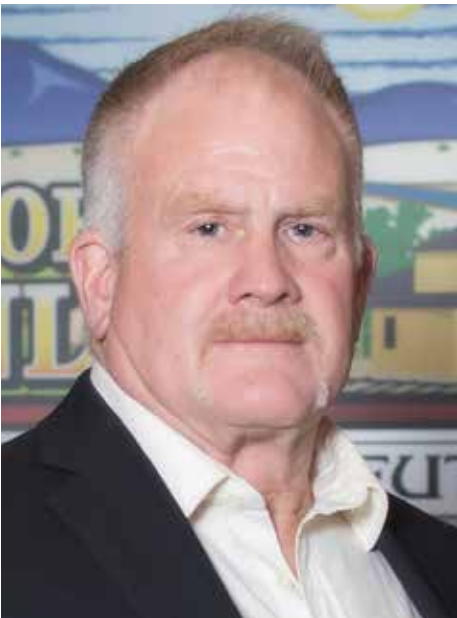


Court denies DA’s appeal of dismissal of battery case against Lau



Stan Lau, courtesy of the City of Fernley.

By Robert Perea

A Third Judicial District Court judge last week denied an appeal filed March 9 by the Lyon County District Attorney’s Office, upholding the dismissal of a battery charge against former Fernley City Councilman Stan Lau.

In his ruling filed July 29, Judge Leon Aberasturi affirmed the order issued Feb. 27 in Canal Township Justice Court dismissing the charge against Lau on the grounds that he was not brought to trial within 60 days of his arraignment. Aberasturi ruled that there was nothing in the record indicating Lau waived his right to a speedy trial or was responsible for any of the delays in the case.

Following his arrest in August 2025, legal proceedings against Lau involved

multiple court transfers and motions to dismiss over several months. Judge Derek Dreiling ultimately dismissed the case with prejudice, meaning the charge could not be refiled. District Attorney Steve Rye then filed his appeal of the dismissal on March 9.

Lau was arrested Aug. 18, 2025, after a construction worker alleged that Lau had grabbed the sunglasses off his face and punched him during a dispute over traffic control around a construction project in the area of Shadow Lane and U.S. 95A. The construction worker, Chester Patterson, signed a citizen’s arrest form, and Lau was taken into custody later the same day by sheriff’s deputies after they questioned him at his home.

On Aug. 20, 2025, Fernley City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen filed a motion

to transfer the case to Canal Township Justice Court, followed by an amended motion to transfer on Aug. 27 to send the case to Walker River Justice Court.

An arraignment hearing was held Sept. 17, 2025, in Walker River Justice Court. A prosecutor was not present at that hearing, and a pretrial hearing was scheduled for Oct. 14, 2025. That hearing was continued until Nov. 13, 2025. On that date, the prosecutor and Lau’s attorney stipulated to transfer the case back to Fernley Municipal Court because the case did not meet the requirements for transfer.

On Jan. 13, Fernley Municipal Court Judge Lori Matheus, who is also the Canal Township justice of the peace, en-

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Superseding indictment issued in Anna Scott murder case

By Robert Perea

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Nevada announced last week that a federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment July 23 that upgraded charges against a primary suspect and indicted a second person in connection with the February 2022 killing of Anna Scott.

The new indictment charges Delshay Astor with first-degree murder within Indian Country, elevating the initial charge of second-degree murder brought against him in May 2026. The filing also names a second defendant, Joel Christy, charging him with one count of accessory after the fact.

According to allegations in the superseding indictment, Astor murdered Anna Scott, and Christy assisted Astor and another individual to hinder and prevent the apprehension of Astor and the other individual. The indictment does not name the other individual.

“While these new charges reflect the expanding scope and strength of our ongoing investigation, our primary focus today remains exactly where it belongs, on Anna Marie Scott, her family, and everyone who loved her,” said First Assistant U.S. Attorney

Sigal Chattah for the District of Nevada. “Our office, alongside our partners in law enforcement, will continue to work tirelessly as this case moves toward trial until justice is fully served.”

According to allegations in the superseding indictment, on or about Feb. 2, 2022, Delshay Astor, with premeditation and malice, shot Anna Scott on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. The superseding indictment also alleges that Christy, knowing that the offense had been committed, assisted Astor and another individual in order to prevent their apprehension, trial and punishment.

Scott, 23, who was a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, was shot and killed, and her body was put into her car and set on fire. Her body was found inside a burned vehicle on southbound Interstate 580 the following day. The Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner’s Office later ruled her death a homicide.

Despite many pleas for information by Scott’s family and friends, very little information about the case was provided by law enforcement over the next



U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) spoke on the Senate floor to highlight the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) May 5, 2022.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Captain’s Log – On Birthdays

A lot of my friends don’t like birthdays. They don’t like saying how old they are, and they’d just as soon let the day slip by without anyone making a fuss over another year passing.

I suppose I understand that.

But I’ve also reached the point where I see birthdays a little differently.

We have too many friends our age who didn’t get another one – who didn’t make it this far.

One of my dearest friends and I used to tease each other relentlessly about our ages. Whenever she’d get a little saucy with me, I’d remind her that she would always turn the next decade before I did. “Yeah,” I’d say, “but at least you’ll be 40 before me.” But she died at 39.

Now I’m looking at 57.

Those numbers stopped feeling like something to avoid and started feeling like something to appreciate. Every birthday is a gift. The alternative isn’t much of a plan.

The last couple of weeks have

reminded me of that more than ever. We’ve lost some really good people. People who should still be here telling stories, making us laugh, and giving us grief. Their absence has a way of making another birthday feel especially sweet.

This summer we’ve spent a lot of time with family, and I’ve caught myself looking at my parents in a way I never have before.

I remember them when they were younger than I am now. When they seemed to know everything and could solve every problem. As a kid, you assume your parents have life all figured out.

Then one day you realize they were just kids themselves, doing the best they could.

And now somehow I’ve become the age they were when I looked up to them, while they were looking up to their own parents.

Life has a funny way of doing that.

Today I’ll head to Lake Tahoe, where my family has gathered on Aug. 4 for

the past 17 years. We’ll celebrate on the same beach where my mom grew up, surrounded by the people who matter most.

I am grateful – for another year, for my family, for old friends, for new adventures, and for the privilege of this work that lets me spend every week visiting with all of you.

So today I’ll celebrate another birthday. Publicly. Just like I have for the past 57 years.

Because every one of them is worth celebrating.

Thank you for letting me share this little corner of your week. Thank you for reading, for encouraging us, and for believing in what we’re building together.

We’re grateful for every opportunity, every conversation, and every one of you. And we’ll always be right here...

...Keeping you posted.

Rach

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tered an order recusing herself and assigning Senior Judge Derek Dreiling to preside. Lau was arraigned in Municipal Court by Dreiling on Jan. 22 and appointed counsel. Rye said Lau invoked his right to trial for the first time at the Jan. 22 arraignment, and a trial was scheduled for March 13.

Attorney Lauren Gorman, representing Lau, filed two motions to dismiss the case, on Jan. 30 and Feb. 16. In the Jan. 30 motion, Gorman argued the case should be dismissed on the grounds that Lau was not brought to trial within 60 days of arraignment, the delay was not attributable to the defendant and the state could not demonstrate good cause.

On Feb. 12, Rye filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss in response to the motion filed by Gorman on Jan. 30, arguing that Lau did not invoke his right

to a speedy trial at the Sept. 17 arraignment in Walker River Justice Court.

In her second motion to dismiss on Feb. 16, Gorman argued that the 60-day trial right is mandatory unless it is waived by a defendant and is not something that needs to be invoked.

In issuing his ruling, Aberasturi said that because Lau was a city councilman at the time, it was appropriate for a judge other than Matheus, the Fernley Municipal Court judge, to hear the case, but he said transferring the case to another court was the wrong remedy.

“Prosecuting a sitting city council member created conflicts for the Municipal Court and the City Prosecutor under their respective legal ethics,” he said. “Transferring the matter to an unrelated court would have created an ideal solution. However, as determined below, Nevada law did not provide that option due to the limited jurisdiction of

the Municipal Court.”

Aberasturi said none of the delays were caused by Lau.

“But the mistake in the big picture, frankly, I think weighs against the City, because when they knew that the proper venue was in Canal Township, nothing happened from December to almost mid-January,” the judge said. “I don’t think there’s a ton of negligence here, but what’s troubling to the Court is after it was ordered returned to Canal Township, nothing happened.”

Aberasturi said the record presented to Dreiling did not indicate why the requests for continuances were made, and court dockets did not indicate any basis for the length of time requested for the delay.

“The lack of a clear record also supports the trial court’s determination that the City of Fernley did not provide good cause to receive additional delays,” Aberasturi said.

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FEATURES

Lyon County commissioners vote to revise data center ordinance

By Rachel Dahl

After nearly six hours of presentations, commissioner discussion and public comment Monday, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners directed county staff to revise a proposed ordinance intended to regulate future data center development.

The board voted 5-0 to return the draft to staff for additional work. Although portions of the motion were difficult to hear because of overlapping conversation in the meeting recording, commissioners clearly identified residential setbacks, cooling systems, air quality, emergency generators and differences between smaller data centers and hyperscale facilities as areas requiring additional attention.

The workshop was held as Lyon County faces increasing interest from data center developers and prepares to consider a separate zoning application for the proposed Monarch data center in Mason Valley.

Community Development Director Gavin Henderson said data centers are currently treated under county code as warehouses, a classification that does not adequately address their electrical demand, cooling systems, backup generation, battery storage and other operational characteristics.

The proposed ordinance would require data centers to obtain conditional use permits in Lyon County's light industrial, heavy industrial and service industrial zoning districts. That would allow each proposal to be reviewed individually based on its size, location, infrastructure needs and potential effects on surrounding properties.

Henderson said the county examined ordinances and development standards used in several major data center markets, including communities in Virginia, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

"We want to be ahead of the future applications before they come in," he said.

The draft would require developers to submit detailed site plans and studies addressing electricity demand, noise, traffic, water, wastewater, emergency re-



The proposed ordinance requires noise limits are 65 decibels during daytime hours and 60 decibels at night, measured at the property line. Photo courtesy of Lyon County.

sponse, landscaping, fiscal impacts and eventual decommissioning.

The electrical study would have to identify the project's anticipated demand at each phase of development, available transmission and distribution capacity, necessary infrastructure improvements, construction timelines, costs and potential effects on customer electric rates. Developers would also be required to document coordination with the applicable utility provider.

Jeff Brigger, vice president of business development and programs for NV Energy, told commissioners the utility is experiencing unprecedented demand from large projects.

NV Energy currently has requests totaling approximately 22,000 megawatts of new electrical demand, Brigger said. By comparison, the utility's statewide peak demand in 2025 was approximately 8,500 megawatts.

Much of the requested new demand is being driven by data centers, he said.

Brigger said NV Energy is proposing a new large-load electric service agreement through its integrated resource planning process. The proposed agreement would require major customers to make long-term commitments and pay

for the generation, transmission lines, substations and other infrastructure needed to serve them.

"The customers that create the need for new infrastructure are responsible for those costs," Brigger said.

Commissioners asked whether existing Lyon County residents could face blackouts, brownouts or higher rates because of large data center loads.

Brigger said the proposed agreements are intended to protect existing customers from cost shifts and stranded investments. He also said major data centers are generally served directly through high-voltage transmission infrastructure rather than the distribution systems serving homes and small businesses.

Water was another central issue throughout the workshop.

The proposed ordinance generally prohibits evaporative, adiabatic, open-loop and other water-consuming cooling systems. Evaporative or hybrid systems could be approved only if they use treated effluent or reclaimed wastewater as their exclusive water source and the developer secures a binding supply agreement lasting at least 20 years.

The draft also requires a water and

sewer impact assessment examining demand through full buildout, potential effects on municipal systems and groundwater, wastewater generation and any infrastructure upgrades needed to serve the project.

Several residents argued that developers should be required to prove they hold valid and sufficient water rights before receiving zoning or land-use approvals, rather than before construction permits are issued.

Representatives and members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and Yerington Paiute Tribe raised concerns about downstream effects, senior tribal water rights and the lack of formal tribal consultation.

Stacy Hicks, a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, said land-use approvals should not be granted before developers establish that they have legally secured sufficient water.

"You give developers a green light to play a dangerous game of build now, litigate water later," Hicks said.

Marlene Begay, also a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, said water transfers may remain listed under the names of farmers or other existing rights holders, making them difficult for the public to identify.

"We went to court for 40 years for our water rights, and we're going to protect those water rights," Begay said.

Commissioners spent considerable time discussing the proposed setbacks between data centers and surrounding property.

The draft requires a minimum 150-foot setback between data center buildings and residential zoning districts or existing homes. Substations would be required to remain at least 200 feet away, while battery storage systems and natural gas power facilities would require 250-foot setbacks.

Commissioner Dave Hockaday called the proposed residential distances "absolutely unacceptable" and suggested they

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LCSd considering classroom recording policy for substitute teachers

By Robert Perea

At its July 28 meeting, the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees approved the first reading of a new policy that would require video and audio recording in classrooms covered by substitute teachers, a measure district leaders say is intended to improve safety and assist in investigations.

Deputy Superintendent Stacy Cooper said the proposal, Policy INIB, would activate classroom cameras any time a substitute takes over a room.

"Recording will be required wherever a substitute teacher takes over a classroom, allowing for improved monitoring for the safety and well-being of our students and staff," she told the board.

Last April, a substitute teacher was arrested and accused of choking two students, an incident that raised public attention about classroom safety, although trustees did not reference that case during their discussion.

Cooper said classroom cameras would be turned on at the start of the day and shut off at the end of the day.

She said recordings would be stored on district IT systems and accessed only through a formal help desk ticket submitted to the IT department.

"Nobody has the opportunity to review the video surveillance unless an incident has actually occurred in the classroom and it warrants an investigation," she said.

Trustees asked for clarity on who can authorize access to footage. Cooper said administrators would work with her office to submit an IT ticket when a complaint or student behavior incident requires review. She added that the district would follow FERPA and union rules regarding privacy.

Several trustees voiced support, noting concerns about classroom behavior when substitutes are present. Trustee Sherry Parsons said the policy could help deter misconduct.

"I think it will probably help behavior in the classroom, which I think, with substitutes, sometimes is a problem," she said.

The district is also preparing to allow full-time teachers to request continuous recording in their

classrooms. Superintendent Tim Logan said some teachers have already asked for that option, but union agreements currently prevent universal recording.

He said teachers may voluntarily sign permission forms to enable cameras in their rooms.

"I think they found that it's more comforting to know that there is protection when kids act out and there's misbehavior, and it was caught on film," Logan said.

Board members discussed how the system would function when substitutes move between multiple classrooms in a day, and Logan acknowledged that coverage may not be perfect.

"Some of those shared rooms where you have six different teachers throughout a day, it's probably going to be a little more complicated, but we'll do our best to try to capture all of it," he said.

Cooper said substitutes would be informed upon arrival that they may be recorded, which she hopes will serve as a deterrent to negative behavior.

Logan said substitute teachers he has spoken with told him they like the idea and would use it to deter student misbehavior by informing the class that the room is being filmed.

"There is an interest out there to protect themselves, and this is the way to do it," Logan said.

Trustees also asked whether administrators should have direct access to footage.

LCSd Executive Director of Operations Harmon Bains said that would require significant infrastructure changes and expense.

The board directed Cooper to add language specifying that recordings can only be viewed through a formal IT request initiated by district-level administration. Trustees then approved the first reading with that amendment.

"We are taking baby steps with this," Logan said. "Right now, I'd rather have substitute teachers and teachers feel confident that people are not just viewing this video willy-nilly."

The revised policy will return for a second reading at a future meeting.

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Great Basin Gas Transmission Company
2028 Expansion Project

By Sydney Trainor

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company is proposing an expansion project intended to meet growing demand for natural gas in Northern Nevada. The project, titled the “2028 Expansion Project,” would be able to transport up to 777,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day. According to project fact sheets, the proposed expansion is designed to “enhance the availability of reliable, on-demand energy.”

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company plans to build on its existing approximately 898-mile natural gas transmission system. The expansion would include construction of about 200 miles of new pipeline, as well as one new compressor station. The project would be located entirely within northwestern Nevada, including areas near Fernley.

According to the company’s website, it also plans to abandon approximately 142 miles of existing pipeline

once the new project is in service. This includes about 124 miles of 16-inch-diameter steel pipeline near Winnemucca, 8 miles of 16-inch-diameter steel pipeline installed in 1989 and 10 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline installed in 1964. Additionally, two compressor stations near Pershing County would be abandoned.

The project timeline outlines the steps expected to be completed each year. In 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pre-filing process is expected to begin, along with public open houses and environmental and cultural field surveys. The FERC National Environmental Policy Act environmental review process would also begin, and the company plans to submit an application to FERC.

In 2027, the FERC environmental review process is expected to continue. Construction could begin in 2028, pending approval. The project is expected to be in service by Nov. 1, 2028.



The Project will be located entirely in northwestern Nevada, spanning from Winnemucca to west of Fernley. Proposal image courtesy of the City of Fernley.

FernStock Dinner
to raise
funds for
community
center
expansion

Staff Report

The annual FernStock Dinner will return in 2026 to raise money for the Fernley Community Foundation and future development surrounding the Community Response & Resource Center.

The dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. inside the Community Response & Resource Center and Boys & Girls Clubhouse on August 22. Proceeds will support the foundation's work and plans for additional buildings around the resource center.

The Community Response & Resource Center serves as a gathering place and support hub for Fernley residents, bringing community organizations and services together in one location.

The fundraiser will be followed by a free public concert, giving residents an opportunity to remain at the center for an evening of music and community celebration.

For more information about the dinner, including the menu and ticket details, visit www.fernleycommunityfoundation.com

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should be doubled or tripled.

Commissioners also discussed adjusting setback requirements based on the height and scale of a facility, allowing greater distances to substitute for some wall or screening requirements and positioning buildings between homes and noisier equipment to create an additional buffer.

The draft allows data center buildings up to 75 feet tall and requires a 50-foot landscaped buffer and a decorative wall or opaque fence at least 10 feet high along residential boundaries.

Residents argued that a 10-foot wall would do little to screen a 75-foot building or protect nearby homes from noise, emissions or light.

Several also said the ordinance should distinguish between smaller facilities and hyperscale campuses rather than applying one standard to every data center.

The draft’s noise limits are 65 decibels during daytime hours and 60 decibels at night, measured at the property line. The standards mirror existing Lyon County industrial noise limits.

Developers would be required to provide a noise study before approval and complete a second test before receiving a certificate of occupancy. Mechanical vents and exhaust systems would also be directed vertically to reduce lateral transmission of noise.

Residents said those standards do not adequately account for continuous low-frequency sound, vibration or the quiet background conditions common in rural areas.

Commissioners asked staff to consider whether noise, setbacks and other requirements should increase with the size or height of a facility.

The proposed ordinance also regulates battery energy storage systems, emergency generators and natural gas power plants serving data centers.

Battery systems would be required to comply with national fire, building and electrical standards and receive approval of a management plan addressing fire prevention, thermal runaway, ventilation, spills and emergency response.

Natural gas generation could be treated as an accessory use if it is located on the data center campus, primarily serves the data center and does not exceed 125% of the facility’s maximum electrical demand. Larger or commercially operated power plants would require separate approval.

Emergency generators would be required to meet the highest federal emissions tier identified in the draft, and routine testing would be limited to between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Commissioners asked staff to strengthen the language addressing generator emissions and determine whether the ordinance should require additional pollution controls or equivalent technologies.

The ordinance also requires developers to submit a decommissioning plan and provide financial security equal to 150% of the estimated cost of removing battery systems, natural gas generation, solar equipment and other specialized infrastructure.

Commissioners questioned what would happen if a data center reduced operations but did not close entirely, if the building were converted to another use or if contamination were discovered after the county released the financial security.

Staff said those issues are not fully addressed in the current draft and could be

considered in the revised version.

Public testimony was sharply divided. Many residents called for a one-year moratorium on data center approvals and urged commissioners to delay consideration of the Monarch project until the ordinance is completed.

Others supported data center development but said the county should impose strong, measurable and enforceable standards.

Representatives of the Nevada Data Center Alliance, Comstock Inc., electrical workers and other business interests cautioned against regulating data centers more strictly than other industrial uses unless the differences are tied to measurable impacts.

Several industry speakers also warned that technology is changing quickly and encouraged the county to regulate outcomes such as water consumption, noise and emissions rather than requiring or prohibiting specific technologies.

A recurring concern throughout the meeting was whether the proposed Monarch project would be subject to the new ordinance.

Residents argued that the project has not received final approval and should be required to comply with the same standards as future data centers. Others said applications already submitted may be reviewed under the rules in effect at the time of filing.

The board did not clearly resolve that question during the workshop.

Staff will now incorporate the board’s direction and public comments into another version of the ordinance, which will return through the county’s formal ordinance process with additional opportunities for public review.

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OBITUARY

In loving memory of Fredrick “Freddy” Allen Rogne

It is with profound sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Fredrick “Freddy” Allen Rogne, 50, of Fallon, Nevada, who tragically lost his life on July 25, 2026.

Freddy was born on June 24, 1976, in Fallon, Nevada, to Victoria George and Ronald Dean Rogne. He spent his childhood growing up in Fallon and Fernley, where he built the strong work ethic, adventurous spirit, and genuine love for people that would define his life. He worked as a paving foreman, taking great pride in his work and never shying away from hard labor.

Freddy had a passion for the outdoors and loved hunting, fishing, motocross, and spending time at the lake. He could fix just about anything and was always the first to lend a helping hand to someone in need. Whether it was stopping to help someone stranded on the side of the road, pulling his boat alongside yours just to say hello, or showing up when someone needed him most, Freddy never hesitated to put others before himself.

More than anything, Freddy loved his family. His greatest joy was being surrounded by the people he loved, sharing stories, laughter, and making memories that will be cherished forever.

He also enjoyed sitting around with friends, enjoying a cold beer, and making everyone around him laugh.

Freddy was truly larger than life. He had a remarkable way of making everyone feel seen and valued. Whether it was a warm hug, a genuine compliment, asking about your family, or simply flashing his unforgettable smile, he made every interaction meaningful. His enthusiasm was contagious, his sense of humor unmatched, and his heart immeasurably kind.

He wasn’t just someone people knew—he was someone people remembered. He could make friends with complete strangers, light up any room he entered, and leave people smiling long after he was gone. Even through his own struggles, Freddy always made sure those around him were okay. He understood the importance of showing up for others, and he did so with his whole heart.

Those who knew Freddy will remember his spunky personality, his outgoing nature, his quick wit, his unmistakable laugh, and his smart-aleck sense of humor that could brighten even the darkest day. He was an old soul with a heart of gold, and his love for life, his family, and his community was evident in everything he did.

Freddy is survived by his beloved wife, Melissa Rogne; his children, Briana Gonzalez (Andrew), Dalton Chard, and Shelby Strasdin (Hayden); his cherished grandchildren, Presley, Maxton, Swayzee, and Banx Gonzalez, Briar Strasdin, and expected grandson, Brody Strasdin; his mom, Brenda Rogne; his mother, Victoria George; his siblings, Bobby Rogne, Amy Nichols (Stewart), and Mindy Fisk; aunts and uncles he was very close to; many cousins who were more like siblings; nieces and nephews; extended family members; and countless friends who became family throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Dean Rogne.

Freddy’s passing leaves an unimaginable void in the hearts of all who knew him. His kindness, generosity, laughter, and unwavering love for others will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched. There truly will never be another Freddy.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada. Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate Freddy’s extraordinary life, share memories, and honor the man



who made such a lasting impact on so many. A potluck reception will follow the service.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort knowing that love like Freddy’s never truly leaves us. His legacy will live on in every story told, every laugh shared, every helping hand offered, and in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love him.

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EDUCATION

Fernley High plans to expand CTE offerings with JROTC, culinary programs

By Robert Perea

With Career and Technical Education course offerings in 14 programs that already reach almost half of its students and give them the chance to graduate with industry-recognized certifications, Fernley High School is pairing discipline with culinary artistry for its next major academic expansion.

The school is working to add a Marine Corps JROTC unit and a culinary arts program to its catalog starting next fall, with construction of classroom space for both programs scheduled to be finished in November.

Principal Ryan Cross said the programs give students more ways to connect school to real world skills.

“It’s not an either or thing, like you either have to choose this pathway, or you have to go to college,” he said. “If you go into a CTE program and you get a certification, say in welding or whatever, it doesn’t mean you’re going to be a welder for the rest of your life. You learn job skills that are pretty much transferable to any type of employment.”

Assistant Principal Chrissy Haas said about 40% of Fernley High students participate in at least one CTE program, with completion rates rising. A handful of programs, including the nursing and the Emergency Medical Technician programs, had 100% certification rates this past school year.

Many programs are two year sequences, giving students room to explore. Cross said it is just as valuable for a student to find out they don’t like a program as it is if they do. He cited the experience of Class of 2026 valedictorian Bobby Woolsey, who joined the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program because he was interested in going into accounting after high school.

“He said the most valuable thing he learned was that he did not want to be an accountant,” Cross said. “And I was like, what an awesome thing to figure out before you invested all the time and money into getting that degree.”

For those who do find their future path, or even just a possible Plan B, Fernley High also began offering the National Career Readiness Certificate exam last year. Cross said more than 700 Nevada employers recognize the certification, which measures workplace math, document use and applied reasoning. Cross said the credential gives students an advantage in job applications and helps them understand the ongoing training required in most careers.

“If you walk into a job and you’re applying with 15 other people and you’ve got this gold or platinum certification,



Fernley High School’s nursing program is housed in a classroom set up to like a hospital room. Photo by Robert Perea

you’re already at the top of the list,” Cross said. “Even the kids who are college bound, they’re going to have jobs outside of what they’re studying in college while they’re going to school or at different times in their lives, and I think it’s very useful to pick up these skills.”

Fernley High’s CTE catalog includes welding, construction, drafting, electronics, IT, cybersecurity, business, marketing, accounting, animal science, agricultural science, plant science, EMT, CNA, and vinyl graphics. The school’s greenhouse, used by agriculture and FFA students, is receiving a new cooling system so it can operate year round.

Cross said the variety of programs the school offers means there’s something of interest for almost everyone, which has the added benefit of keeping students engaged at school.

“I always say, if we can get a kid to come to school for welding, they’ll stay for English,” he said.

The addition of the JROTC and culinary programs will offer even more choices, although getting both off the ground has been a lengthy process.

The school applied for the Marine Corps program more than a year ago, choosing that branch because northern Nevada has no Marine JROTC unit. Cross said approval took time because the Department of Defense only opens new programs when existing ones elsewhere close. The district also had to commit to building required facilities, including an indoor air rifle range now under construction.

He said the program also requires at least 10% of a school’s student body to participate. At Fernley’s current enrollment, that means roughly 130 students are needed, although Cross said new programs aren’t expected to have that many right away.

But he said student interest is strong, especially since students can earn physical education credit through JROTC or marching band.

“We’ll probably have some kids that do that just to avoid PE,” Cross said.

Although construction on the classroom space will be completed this fall, Cross said they will wait until next year to start both programs instead of at the beginning of the second semester.

“The credits the students get are full-year credits, so it really doesn’t do anybody any good to start a class at the semester,” he said.

It also gives the school time to find instructors and get all the equipment and curriculum in place.

JROTC units require a senior enlisted instructor and an officer, though retired personnel may fill those roles.

The culinary program will also open in fall 2027. Construction crews are converting the former student meal kitchen into a culinary classroom.

Cross said the Nevada Department of Education has been hesitant to expand culinary programs because they don’t always lead to high wage careers. But he said he saw the value of the program while serving as principal in Dayton and argued that Nevada’s entertainment and hospitality industries create strong demand and that the teamwork, planning and problem solving involved benefit students regardless of their future plans.

“Even if they never work in a restaurant after high school, it’s still something they gain a ton of experience and knowledge from,” he said.

Many of the school’s CTE programs might come as a surprise to people who haven’t visited a high school campus recently. In fact, Cross said, he frequently hears comments from people who aren’t aware of the kind of programs available for students.

“I still have people ask why there is always an ambulance parked on campus. And then they’re shocked to find out we have an EMT program,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of different opportunities for kids, and they can try something out now that they’re two-year programs, and if it’s not their thing, they can go try welding or electronics or whatever.”

FHS single point entry project scheduled to finish before start of school

By Robert Perea

With the the start of the 2026-27 school year approaching quickly, the construction of the new single point of entry at Fernley High School is expected to be completed before classes begin in two weeks

Principal Ryan Cross said construction on campus is continuing as crews work to finish the single point of entry before staff return Aug. 13–14 and students arrive Aug. 20.

The single point entry project includes a redesign of the school’s front entrance and front lobby, with perimeter fencing that only allows entry to the school through the new entrance. The new layout will require all visitors to enter through a controlled reception area, with interior doors locked so the only path into the building is through the main office.

“You won’t be able to just walk into the school anymore,” Cross said.

The entry doors will allow exit at all times for emergency compliance.

Cross said construction on the new entry, reception area, and adjacent office space is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 14.

The project also includes the conversion of the old kitchen and student dining area into classrooms for new culinary and Marine Corps JROTC programs that are both scheduled to being in Fall 2027. Construction on that part of the project will continue into October or November. The district is building rooms for Fernley’s new Marine Corps JROTC program, including an indoor air rifle range required by the Department of Defense.

LCSd trusteesdebate major revisions to superintendent and board evaluation policies

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees began reviewing extensive proposed changes to two policies governing how the board evaluates the superintendent and itself, ultimately voting 5–1 at the July 28 meeting to revise the language and bring both policies back separately for future first readings.

Trustee Kallie Day drafted and presented the proposed revisions to Policy BCD, Board-Superintendent Relationship, and Policy BK, Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures. Day said her goal was to make both processes more meaningful and consistent.

“If we take the time to do an evaluation, I really want it to be meaningful. I want it to be a process that yields improvement and clarity,” she said.

Day said she incorporated instructions from the superintendent evaluation form directly into the policy, including requiring trustees to provide reasons when marking the superintendent as exceeding or not meeting expectations. She also proposed major changes to the board’s self evaluation, including adding an

anonymous survey for staff, families and students.

“My big one on that is promoting accountability,” she said.

Trustee Sherry Parsons opposed the revisions, saying they added unnecessary complexity and that she doubted the board would follow through on the requirements.

“It just seems like a liberal’s delving into areas that we don’t even have to go to,” she said.

Trustee James Whisler supported Day’s proposals, saying the board should seek feedback from the community. He said anonymous surveys would allow people to share concerns without fear of retaliation.

“We are elected by the people of this county, and we should be as transparent as possible,” Whisler said.

Trustee Elmer Bull also backed changes to the superintendent evaluation, saying past evaluations lacked adequate explanation.

“It’s just not fair to mark him down and not really provide some meaningful explanation for that,” he said.

Board President Tom Hendrix raised concerns about expanding the policies, saying the board should fo-

cus on student outcomes rather than evaluating itself. He also questioned referencing Nevada Association of School Boards guidance in the policy.

“We are a district much different from Clark County or Washoe,” he said. “We don’t need influence from outside organizations in our policies.”

Hendrix said he did not list his reasons for negative marks on his evaluation of Superintendent Tim Logan, saying he preferred addressing concerns with the superintendent privately rather than in public evaluation comments.

“I don’t feel airing those differences in public is beneficial,” he said.

Day responded that not all trustees take the initiative to communicate privately, and clearer expectations would help ensure fairness. She said anonymous surveys would give staff and families a safe way to provide input.

“Retaliation is real, and it is a fear,” she said.

Trustee Dawn Carson, who was on vacation and participated in the meeting by phone, said she needed more time to review the proposed language and asked whether trustees could face legal consequences for not following the policy. Legal

counsel Don Lattin said the policies would be self governed by the board and carry no legal penalties.

“If the board adopts these policies, they’re agreeing that they’re going to abide by them,” he said.

As discussion continued, trustees debated whether the proposed survey could become unwieldy, whether comment sections should be included, and whether the district should be responsible for distributing it. Day said the survey would not determine the board’s evaluation but would serve as an additional source of information. She said the board could limit the number of responses or target specific groups if needed.

Parsons and Hendrix continued to question whether the revisions would create division on the board.

“I am not asking for infighting, this board manages to do that by itself,” Day said.

Bull said the discussion was going back and forth from one policy to the other, and requested they be discussed separately. His motion to split the split the two policies and bring them back separately for first readings at the August meeting passed 5-1, with Parsons opposed.

LEGAL NOTICES

Meetings

Fernley City Council

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting August 19

Fernley Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting August 12

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting August 14

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 August 20

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 August 11

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 August 25

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 August 25

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

2nd Thursday of the month 195 E. Main St.

Next meeting August 13

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District

3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

300 Cottonwood Lane

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON PROPOSED 2028 EXPANSION PROJECT

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff will be present to discuss the voluntary pre filing process and how public input will be used in environmental and certificate review.

Further information may be found on the 2028 Expansion Project website <https://expansion2028.GreatBasinGTCprojects.com>

Community members and interested stakeholders are invited to attend the following Open House meeting:
Silver Springs, Lyon County, Nevada
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
5:30-7:30 p.m. PT
Silver Springs Community Center
2945 Fort Churchill St.,
Silver Springs, NV 89429

Comments may also be submitted by email in advance of the open house at:
GreatBasin2028Expansion@swgas.com or the Project toll free number 877-428-1660.

Comments may also be submitted to FERC's Office of Energy Projects via www.ferc.gov (Docket No. PF26-5) or mailed to:
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary
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Washington, DC 20426

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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LYON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE GENE ALLEN, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dawn Pippo and Christine O'Brien, personal representatives of the Estate of JIMMIE GENE ALLEN, Deceased, will sell at a private sale, subject to Court confirmation as required by law, the following real property of the Estate:
DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY APN No. 019-383-27
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All that certain real property situate in the County of Lyon, State of Nevada, and being a portion of Lot 24, of RANCHO SUBDIVISION NO. 2, recorded on March 31, 1961, as Document No. 80293, described as follows:
Parcel 4, as shown on the Parcel Map for Eugene R. Saccone, recorded in the Official Records of Lyon County, Nevada on July 22, 1996, as Document No. 195564.
TOGETHER WITH all singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.
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SPORTS

Veteran Fernley roster opens camp with depth, competition

By Robert Perea

His team was only on its fifth day of practice and hadn't yet had a full-contact practice in pads, but Fernley High School football coach Anfernee Sloan already felt good about what he'd seen from his squad last Friday.

The Vaqueros opened fall practice on July 27 with more experience and depth than Sloan has had at any point in his five years leading the program, returning more than 30 players from last year's varsity roster and fielding a group that he believes is capable of competing across two full units.

Sloan said the first team session of camp showed how far ahead the group is.

"That was a mixture of really experienced football players going at it," he said. "And it was nice to see a second group that just had the ability to go and execute."

He said the second unit scored on a triple option during team work, something Fernley hasn't consistently been able to do in past years, even when no tackling was

"Being able to have that type of experience is huge," he said. "And our young guys, they're so far ahead right now. We're moving in the right direction with them, progression-wise."



Fernley High School football players run a play during practice on July 31. Photo by Robert Perea

The depth is also showing up in competition. Sloan said Fernley expects to carry close to 40 players on varsity, giving the staff two to three options at several positions. "It's both," he said. "You've got guys who have played a lot of snaps, and you've got guys behind them pushing those guys for reps."

For the first time since he took over the program, Sloan said he hasn't had to pull up a single freshman or sophomore to fill varsity spots.

"In five years, I've never not had to pull somebody," he said. "All those years kind of compounded into where we're at now."

Sloan said younger players who practiced with varsity last season are already ahead of schedule. He pointed to sophomore quarterback Elijah DeVold, who spent his freshman year practicing at varsity speed.

"He had no choice but to practice faster," Sloan said. "He's so far ahead mentally right now because of that

year with us up top."

Sloan said three players who were freshmen on varsity last season are already working into starting roles, although he said there are two or three players at each position who are fighting for playing time and potential starting jobs. He said many of those battles might be decided during this Friday's scrimmage at Bishop Manogue. Fernley will scrimmage Manogue, South Tahoe and Damonte Ranch, with the varsity scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

"I'm just looking for guys to compete and do the right things, the little things," he said. "It's going to kind of steer the direction we're going to go."

The Vaqueros began full-pad practices Aug. 1, and Sloan said they would shift into game prep format this week, including a "mental Wednesday" with a 50 play script covering all phases of the game.

Fernley opens the season with four straight road games, a stretch Sloan called the "Vaquero Road Show," that he said won't change the team's approach.

"We'll play at home, we'll play away, we'll play in the mountains for all I care," he said. "We're gonna put the football down and we're gonna play."



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REGIONAL NEWS

You're Invited: Victory's Silver Spike Celebration

By Owen Truesdale

Neighbors and friends, mark your calendars: on the morning of August 20, Victory Logistics District is inviting you to celebrate a real milestone for our project and for Fernley's future. Victory is hosting a Silver Spike Ceremony, celebrating the completion of the industrial rail spur connecting the 4,300-acre district to the national rail network. There will be a historic Union Pacific train on site for photos, speakers celebrating the moment, and a firsthand look at infrastructure that's been years in the making. This is a public celebration, and Fernley is invited. Come see it and be part of a moment that's genuinely exciting for our community.

It's worth pausing on the name. A "Silver Spike" is a deliberate nod to an older story: the golden spike driven at Promontory Point, Utah in 1869, completing the transcontinental railroad

and opening up towns across the Nevada desert that hadn't existed before. Fernley is one of those towns. We were founded in 1904 as a Southern Pacific Railroad siding, a stop on the line that grew into the community we live in today. Rail didn't just pass through Fernley. Rail built Fernley. Watching that same story continue, with a Union Pacific connection completed right here in 2026, is something worth showing up for.

And this milestone is about more than a ribbon-cutting. It genuinely moves Victory Logistics District forward, opening the door to entirely new kinds of businesses that couldn't have located here before. Advanced manufacturing operations often move enormous volumes of raw material in and finished product out, steel, machinery components, industrial equipment, freight measured in carloads rather than truckloads. Trucking alone has

real limits at that scale, which has kept certain employers out of markets like ours. A direct connection to the Union Pacific mainline changes that. It means Victory can now be considered by manufacturers who need rail access as a baseline requirement, expanding the range and quality of employers who might choose to invest here.

That's especially exciting in Nevada, where mining remains one of our state's defining industries. Gold has anchored Nevada's economy for generations, and lithium is quickly becoming just as important as demand grows for domestic battery supply chains. Copper and nearly three dozen other critical minerals are found in Nevada. As focus increases focusing on the need for domestic supply chains for these minerals, Victory and Nevada are well positioned to support that. Moving ore, processed minerals, and the heavy equipment those operations depend on

is exactly the kind of freight rail was built for. A rail-served industrial site right here in Fernley puts Victory Logistics District in a stronger position to be part of that supply chain, from materials handling to the manufacturing that turns raw minerals into finished components, right here rather than somewhere else.

Progress like this is worth celebrating out loud, and worth celebrating together. It's the next step in Fernley's own long relationship with the railroad, one that started with a siding in 1904 and continues with a mainline connection in 2026. Come see the spikes go in, see the train, meet your neighbors, and take a little pride in watching Fernley's story keep moving forward.

Hope to see you there on August 20.

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Silver Spike Ceremony

Fernley, you're invited to celebrate this milestone in Victory's development—the completion of Victory's Industrial rail spur connecting the 4,300-acre master-planned industrial district to the national rail network.

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Open alcohol container in vehicle; Possess/consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/ vehicle
MARYLU VALDIVIA – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,645, Charges: Assist other agency – hold; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Drive with suspended driver’s license
SHAH FARAMARZINA – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Resist public officer
MARIAH TSOSIE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Misdemeanor civil custody for alcohol abuse endangering self/others
ELLEN BLANCO MINK – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,150, Charges: Assist other agency – hold
JOHN HALE – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$0, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
SEAN KETSCHER – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Prohibited act violating sex offender registration (1st)
JASON DOMINGUEZ – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,000, Charges: Battery
GERARD SPLAIN – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic

battery (1st)
JAMES GRESHAM – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$7,260, Charges: Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (3rd+ offense); Drive without driver’s license; Operate unregistered vehicle/ trailer/semi; Owner proof of insurance required; Use/possess drug paraphernalia
BOB GWILLIAM – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$850, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
NICHOLAS GREGG – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$500, Charges: Assist other agency – hold
JUDSON KOWNSLAR – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,800, Charges: DUI (1st); Drive without driver’s license; Open alcohol container in vehicle
ZACHARY ANDERSON – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$2,210, Charges: Criminal contempt
DOMINIQUE REYES – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$265, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
JASON ELDRIDGE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,495, Charges: Resist public officer; Open alcohol container in vehicle
MICHAEL ROMINE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,255, Charges: DUI (1st); Stop/stand/park vehicle on highway

Four Fernley sex offenders arrested on registration charges

Staff Report

Four Fernley residents were arrested in July after separate investigations by the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Sex Offender Task Force found alleged violations of Nevada’s sex offender registration requirements.

Stephen Lafever, 55, was arrested July 17 after deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Fernley area and identified him as a passenger in the vehicle.

According to the Sheriff’s Office, investigators determined Lafever, a registered Tier III sex offender, had failed to report a vehicle to which he had regular access. The investigation also found Lafever had prior convictions for sex offender registration violations.

He was booked into the Lyon County Jail on one count of violation of sex offender registration requirements, subsequent offense.

Edward Milton Gilbert Jr., 58, was arrested July 20 after investigators determined he had allegedly failed to update his registration after obtaining new employment and acquiring a new vehicle. Both changes are required to

be reported under Nevada law, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

Gilbert was booked on one count of prohibited act by a sex offender, first offense.

The task force arrested two additional Fernley residents the following week for allegedly failing to complete their required annual registrations.

Verdon Ahmad Davis-Deloney, 22, a registered Tier III sex offender, was arrested July 28. Johnny Lee Lawson, 71, also a registered Tier III sex offender, was arrested July 29.

Both men were booked into the Lyon County Jail on one count each of prohibited act by a sex offender, first offense.

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office said its Sex Offender Task Force conducts routine compliance checks and investigates suspected registration violations involving offenders who live, work or attend school in Lyon County.

Anyone with information about a registered sex offender who may not be complying with registration requirements may contact the task force at SOTF@lyon-county.org.



Verdon Ahmad Davis-Deloney, Edward Milton Gilbert Jr., Stephen Lafever and Johnny Lee Lawson. Photos courtesy of LCSO.

Continued from FRONT - Anna Scott...

four years, until the U.S. Attorney’s Office announced Astor’s indictment and arrest in May 2026.

“We hope the arrest of a second subject on charges of aiding and abetting brings some measure of relief to the family of Anna Scott after many years of awaiting justice,” said Special Agent in Charge Christopher S. Delzotto of the FBI Las Vegas office. “The FBI, alongside our law enforcement partners, specifically the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, the Reno-Sparks Tribal Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service, remain committed to combating violent crime in all its forms on tribal lands and throughout the state of Nevada.”

During his initial appearance and

arraignment in U.S. District Court in Reno on July 27, Christy pleaded not guilty. Astor pleaded not guilty to the charge of first-degree murder on Aug. 3.

If convicted, Astor faces a statutory minimum penalty of life imprisonment. If convicted, Christy faces a statutory maximum penalty of 15 years in prison. A jury trial has been scheduled for Sept. 29, 2026. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The FBI and Washoe County Sheriff’s Office investigated the case. The U.S. Marshals Service also assisted with operational support. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua Brister is prosecuting the case.

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THE INSIDE VEER

Lack of talent is my musical superpower

By Robert Perea

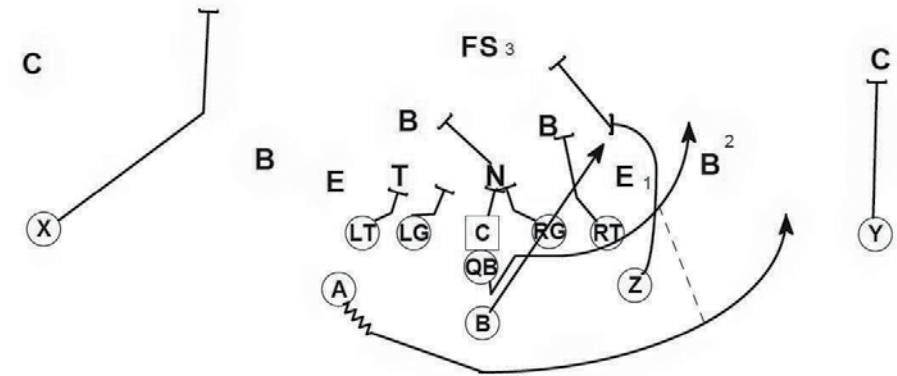
Apropos of nothing and everything at the same time, pretty much everything that I see, hear or experience in any other way somehow always ties into my love of music.

That may not, on its own, be such an odd admission, but it feels like it to me because, no matter how much I’ve tried, I can’t play to save my life. Even the simplest chords or melodies I hear seem out of reach any time I pull out my guitar or sit at the piano and try to imitate what I’ve just heard.

Not only that, but to say I can’t sing is a huge understatement. Even when I give myself enough of a pass to try, using the rationale of making a joyful noise, there is nothing at all joyful about the sounds that come from my throat or the reactions of anyone who hears them.

So, I’ve thought, maybe I could give writing lyrics a try. After all, I’ve always loved to write.

When everyone else in middle and high school would moan and complain every time we were assigned to write a book report or essay, I would dive into that assignment with enthusiasm. Usually, that meant spending all of my homework time



on that one project, getting nothing done for any other class.

But somehow, writing prose has never translated into writing poetry or song lyrics, at least for me.

Despite all that, no matter what I’m doing, there’s always a soundtrack running in my head, and almost everything that happens within sight or earshot, or that triggers an emotion, ties in somehow to music, even if it’s just a single line in a lyric or a melody instead of an entire song.

That’s what has always been so frustrating about my complete inability to play or sing.

I love sports as much as I love music, but even though I wasn’t a very good player, I could at least do the fundamental things.

I might not have thrown 100 miles an hour, but I could stand on the mound and throw the ball right to the catcher’s glove. I could walk out onto a basketball court and hit a reasonable percentage of shots from the 3-point line, even if I might not have been able to get that shot off in a game against a better athlete. I might not run a 10-second 100-meter dash, but I could run 100 meters.

But music? When I sit at a piano or

hold my guitar, the only similarity between the sound I can make and that of a musician is simply because the vibration is the same no matter who hits the key or strums the strings.

Worse yet, there is no similarity at all between what I hear in my head and the sound I can make the piano or guitar produce.

But lately, I’ve come to the realization that I don’t love music despite my inability to create it. I love it because I can’t.

I’ve concluded that my complete lack of talent is why I appreciate even more the magic that others create with those keys, strings and voices.

That’s why, when someone asks me if I play any musical instruments, I say, “Yes. I play the radio, and I’m awesome at it.”

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.

COMMUNITY COLUMNS

The Donut Lady

By Sonia Hedrick

Some people light up the world even when they have no idea that they bring sunshine to so many. “The Donut Lady” is one such person. Several mornings a week, I pass her on Main Street. Rain, snow or 100-degree weather, there she is, twirling that sign and sparkling. I can’t help but smile each time I see her, and apparently, my reaction is not uncommon. Just about everyone I mention the Donut Lady to agrees. That girl’s got pizzazz! Her contagious enthusiasm seems to spill into passing cars. By the time commuters arrive at their destination, many feel just a little lighter thanks to the good vibes Mylissa Snyder sends their way.

About a year ago, Mylissa Snyder was recruited by the shop manager, who just happens to be Mylissa’s lifelong best friend. Knowing her boundless energy, Kalie saw her potential to be Buddy Boys’ “woman-on-the-street” representative. Although a busy mom with challenges that on-lookers can’t readily detect, Mylissa answered the call.

Since childhood, Mylissa has dealt with cerebral palsy, a movement disorder that affects different people in different ways. Fortunately for her adoring public, the condition has not stunted her ability to dance with her



Mylissa Snyder on Main St. Photo by Sonia Hedrick.

Buddy Boys sign. But speaking is difficult for her, and sometimes that difficulty leads folks to think Mylissa’s thoughts aren’t clear.

Nothing could be further from the truth! Mylissa is unquestionably a bright and capable woman. Gianna, her coworker, quickly pointed out that she performs her duties at Buddy Boys Donuts with the same dedication and efficiency as the other Buddy Boys employees. “Mylissa is great

with the customers, hardworking and willing to help anyone in need. She’s a beautiful soul,” Gianna affirmed.

Mylissa shares her life with her husband, Joel, and the couple’s two active little boys. Five-year-old Anthony, like most kids his age, is obsessed with dinosaurs. Malcolm, age 9, looks to be on the path to becoming a geologist, as evidenced by his interest in collecting and studying rocks. The family loves spending time

together at the lake, enjoying movie nights and participating in other activities.

Now, this may come as a surprise to you, as it did to me, but sign spinning, also known as sign twirling or sign walking, has become a respected profession! There are a number of companies advertising signs to twirl and twirlers to deliver businesses’ messages. There is even a code of best practices emerging among competing firms. Who knew?

In this world of endless possibilities, I wouldn’t be a bit surprised if sign twirling became recognized as a competitive sport. When that happens, look out, world. No doubt about it, Mylissa Snyder will take home the gold not only for her extraordinary sign-spinning talents but for being an extraordinary inspiration to her community.

Sonia Hedrick and her husband Jerry arrived in Nevada just over a year ago. A South Florida native, Sonia is captivated by the landscape, climate, history and overall “vibe” of Lyon County and specifically, Fernley. Sonia truly enjoys meeting people and has found some of the most interesting people she has ever met right here in our area. She looks forward to introducing readers to their neighbors in her upcoming contributions to the Fernley Reporter.

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