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86 percent of Lyon teachers rated effective or better

By Robert Perea

A high percentage of Lyon County School District teachers rated as effective or highly effective according to the state's most recent annual performance review, but a review of the data by the district's Board of Trustees evolved into a question of whether the evaluation feedback is effective.

According to the data from the Nevada Educator Performance Framework, 413 teachers in the district were evaluated. Of those, 39.95 percent were rated effective and 46.17 rated highly effective, a total of 86.12 percent. The district had 2.15 percent rated developing and none rated ineffective, along with 11.72 percent who were exempt from the evaluation because they had rated highly effective for two consecutive years.

"We feel in Lyon County we have really strong teachers, we have great evaluators, as our administrators that are always seeking to provide our teachers with feedback," said LCSD Executive Director of Human Re-



Students listen during a class discussion. The Nevada Educator Performance Framework rated more than 86 percent of Lyon County teachers as effective or highly effective in this year's report. Photo courtesy of Lyon County School District

sources Billie Jo Hogan. "And I think the results proved that."

The data was presented to the Trustees at their Oct. 28 meeting, but what jumped out to at least one Trustee was that only half of the 122 teachers and administrators in the district who responded to the state survey said the feedback in the report positively impacted student learning.

"More than half are saying, 'Nah, this is basically worthless to us,'" Trustee Darin Farr said.

Hogan acknowledged that has been the case in the past as well, but said the district is trying to use the tools to help teachers understand what good teaching practices look like and that the data does help them.

"But some of them may think it

really doesn't," she said. "Like, 'I don't need the evaluation tool, and I'll still be a great teacher.'"

Farr said the district needs to do a better job of advocating for itself.

"We've got to do something between the state and district where we meet in the middle and we're actually

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Interim Finance Committee approves \$38.6 million for food banks amid SNAP halt

By Jim Fleming

The Interim Finance Committee, composed of Nevada Assembly members and senators, met last week to discuss an emergency plan to address the impending halt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding expected on Nov. 1.

State legislators debated how to subsidize food budgets for Nevadans whose SNAP benefits will cease indefinitely beginning in November until the federal government reopens.

The committee voted unanimously to allocate \$38.6 million to Nevada's two major food banks—Three Square in Southern Nevada and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada—to purchase and distribute food for the approximately 500,000 residents who are losing SNAP support starting this week.

The state has already sent \$8.6 million to Three Square and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, with the remain-

ing \$30 million to be reallocated to Nevada's food insecurity programs from unspent federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Legislators also discussed the possibility of using the state's "rainy day fund," which consists of surplus money from the previous fiscal year, to replace the \$90 million Nevada's SNAP program typically receives each month if the shutdown continues.

Shane Piccinini and Beth Martino, representing the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square, respectively, testified extensively during the session. Both said they expect food demand at their distribution sites and rural partner pantries to double starting this week, with even greater need anticipated if federal payrolls to active military and civilian employees are interrupted.

Martino testified that Three Square distributes between 2 million and 3 million pounds of food per month. Both

organizations rely on federal commodity programs such as the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), as well as private donations and wholesale purchases totaling about \$1 million per month each.

Food banks previously distributed millions of dollars' worth of fresh produce from Nevada farmers through the Home Feeds Nevada program. Still, federal programs that funded HFN and similar farm-to-community efforts were canceled within the past year.

Robert Thompson, director of the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), was asked whether the state could provide emergency funds directly to families as SNAP cash, as other states have done. Thompson replied that the regional Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) director has told Nevada that the state cannot use SNAP beneficiary data to replace federal SNAP funds because Nevada lacks a general assistance

agreement with FNS.

A press release from Gov. Joe Lombardo's office dated Oct. 24, 2025, echoed that restriction, stating that state funds could not be used to replace SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) money directly.

Assembly Speaker Steve Yeager of Clark County questioned Thompson about how a direct-to-consumer spending plan might work. Thompson testified that his team had already researched that option and found that the state's EBT contractor, Fidelity Information Services, could load cash onto EBT cards within about a week at minimal cost. He added that the funds would appear in a "cash" account, separate from the existing "food" account, allowing users to choose which to use at grocery checkouts.

Assemblymembers Sandra Jauregui and Yeager of Clark County and Sen. Nicole Cannizzaro of Las Vegas, all

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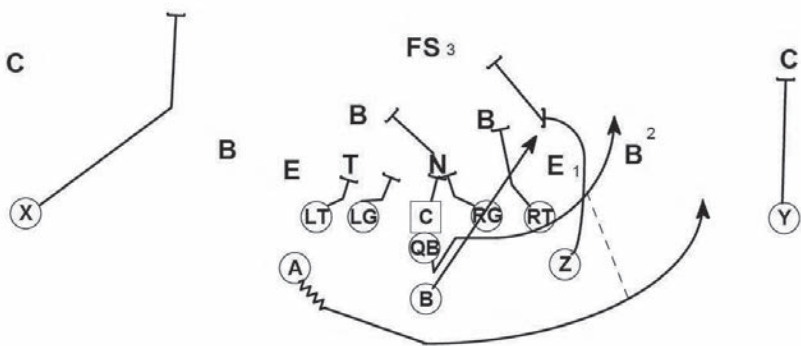
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



What the test doesn't measure

As I was listening last week to the discussion on the Lyon County School District's ratings on the Nevada Educator Performance Framework, I couldn't help but thinking that something was missing.

The numbers were there, indicating that 86.12 percent of Lyon County teachers were rated effective or highly effective, with another 11.72 percent exempt from this year's evaluation because they were rated highly effective for the past two years in a row. That's 97.84 percent, and that's an impressive total in almost any field.

But that's not what gets to the heart of it for me.

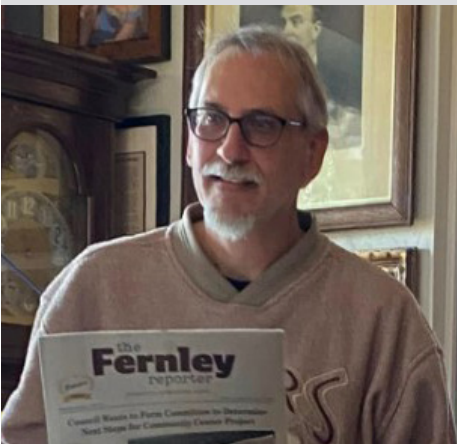
To me, education is a personal experience. It happens in fits and starts, in questions asked and answers that sometimes don't show up until years later. It's shaped by a teacher who sees you, the book that stays with you, the moment that something clicks.

I spent a few years working as a substitute teacher, mostly in long-term positions, and there was nothing more gratifying than that moment when a student realized they understood something.

That's not measurable on any kind of test or evaluation. And yet, we keep trying to measure it with numbers.

We give students standardized tests and call it accountability. We give teachers performance reviews and call it effectiveness. We reduce a year of learning to a spreadsheet, a classroom to a data point, a profession to a rubric.

It's not that evaluation is wrong. It's not even that we're measuring the wrong things. It's that true learning and teaching can't be measured.



ROBERT PEREA

A test can tell you whether a student bubbled the right answer, but it can't tell you whether that was just a guess, or something that student understands. A high score on a test tells you that a student knows a lot of the answers, but it can't tell you whether they truly understand the structure, the layers and what it all means.

An accumulation of a classroom full of high or low scores leads us to determine whether a teacher is doing a good job, and maybe that's a good way to measure that, but maybe not.

But learning is messy and teaching is relentless. A teacher has to learn to understand whether a student's silence means they understand and don't need to ask a question, or whether they don't understand and are afraid to show it.

To me, education isn't about outcomes, it's about relationships. It's about spending lunch break helping a kid solve a math problem they aren't grasping, a paragraph they can't make sense of, and even navigate a difficult

home life.
Even if you believe testing of students and evaluation of teachers proves how well they're doing, that's just rote mechanics. Even if they do accurately measure how effective a teacher is at teaching math or reading, or how well a student learns it, there's no way to measure resilience.
Anyone can feed data into a machine that then spits out a computation. Education is more than that. Education is about things that can't be measured. It's a human endeavor, and the best parts of being human don't fit on any charts.

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

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FEATURES

Fern 45 celebrates a decade of off-road fun and veteran support

By Robert Perea

What began in 2015 as a casual off-road outing among friends has grown into one of Fernley's signature annual events. Now in its 11th year, the Fern 45 returns Nov. 6-8 to the Reno-Fern-

ley Raceway for a three-day celebration filled with food, music, games and the beloved Off-Road Patriot Poker Run. More than just a good time, the Fern 45 has become a powerful fundraiser for veterans organizations and

individual veterans in need. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$100,000 and provided direct support to countless veterans across Nevada. Founder Kelly Walsh originally envisioned a small gathering of maybe 30 people. Instead, more than 100 showed up that first year. That spontaneous turnout sparked a tradition that's continued every year since, except for 2020 due to the pandemic. This year's festivities kick off with gates opening at noon Thursday, with food trucks, live music and a Texas Hold 'Em. Friday's registration opens at 9 a.m. with vendors opening at noon, a cornhole tournament in the evening and live music after the tournament. Opening ceremonies take place at 8 a.m. Saturday with the off-road course open at 11 a.m. Vendors, food trucks and a bounce house sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club will open at noon. The Poker winner and door prize winners will be announced at 4:45 and the event wraps up with more live music. Entry into the venue is free and camping and events are available for purchase. For full details, visit thefern45.com or follow along at facebook.com/thefern45.



The Nevada Veterans Coalition Honor Guard posts the colors during the 2024 Fern 45 event. Photo courtesy of Fern 45

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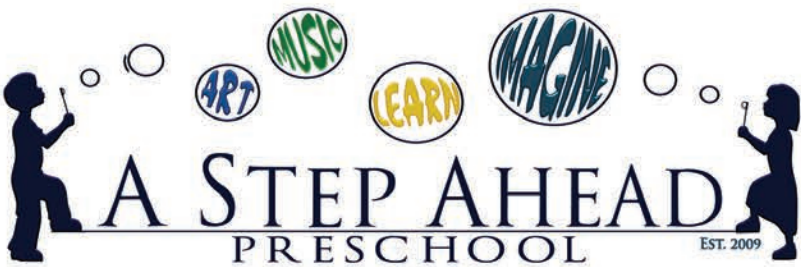
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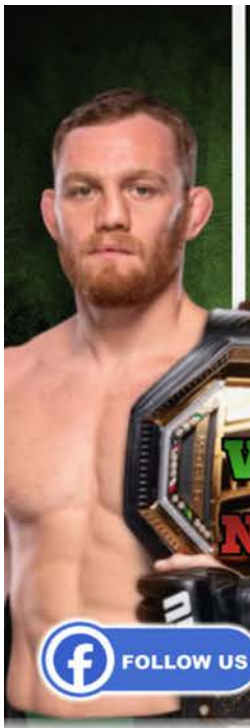
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comfort House hosting fundraiser Saturday in Virginia City

By Robert Perea

The Comfort House, a trauma-informed foster home in Silver Springs, will be hosting a karaoke fundraiser for foster youth this Saturday, Nov. 8 at Pipers Opera House in Virginia City. “Sink or Sing” is a one-of-a-kind karaoke competition fundraiser with a fun twist: contestants are assigned random songs from all genres and must sing on the spot. The audience votes to

decide who sinks and who sings their way to the top. There will also be raffle prizes, refreshments, and community celebrations. The event is open to community members, families, and local businesses. The cover price is \$13 per person ahead of time or \$20 per person at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds support The Comfort House’s enrichment programs, including Learning for Life

experiences, and trauma-informed care for local foster youth. The Comfort House was founded in 2023 by Gina Armstrong as a sanctuary that aims to offer not just shelter but a genuine home environment for children in need. Armstrong is supported by an equally dedicated board of directors made up of Amber Taylor, the principal of Silver State High School, Sheriff Brad Pope, Lyon County Human Services Director

Shayla Holmes, Mike Navin, John Medlin and Russel Davies. Together they are focused on the well-being of Lyon County children and meeting the pressing necessity for safe placements for children who are removed from abusive or neglectful homes. The mission of the Comfort House is to enhance the well-being of children in foster care by offering a nurturing, responsible, loving, safe, and secure home environment.

Lyon County to hold groundbreaking ceremony for Charles J. Kirk Government Complex in Dayton

Staff Report

The Lyon County Commission will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 13 to commemorate the official start of construction for the Charles J. Kirk Lyon County Government Complex in Dayton. The ceremony will be held at 103 Three Crossing Ave. It will include brief remarks from county officials as well as representatives of CORE Construction and developer Project One,

which is working on the Traditions project in Dayton. This facility will be the future site of the Dayton Justice Court, District Attorney’s Dayton Office, Human Services Dayton Office, and Sheriff’s Office Dayton Substation. The County Commission voted in September to name the building after Charlie Kirk, a conservative influencer who was murdered during a speaking engagement in Utah.



Charles J. Kirk Government Complex, courtesy of Lyon County

Continued from FRONT - TEACHERS... talking the same language when it comes to what performance is, what progress is for students, that kind of thing,” he said. Hogan said that’s what the NPEF aims to do. “The NPEF is the common language throughout the state,” she said. Hogan also said there would be the same concerns about any type of

evaluation tool. “You’re going to have those teachers that are going to be great regardless, and then you’re going to have some of the teachers that really need that support and help you’re giving them to grow,” she said. Farr compared it to his time in the military. “There’s the 30,000-foot view and there’s the boots on the ground view, and I trust the boots on the ground

view, which is our teachers and what they’re doing, more than I do some observer who hasn’t spent time in a classroom in probably a decade,” he said. Trustee Tom Hendrix asked that since the district is mandated to use the NPEF feedback as a tool, how it can be made better. But Hogan said it was created by the Teacher and Leaders Council, which was created by the legisla-

ture in 2011 as part of an effort to establish a statewide performance evaluation system for teachers and building-level administrators. Ultimately, Hogan said learning to use the evaluation system is a work in progress and the district administrators are trying to effectively deliver feedback to staff. “But our teachers have been very good and very receptive and proving to be strong educators,” she said.

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OBITUARY

Betty Lou Flodman

1936-2025



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Betty Lou Flodman of Fernley, Nevada, aged 89. Born in Arizona, the daughter of Olav and Magda of Norway, the youngest of 4 children: Vera (Mag), Anne (Bob), and Norman (Franci). She attended the University of Arizona graduating with her degree in education, becoming a teacher—her specialty being math. In 1962 she married Harry “Stormy” Flodman in Carson City, Nevada. They had three children: Torrey (Terry), Eric (Kellie), and Kurt (Shannon). They raised their children in Minden, NV, operating several businesses in the Northern Nevada area. In 1982, they opened The Silver Spur Saloon in

Fernley, eventually moving to the small town. A few of the local causes she championed included the local Toys for Tots, Fernley High School Rodeo, Senior Pro Rodeo, Fernley Fourth of July, Fernley 4-H and the Boys and Girls Club of Fernley. She was a decades-long member of T.O.P.S. (Gardnerville and Fernley) as well as the Fernley Lunch Bunch. To honor Betty’s commitment to the Fernley community, the family suggests a donation in lieu of flowers to the local Boys and Girls Club of Fernley 695 E. Main St, Fernley, NV 89408 or online at <https://bgctm.org/get-involved/donate>. Select “Dedicate this Donation” and choose either In Honor

Of or In Memory Of and put “Betty Flodman” in the box. This assures your donation goes to the local Fernley club. She is survived by her 3 children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other family including her sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins (in the U.S. and Norway) along with numerous extended family members, dear friends and her faithful dog, Balto. A Remembrance of Life will be held on November 15, 2-4 pm at the Meadows Event Center, Fernley, NV, followed by a Celebration of Life at The Silver Spur. We are saddened by her passing but take joy in her memory and comfort in her continuing legacy.

The Fernley High School marching band performed in the Nevada Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 1



The Fernley High School marching band performed in the Nevada Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Carson City. Photos by Dan McGee

Fernley Church Directory

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Silverland Middle School

Grace Baptist Church
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Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
290 N. West Street

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1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting November 19
- Fernley Planning Commission**
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting November 12
- 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 - (Rescheduled from October 10)
- 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 20
- Lyon County Planning Commission**
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
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Next meeting November 11
- Lyon County Library Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting November 25
- Lyon County School District Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting November 18 - (Moved from November 25)
- North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees**
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting November 20
- Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District**
3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m.
Next meeting November 18

Continued from FRONT - SNAP...

Democrats in leadership roles, said the state may have to defy the USDA by using emergency food insecurity funds not only to support food banks but also to send money directly to the 500,000 Nevada SNAP users via their EBT cards.

No members of either party publicly objected to the idea. Yeager concluded the discussion by saying the committee “can’t take ‘no’ for an answer.” The committee ultimately voted to allocate \$38.6 million toward immediate food security efforts through food banks but did not vote on a plan to replace federal EBT funding.

How SNAP EBT cards work in Nevada

Staff Report

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), once known as “food stamps,” helps low-income families buy groceries. Instead of paper coupons, benefits now come on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that works like a debit card at grocery stores.

This change began in the early 2000s, when federal programs started switching to digital systems. By 2009, most states, including Nevada, had moved their food programs to EBT cards. The goal was to make benefits safer, faster, and easier to use.

Before that, people had to use paper “food stamps” or tokens. These were often awkward to handle and sometimes embarrassing to use in public. EBT cards helped solve those problems, but early systems still had issues. They didn’t always work in every store, and extra card readers were sometimes required, which made the process complicated and slow.

To fix that, Nevada developed a new “technology-neutral” system that allowed EBT cards to work with regular store checkout systems. A 2011 state memo, called the Neva-

da WIC Re-tailer Integration Plan, outlined how the state would combine several food programs, such as SNAP and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), onto a single card.

At first, J.P. Morgan managed the EBT system for both SNAP and WIC in Nevada. The company handled the technology that stored benefit information and made sure retailers were re-imbursed after customers made approved purchases.

In 2019, that job was taken over by Fidelity Information Services, the state’s current EBT contractor. Fidelity now manages EBT transactions for about 500,000 Nevada residents.

During the October 30th Interim Finance Committee meeting, Robert Thompson, director of the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, said Fidelity could quickly deposit state funds onto SNAP cards if the federal government stops sending money. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has rules that prevent states from directly replacing federal SNAP benefits with state funds.

That restriction is part of the challenge lawmakers are facing as they try to help families during the current funding halt.

Resources for those in need of food

Staff Report

The office of Governor Joe Lombardo last week issued a fact sheet listing resources available for Nevada residents who are in need of food, particularly those who are impacted by the federal shutdown, including SNAP recipients and federal employees.

Anyone in need of food can find a food distribution location through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada at fbnn.org. The food banks will be conducting self-reporting of SNAP recipients, federal employees, etc. for tracking purposes.

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada can provide direct food distribution to those who need food delivered through their mobile dis-

tribution networks or in partnership with local agencies. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada has 145 partner agencies and more than 40-school based pantries across 13 counties in Nevada and facilitates more than 40 mobile food distributions.

The Nevada National Guard is being activated to support food distribution infrastructure, including receiving of food, boxing food and transporting food from warehouses to food distribution sites.

The Governor’s says the State anticipates that the initial \$38 million being allocated will provide critical support for Nevada families through November but the State will continue to seek sustainable funding solutions as the federal shutdown continues.

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EDUCATION

Trustees select Day to fill vacant School Board seat

By Robert Perea

After interviewing five applicants for the position at their Oct. 28 meeting, the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees selected Kallie Day to fill the vacant District 6 Board seat.

Day is the Chief Financial Officer for Community Chest, Inc., where she previously served as the Adult and

Youth Case Manager, G.A.M.E. Program Director, Case Management Program Director and Human Resources/Grants Manager.

She is a 2006 Dayton High School graduate and described herself as a lifelong member of the Dayton community, a product of its schools, a nonprofit leader and a parent of a student at Sutro Elementary.

“I feel personally and professionally invested in helping Lyon County schools thrive,” she wrote in her letter of intent for the position.

During the interviews, each Trustee asked each candidate one question. After the interviews were complete, each Trustee stated their top two candidates. Each Trustee said they were impressed with multiple candidates, but four of

them listed Day as their first choice.

The Board voted 4-2 to the motion to appoint Day to the vacant seat, with Trustees Tom Hendrix and Sherry Parsons opposed.

“I personally want to thank every single person who put in to do this,” Trustee James Wisler said. “It is not easy and it takes a lot to put yourself out there and volunteer for such a big task.”

District enrollment drops by 158 students

By Robert Perea

In part because of the earlier start to the school year this fall, the Lyon County School District’s average daily enrollment (ADE) is down by 158 points for the first quarter, a sharper decline than usual and one that could cost the district in the range of \$1.5 million in state funding.

The District’s Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains said the district’s ADE is traditionally lower in the first quarter, but this quarter’s drop is much steeper because the district started school two weeks earlier this

year. In the last few years, the district started school after Labor Day.

“Traditionally for us students didn’t attend before then,” Bains said. “We saw an uptick after that holiday. And when you only have two weeks after that to sort of catch up, ADE does take a hit.”

Bains said the district started school later when student enrollment was calculated under the Nevada State Plan, but now the state has switched to the Pupil Centered Funding Plan.

“As everybody knows, this is how we’re funded as a district,” Bains said. “However, we will continue to monitor it and in December be able to present you with where we feel the district is in our December augmented or amended budget. We will share in that how that impacts the school district.”

When asked by Trustee Sherry Parsons to estimate the financial impact to the district, Bains said just over \$1.5 million.

School Board chooses CMARs for Fernley, Dayton single-point entry projects

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees voted at its Oct. 28 meeting to approve CORE Construction as the construction manager at-risk for the Fernley High School single-point of entry and culinary project, and Miles Construction for the single-point of entry project at Dayton High School.

The Trustees had voted in August to proceed with the projects at five district schools using bond funds. At that time, the district’s Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains said a state law changed by the legislature in 2023 requires each project to be bid separately. Bains said that law only allows school districts in

counties with populations of less than 100,000 to use a CMAR for two projects a year. Because the Fernley and Dayton High School projects are the most expensive, the Trustees opted to utilize a CMAR for those.

The district will solicit bids from general contractors for the other projects, at Silver Stage High School, Yerington High School and Silverland Middle School, and will be required to accept the lowest bid as that law requires.

Bains said a CMAR gives the district a guaranteed maximum price for the project and the CMAR is responsible for any additional costs.

Construction on the projects is expected to take place over the summer break of 2026.



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SABINO, KEVIN – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)
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SPORTS

Fernley cross country teams qualify for 3A State meet

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School boys cross country team qualified for this year's 3A State Championships for the first time since 2011, while the girls will be headed back to state after a one-year absence.

The boys team finished third in last Friday's 3A Northern Regional Meet at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. Fernley runners combined for 92 team points, which was behind only Truckee with 54 and Spring Creek with 55.

The girls finished sixth. Although the State Meet format is for the top four Northern and top four Southern teams to qualify for State, only two Southern 3A schools had a complete team in the regional meet, so Fallon, which was fifth, and Fernley in sixth qualified for the State meet.

Individually, the Vaqueros were led by Joe Perkins, who finished fifth in the boys race, earning him first-team All-Northern Region honors. Perkins posted a time of 17:18.

Fernley's second runner across the finish line was Zachary Peterson, who placed 18th with a time of 18:51. He was followed close behind by Cael Wilson, in 19th place with a time of 18:55 and Dominick Dietrich in 20th place in 18:56. Alex Mergell was the fifth scorer for Fernley with a 30th place finish and a time of 19:48. Daniel Hiles posted a time of 21:43 to place 49th and Skyler Ledesma-James was 51st with a time of 22:03.

For the girls, Corbyn Gillespie would have been an individual qualifier if the girls team hadn't qualified as a team, with her 22nd place overall and a time of 25:03. Wynter Angus finished 33rd in a time of 27:01, Jojo Cardinal was 36th in 27:56, Regan Scott came in 41st with a time of 29:28 and Reann Jones was 46th with a time of 36:48.

The State Meet is scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 8, also at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. The 3A Boys are scheduled to run at 10:35 a.m. and the 3A girls at 1:10 p.m.



The Fernley High School boys cross country team qualified for the State Meet for the first time since 2011. Pictured are (left to right) Zachary Petersen, Skyler Ledesma-James, Cael Wilson, Joe Perkins, Alex Mergell, Dominick Dietrich and Daniel Hiles. Photo by Ron Perkins

Truckee thwarts Vaqueros' State Tournament hopes

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School volleyball team boarded the bus bound for Elko last Friday with hopes of returning to play in the 3A State Tournament on their home floor this weekend.

But Truckee had other ideas, and the tournament will go on without them.

Truckee defeated the Vaqueros in three competitive sets, 25-23, 25-17, 25-19 in the semifinals of the Northern 3A Regional meet in Elko last Friday evening, then defeated Dayton in three sets on Saturday to win the regional championship.

Truckee won the match at the net, amassing 43 kills to Fernley's 19, even though the total number of attacks were fairly even, 126 for Truckee and

113 for Fernley.

That amounted to a 16.8 kill percentage for Fernley, even though they committed only 11 attack errors.

"I thought we played really good defense, we just couldn't get our offense on a roll against Truckee's height," coach Diane Chapin said.

Trista Menesini had seven kills for Fernley, while Alina Williams had four, Irene Brown and Alauna Escartin had three each and Emma Masters had two. Escartin had 11 assists, while Menesini and Lillianna Young each had two blocks.

The 3A State Tournament will be played in Fernley this weekend, with Truckee facing Moapa Valley at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Dayton facing the Meadows at 8 p.m. The championship match is set for noon Saturday.



Fernley's Trista Menesini and Irene Brown celebrate after scoring a point during their Northern 3A semifinal match against Incline on Oct. 27. Photo by Robert Perea

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SPORTS

Vaqueros earn rematch with Fallon for trip to state semifinals

By Robert Perea

For a short time last Thursday night, Fernley High School football coach Anfernee Sloan allowed himself to look past whatever concerns he might have about his team's defense, or what challenges Fallon may present when the teams meet this Friday in the second round of the Northern 3A playoffs.

For a few minutes at least, Sloan let those thoughts escape while he congratulated his players on what they accomplished with Thursday's 50-28 win over Lowry in the first round of the playoffs. None of the players on this year's team were in high school yet when Fernley won its last playoff game, 35-34 in Truckee in 2021.

"I told the kids congratulations for every single one of you, because that's your guys' first playoff win, which is huge," Sloan said. "It wasn't pretty by any means, and that's play-off football."

Keeshawn Love ran for 269 yards and four touchdowns, Riley McCullar scored once and Joey Machado returned an interception for a touchdown to lead the Vaqueros, who trailed twice early in the game before steamrolling the Buckaroos with their dominating ground game.

In all, the Vaqueros ran for 429 yards. McCullar had 88 yards and one rushing touchdown, an 80-yarder on Fernley's first offensive play of the



Kicker Noah Spencer lines up for an extra point during last Thursday's game against Lowry. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz DownMemory Lane Photography

game. Bryce Stephens and Jayden Eparza each added 26 yards, including a touchdown by Stephens.

The Vaqueros had shut out Lowry 47-0 two weeks earlier in Winnemucca, but this time around, the Buckaroos found success with a quick passing game. Quarterback Connor Peterson completed 22 of 41 passes for 193 yards and four touchdowns.

The first of those, a 25-yarder to Ryder Huitt, gave Lowry a 7-0 lead.

After McCullar answered and a two-point conversion put Fernley up 8-7, Peterson led the Buckaroos down the field and again connected with Huitt for an 8-yard touchdown for a 14-8 Lowry lead with 2:55 left in the

first quarter.

But Fernley scored 28 consecutive points to take control of the game. Love scored on a 13-yard run to give Fernley a 15-14 lead, then Machado read a short pass underneath, stepped in front of the receiver and returned the interception 25 yards to put Fernley up 22-14. A 61-yard touchdown run by Love extended the lead to 29-14, and he made it 36-14 with a 68-yard score.

Each team scored twice in the second half, but the outcome was never in doubt after Fernley's second quarter avalanche.

Sloan said he wasn't surprised that Lowry was able to move the ball and put some points on the board

after the Vaqueros shut them out two weeks earlier.

"You know how much harder it is to play a team the second time and beat them the same way you did the first time?" he asked. "It's hard, because teams make adjustments. I expected them to come into this game with a better plan than they did the last time."

The Vaqueros will be on the other end of that formula this week. They will be the ones making adjustments from their 42-15 loss to Fallon on Oct. 10, a game that was 21-15 in the third quarter.

The teams will square off at 7 p.m. this Friday in Fallon.

"I think that's going to be a really good football game this go-around, because like I said, it's harder to beat a team a second time," Sloan said.

Even while his team was preparing to play Dayton and Lowry the last two weeks, Sloan and his coaches have been working during that time to try to scheme up a plan to turn around that first result against Fallon.

"It's hard to say study, because it wasn't necessarily schematics, right? We just weren't doing the things that we were taught," he said. "But I could say we're studying, because we've been looking at this stuff the last two and a half weeks. We've got a game plan moving forward and we're going to go and do what we got to do to get the job done."

Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Pumpkin Bread

Baking is my favorite part of the holidays, and like many of you it kicks off my baking season. I can't think of a better way to kick it off than sharing this sweet and spicy Pumpkin Bread recipe. It began as my grandmothers pumpkin bread recipe and over the years it has evolved as I added a pinch of this or that. It has ended up a favorite of my family and friends. It's a wonderful winter bread and perfect for sharing.

Ingredients

- 2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon baking powder
- 1 Teaspoon baking soda
- 1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 Teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 Teaspoon ginger
- 3/4 Cup unsalted butter (1 1/2 cubes)
- 2 Cups sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 Cups canned pumpkin

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F and grease two 8x4 inch loaf pans.
2. Combine flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and ginger in a medium mixing bowl, mix well with a whisk and set aside.
3. Add butter and sugar into a large bowl and mix with electric mixer on low to medium speed until blended. Mix in eggs, vanilla and pumpkin puree and blend until smooth.
4. Add the dry flour mixture and mix well until all ingredients are combined.
5. Divide batter evenly into the 2 greased loaf pans and bake for 60-70 minutes until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan then slice 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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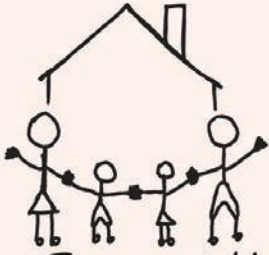
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