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Council approves new leadership structure to replace city manager position

By Robert Perea

Having been without a city manager for more than half of the past 41 months, including at least two unsuccessful searches, the Fernley City Council has decided to reorganize the city's leadership structure without one.

The Council voted during a May 6 budget meeting to approve two new positions, a chief operations officer and a chief development officer, to replace the positions of city manager and deputy city manager.

The council also voted to approve new public information officer and parks and recreation superintendent positions and a new organizational chart that includes those positions.

The council decided to hold off on considering a proposed new human resources technician position until the May 20 meeting, after council members said they wanted more information.

Finance Director Robert Carson told the council the chief development officer (CDO) would oversee the planning, building, safety and engineering departments. He said the CDO would serve as the primary contact for devel-



opers and new businesses, reducing confusion about which department to approach.

"It will make the city more organized and more streamlined for businesses coming in and projects someone in so we can get these approved and moving forward on a more regular basis to help the city grow," he said.

Carson said the chief operations officer (COO) would oversee the public works, parks and recreation and utilities departments.

"This one will tie the three departments together and make sure they're working in tandem and just give a bet-

ter, more focused operation than we have going on," he said. "I think would just be beneficial to the city as a whole in our operation and lead to more productive services to be provided."

The proposed starting salary for both the CDO and COO positions is \$141,000 per year, and Carson estimated the net savings to the city would be about \$100,000 per year.

The reorganization also includes a parks and recreation superintendent, who would supervise and support the operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the city's parks, landscaped areas and recreational facilities

and provide support for community events and programs.

"Ultimately this should result in cleaner parks, better organized programs and more opportunities to enjoy what we have as a city to offer the residents," Carson said.

Carson said the public information officer will be responsible for developing a communication plan to get information to residents. He said they would be involved in community engagement by going to chamber meetings, other nonprofit organizations and community groups and be the spokesperson for the city.

"Instead of one message coming from our utilities department, one coming from public works, one coming from the mayor, it's all one consistent message," Carson said. "This position would allow us to add transparency to the city for our residents so they know what's going on and we can communicate the information that we feel we need to get out there."

The tentative budget also included a proposed human resources technician position. Carson said that person would

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Vaqueros win 3A North softball championship



Taylor Tollestrup runs toward home plate while her teammates wait to celebrate after her home run during Friday's game against Lowry in the 3A North Region Tournament in Dayton. Photo by Robert Perea

By Robert Perea

Maddison Hill clutched a softball in each hand as she and her teammates greeted their families, friends and one another on the softball field at Dayton High School last Saturday afternoon.

Moments before, tense moments of anticipation, anxiety and hope and turned to confusion, then finally joy tinged with a generous helping of relief as the Vaqueros beat Lowry 9-8 in the championship game of the 3A North Region Tournament.

"It feels very exciting and like the hard work has paid off, and I'm happy it was with this team," Hill said

Fernley will be the North No. 1 seed in the 3A State Tournament this week in Spanish Springs as they try to win their second consecutive state championship. The Vaqueros were scheduled to play Pahrump at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the first game of the double-elimination tournament. Lowry was scheduled to play Virgin Valley at 3:30 p.m. The

championship game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, with "the if necessary" game to follow if neither team has lost twice.

In the deciding game of the regional tournament last Saturday Emma Masters broke a 5-5 tie with a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning. Moments later, Hill blasted a 3-run homer to left field, her second of the day, to extend Fernley's lead to 9-5.

"I did not expect that I was going to hit them, actually, but they both felt really good," Hill said. "And I was just super excited that I got the scores up."

But with two outs and nobody on base in the bottom of the seventh, Lowry mounted a rally. A walk and a single put two runners on base, then Lowry's Peyton Anguiano doubled in a run to cut Fernley's lead to 9-6. The next batter, Maite Bengochea, singled to drive in two more, to cut the Fernley lead to 9-8.

With the tying run on first base,

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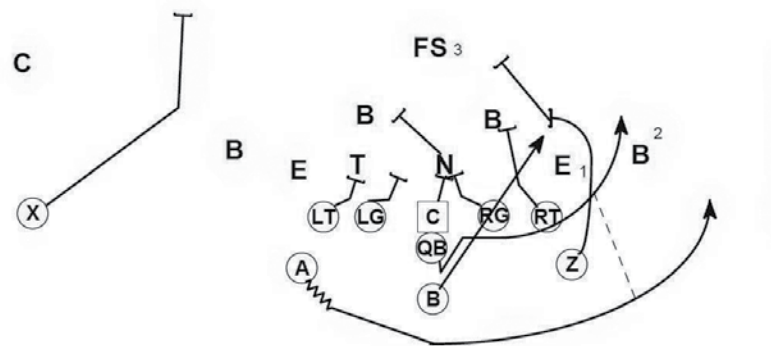
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



Great softball bookended by controversy

Last week's 3A North Region Softball Tournament started and ended in controversy.

In between, the games themselves were everything a tournament of that magnitude should be.

On May 6, the day before the tournament began, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association removed Fallon from the bracket, announcing that it had declared two players ineligible. According to a statement by the Churchill County School District, the NIAA had previously determined the two players to be eligible, but reversed that determination on May 5, saying the players were ruled ineligible based on falsified records provided by family.

Fallon was replaced in the bracket by Debbie Smith Academy, which had lost to Fallon in a first-round best-of-3 series on May 1. Debbie Smith Academy beat Truckee in the first game of the tournament on May 7, but lost its next two games, 15-0 to Lowry and 14-0 to Elko.

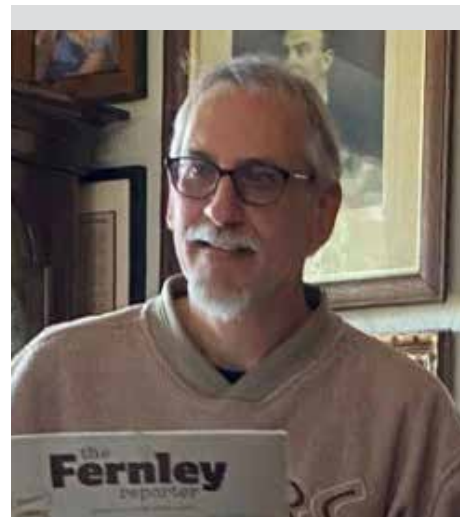
Meanwhile, the tournament came down to Fernley as the last teams standing.

Fernley's 7-5 win over Lowry in 11 innings on Friday and the 17-13 Lowry win on Saturday morning were incredible games.

Walking between third base and the dugout while her team prepared for its turn to bat in the bottom of the fourth inning on Friday, Lowry coach Megan Maga looked toward the sky and said, "This is so much fun."

I wasn't sure if she was speaking to herself, her team, or the universe, but at that point, I couldn't have agreed more. Then the game got even better.

The rest of that game, and the two



ROBERT PEREA

on Saturday in the championship round featured clutch hits, great defensive plays and questionable calls that left both teams frustrated, and the drama you can only feel when a game is down to one play to win, lose or keep going.

At more than one point on both Friday and Saturday, I wondered to myself what more could be missing.

Then came the final play of the tournament.

With Fernley's 9-8 lead hanging by a thread, Lowry's Makinley Hislop swung at a pitch that hit her and rolled toward third base in foul territory. The umpires ruled that Hislop swung and missed at a pitch that hit her for a strikeout.

But even in the moment, as Lowry players and coaches argued the ruling and Fernley players huddled in the infield waiting the decision, everyone watching seemed confused about what had happened. Several people were saying that Hislop hit the ball, which would have made it a foul ball. Others thought she had stepped in front of the plate while

swinging, which would have made the play an automatic out if she was hit by the ball in fair territory.

I didn't see the play live, because I had my phone aimed toward the pitcher's circle, trying to get video of the celebration if the Vaqueros got the final out to win the championship. A video of the play shot by Tony Erquiaga of the Humboldt Sun appears to show the ball bouncing off Hislop's bat before hitting her, and she appears to still be in the batter's box.

Along with the disqualification of Fallon, it was a messy ending to what was a great tournament on the field.

Fortunately, the controversy didn't end the season for Lowry, and hopefully the drama at this week's state tournament will only be provided by the players.

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

Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, May 6

Game: Monthly Stroke Play

Red Tees

- 1st Gross: Jana Garner, 91
- 2nd Gross: Patty Liljeberg, 97
- 1st Net: Bonnie MacQuarrie, 73
- 2nd Net: Paula Reed, 86

Purple Tees

- 1st Gross: Verl Ely, 94
- 1st Net: Val Montgomery, 73
- Low Putts: Jana Garner, 30
- Birdies: Jana Garner, #5; Val Montgomery, #15
- Closest to Hole #7: Jana Garner, 7'11"
- Closest to Hole #11: Nancy Newton, 35'
- Chip-Ins: Juneil Key, #1; Jana Garner, #5; Sandi Sewchok, #9; Paula Reed, #16

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FEATURES

Official State Fair of Nevada returns after 16 years

By Sydney Trainor

After a 16 year absence, the Official State Fair of Nevada is set to return June 11–13, bringing back a statewide tradition that last filled the Nevada State Fairgrounds in 2010. Tickets are now on sale for the three day celebration, which organizers say will blend Nevada’s agricultural roots with new attractions designed to welcome families back to the fairgrounds.

The fair’s revival marks the first state sponsored event of its kind since 2010, and organizers say they hope the return will reconnect Nevadans with the history, youth programs, and community spirit that once defined the annual gathering. “We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Nevada State Fairgrounds as we celebrate the Silver State,” said JJ. Goicoechea, director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Opening day on June 11 includes general admission of \$12 for children and \$15 for adults, which covers access to the evening concert featuring Caleb Montgomery. Admission drops to \$7 for children and \$10 for adults on June 12–13, giving families a more affordable way to explore the fairgrounds throughout the weekend. Select events, including the youth bull riding competition, require additional tickets, while all inclusive wristbands are available for visitors who want full access to the weekend’s activities.

The fair’s schedule reflects Nevada’s agricultural roots and its growing youth involvement in livestock and hands on



Photo courtesy of nevadastatefair.org

learning. Events include the Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale, the University of Nevada, Reno Extension’s 4 H State Expo, Next Generation Youth Bull Riding, and the Governor’s Livestock Sale of Champions. A Made in Nevada farmers’ market, a walking tour of Nevada, a drone show, carnival rides, and local food and art vendors round out the lineup, offering a mix of tradition and new attractions.

For many young exhibitors, the fair represents months of preparation. “Youth exhibitors spend months raising animals, developing projects, and building new skills,” Goicoechea said. “This event puts their hard work front and center, giving students the opportuni-

ty to share it with the community on a larger scale.”

Organizers say the fair’s return is designed to highlight not only Nevada’s past but also the next generation shaping its agricultural future. With livestock shows, youth competitions, and educational exhibits woven throughout the weekend, the fair aims to reconnect families with the state’s heritage while offering a space for young Nevadans to showcase their dedication and talent.

More information, including sponsorship and vendor opportunities, is available at statefair.nv.gov. Questions can be directed to statefair@agri.nv.gov or 775 353 3601.

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Made in Nevada farmers’ market
Walking tour of Nevada
Drone show
Local food and art vendors
Carnival rides and exhibits

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Law enforcement K9s to receive ballistic and stab-resistant protective vests

Staff Report

Northern Nevada nonprofit Battle Born Offroaders has funded and donated 26 ballistic and stab-resistant protective vests for law enforcement K9s across the region and will host a fundraiser in Reno on May 16 to support additional vest donations.

The organization’s 6th Annual Go Topless Day fundraiser will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Off Road Warehouse/4 Wheel Parts, 5405 Meadowood Mall Circle in Reno, with trail runs following the event. Organizers say the family-friendly fundraiser will include raffles, vehicle displays and community activities, and is open to all vehicles – “topless or not, Jeep or not.”

The nonprofit says the protective vests, which are not standard-issued equipment for many K9 units, help protect working dogs often deployed

in narcotics detection, suspect apprehension, search operations and SWAT situations. The group has donated vests to agencies including the Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Churchill and Storey county sheriff’s offices, Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada Capitol Police, Yerington Police Department and the U.S. Forestry Service.

Battle Born Offroaders says community donations and sponsorships have helped grow the grassroots effort into a network of nearly 3,000 supporters dedicated to assisting working K9s and first responders throughout Northern Nevada.

Organizers shared, “This is truly community-driven. When people learn these dogs often don’t have protective vests provided, they want to help. And together, we are making sure more of them are protected.”



Battle Born Offroaders presenting a ballistic protective vest to Churchill County Sheriff’s Office K9 Jiggs, alongside Deputy Leary, Captain Timmons and Sheriff Hickox. The vest is one of 26 protective K9 vests funded by the nonprofit for law enforcement agencies across Northern Nevada.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOPGUN drag strip prepares for 2026 racing season

By Amber Hardin

TOPGUN Drag Strip is preparing to launch its 2026 racing season after months of communitywide work to ready the facility under new leadership.

Motor Sports Safety, Inc. (MSSI), the nonprofit that operates the drag strip, recently welcomed a largely new volunteer board tasked with overseeing the upcoming season and continued operations at the longtime racing venue.

Founded 33 years ago through a partnership between local government leaders and the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station Fallon, the drag strip was originally created to provide a safe, sanctioned environment for racing outside public roadways. Events were first held on NAS Fallon runways under National Hot Rod Association safety guidelines before



A car stages at the TOPGUN Drag Strip during a past racing session. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

the installation's expanding mission required the track to relocate. Churchill County later se-

cured a parcel of Bureau of Land Management land and provided MSSI with a long-term lease at the

drag strip's current site.

Organizers say preparations for the new season have involved significant volunteer support and cooperation from numerous local agencies and organizations, including Fallon Public Works, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, Fallon Police Department, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Search and Rescue, Fallon/Churchill Fire Department, and Banner Churchill Community Hospital EMS.

Ed Keefe, treasurer for TOPGUN Drag Strip, said he is eager to share the completed work with the public. "We look forward to the community coming out to the track and watching some great racing," he said.

The first races of the season are scheduled for Friday, May 15, beginning at 8 a.m., and Saturday, May 16, beginning at 7 a.m.

FRW hosting forum for Mayor, City Council candidates at May 19 meeting

Staff Report

The Fernley Republican Women (FRW) will be hosting a series of candidate forums during its regular monthly meetings. This month they will host Republican candidates for Fernley Mayor and City Council Wards 1 and 3. Attendees are invited to submit questions for candidates in

writing or via email prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Fernley Senior Center on May 19. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend but RSVPs are requested by emailing katierbaker25@gmail.com.

Water testing underway after possible algae bloom spotted at Lahontan Reservoir

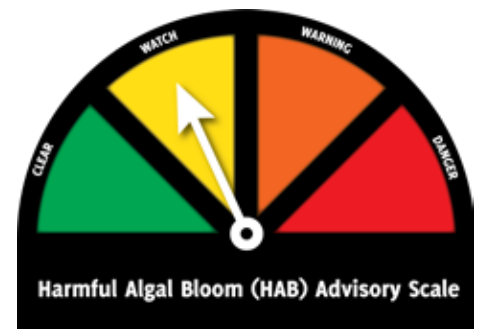
Staff Report

A Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Watch Advisory has been issued for Lahontan Reservoir as of May 11, according to officials with Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The advisory follows visual assessments indicating a possible algae bloom at the reservoir, located within Lahontan State Recreation Area. Water samples are currently being tested by the state.

Officials warn that harmful algae blooms can produce toxins that may pose health risks to people and animals. Residents are advised to avoid water that appears discolored or has an unusual odor. Pet owners are also

urged to keep animals away from any water bodies under a HAB advisory.

More information about harmful algae blooms is available at www.ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-monitoring/harmful-algal-bloom-program.



WNC to Close Campuses to the Public on Commencement Days

Staff Report

Western Nevada College is closing its campuses to the public for the upcoming commencement ceremonies celebrating the Class of 2026.

WNC's Carson City campus will be closed to the public on Monday, May 20, while the Fallon campus will be closed on Wednesday, May 20.

During the days WNC campuses are closed, the public can visit wnc.edu for more information about the college.

The Carson City Commencement is set for 10 a.m. Monday, May 18, at Marv Teixeira Pavilion in Mills Park. A second graduation ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon.

Family members, friends and community supporters who are unable to attend in person can watch a livestream of the Carson City and Fallon ceremonies at wnc.edu/live. The Nursing program's Pinning Ceremony will also be shown at wnc.edu/live.

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COMMUNITY

Learn to treat your garden like a pro: Earn your Home Horticulture Certificate

Extension program provides information for home gardeners and those interested in becoming Master Gardeners

By Claudene Wharton

RENO, Nev. – Home gardening can be great fun and great exercise, and provide nutritious, tasty treats for our tables. But, it is not without its challenges, especially in Nevada. If you want to dive in a little deeper to learn how to garden like a pro, University of Nevada, Reno Extension is offering its online Home Horticulture Certificate Program, Aug. 6 to Oct. 12. The program is ideal for anyone wanting to learn more about gardening in Nevada and is also a prerequisite for those interested in becoming a certified Nevada Master Gardener.

The certificate program includes instruction on a variety of topics, such as soils, composting, native plants, small fruits, vegetables and pest management. Katelyn Brinkerhoff, statewide Master Gardener coordinator, said that the online program was developed to be accessible to everyone in Nevada.

“Topics address information on gardening specific to northern Nevada, southern Nevada and our rural counties,” Brinkerhoff said. “The training is applicable to anyone wanting to start or learn more about gardening in the state. The program was created to help make people more comfortable with gardening in Nevada.”

The program is a self-paced online course that also includes live question-and-answer sessions via Zoom with specialists and local gardening professionals, from noon to 1 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 6 – Oct. 1. The question-and-answer sessions will also be recorded for those who cannot attend them live. Participants complete the online exam at their own pace by Oct. 11. Those interested in enrolling need to register online by July 30. The cost is \$275.

After completing the Home Horticulture Certificate Program, those still thirsty for more gardening knowledge have two options for the fall.

One option is to enroll in the Advanced Home Horticulture Certificate

Program, which is for those wanting more gardening knowledge for their own personal use. The program is self-paced and entirely online, running Nov. 5 – Dec. 17, with a completion deadline for the online exam of Dec. 30. The cost is \$175.

Another option is for those not only wanting to learn more, but also wanting to share their expertise throughout their community by volunteering. This is the training program to become a Nevada Master Gardener volunteer. Master Gardeners share their knowledge through giving presentations and workshops, participating in community events and projects, answering gardening questions at Extension offices, and more. This program has the same self-paced online curriculum as the Advanced Certificate Program, but in addition, there are live question-and-answer sessions via Zoom from noon to 1 p.m., Thursdays, Nov. 5 – Dec. 17, and other in-person sessions, including labs, tours and workshops. The cost is \$175 if taken immediately after the Home Horticulture Certificate Program. If not taken the same year as the Home Horticulture Certificate Program, the cost is \$250.

After completing the online exam by Dec. 29, aspiring Master Gardeners begin their Master Gardener internship year, which requires 15 hours of continuing education and 35 hours of approved volunteer projects or activities. After completing their internship year, the minimum yearly commitment is 10 hours of continuing education and 20 hours of approved volunteer projects or activities. Last year, Nevada Master Gardeners volunteered 34,460 hours and produced 17,881 pounds of food donated to local food banks and charities.

Registration for both the Advanced Home Horticulture Certificate Program and the Nevada Master Gardener Training Program opens up in the fall, after the initial Home Horticulture Certificate Program has finished.

For more information, contact Brinkerhoff at



Master Gardener Cindy Edwards shows off some locally grown flowers. The Home Horticulture Certificate Program is the first step to becoming a Master Gardener, and registration for the program is now open. Photo by Rachel McClure.

ExtensionMasterGardener@unr.edu or 515-523-0860. Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance should contact Paul Lessick, civil rights and compliance coordinator, at plessick@unr.edu or 702-257-5577 at least five days prior to the scheduled event with their needs or for more information.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Lyon County Schools placed on lock-out status Tuesday after phone threats

By Robert Perea

All schools in Lyon County were placed on a precautionary lockdown Tuesday morning following calls of threats received at multiple schools in the county.

In a statement issued after district-wide lockdowns had been lifted, by the Lyon County School District said Silver Stage High School received a call from an anonymous person claiming they had "ARs and bombs and would be at the school within 15 minutes." As a precaution, Silver Stage High School and surrounding schools immediately

went into lock-out status, and law enforcement was notified and responded to the school.

A short time later, a similar call was made to Dayton High School, prompting local schools to respond in the same manner. The caller then contacted Lyon County dispatch and made similar threats involving all LCSD schools as well as all schools throughout Nevada. At that time, all LCSD schools were placed into lock-out status as a precautionary measure.

The district's statement said this type of incident is commonly referred

to as "swatting," which involves anonymous threats intended to provoke a large emergency response and disrupt educational services.

"While these threats are often vague and lack credible details, schools and law enforcement must respond seriously and immediately to ensure student and staff safety," the district's statement said.

The school district's statement said law enforcement personnel would stay at every school for the remainder of the day out of an abundance of caution.

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handle day-to-day tasks like paperwork, recordkeeping and help coordinate the hiring process, so the HR director could focus on higher level duties.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski asked whether the CDO and COO could handle some of the HR tasks, but Carson said HR compliance is a specialized skill.

"You want to keep the HR function separate from the day-to-day operations of the city," he said.

Councilman Albert Torres also said he also had questions about the proposed HR position. Councilman Joe Mendoza asked whether the HR position could be added to the organizational chart later if the chart was approved without it. When City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen said it could, he made the motion to approve the proposed organization chart except for the HR position and bring that proposal back to be considered when the final budget is presented at the council's May 20 meeting.

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its May 6 meeting:

- Keystone Masonry, Contractor**
- Silver State Truck & Equipment Repair, Automotive sales/parts and mobile repairs**
- C C R Roofing LLC, Roofing services contractor**
- Texcel, LLC, Warehouse, Industrial**
- Deirdre A. Medina, dba/Bilingual Mobile Notary, Mobile notary public**
- Jorge Lozoya Ruiz dba/High Desert Concrete, Concrete contractor**
- Poo Poo Pet Scoop LLC, Cleaning services**
- Truckee Mechanical LLC HVAC, HVAC contractor**
- Atlas Tile & Stone, Flooring and tile contractor**
- Confetti Coaching LLC, Counseling and wellness coaching**
- Nuclear Care Partners LLC, Home health care**
- Controllers, Ltd., Business consulting services**
- Precision Seamless Rain Gutters, LLC, dba/Precision Roofing and Rain Gutters, Roofing services & installation contractor**
- Elite Sol Management LLC, Business consulting services**

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 20

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

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

Lyon County Commission
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington
Next meeting May 21

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

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting May 26

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 May 26

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

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

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GOVERNMENT

Lyon County Board of County Commissioners meeting summary, May 7, 2026

Staff Report

USDA Rural Development State Director Alida Ceballos gave the Lyon County Commission an overview of funding opportunities available to rural Nevada communities during the Commission's May 7 meeting.

The presentation included a description of loans, grants, and technical assistance programs that support water and wastewater infrastructure, community facilities, housing, business development, and emergency services. The presentation also highlighted eligibility requirements, funding levels, interest rates, and specialized programs designed to help small and low-income rural communities improve infrastructure, housing access, public facilities, and economic development opportunities.

Highlights from the meeting included a presentation from Robert Woolsey, Markus Javier and Rebecca Mayer on the Fernley High School Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance 2026 Impact Report highlighted the success of the student-led program serving Lyon County and surrounding communities by providing free tax preparation services to low-income, elderly, and disabled residents. The program prepared 96 household tax returns in 2026, returned more than \$57,000 to the local economy, saved residents an estimated \$19,000-\$38,000 in preparation fees, and provided students with hands-on professional experience, IRS certifications, and workforce development opportunities in accounting and finance.

The Commission also received a presentation from Lyon County Community Development Director Gavin Henderson on current development projects, department updates, and statistical data related to building permits and planning applications for the month of April 2026. During April, the Building Department processed 159 residential permits, 18 commercial per-

mit applications, and completed 817 inspections while maintaining a 2-3 week plan review timeline. Staff also implemented several website and customer service improvements, continued work on major ordinances and development projects. Additionally, the department is pursuing floodplain and infrastructure planning efforts to support long-term growth and public safety throughout Lyon County.

Planning Items

Commissioners held hearings on the following planning items:

Central Lyon County Fire Protection District

Approved requests from the Central Lyon County Fire Protection District for a Zoning Map Amendment to amend the zoning designation from Limited Commercial District to Public Facilities, and for a Conditional Use Permit to add a helipad for a General Aviation Airport at the existing fire station located at 199 Six Mile Canyon Road in Dayton

Other Board Actions

Facilities – Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$25,860 to be funded from a budget transfer from the General Fund Contingency for additional work needed from the JWC for the paving project at the Dayton JPO parking lot. This is for removing the native soil and replacing it with 6" of base material to provide a better base for the new asphalt.

Sheriff – Approved a master sales agreement between Timekeeping Systems and the Lyon County Sheriff's Office for Guard1 software for jail management in the amount of \$21,242.21 with an annual cost of \$6,575 thereafter. The agreement shall commence on the effective date and continue for an initial term of 1 year followed by an automatic renewal for up to 5 additional 1 year terms.

Human Services – Accepted a donation in the amount of \$60 for events related to Child Abuse Prevention from 4 Corners Coffee and More.

Utilities – The Board received a presentation from Kishora Panda with

updates on projects within the Utilities Department. The Silver Springs wastewater disposal study is underway and the Rose Peak water main replacement is in design. Currently expansion work is underway to increase capacity and improve operations at the Rolling A wastewater treatment facility and crews are replacing the sewer infrastructure along Hwy 50 and Dayton Valley Road corridor. The County completed a study evaluating different methods for handling and disposing of sludge from the Silver Springs wastewater treatment plant and an assessment of Lift Station 1 was completed to evaluate its condition, performance, and any future maintenance or upgrade needs.

Community Development

Approved the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Applications totaling \$1,119,726 for the FY27 Lighting System Upgrade and Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Upgrade projects at Silver Springs Airport, including required County matching funds totaling \$55,987 and consultant service agreements with Lochner, Inc. totaling \$283,630 for project support.

Comptroller – Approved a lease extension for office space at Occidental Square in Dayton with He Haz Mine LLC, Series A from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at \$5,800 per month (with optional 90-day renewals at \$6,125 per month), and approved a salary increase for law clerk Employee #1542 effective June 1, 2026 to \$73,520 annually, with associated funding adjustments from the General Fund contingency.

Advisory Board – Acknowledged the resignation of Keri Kidder from the Smith Valley Citizen Advisory Board & Loretta Sell from the Planning Commission.

County Manager – Authorized Commissioner Keller & Hendrix to attend the 2026 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference & Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana July 17-20, 2026 for an approximate

cost of \$3,500/person.

Closing Business

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

The complete agenda and back up materials are posted online at www.lyon-county.org/Agendacenter. Residents can view recordings of Board of County Commission meetings on the Lyon County YouTube Channel.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LYON COUNTY, NEVADA

Case number 26-CV-0459

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from Lynn Michele Vargo to Lynn Michele Ellis.

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this notice.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2026.
/s/Lynn Michele Vargo
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LAW AND ORDER

Arrest report

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

May 4 – May 10, 2026

KATELYN HEARNE STOLTZ – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$4,060, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia; Drive without driver license; Civil – fail to wear safety belt or shoulder harness
GABRIELLA MORAN – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
RAYMOND PORTER – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, first offense
CHERI LOPEZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$995, Charges: Drive with revoked driver license; Open alcohol container in vehicle
TRISHA MOCK – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$4,280, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
JERED BELLOLI – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$23,200, Charges:

Disobey peace officer, endangering other person/property; DUI, first offense; Reckless driving, disregard for person/property safety, first offense; Open alcohol container in vehicle
ALICIA DILEGAME – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,695, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
ANDREW ROSINGANA – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$14,390, Charges: Criminal contempt – fail to obey court order; Failure to appear on traffic citation; Battery on protected person; Intimidate public officer/others (two counts); Resist public officer
JACOB OLMSTEAD – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, first offense
JURNIE PEPION – Area: Fernley/Mason Valley, Bail: \$2,000, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime (two counts)
CHRISTOPHER GREINICKO – Area:

Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,000, Charges: Criminal contempt; Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
JOSHUA HACKLE – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$4,780, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Possession of hypodermic device; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia; Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence
ANDREW CALLAHAN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$165,000, Charges: Preparation/advertising/distribution of pornography involving a minor
DANIEL DINWIDDIE PORTER – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Criminal contempt; Assist other agency – hold
HALEN SICKA PARMENTER – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Take/poless vehicle without owner's

consent
CALEB COLEMAN – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
JACOB MCCUSKER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Use/possession of drug paraphernalia
JOHN MULDOON – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$21,140, Charges: Own/possess gun by prohibited person; Convicted person registration and fingerprinting (NRS 179C.110)
DANNA BEGLEY – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$4,780, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, first or second offense; Possession of hypodermic device; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia
EDWIN HERRERA – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
REBECCA ROSE – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, first offense

NHP investigating fatal wrong way crash on I-80 east of Fernley

Staff Report

The Nevada Highway Patrol is investigating a wrong way crash on Interstate 80 about six miles east of Fernley that killed one person and injured three others on May 9.

Troopers responded to the crash on I-80 near mile marker 56 at approximately 4:46 a.m.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a pickup was traveling westbound on I-80 in the eastbound number one travel lane and crashed into a sedan that was traveling eastbound.

Both drivers were transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A child rear passenger of the sedan was transported to a hospital with life threatening injuries.

The front right passenger of the sedan, a woman, was declared dead at the scene by medical personnel. NHP did not release the identity of the woman killed in the crash.

Impairment is suspected of being a factor in the crash and the Nevada Highway Patrol Major Incident Reconstruction Team is investigating.



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5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Out of Town Park
www.fernleyaces.net/m3

MAY 16

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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FREE art and music festival
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MAY 21

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MAY 23

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MAY 26

TRIVIA NIGHT
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
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MAY 28

FERNLEY PUBLIC MARKET
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center
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7:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

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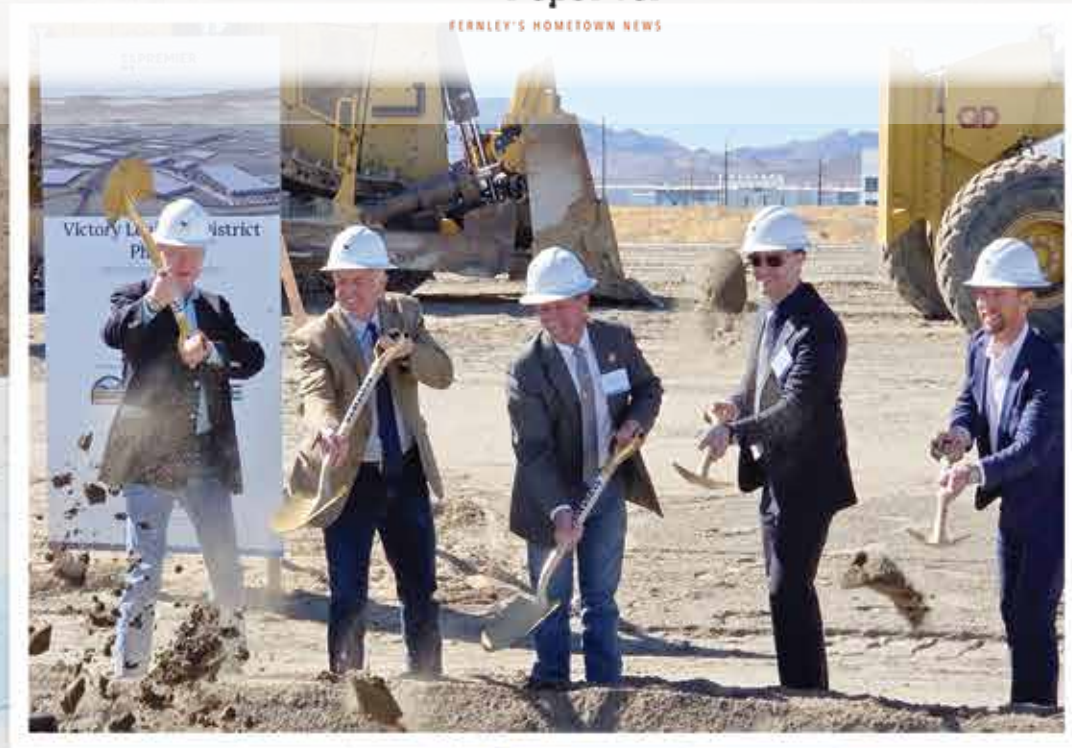
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SPORTS

Pochop, boys 4x100 relay team win titles to lead Vaqueros at 3A North Region Meet

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School track and field team qualified 21 athletes for this week's 3A state meet, including seven relay teams and 10 individuals who qualified in a total of 12 events at last week's 3A North Region Meet at Reno High.

Angel Pochop in the girls discus and the boys 4x100 relay team

won regional titles last week to lead the Vaqueros, who had six boys and four girls qualify individually. Justice Martell-Artiaga and Kole Miller each qualified in two individual events.

The 3A State Championships will be held on Friday and Saturday at Hug High.

Including relays, Martell-Artiaga, Blessing Mhondo, Faith Mhondo, Bryce Dunagan-Stephens, Jayden

Esparza and Joe Perkins each qualified in three events overall.

The team of Michael Fitzgerald, Bryce Dunagan Stephens, Jayden Esparza and Keeshawn Love won the boys regional championship in the 4x100 with a time of 44.10. They also qualified for state in the 4x200 by placing third in 1:32.48.

The 4x400 team of Elijah Perez, Andrew Peterson, Bodie Parsons and Perkins finished second in 3:27.13 and the 4x800 team of Noah Thompson, Peterson, Alex Mergell and Perkins finished fourth in 8:38.31.

Perkins also qualified individually with a third place finish in the 800 in 1:59.07, a personal best, and Dunagan Stephens qualified in the 100 with a second place finish 11.43.

In the discus, the Vaqueros had three state qualifiers with Wyatt McGinnis placing second at 138.3, Parsons third with a throw of 132.6, and Miller fourth at 132.3. Miller also placed fourth in the shot put at 42-08.5 to earn a second state berth. Esparza finished second in the triple jump at 41.08.75.

Fernley recorded several additional boys top eight finishes. Dunagan-Stephens also placed sixth in the 200 in 23.64. Perez finished sixth in the 400 in 53.10. Perkins placed eighth in the 1600, followed by Cael Wilson in ninth. Wilson added a seventh place finish in the 3200 in 10:42.72, a personal best, with Mergell eighth, Zachary Petersen ninth and Dominick Dietrich 10th, all in personal best times. Esparza placed sixth in the 110 hurdles in 16.00, a personal best, and Fitzgerald finished sixth in the 300 hurdles in 42.11, also a personal best. Peterson placed eighth in the 300 hurdles.

On the girls side, Pochop won the discus with a personal best throw of 116.1. She also placed seventh in the shot put with a throw of 26-10.75. Reese Johnson added a fourth place finish in the pole vault at 8.6 to qualify for state and placed fifth in the triple jump at 31-10.00.

Martell Artiaga placed fourth in the

Fernley state qualifiers:

- Boys 4x100, champion
- Boys 4x200, third
- Boys 4x400, second
- Boys 4x800, fourth
- Joe Perkins, 800 (3rd)
- Wyatt McGinnis, discus (2nd)
- Bodie Parsons, discus (3rd)
- Kole Miller, discus (4th) and shot put (4th)
- Jayden Esparza, triple jump (2nd) Girls 4x100, third
- Girls 4x200, second
- Girls 4x400, third
- Justice Martell Artiaga, 100 hurdles (4th) and 300 hurdles (2nd)
- Faith Mhondo, 300 hurdles (4th)
- Angel Pochop, discus champion
- Reese Johnson, pole vault (4th)

100 hurdles in 15.85 and second in the 300 hurdles in 47.56, a personal best. Faith Mhondo added a fourth place finish in the 300 hurdles in 49.28, also a personal best. The 4x200 relay of Faith Mhondo, Asia Christopher, Blessing Mhondo and Nakyla John finished second in 1:48.62 and the 4x400 relay of Christopher, Kinley Behrendt, Faith Mhondo and Blessing Mhondo placed third in 4:14.25. The 4x100 relay of Melissa Yokoi, Martell Artiaga, Blessing Mhondo and John placed third in 51.09.

Fernley added several more girls top eight finishes. John placed seventh in the 100 in 13.26, a personal best. Blessing Mhondo finished eighth in the 400 with a time of 1:04.72. Christopher placed seventh in the 100 hurdles in 17.96 and fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.04.

The 4x800 relay team of Alyssa Gromelski, Bronwynn Garrett, Regan Scott and Behrendt finished sixth with a time of 11:11.19. In the discus, Haley Stevenson placed ninth with a throw of 76-07 and Brylee Harry-Glazier finished ninth in the high jump at 4-2.



Jayden Esparza, Keeshawn Love, Bryce Dunagan-Stephens and Michael Fitzgerald celebrate on the medal stand after their first-place finish in the 4x100 relay at the 3A North Region Championships last Saturday. Photo by Ron Perkins

Vaquero comebacks fall short in regional baseball tournament

By Robert Perea

A pair of large deficits against Elko and Wooster proved to be too much to overcome as the Fernley High School baseball team saw its season end with two losses in the 3A Northern League Tournament last weekend in Dayton.

The Vaqueros lost their opening game to Elko last Thursday, 17-13, after cutting a 10-2 deficit to 13-11.

Facing elimination on Friday, the Vaqueros trailed Wooster 7-2 before scoring four times in the top of the sixth. Cayden Corl hit a home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to extend Wooster's lead back to 8-6.

The Colts brought in their top pitcher, Cooper Fuss, to try to close the game out. Fuss had thrown 107 pitches the day before in a loss to Spring Creek. He immediately got the first two outs, but Matt Bigrigg singled to keep the Vaqueros chances alive. A wild pitch sent pinch runner Sidny Clarke to second base, where he scored on a single by Jayse Jones to cut the lead to 8-7, but a fly ball to right field was caught by Wooster's Brayden Box to end the game.

"I thought we had a lot of talent, a lot of effort on that team, and I knew we were going to be in a spot to compete in those games, thinking that we had what it takes to get those two wins here this weekend and be playing in the next one," coach Thomas Chapin said. "It just didn't go out way at times."

In the first game of the tournament Thursday, Riley McCullar and Spencer Pryor hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the first inning for a 2-0 Fernley lead. Elko answered with three runs in the first and seven in the second inning to take a 10-2 lead.

In the third inning, Alex Juliot singled in one run and Brody Jones singled in two to get within 10-5. The Vaqueros added two more in the fourth inning when Pryor singled in a run and Brody Jones was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Elko pushed the lead back to 13-7 in the bottom of the fourth with the runs scoring on a single, a squeeze bunt and a sacrifice fly.

Riley McCullar's grand slam in the top of the fifth put Fernley right back in the game at 13-11, but Elko answered with a rally in the bottom of the sixth to move ahead 17-11. McCullar doubled in two more runs in the top of the seventh, but Elko's Armando Acosta got the final three outs.

"What I loved about it was their effort," Chapin said. "There's a lot of good things; it just wasn't enough good things at the end of the day."

The Vaqueros finish the season with a 21-13 record 15-9 in the 3A North. Chapin said he believes 21 wins is the second most wins the program has ever had, behind the 2001 team that won the state championship.

"It was a great year overall for the program and we're only going to keep



Fernley catcher Spencer Pryor prepares to tag Wooster's Levi May during last Friday's game at the 3A North Region Tournament in Dayton. Photo by Robert Perea

going better," he said.

Chapin said he is grateful for the impact the seniors on this year's team have had on the program, particularly in his two years as head coach.

"They've kind of set the tone for where I think this program can go and where I can take it, and I can't ever

thank guys like that enough," he said. "You can be as good of a coach as you want in your life, but if you don't have the guys behind you that are leading the way for you and being captains and leaders, then you're not going to get much done."

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SPORTS

Five Fernley swimmers qualify for 3A State meet

By Robert Perea

In a season that presented more obstacles than conveniences, the Fernley High School swimming team has five swimmers qualified for the 3A State Meet this Saturday in Las Vegas.

Paul Schaeffer qualified in two individual events and a third as part of a relay team, while Rylie Pearson has the team's best individual finish to lead the Vaqueros in the 3A Northern Regional Meet last Friday and Saturday at the Moana Springs Community Aquatic Center in Reno.

Pearson placed second in the girls 500 yard freestyle in a time of 6:25.72 and later finished fifth in the 100 yard backstroke in 1:13.19, missing a state berth by less than a tenth of a second behind Truckee's Kiersten Shepp, who swam 1:13.12.

Schaeffer placed third in the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:10.35 and added another third in the 500 yard freestyle in 6:19.81. The boys' 200 yard freestyle relay team of Matthew Walker Coghlan, Brett Vanderkelen, Schaeffer and Nicholas Romero finished fourth in 1:48.94.



Matthew Walker Coghlan swims in the 100-yard breaststroke preliminary race at the Northern 3A Regional Meet on May 7. Photo by Robert Perea



Paul Schaeffer swims in a 500-yard freestyle preliminary race at the Northern 3A Regional Meet on May 7. Photo by Robert Perea

Walker Coghlan also finished fifth in the 100 yard freestyle in 58.76 and sixth in the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:13.98. The girls' 200 yard freestyle relay took sixth in 2:17.74 and the boys' 200 yard medley relay placed sixth in 2:06.40. Vanderkelen placed seventh in the 100 yard freestyle in 1:04.02 and eighth in the boys' 50 yard freestyle in 28.91. The boys' 400 freestyle relay rounded out the meet with a seventh place finish in 5:20.10.

The girls' 200 yard medley relay and 400 freestyle relay were both disqualified.

Ferley placed fifth in the boys team standings with 162 points, and the girls finished seventh with 57 points.

The Vaqueros had 26 swimmers on the team this season, more than double the number of last season. Of those, 16 qualified for the regional meet by achieving the minimum qualifying time at any meet during the

Fernley state qualifiers:

- **Rylie Pearson** 500-yard freestyle
- **Paul Schaeffer** 100-yard breaststroke and 500-yard freestyle
- **Boys 200-yard freestyle relay** (Matthew Walker Coghlan, Brett Vanderkelen, Paul Schaeffer and Nicholas Romero)

season.

The team had to practice in Fallon all season and was unable to host any meets because the Fernley Swimming Pool has been closed since February while the roof is being replaced.

"Watching them compete and win this season has made all of the changes and struggles worth it," coach Daria Powell said.

Continued from FRONT - 3A NORTH...

Lowry's Makinley Hislop was facing an 0-2 count when the game ended in controversy over a disputed call. Hislop swung at a pitch and the ball hit her near the waist and rolled toward third base in fair territory. The umpires ruled that she had swung and missed at a pitch that hit her for strike three.

Lowry players and coaches argued that Hislop hit the ball before it hit her, which would have made it a foul ball, but the umpires ruled that Hislop was out and the game was over.

Fernley players gathered around the pitcher's circle to await the ruling before finally beginning their celebration.

"It's an unfortunate, crazy ending," Fernley coach Diane Chapin said.

The Vaqueros and Buckaroos played three similarly intense games in the tournament. Fernley beat Elko 10-4 and South Tahoe 18-3 on the first day of the tournament May 7. Lowry had a bye in the first round as the No. 1 seed and beat Debbie Smith Academy 15-0 in its first game.

In the semifinal round on Friday, the Vaqueros outlasted the Buckaroos, 7-5 in 11 innings, then Lowry won the first game Saturday, 17-13 in nine innings, to force the "if necessary" game.

"The girls fought through and kept working hard, and we relied on everybody, so that's a nice thing," Diane Chapin said.

Masters and Hill each hit a home



The Fernley High School softball team won the 3A North Region championship last Saturday in Dayton and will play for its second consecutive state title this week. Photo by Robert Perea

run in both games Saturday, and Grace Chapin added one. Chapin and Taylor Tollestrup hit home runs in Friday's game.

Lowry led 4-0 in the top of the third in Friday's semifinal game before Tollestrup's launched a 3-run blast way past the fence in left-center field. Chapin's home run in the fifth inning put Fernley ahead 5-4, until Hislop tied the game with a double in the fifth inning.

"I think if I didn't hit (that home run), then we probably would have lost, but it definitely felt good to hit it," Tollestrup said.

In the bottom of the seventh, Fernley second baseman Ximena Rodriguez made a diving stop of a ground ball that would have at least put Lowry runners

on first and third. Instead, she shoveled the ball to Tollestrup for a double play to end the inning.

The Vaqueros were unable to get a runner on base in the seventh, eighth or ninth innings, and stranded a runner in the 10th. Lowry left the bases loaded in the ninth in their best chance to score in extra innings.

But in the 11th inning, an error and a walk put two runners on base with Tollestrup due to bat. Lowry instead opted to intentionally walk her, and Janessa Robinson took advantage, smashing a hard ground ball that deflected off Hislop's glove. Robinson was called safe at first on a close play while Rodriguez and Lauren Smith scored.

"It feels good when they walk me in

and my teammates come up and get a big hit," Tollestrup said, after being intentionally walked seven times in the three games. "I haven't won a regional championship since freshman basketball, and I've been in a lot.

Now the Vaqueros will try to win their second consecutive state title.

"It's the ultimate goal to win state again," Tollestrup said.

After three intense games against Lowry last weekend, Diane Chapin was already expecting more of the same this week.

"Lowry and us, we felt that we're the two best teams," she said. "Carrying forward, we still think we're the two best teams here. So I see us battling all again next week."

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Sippin' from the Canal
Summertime sippin'

By Dan Ravetto

Howdy! It has been a minute since I've had a chance to put a Sippin' from the Canal on paper, but with the warm weather returning, I felt inspired to remind you of all the refreshment waiting for you with white wines.

Naturally, when it is warm out, we crave something cool and refreshing. While many of you may automatically reach for a beer or other canned, ready to drink, beverage, don't forget about those bottles of white wine in the 'fridge ready and waiting to cool you off and induce that summertime chill.

Let's start with Sauvignon Blanc. This fits the bill well and there are different versions to suit most palates. This is typically a dry, high-acid wine known for being crisp and aromatic. This is going to pair well with those shrimp and veggies you have on the grill. If you like the grassy, grapefruit versions, you will want to look for something from New Zealand. If fruity and soft is more to your liking, then

a California Sauv Blanc is going to be for you. Serve this right out of the ice chest, using a glass optional.

How about something a little fizzy? Vinho Verde is a low in alcohol, slightly sparkling, crisp, refreshing little gem from Portugal. This one you can sip on all day and just enjoy its simplicity, a perfect summer wine. There is a wide range of Vinho Verdes available, everything from an affordably priced blend to fancy-pants Estate & Single-Vineyard wines. Honestly, find an entry-level blend that you enjoy and pick up a case or two so you don't run out. The lighter, spritzzy versions of this will be 8.5-10.5% ABV and have a bit of fizz, making it difficult to put down.

Alvarinho from Portugal, the same grape as Spain's Albariño, is often referred to as a friend to all things from the sea. It pairs exceptionally well with white fish, light meats and ceviche. If you are grilling up some fish tacos, this is a must have! This is also commonly use as a blend grape in Vinho Verde to add structure but stands up very well

on its own. These wines will be light bodied, medium dry, high acidity and should be served well chilled.

Let us not forget the bubbles. Don't get overwhelmed with all the different names you will find on sparkling wines, seems every region wants to give their bubbles its own name. Champagne (France) is fermented in the bottle, referred to as "traditional method". Crémant is also from France, but not produced in the Champagne region. Prosecco (Italy) is produced in tanks and is often more fruit forward (aka sweet). Cava (Spain) is typically also produced in the traditional method, but can be a bit more crisp and earthy. And let us not leave out the Sparkling Rosé, common from US producers with its pink hue and notes of berries.

So, what's with all the labels we see on these sparkling wines, those indicate how dry, or sweet, they are. Here's a little cheat sheet for you, from Dry to Sweet: Brut Nature (extremely dry), Brut (most common dry style), Extra Dry (a bit sweeter than Brut), Dry/Sec

(sweet, but not dessert sweet), Demi-Sec (sweet, dessert pairing), and Doux (the sweetest).

Honestly, the list of whites is very long. Bottom line, you want to find something that is crisp, fruity, and fun to drink. How about a glass of Prosecco with a slice of peach on the pool deck?

At the end of the day, you have to drink what you enjoy. But the warm weather of summer is an opportunity to try something new and, hopefully, expand your list of favorites. Whatever you do, be sure to love the wine you're with.

Cheers!

Dan and Kris Ravetto own The Canal Wine Lounge in Fernley and love the rural community, and the exciting small business environments of Northern Nevada. They are reformed RN nomads and feel their roots in Fernley getting deeper all the time.

Rising foreclosures, tech layoffs, and what it could mean for Northern Nevada

By Richard Roznos

Foreclosure activity is beginning to rise across the United States following the expiration of pandemic-era protections that allowed many homeowners to pause mortgage payments during COVID-19. While the increase remains below levels seen during the 2008 housing crisis, economists and housing analysts are closely watching the trend as broader economic pressures continue to build.

Federal foreclosure protections and mortgage forbearance programs, implemented during the pandemic, helped millions of homeowners avoid losing their homes during a period of economic

uncertainty. For several years, foreclosure rates remained historically low as homeowners regained financial stability and housing values climbed.

Now, many of those protections have ended. Homeowners who were unable to fully recover financially or who entered repayment plans under tighter economic conditions are beginning to face renewed strain. National foreclosure filings have steadily increased since protections expired, with some areas reporting notable year-over-year increases.

At the same time, layoffs within the technology industry are adding another layer of economic uncertainty. Since 2023, hundreds of thousands of tech

workers worldwide have lost jobs as companies restructure operations and increase investment in automation and artificial intelligence systems.

While Northern Nevada is not as heavily dependent on the tech industry as cities like San Francisco or Seattle, the region has increasingly attracted remote workers and technology-related businesses over the past decade. Reno, in particular, has become a popular destination for workers seeking lower living costs while maintaining remote employment with companies based elsewhere.

As a result, national tech layoffs could still have localized effects in Northern Nevada housing markets.

So far, the Reno-Sparks and Fernley markets remain relatively stable. Housing inventory remains limited, and demand has continued despite elevated mortgage interest rates. However, some early indicators suggest the market may be gradually shifting.

Homes are spending more time on the market compared to the rapid sales pace seen during the pandemic-era housing boom. Sellers are also increasingly offering price reductions and concessions to attract buyers.

Fernley's housing market can be especially sensitive to economic changes due

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

M3 Festival returns to Fernley for the 5th Year

By Jaimie Daniels

Fernley comes to life with music, dance, entertainment and arts once again this May as the Music, Murals, and Margaritas (M3) Festival returns for the fifth year in a row.

This year's festival brings a schedule packed full of entertainment, activities, art, music, and a new, improved location. Previously located on Center St. in Fernley, the festival is moving to the Out of Town Park gazebo for the 2026 celebration on May 16. While Center St. was a great location for a few years, it was time for a change. The community has been asking for more shade, seating, and a more comfortable location. The Out of Town Park gazebo has grass, trees, some picnic tables – the perfect spot for the future of M3. People can even bring their chairs and picnic blankets to stay for the whole day and enjoy all that M3 has to offer.

This year brings many vendors, food trucks, live bands, live mural painting, and a free kids' zone with art activities, games, and even a bounce

house provided by Boys & Girls Club. Among the entertainment will be circus performers, fire dancers, dance performances by local groups, and a new addition this year – the Mexican dance group Xochiquetzal De Sergio Santiago.

M3 started in 2022 and has grown year over year. Started by the Sierra Arts Foundation, the festival brought new murals all over the city and hosted live music over three evenings. The Fernley ACES (Art & Culture Event Squad) has continued the annual festival to bring arts, culture, and live music to the community.

This year brings 13 new murals throughout the city, with a strong focus on community and the history of Fernley. Featured among them are a new mural at Fernley Physical Therapy by artist Hayley Meadows with a Nevada-centered patriotic theme, two different train murals at the CRRC and Train Depot by artists Chad Rice and Jen Charbeaneau, respectively, and a truly meaningful tribute to public servants at the Out of Town Park gaze-



Dancers from Controlled Burn, a performance troupe based in Reno, perform during the 2025 M3 Festival. Photo by Jaimie Daniels

bo by two artists who are also military veterans, Kristle Geil and Edwin Martinez Escobedo. The mural of many mountains will continue to grow along Hwy 95A, with more artists and more styles added to the collaborative art piece. There are two groups with kids painting mountain sections, Fernley Homeschoolers, and the Boys & Girls Club Teens. Artists Cassandra Dekker and Naomi Divine will also add mountains in their own styles. Also, two dugouts at the Out of Town Park will get a facelift by artist Alyssa Cumpton, Frontier Fun Center will get a new mural inside by artist Bryce Chrisholm, and Fernley High School will get a new mural by Joe C. Rock. If you see any artists out painting, feel free to say hello and help them feel welcome.

This year's event kicks off with live music and food trucks on Friday, May 15 from 5-9 p.m. at the Out of Town Park gazebo. Three bands will rock the stage: Diminished Return (featured at the InFERNo festival in March), Out of Towners, and Undivulged. A free, family-friendly evening of music, food, and fun to start off another jam-packed festival.

Saturday's festivities begin at noon and run until 10 p.m. The festival will be in full swing with all of the fun booths and activities. Nine bands

will play across two stages with dance performances in between. The headliner this year is Buckshot, which will bring the outlaw country to the M3 stage. Cliff Porter returns after a high energy performance at M3 2025. The Teacher Band, a Fernley favorite, will play at 4:15 with the songs that will have you dancing right into dinner time. Throughout the day, you'll hear creative original music from Anabelle & the Desert Scrubs, Spike McGuire & Greg Gilmore, Liam Kyle Cahill & Kasey Christensen, Silent Giant, Nate Potato, and Drinking With Clowns.

None of this would be possible without many volunteers and the support of sponsors, including Burke Roofing and IBEW 401, the City of Fernley, and Travel Nevada.

Find all the free family fun this weekend, Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 at Fernley's Out of Town Park. More information can be found at fernleyaces.net.

Jaimie Daniels is a longtime resident of Fernley, juggling her two teenagers, wonderful husband, and a menagerie of animals. She's an artist of many mediums and helps run the Fernley ACES – Art, Culture & Event Squad – because she believes she can do just about anything, and why not turn chaos into creativity.



Spike McGuire performs in front of the mandala on the ACES stage at the 2025 M3 Festival. Photo by Jaimie Daniels



A mural painted by Hayley Meadows at the Fernley Swimming Pool during the 2025 Music, Murals and Margaritas (M3) Festival. Photo by Jaimie Daniels

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to its smaller size. Even a modest increase in distressed sales or motivated sellers can influence local pricing trends more noticeably than in larger markets. Reno's larger and more diversified housing market may absorb changes more gradually, though it is not immune to broader economic pressures.

Housing experts note that current conditions remain significantly different from those that preceded the 2008 financial crisis. Lending standards today are generally stricter, and many homeowners have built substantial equity in their homes during the past several years of rising property values.

That equity may allow struggling homeowners to sell before entering foreclosure.

Still, the combination of rising foreclo-

sure activity and continued workforce reductions in industries such as technology is creating uncertainty that could influence housing trends in the coming year.

For Northern Nevada buyers and sellers, analysts say the key is staying informed as the market continues to evolve.

Richard Roznos has been a licensed realtor since 2022, serving Reno, Sparks, Fernley, and Fallon. Drawing on experience in project management and land acquisitions since 2018, he works with residential and commercial clients, including first-time buyers, sellers, and investors. Known for his problem-solving, negotiation skills, and guidance through complex transactions, Richard helps clients navigate the Northern Nevada real estate market with confidence. Richard Roznos Realtor, LPT Realty S.197449

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