

Mark IV Capital says proposed power plant would rival Reno-Sparks output

By Robert Perea

Mark IV Capital's massive Victory Logistics District is not only reshaping the city's landscape with housing and industry, but also preparing to generate enough electricity to rival Reno-Sparks, a company representative told the Lyon County Commission.

During a presentation on the project at the Nov. 20 County Commission meeting, Mark IV Capital Vice President of Entitlement Scott Barnes said the company is designing a modular gas-fired power plant that would begin with 250 megawatts and scale up to 1.8 gigawatts as demand grows. For comparison, he said Reno-Sparks and Washoe County currently generate about 2 gigawatts.

"This is another city, almost," Barnes said. "The demand from data centers and other users requires much more power than a standard logistics



This rendering of a power generation plant was part of a presentation by Mark IV Capital to the Lyon County Commission about the modular gas-fired power plant being designed by the company. Photo courtesy of Mark IV Capital

complex."

The plant would be built in phases, starting with smaller gas-fired units that can be added as needed. Barnes said the modular approach allows

the company to match capacity with growth, ensuring reliable service without overbuilding.

Mark IV Capital is working with NV Energy and other vendors to secure

both power and natural gas supplies. A new gas line will be required to fuel the generators.

Barnes said the surge in data centers is driving much of the demand. Unlike traditional warehouses or industrial users, data centers consume vast amounts of electricity to power servers and cooling systems.

The power plant alone represents an investment of about \$1 billion, Barnes said. It is one of several large-scale infrastructure projects tied to the Fernley development, which also includes wastewater treatment, transportation improvements and housing.

Barnes emphasized that water is just as critical as electricity. The company is exploring advanced wastewater recycling modeled after projects near Reno, where treated effluent is injected into aquifers at A-plus quality

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Affordable housing shortage discussed at City Council

By Kerry Lyman

Fernley's housing market may look cheaper than its neighbors, but the city is feeling the strain of Nevada's wider affordability crisis, Nevada Housing Coalition Executive Director Maurice Page told the Fernley City Council at its Nov. 19 meeting.

Page said in rural northern Nevada there is a deficit of 16,000 to 17,000 housing units affordable to extremely low income families and a shortage of about 140,000 housing units statewide that is available to middle income families.

Though Fernley has lower housing costs than many of the surrounding communities, there are about 4,000 housing units that have been approved but not built in Fernley that developers say have gone "stagnant" because of high costs per square foot, due to high labor costs, Councilman Ryan Hanan said.

He said developers have told him the average construction wage is now about \$70,000 a year, about double what it was just a few years ago, which adds to the per square foot

construction costs.

Page said though that may be the case in the construction industry, overall, housing costs have risen 50 to 60 percent over the last few years, while wages have only increased about 2.5 percent, increasing housing unaffordability considerably.

Page said that is why it is important to educate the public about affordable housing, which has a misconception that affordable housing brings lower property values and crime with it.

Two decades of research has shown there is no negative impact on nearby property values, and, in fact, nearby affordable housing "may actually lead to a slight increase in property values," Page said.

Affordable housing "simply means that a household pays no more than 30 percent of their income towards housing. It does not mean low quality, or high density, or government owned housing," Page said, noting that affordable housing serves essential workers.

In Fernley, Page said the average income that a person needs to make

to afford a studio or one-bedroom apartment is about \$39,000.

Comparing Fernley rental costs with typical incomes, those working in manufacturing, retail and construction "can somewhat afford" a studio or one-bedroom apartment. But when looking at housing with two to four bedrooms "it becomes out of their price range and this is where you have to double up with family and friends to move in together to be able to cover the bills and expenses," Page said.

Part of the problem is lack of federal funding to subsidize affordable housing projects, Page said. He said Nevada is consistently at the bottom of federal funding per capita, receiving approximately \$800 less per person than the national average.

"For a community like Fernley, this majorly impacts where you can grow and how the infrastructure of how you would like to build out," he said. "Because of your population growing, it also affects where the money is going to go to."

As a result, getting state funding for housing becomes even more

important. But the legislature is stepping up, taking up more and more housing bills in each legislative session, approving 26 of 63 housing bills introduced during the last legislative session, a 40 percent success rate, Page said.

Page said during a presentation to the Fernley Planning Commission the previous week, concerns were expressed about water infrastructure, and whether more housing is wanted.

Page told the council he is trying to get out into all of the jurisdictions in the state to present the coalition's efforts and to partner with them to figure out the next steps when it comes to housing policy.

"And so, I want to know from your perspective, what you would like to see done, and then this way from there, we can figure out how we can achieve those goals," Page said. "I think there's ways for us to kind of meet in the middle as far as how you would like to see growth within the city, but I think it's just awareness and education and the coalition is here to support you guys in any way and fashion that we can."

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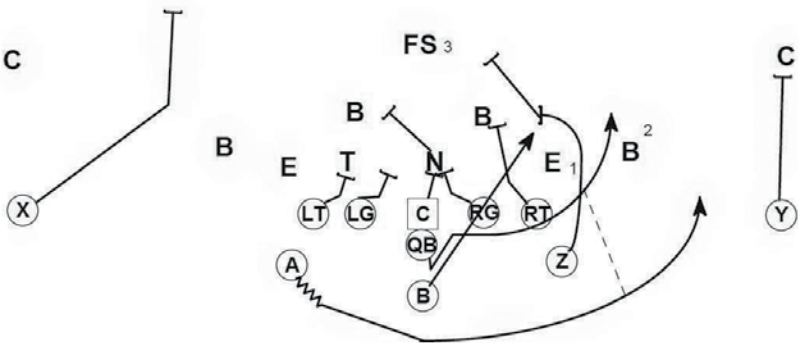
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



A Thanksgiving toast to routine

At this time last year, when we were just getting into the flow of producing this weekly newspaper, I started marking time in Fernley by deadlines and meetings, by the rhythm of Friday night football, Wednesday City Council meetings and the Tuesday afternoon deadlines.

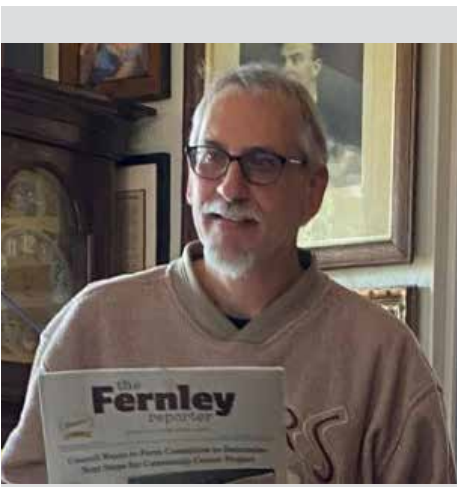
Now, with the Fernley Reporter past its first anniversary, Thanksgiving arrives as another mile marker, a pause in the march of minutes, reminding me that persistence itself is worth celebrating.

This isn't a column about gratitude in the usual sense. I won't list family, friends, or pumpkin pie. I'm a person who works best in structure, by routine. And what I've learned over the past year is that routine is a kind of thanksgiving. Not the holiday, but the act of giving thanks.

Deadlines arrive whether we're ready or not. Meetings stretch longer than planned. Yet, the rhythm continues. Every Tuesday, hopefully before our 2 p.m. deadline, the Reporter is sent to the press.

Meanwhile, the routine rolls on everywhere else too. School buses make their morning and afternoon loops, traffic backs up at the roundabout and sometimes stops completely on Interstate 80 near USA Parkway.

The good, the bad and the ugly of these routines provide us with



ROBERT PEREA

continuity. But then there's the surprises. A meeting agenda that looks routine suddenly sparks a debate. A rainstorm sweeps across the desert.

Surprises are what keep the rhythm from becoming monotony. And that's what reminds me that persistence isn't just about repeating the same motions, it's about adapting when the unexpected shows up.

That's what I'm celebrating this Thanksgiving. It's not only a pause to be thankful for the blessings in my life, but to appreciate the routines, the rhythms that make it what it is.

I'm grateful for the deadlines that keep me honest, the traffic that reminds me I'm not alone and the surprises that prove I'm still alive and still capable of changing.

So this year I'll raise a toast not

to the turkey, but to the rhythm, and to the deadlines, the detours, the debates and the rainstorms. And as we pause together at this mile marker, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. May your routines keep you grounded, may your surprises keep you alive and may the rhythm of our community carry us forward into another year.

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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Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, Nov. 18

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NEWS

School board votes not to amend cell phone policy

By Robert Perea

Following a lengthy discussion, the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees voted at its Nov. 18 meeting not to change its existing cell phone policy.

Board President Tom Hendrix had proposed an amended policy that would have prohibited personal internet-enabled devices such as cell phones and tablets from being used on school grounds during the school day except in cases outlined in the policy such as when permitted by teaches in support of curriculum learning objectives, in case of emergency or as written in a student's Individual Education Plan.

The district's current policy prohibits the use of cell phones during instructional time, which is defined as from the beginning of school until the final bell in kindergarten through eighth grade and during class periods in high school. The proposed change would have expanded that definition of instructional time to the beginning of the day until the end in high school.

However, during a discussion at the board's September meeting, Fernley High School principal Ryan Cross argued against restricting the use of phones during the school day in high school. He said some classes require the use of cell phone apps, and he argued that high school students should be afforded more responsibility than younger students.

Trustee James Whisler said he initially supported the more restrictive policy until he began hearing public comment from students, teachers and parents opposed to changing the policy.

"I don't see why we need to change a policy that hasn't even been around for a full year," Whisler said. "Don't fix what isn't broke, and this isn't broke."

At that September meeting, the Board took no action but asked for the item to be placed on the agenda for the Oct. 28 board meeting. However, the item wasn't on the agenda for that meeting and the Trustees asked for an explanation at the November meeting for why it wasn't included in October.

During last week's meeting, Hendrix said because the board had a lengthy agenda in October, he and Superintendent Tim Logan decided to hold it until November. Attorney Don Lattin told the board that district policy allows the board president and superintendent to develop the agenda, and it is their prerogative to determine how long an agenda will be and move



items. He said this would not create an Open Meeting Law violation, because that occurs when the board discusses something that is not on the agenda. In this case, there was no discussion of the item at the October meeting, except for the request for an explanation of why it was not on the agenda.

Council to interview city manager candidates Dec. 3

By Robert Perea

Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre said the committee that screened the applicants for the vacant city manager position has chosen four candidates to be interviewed by the council at its Dec. 3 meeting.

McIntyre reported at the Nov. 18 meeting that the committee interviewed six candidates before narrowing the field to the final four. He said the council will be receiving a packet from CPS HR Consultants, the first that conducted the recruitment for the position. McIntyre had previously

said there were 92 applications received for the position, which were narrowed down to what he called 14 viable candidates.

McIntyre said he also hoped to meet with each council member to discuss the candidates and the search process.

Fernley has been without a city manager since late May, when then City Manager Benjamin Marchant resigned during a dispute over the budget. Three council members voted to approve the city's budget without the city manager position in it. Council members accused Marchant



of being insubordinate, dishonest and disregarding the city council's direction.

Marchant denied the claims but offered to resign in order to settle the budget dispute and the city negotiated a separation agreement with Marchant.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyon County dispatcher honored for helping deliver baby during 911 call

By Robert Perea

Lyon County dispatcher Sarah Walker was presented with the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office “Stork Pin” for guiding a family through the delivery of a baby during an emergency call on June 29.

Walker was presented with the pin and recognized for her actions during the Nov. 20 meeting of the Lyon County Commission.

In his commendation, Sheriff Brad Pope said Walker demonstrated outstanding professionalism and composure during an emergency 911 call involving a woman who was 40 weeks pregnant and in active labor. Pope wrote that Walker promptly gathered critical information, dispatched the appropriate

medical and law enforcement units and remained on the line to provide reassurance and guidance to the family.

During the call, the mother successfully delivered a healthy baby boy while Walker continued to offer calm and confident communication.

“Her professionalism and empathy reflected the highest standards of service expected of Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Communications personnel,” Pope wrote. “Child-birth-related emergency calls are rare and require exceptional presence of mind, quick thinking and composure. Dispatcher Walker’s actions exemplify these traits and serve as a testament to her skill, dedication and commitment to the community she serves.”



Lyon County dispatcher Sarah Walker was presented with the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Stork Pin during the Nov. 20 County Commission meeting for helping deliver a baby during a 911 call on June 29. Photo courtesy of LCSO

Lyon County Democrats donate to local food pantry program to support local students

Staff Report

The Lyon County Democratic Party is collecting money toward the Backpack Food Program coordinated by the Healthy Communities Coalition.

The Backpack Food Program provides elementary students with meals on weekends during the school year.

A list of needed items is provided by the food pantry, and volunteers go shopping to purchase items such as cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned soup, fruit, vegetables, snacks, and canned protein.

While children have free lunches at

school, the Backpack program provides food for children who face food insecurity at home over the weekend. Foods are distributed discreetly to the students’ backpacks during a time when they are not in the classroom.

Previously, this backpack program received federal funding, but recent cuts have left the Healthy Communities Coalition scrambling for funding.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help the Lyon County Democrats with the backpack program is asked to contact Judy Zablocky at (847) 736-4947.



Photo courtesy of Healthy Communities Coalition

Fernley Church Directory

Summit Church
Silverland Middle School

Grace Baptist Church
460 W. Main Street, Suite 108
gbcfernley.org

Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
290 N. West Street

Living Faith Church
110 Center Street

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OBITUARY

Marjorie Ann (Solanes) Albanese
September 23, 1937 – November 16, 2025

Marjorie Ann Albanese, 88, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2025, in Winter Garden, Florida. She was born on September 23, 1937, in Niagara Falls, New York, to Joseph and Margaret Solanes.

Marjorie married Anthony (Tony) S. Albanese Jr. on July 9, 1960 in Niagara Falls, New York. Shortly after, the couple moved west—first to Reno, Nevada, in 1964, and then to Fernley, Nevada, in 1965—where they built a life rooted in family, community, and service.

A devoted homemaker, Marjorie also worked at a local flower shop and later as a clerk at Tucker’s Pharmacy in Fernley. Her dedication extended far beyond home and work; she was deeply involved in her sons’ activities, including Little League, Cub Scouts, and high school football. She briefly wrote for the Fernley Leader and was active in local politics. Marjorie also served her community as a member of the Fernley Search and Rescue team and was part of the Saint Robert Bel-larmine Catholic Church.

She called Fernley home for 35 years.

After the passing of her husband, Marjorie returned to Reno in 2000, where she continued her work as a pharmacy clerk until her retirement. She later relocated to Winter Garden, Florida, to be closer to her niece Kathleen and her family where she spent her final years.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, and a sister. She is survived by her son, Tony III, daughter-in-law Gina, twin sons, Michael and Scott, numerous nieces and nephews, eight grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Marjorie will be laid to rest at the Fraternal Cemetery in Wadsworth, Nevada.

Marjorie’s wish was not to have a funeral or service but her strength, dedication, and the care she showed to her family and community will be remembered always.



Marjorie Ann Albanese

COMMUNITY

Dr. Jonathan and Nancy Campbell celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 25.



Dr. Jonathan and Nancy Campbell, photo courtesy of Carolyn Van der Veen

Dr. Jonathan and Nancy Campbell celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Jonathan is a Doctor of Physical Therapy who travels the Fernley area helping patients through home visits. Nancy is a speech therapist at Fernley Elementary School who is beloved because of her dedication to the children she supports with speech language. Jonathan and Nancy raised their family in Fernley. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Van der Veen



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BUSINESS

Mayor, Council proclaim
Nov. 29 as Small Business
Saturday

By Robert Perea

At the Nov. 19 meeting, Mayor Neal McIntyre and the Fernley City Council proclaimed Nov. 29 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Fernley and presented the proclamation to Mike McMordie and Dody Hopper, the owners of McHoppers Brew Co.

The proclamation, read by McIntyre at the meeting, said Small Business Saturday was funded in 2020 to encourage people across the country to support small independently-owned local businesses during the busiest

shopping period of the year.

The proclamation states that the government of Fernley celebrates our local, small businesses and contributions they make to our local economy and community; play a vital role in maintaining a unique character of our neighborhoods, fostering innovation and creating jobs for residents and that small businesses in the restaurant and retail industries significantly contribute to the vibrance of our local economy offering diverse culinary experiences and unique shopping opportunities to draw visitors.



Mike McMordie and Dody Hopper of McHoppers Brew Co. accept a proclamation from Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre dedicating Saturday, Nov. 29 as Small Business Saturday in Fernley. Photo courtesy of City of Fernley

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Nov. 19 meeting:

- SI Legacy Floor Finishing Inc dba/ SI Legacy Floor Finishing, Reno, Flooring
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- Viking Automatic Sprinkler Company dba/High Sierra Fire Protection, Reno,
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- Applied Finishes, Inc., Chico, CA, Painting contractor
- AGR Cleaning Solutions LLC, Fallon, Commercial, industrial and residential
cleaning services
- Panda Express #3747, Fernley, Chinese fast food restaurant
- Louis Basque, Fernley, Uber service
- Washoe Painting Company LLC, Reno, Painting contractor
- Pueblo Electrical Service, Inc, Las Vegas, Electrical contractor
- CCC & RR Inc dba/Crummett Construction & Roofing, Reno,
Construction and roofing contractor

Meetings

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

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting December 10

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

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 December 4

Lyon County Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting December 9

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting December 2
(Moved from November 25 due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting December 16
(3rd Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas Holiday)

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting December 11

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District
3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m.
Next meeting December 16

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GOVERNMENT

Council extends franchise agreement with Southwest Gas

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council extended a franchise agreement with the Southwest Gas Corporation for 25 years during the Nov. 19 meeting, ensuring the city continues to receive 5 percent of the company’s gross revenues generated within the city’s boundaries. That percentage can be significant to the city’s income, generating more than \$2.3 million to the city’s coffers between fiscal 2023 and 2025, according to City Treasurer Robert Carson. The current franchise agreement was due to expire on July 1, 2026, ac-

cording to a staff report. When Carson was asked why Southwest Gas pays the city a franchise fee when there is no competition for gas service, because it’s common for cities to only receive franchise fees when a city grants an “exclusive” franchise to an entity providing competitive services, Carson said the fee, up to 5 percent of gross revenues, is allowed by state law, probably because utility companies essentially have a monopoly on their services. Carson said NV Energy also pays the city a franchise fee of about 5 percent.

Section 12 of the franchise agreement with Southwest Gas has been updated to include 5 percent of gross revenues collected from gas delivery within the city to be paid to the city within 30 days following the end of each quarter, the staff report said. In fiscal year 2023, the Southwest Gas franchise fee generated \$744,927 to the city, \$959,753 in fiscal year 2024 and \$617,805 in fiscal year 2025, according to Carson. Asked about the curious one-third drop in franchise fees between 2024 and 2025, Carson surmised it may be due to a warmer winter or something like that.

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 25CV468655

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Jason Donald Burnett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Jason Donald Burnett Proposed name: Jason Donald McCullah

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: DEC. 16, 2025 Time: 8:45 a.m. Dept: Room: Probate. The address of the court is: Santa Clara Superior Court 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation.

THE FERNLEY REPORTER. Date: OCT 29, 2025 Published: Nov 21, 28, DEC 5, 12, 2025

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INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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Project Address: 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley NV 89408
Project No.: FP-CP-1.2026 / PWP-LY-2026-102

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BID OPENING

Bids will be received by Fernley Pool at the Fernley Pool Facility, 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley, Nevada 89408. All sealed proposals must be received and time recorded prior to 3:00 PM, Local Time on 1/15/2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

PRE-BID MEETING

Non-Mandatory (for all Prime Contractor/Bidders)
Pre-Bid Meeting Location: 300 Cottonwood Lane, Fernley, NV 89408
Pre-Bid Meeting Date: January 6, 2026
Pre-Bid Meeting Time: 1:00 PM Local Time

ACCESS TO BID DOCUMENTS

A link to the plans and specifications can be obtained by email from dnelson@hkarchitects.com. All questions and answers during the bidding phase will be directed through and by H+K Architects via email or other written correspondence. No verbal questions or answers will be processed.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

Each Bidder shall be properly licensed by the Nevada State Contractors Board prior to bid opening.

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

The estimated construction cost for the base bid for this project is: \$1.4 million

NEWSPAPER PUBLISH DATES

11/28/25 & 12/5/25

Ad # 2514

Council approves contract to rebuild city’s IT infrastructure

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a six-month contract at its Nov. 19 meeting with PacStates, an information technology (IT) services provider from Reno, to completely rebuild the city’s IT infrastructure at a cost of \$551,660.

Upgrades to the city’s IT system are sorely needed according to Mayor Neal McIntyre, who said he didn’t know how many times he had seen staff in the middle of doing something, only to have the system crash “and then they have to go in and start all over again.”

Occurrences like that will not happen under the new IT system because everything will be auto-saved to the cloud, according to Ryan Baskharoon, a cyber security expert with PacStates.

“So, if it does crash, they can pull it right back up and it saves it right where they left off,” he said.

Baskharoon said many of the city’s difficulties with IT comes from the age of “a lot of outdated equipment,” with firewalls, routers and other equipment being at least 10 years old.

He recalled an instance when in Acting City Manager Lydia Altick’s office, he saw her try to pull up a PDF on her computer and it would not even display.

“It was all just a blank screen,” and she had to close everything and open it again in order to get it to display, he said.

Under the contract, all the city’s personal computers will be replaced, as well as servers, switches, Wi-Fi routers, etc.

“There will be all new equipment and cables in the network room,” Baskharoon said. It also will be a redundant system, so that if one piece of equipment goes down, there will be backup to take its place, he said.

The new IT system will also incorporate a battery backup power system that will provide an uninterrupted power supply to protect hard drives in the system servers for approximately an hour to an hour and a half, providing more than enough time to safely



PacStates , located in Reno, Nevada

shut everything down in the event of a power loss, Baskharoon said.

PacStates will be replacing a lot of hardware equipment with cloud-based systems which are easier to manage.

“And you’re not replacing hardware all the time,” he said. “The only hardware we would be replacing every three to five years would be desktops.”

The new IT system will have two firewalls for added security and the city’s Wi-Fi system will be upgraded to version seven. Baskharoon said he thinks the city’s current Wi-Fi is version five or lower, resulting in a person not being able to keep a Wi-Fi connection walking from one end of City Hall to another.

Councilman Ryan Hanan said he would like for the network room to have a chemical fire suppression system to prevent all the equipment being ruined by water. He also advocated a better access control system for the network room, rather than a keyed entry, a card entry, “so we can tell who is going into that room and out of that room at what times,” he said.

Baskharoon said the network room would have to be redesigned to include a chemical fire suppression system, but it could be looked at. He added that since a lot of equipment in the network room will be removed and cloud-based under the new system, “there won’t be so much heat in there or the possibility of a fire.”

Baskharoon also said PacStates is currently working on better access control to the network room. In

response to a question from Councilman Albert Torres, he said PacStates will also produce a cyber security and procedures manual as part of their contract.

In other action last week also involving PacStates, the council approved a three-year contract with PacStates to be the private partner in a hybrid or co-managed IT system, with in-house city staff and PacStates staff both managing the city’s IT system.

Earlier this year, PacStates provided an assessment of the city’s IT system, providing four alternatives to make it more efficient and reliable, recommending the co-managed or hybrid system, which they said was the industry standard.

When asked during that presentation of alternatives why PacStates did not submit a co-managed system proposal, Baskharoon said they did not think it appropriate to do so since they were only hired to access the city’s IT system and make recommendations. But the council unanimously voted to seek bids for a co-managed IT system.

Requests for Proposals for a co-managed IT system were sent out in September, with the city receiving four proposals. PacStates received the highest rating in an evaluation of the proposals by the city’s IT selection committee, a staff report noted.

Negotiations with PacStates resulted in a three-year contract proposal at a cost of \$20,755 a month, with a one-time “onboarding” fee of \$20,755, which the council approved unanimously.

Continued from FRONT - MARK IV...

standards.

“Water is just as valuable as gold,” Barnes said.

While full construction of the power plant will take years, Barnes said groundwork is already underway. The company has completed entitlements and recorded two final maps, with a third expected in January. Grading is in progress on 700 acres, including parcels sold to Microsoft.

Other infrastructure projects, such as the Nevada Pacific Parkway and a rail spur, are also moving forward. Barnes said the Parkway bridge embankment work will begin in January, with full roadway construction in the

second or third quarter of 2026.

Barnes said the power plant will not only serve Fernley’s industrial park but also strengthen the region’s overall grid.

“Those improvements will make a definite positive impact for the region, not just for our development, but the entire city of Fernley and outside of the city of Fernley,” he said.

Barnes said the company’s planned Center of Excellence will include programs for data center management and maintenance. He said Western Nevada College will create classrooms, labs and other education facilities in the building where Mark IV currently has its offices. He said a 59-acre area alongside I-80 will have space available for research and development.

“Our goal is to be able to provide training for the region, not just our users,” Barnes said.

Barnes said the Victory Logistics District is expected to reach full buildout by 2043, with property tax revenues and employment growing as construction continues. But he acknowledged that much of the work currently taking place is invisible to the public.

“What we have to keep explaining to people is there’s a lot of work that goes into a project like this before you even see the first building or you see anything going vertical,” he said. “Unless you fly over it in a helicopter or plane, you don’t really notice it when you drive by.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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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.

Nov. 17 – Nov. 22, 2025

Jeremiah Adams – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,240.00, Charges: Provide false/fictitious info on vehicle registration application; Operator – proof of insurance required

Michael Davis – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: Criminal contempt

Enrique Saavedra – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$20,640.00, Charges: DUI with prior felony DUI-E/WZ (Enhancement - Work Zone); Driver disobey peace officer

Michael Nevis – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment

Kevin Gorham – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,645.00, Charges: DUI (1st offense); Basic speed – 41+ mph over posted limit

Thomas Jordan – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$605.00, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation

James Pond – Area: LYDA, Bail Amount: \$2,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st offense);

Failure to appear after bail (misdemeanor); Criminal contempt

Kristopher Gonzalez – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$102,500.00

Charges: Failure to appear after bail (felony); Failure to appear after bail (gross misdemeanor)

Tegan Ahearn – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,640.00, Charges: Provide false/fictitious info on vehicle registration application; Resist public officer

Joseph Townsend – Area: Dayton

Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: Driving with revoked driver's license

Leroy Smith – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment

Ryan Williamson – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st offense)

Angel Rodriguez – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$3,280.00, Charges: Harassment (1st offense) (2 counts); Resist public officer

Matthew Corpus – Area: Fernley, Bail

Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence

Chyenett Cotlage – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st offense)

Gerardo Zavala – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st offense)

Hunter Goode – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic battery (1st offense)

Caleb Coleman – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment

Ricky Jacobs – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$4,495.00, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance <14 grams (1st or 2nd offense); Use/possession of drug paraphernalia; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Owner – proof of insurance required

John Muldoon – Area: Dayton, Bail

Amount: \$1,230.00, Charges: Convicted person registration and fingerprinting (NRS 179C.110); Pedestrian crossing other than at crosswalk

Reggie Alexander – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence

Angelito Mojica – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment

Kyle Blindman – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$199,510.00, Charges: Child abuse or neglect (1st offense); Driver disobey peace officer; DUI (1st offense); Reckless driving with disregard for safety (1st offense); False statement to/obstruct public officer; Tribal charge

Katie Chavez – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment

Kevin Betanco Cruz – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$640.00, Charges: Driving with suspended driver's license

Status hearing set Dec. 9 in Miller case

By Robert Perea

A status conference has been set for Dec. 9 in Canal Township Justice Court in the murder case against the man accused of stabbing his father to death last December.

Adam Elijah Miller was ruled competent in July to stand trial for the murder of his father and attempted murder of his mother. At a status hearing on Nov. 4, attorney Patrick Mansfield presented the court with a court order stating that he has a conflict in the case and Kale Brock was appointed as conflict counsel. At that time, a preliminary hearing scheduled Nov. 7 was vacated and the status hearing was scheduled for Dec. 9.

Miller, who was 19 at the time of the incident on December 18, 2025, is charged with Open Murder with the Use of a Deadly Weapon, a Category

A felony punishable by life in prison— with eligibility for parole after 20 or 50 years—or the death penalty. He is also charged with Attempted Murder with the Use of a Deadly Weapon, a Category B felony punishable by 2–20 years, and Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim Age 60 or Older, punishable by 2–15 years.

According to the criminal complaint filed by the Lyon County District Attorney's Office, Miller is charged with killing his father, 73-year-old Lance Miller, by stabbing him in the neck and/or chest with premeditation. The complaint also accuses him of attacking his mother, Elizabeth Miller, with a knife, stabbing her in the neck. The DA further filed charges for Destruction of Evidence, a misdemeanor, for allegedly concealing or destroying the knife used in the attacks. In a separate complaint, the DA

accuses Miller of allegedly Carrying a Concealed Firearm Without a Permit and Obstructing a Public Officer related to a prior incident on November 21.

Miller was arrested December 19 after a two-day manhunt when he was found hiding in the rafters of an abandoned barn.

At a hearing on Dec. 31, 2024, Mansfield requested the case be waived up to the Third Judicial District Court so that a competency evaluation could be conducted.

In July, Third Judicial District Court Judge John Schlegelmilch accepted the reports of two doctors who concluded that Miller is competent to proceed to trial and remanded the case to Canal Township Justice Court for further proceedings.



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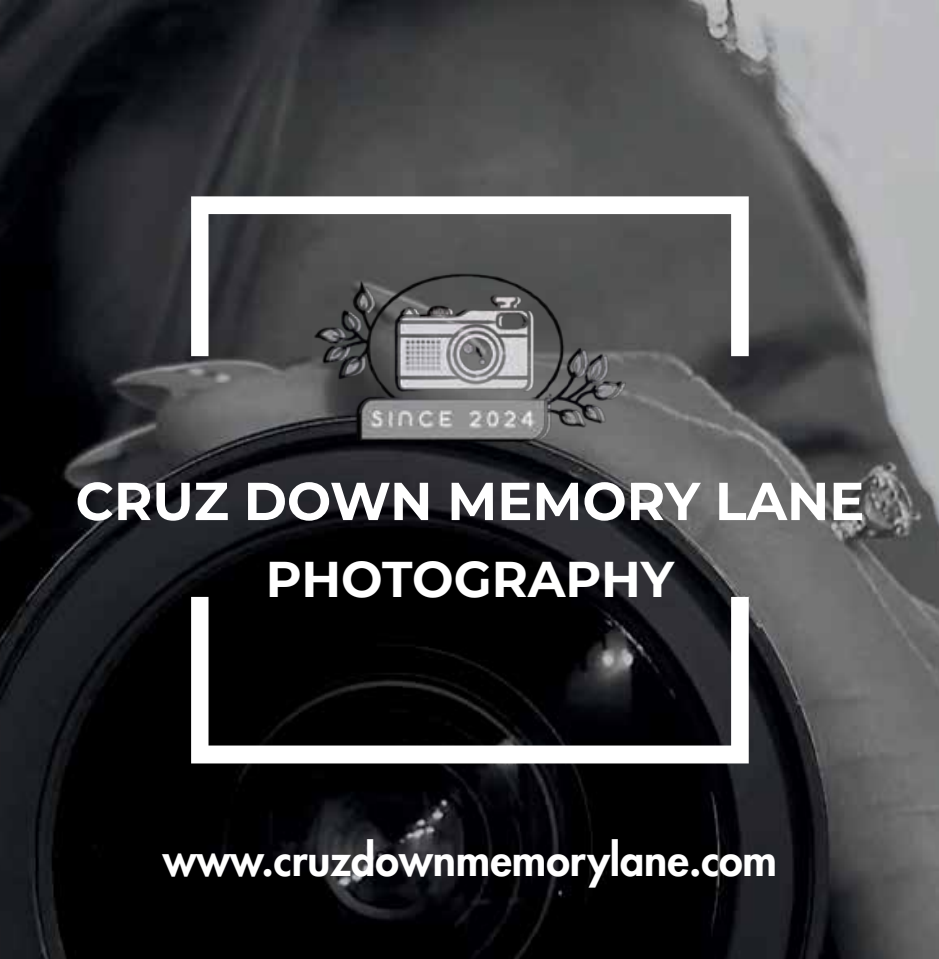
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SPORTS

Six returning state qualifiers, two champions return to lead Fernley wrestling teams

By Robert Perea

With returning starters in 12 of the 14 boys weight classes, including two state champions and three other state qualifiers, and a girls team that continues to grow, the Fernley High School wrestling program is expecting a big season.

The boys team will wrestle this weekend in the Redwood Rumble in Larkspur, CA, while the girls team will be competing in the Folsom High School Girls Invitational in Folsom, CA. The JV team will wrestle at Hug.

"Expectations are through the roof for the wrestling program this year," coach Jake McCullar said. "The stage is set for something special from these young and amazing men and women this year."

The boys team returns two-time state champion Nathan Pritchard and defending champion Riley McCullar, along with state qualifiers Brody Jones, Isaiah Mutte and Isaid Solis. Each of them will be captains for this year's team.

Captains for the girls team this year will be senior April Mendoza and returning state qualifier Bronwynn Garrett.



Riley McCullar and Nathan Pritchard show off the T-Shirts and medals they earned by winning championships in a tournament last season in Chico, CA. McCullar and Pritchard are both returning state champions and captains on this year's team. Also pictured are coaches Thomas Chapin, Jake McCullar and Anfernee Sloan.

“Both show the hard work and dedication to lead this team in the right direction,” McCullar said

The Vaqueros have a total of 74 wrestlers out for the team this year, with 53 boys and 21 girls. Josh Paulman will be the head coach for the girls team.

"I am super excited about coming in at the beginning of something that is taking off across the country," Paulman said. "Wrestling has always been a passion of mine and it's great to see more young women becoming involved."

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SPORTS

Vaquero standouts Love and Machado close careers atop school record book

By Robert Perea

Four years ago, Keeshawn Love and Joey Machado began their careers as freshmen on the Fernley High School football team, just trying to prove they belonged on the field. They're leaving the program as standard bearers, their names etched into both school and state records.

Love will leave Fernley as one of the most prolific running backs in state history, while Machado ranks among the state's top tacklers.

"They're definitely in elite company, that's for sure," Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan said. "There's been a lot of good football players to come through this high school. There's a lot of great football players that come through this entire state. I'm grateful that they were able to represent this high school the way they did."

After running for 279 yards on 19 carries against Bishop (Calif.) in Fernley's second game this season, Love asked one of his coaches how close he was to breaking the school record for career rushing yards. Unbeknownst to him, he had already done it last season.

Love broke the school record of 2,723 previously held by Jeremy Ottawa, who played from 1989-92 on another night that he put his name in the state record books. Love ran for 526 yards and seven touchdowns in a game at Lowry last season, both the second most in state history in any classification.

With 5,948 career rushing yards, Love finished second in career rushing yards in the 3A behind James Edwards of Spring Creek, who ran for 7,728 yards from 2003-05. It also ranks him third in state history in all 11-man classes behind 7,860 yards by D'Angelo Jones of Foothill (2003-06) and Edwards.

Love also set a school record with 51 touchdowns, which ties for fifth in state history in the 3A with Brian

Adams of Moapa Valley (1998-00) and Myloe Lewis of Cheyenne (2011-12).

Love played on the varsity for all four years of high school but put up most of his stats in his last three years, playing as a backup to Marciano Montano as a freshman. Even then, Love said he knew he belonged.

"A lot of times people would say, 'You're really good for a freshman,'" Love said. "And that would kind of like anger me, like no, I'm just good. And that would just kind of give me a spark."

Love took off as a sophomore. After running for just 177 yards as a freshman, he posted 1,395 as a sophomore, 1,992 as a junior and 2,384 as a senior.

Along the way, he became the player every opponent focused on stopping.

"I just knew I had to be on my best, my A game, to keep putting up the stats I was," Love said. "I think I'm pretty proud of myself for achieving what I've achieved."

Machado finished his career with 389 total tackles, breaking the 3A state record of 372 set by Wulfe Retzlaff of Truckee in 2014-16. That total also placed him third among all classes in the state behind Christian Thatcher of Arbor View (443 tackles from 2021-24) and Richie Garcia of Damonte Ranch (427 tackles from 2014-2017).

He also set a school record with 46 tackles for losses, a category that's not included in the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association record book.

Machado said he had no idea he was anywhere near breaking records until he heard it announced during a game against Sparks earlier this season that he had become the school's all-time leading tackler.

"It was shocking. I had no clue," Machado said. "Same with the state record. Me and Sloan were looking at it before and I kind of forgot about it, and then my dad text me that I broke the state record too."



Fernley's Keeshawn Love runs for some of his school record yardage during the Vaqueros' playoff game at Fallon earlier this month. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane photography

Machado started every game he played in his high school career but missed the last six games of his sophomore season with a broken collarbone. He played safety as a freshman, then was a middle linebacker his last three years.

It wasn't until after he returned from that injury as a junior that Machado realized he was a good player.

"Because I was averaging like 18 tackles a game," he said.

Sloan was in his first year as head

coach when he made the decision to put Love and Machado on the varsity team.

"It's crazy to think four years ago when I made that decision that they would turn out to be the football players they turned out to be," Sloan said. "They're there in the history books, the record books for a reason. I'm definitely going to miss coaching them, but I think they've matured into good young men that are going to make a big difference in this world."

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Joey Machado tackles Spring Creek's McCoy McArtor during a game earlier this season. Machado finished his career as the leading tackler in school and Nevada 3A history. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane photography

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