly-In November 1820, 2025 for an estimated cost of \$1,500 (Passed 4-1, Commissioner Hockaday opposed).
Dayton Valley Dog Park: After reviewing recommendations from the Dayton Regional Citizens Advisory Board, Commissioners approved 4-0 (Cassinelli abstained) to keep water usage costs associated with providing water to the Dayton Valley Dog Park and offered to waive the \$35.00 cost to turn off and on the water 2 times a year.
The complete agenda and back up materials are posted online at www.lyon-county.org/Agendacenter. Residents can view recordings of Board of County Commission meetings on the Lyon County YouTube Channel.

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in the retention basin, which would probably only flood during a 100-year storm event, leaving the proposed playground and parking area outside the flood zone, Kirkland said.
The community park, which was originally located at the southeast corner of the subdivision, and is now

relocated to the center of the project, fronting on west Main Street, makes the park more accessible and visible to the community and provides a dual purpose due to the flood control aspect, the staff report said.
The amendment also incorporates the Duets at Red Hawk Ranch into the Red Hawk Ranch Development Agreement.



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SPORTS

Volleyball: Vaqueros beat Incline in first round of regional tournament

By Robert Perea

The Fernley girls volleyball team won its opening match of the 3A Northern Regional Tournament Monday night, earning a spot in the semifinals on Friday in Elko.

The Vaqueros, the No. 2 seed from the Northern 3A East, beat Incline 3-1 (25-22, 25-13, 21-25, 25-16).

The Vaqueros capitalized on their serving, consistently scoring multiple points on each rotation.

“We served, I think, pretty good the whole night,” coach Diane Chapin said. “We had a few missed serves, but more or less because they were trying to make them challenging. But once we limited our mistakes, we did a lot better and started working together.”

The exception was the third set, when the Vaqueros got out of rhythm after Grace Chapin landed on another player’s foot and rolled her ankle. The Vaqueros were leading 9-8 after the play she was injured, but Incline tied the score on the next serve and never trailed again. The Vaqueros tied the set 19-19, but Incline scored six of the next eight points to force a fourth set.

But after trailing 6-5 in the fourth set, the Vaqueros went on a 11-3 run to take control, then finished by outscoring Incline 9-3 after the Highlanders pulled within 16-13.

“We had to make an adjustment

when the injury happened and we took us a minute so probably why we dropped that set, and I messed up the rotation in the last one, so that’s why we were a little scatterbrained, but it didn’t kill us at all,” Diane Chapin said.

Setter Alauna Escartin kept the attack rolling with 28 assists, surpassing 1,000 for her high school career.

“That’s a kind of amazing feat because the first two years she was running basically kind of a 6-2, and the first half of the season we ran the 6-2, and then we switched her over to a 5-1 later on as she got in better shape, and she’s been doing phenomenal,” Chapin said.

A 6-2 formation in volleyball uses two setters and always has three front row attackers available because the setters set from the back row. In a 5-1, the setter rotates through all six positions on the court and sets even when she rotates to the front row.

Chapin said the system works because although there’s only two hitters when Escartin rotates to the front, she is tall enough to block and can hit when another player handles the ball.

“She’s a good and smart volleyball player, so even in the front row, she’s not going to hurt us as far as size wise because she knows she can go out and block, she can go up and hit, so she knows the game,” Chapin said. “And I think her presence on the court keeps us stronger throughout the whole thing



Fernley’s Alauna Escartin sets the ball for a teammate during Monday’s Northern 3A Regional Tournament match against Incline. Escartin surpassed 1,000 career assists during the match. Photo by Robert Perea

with her on there the whole time.”

Trista Menesini led the Vaqueros with 16 kills, Lilliana Young had 7 and Chapin had five before she left the match. In all the Vaqueros had 38 kills, and their depth ensures they always have at least two strong hitters in the front row.

“We try to keep it so that we’re pretty strong throughout the whole time and have some options for our setter all the time,” Chapin said.

The Vaqueros now advance to the regional semifinals in Elko, where they will face Truckee at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Truckee beat Elko in three sets Monday night. In the other semifinal, North No. 1 seed Fallon beat Wooster in three sets on Monday and will play Dayton, which beat South Tahoe in five sets.

Friday’s winners will both qualify for the 3A State Tournament and play for the Region Championship at noon Saturday.

“We beat Truckee earlier in the year, so I think we have a good chance if we play like we can and limit our mistakes,” Chapin said.

Boys soccer ends season on high note

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School boys soccer team wrapped up the regular season with a flourish, beating Fallon 5-0 last Friday night.

The Vaqueros finished the season with a 2-7-1 record in the Northern 3A East Division, and 2-13-4 overall.

Leland Ketelaar scored two goals for Fernley, while Jesus Infante, Luis Salazar and Jiovani Paredes, all seniors, scored goals for Fernley. Salazar also had two assists and Brandon Ibarra, Logan Kallas and Todd Wickenden each had one.

“I would like to say it was a great game and a great way to end the season with 5-0 victory for varsity,” coach Angel Muniz said. “They played an amazing game. Even though falling short from the playoffs they still played their heart out. To the seniors, best of luck on their next adventures and hope to see them on TV playing big soccer games.”

The JV team finished with a 3-1 victory over Fallon to finish with an undefeated 8-0-2 league record.

“I could not express how proud I am of these boys creating a connection in such short amount of time which was a big factor to this undefeated record,” Muniz said.

The girls team lost its final game at Fallon last Friday, 7-0. The Vaqueros ended the season with a 4-14 overall record and 0-7 in league play.



The Fernley High School boys soccer team beat Fallon 5-0 in its final game of the season last Friday. Photo courtesy of Fernley High School



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SPORTS

Vaqueros enter playoffs after running past Dayton

By Robert Perea

The scoreboard showed a 50-27 score when the Fernley High School football team gathered in the south end zone at Dayton High School last Friday, but it wasn't a time for celebration.

The Vaqueros got two touchdowns each from Keeshawn Love, Riley McCullar and Jayden Esparza, plus a defensive score on a fumble recovery by Isaiah Mutte to roll past the DustDevils. But with Nevada Day this Friday, the Vaqueros walked off the field facing a short week before hosting Lowry at 6 p.m. Thursday night in the first round of the Northern 3A playoffs.

The win secured the No. 3 seed for the Vaqueros, which gives them a home game for the first round. The winner of Thursday's game will play at Fallon in the second round next week.

Coach Anfernee Sloan was happy with his squad, particularly with several backups who had to play big minutes when several starters suffered minor injuries during Friday's game. Sloan was also concerned about his defense, which saw Dayton's Duke Evans run for 290 yards and three touchdowns. Combined with 193 passing yards, Dayton torched the Fernley defense for 464 total yards.

"Their record, I don't know necessarily matches the way they play football," Sloan said. "That is a physical Dayton football team, and I



Fernley's Keeshawn Love runs through a hole created by his offensive line during last Friday's game in Dayton.
Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography

commend them for that. Much more physical than some of the ones I've seen in the past."

The early part of the game looked like the Vaqueros would have no trouble. Keeshawn Love took Fernley's first offensive snap 59 yards for a touchdown, and his second carry went 32 yards for another score and Fernley led 14-0.

Just 15 seconds later, a Dayton fumble rolled from the 22-yard line all the way into the end zone, where Mutte recovered it for a 21-0 lead with 23.8 seconds left in the first quarter.

But then Evans began to find room to run, and sometimes made room where there was none. His 18-yard touchdown cut the lead to 21-7 with 5:25 left in the first quarter,

ers out to avoid injuries. But the plan didn't quite work, because a handful of starters suffered a variety of dings. None are likely to make them miss any games, but Sloan said he wants to be careful to make sure none of them develop into the kind of injuries that do keep guys from being able to play.

"Injuries occur in a football game, and that's normal, but when you sustain several to a bunch of people that play crucial roles in what we do, it's just one of those things," he said. "We're just going to have to kind of augment the way they practice so we can get their bodies healthy and get them ready for Lowry."

Of bigger concern to Sloan was the rushing yards Evans piled up, just two weeks after Fallon's Carson Melendy shredded them with 357 yards.

"We've got to go back and kind of reevaluate what we're going to do defensively, because this game, the Fallon game, we just haven't been able to stop the run," he said. "And that's a thing that we need to address."

The playoffs also bring a different sense of urgency because there's not another game if you lose.

"You have one guaranteed opportunity to play," Sloan said. "You have to win to keep moving on, so yeah, we're going to go play the game and do what we have to do and get ready for it. We've got a good team, better than the ones we've had in the last couple of years, being a home team, having the opportunity to play a team that our guys are going to be confident to play against."

Fernley went back up by three scores on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Bryce Stephens to Riley McCullar, but Evans made it a 29-13 game with 1:13 left in the first half.

Esparza needed just one play to get those points back, breaking free for a 55-yard score that made it 36-13 at the half.

McCullar and Esparza each had long touchdowns in the second half, 28 yards for McCullar and 54 yards for Esparza, which kept Dayton at bay.

"Kudos to those guys for showing up and representing their school," Sloan said. "But again, I'm glad that our guys came out on top and kept playing the game."

Sloan came into the game hoping to get an early lead and take his start-

Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Autumn Apple Crisp

Whether Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Gala or Granny Smith you cannot go wrong with any assortment of apples for this delicious and easy to make Autumn Apple Crisp. It's harvest time and apples are at their peak deliciousness, so grab a basket of your favorite apple assortment and enjoy harvest season with this mouth-watering dessert.

Ingredients

- 6 Apples (a variety of flavors taste best)
- 2 Tablespoons Sugar
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons cinnamon, divided
- 1/8 Teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 3/4 Cup old fashioned oats
- 3/4 Cup flour
- 1/2 Cup butter, cold and cubed (1 cube)

Instructions

1. Preheat to 350 degrees.
2. Peel and core apples, cut into thin slices.
3. In a large mixing bowl, toss apple slices with sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves. Toss until apples are well coated, put apples into 9" baking dish.
4. In a separate bowl mix brown sugar, oats, flour and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon.
5. Cut the cold cubed butter into the brown sugar and oat mixture and mix until the ingredients are crumbly.
6. Add the brown sugar and oat mixture over the apples and gently pat until the mixture is pressed and completely covering the top of the apples.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes.
8. Remove from oven and let cool, top with whipped topping and serve. Enjoy!

Sherry Perea has nearly 20 years' experience managing restaurants and creating delicious menus. She enjoys sharing unique recipes with her family and friends and is excited to bring her love of food to the Fernley community.



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11/30/25
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12/8/25

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet our cat of the week... Boo!

This handsome fella' is Boo. Boo is available to adopt through Precious Paws Society of Nevada, a rescue group here in Fernley. Boo is a male kitten who is very energetic and loves to play. (They had to hold him down to get his picture taken!) Boo can also be very lovable and loves to sit in laps when he has gotten all of his excess energy out. He has been patiently waiting for his forever person/family to come and pick him, but so far no one has chosen this sweet and loving young cat. Boo is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet Boo, please call and leave your contact info at 775-575-0950 and someone will get right back to you.



Precious Paws Society of NV | 1085 Aster Ln, Fernley, NV 89408

775-575-0950 | preciouspawssocietynv@gmail.com

PET OF THE WEEK

Ghost is looking for his forever home!



Our pet-of-the-week is Ghost. Ghost is an adult, male, Husky. Ghost is affectionate, athletic, brave, quiet, gentle, independent, and smart. This boy gets along well with other dogs. If you would like to meet this sweet boy, you can contact the Lyon County Animal Shelter at 775-577-5005 and arrange a meet up with him. Or you can visit the Shelter at 3705 Highway 50 West in Silver Springs, NV.

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