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Fernley takes center stage for 3A State Basketball Tournament

By Robert Perea

Fernley High School's new gymnasium was designed to create an environment worthy of a state championship game, and this weekend it gets that chance, as the 3A State Basketball Tournament comes to town.

The gym will itself play a starring role, hosting teams from Spring Creek, The Meadows, Virgin Valley, Boulder City, Fallon and both the Fernley boys and girls teams.

The Tournament begins Friday, with Fernley facing Virgin Valley in a girls and boys doubleheader, with the girls starting at 3 p.m. and the boys at 4:40. At 6:20 p.m. Fallon will play Boulder City and in the nightcap at 8 p.m. The Meadows will take on Spring Creek.

The girls championship game will be Saturday at noon, followed by the boys at 2 p.m.

Fernley High School Athletic Director Paul Sullivan said the new gymnasium itself will play a starring role in the championship atmosphere.

"Designed with both athlete performance and fan experience in mind, the



A Fernley High School employee helps get the gym ready to host this week's 3A State Basketball Tournament. Photo by Paul Sullivan.

facility creates an environment worthy of a state title game," he said.

Fernley girls coach Ralph Dunn said the venue will give the tournament an energy that larger arenas can't match.

"Our facility is such a nice place and what we did last year in hosting the regional finals was a great atmo-

sphere," he said. "The crowds are closer to the action and the environment can get loud. It's something the participants will remember."

Sullivan said the event is also a showcase for the community. Hosting the state tournament, he said, reflects the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's confidence in the school's

facilities and its ability to deliver a first-class championship experience.

"For many visitors, this event will serve as their first impression of our community," Sullivan said. "That makes the tournament not only a competition, but a showcase, an opportunity to demonstrate our hospitality, school spirit, and civic pride.

Local businesses have already begun preparing for the influx of guests, with restaurants offering discounts for tournament teams. Other local supporters helped with providing teams, workers and volunteers with T-shirts designed and created by Solidity Graphics. Sullivan said community volunteers, the Fernley High booster club, and student groups are working behind the scenes to ensure the event runs smoothly.

Fernley boys coach Cade Knutson admitted after last Saturday's regional championship win over Spring Creek that he felt pressure to make sure the Vaqueros qualified for the tournament.

"We didn't talk about it a lot

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NDOT awards preconstruction services agreement for I-80 East Widening Project

By Robert Perea

The Nevada Department of Transportation has awarded Granite Construction a preconstruction services agreement and is currently in the final design phase for the project to widen Interstate 80 between Sparks and the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center.

Preconstruction work includes locating underground utilities, conducting geotechnical investigations to better understand earthwork constraints, performing extensive site investigations, and developing final design elements, according to the project description.

Heavy traffic during morning and afternoon commute times often brings traffic to a crawl. The I-80 East Widening Project aims to provide reliable travel times by reducing delays and accommodate traffic associated with past and planned growth in the region.

The project will include widening I-80 to three lanes in each direction between Vista Blvd and USA Parkway, median barrier rails, wider inside and outside shoulders, and wrong-way driver detection. It will also include interchange improvements at Lockwood, Mustang and Patrick.

During a public meeting in Lockwood last June, Senior Project Manager Chris Kuhn said there has been an approximate increase in traffic of 70% on that stretch of I-80 in the last 10 years.

"Obviously a lot of congestion because of that and a lot of crashes and operational issues," Kuhn said.

NDOT reports an average of 144 crashes per year on this stretch of I-80 and estimates that the proposed improvements could reduce total crashes by about 20% compared to making no changes.

While final designs will be completed during the design phase, the

Preferred Alternative presented by the Nevada Department of Transportation and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) include three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 10-foot inside shoulder and 12-foot outside shoulder.

Alternatives Analysis and National Environmental Policy Act studies and the project has received environmental approvals from FHWA.

Final design is scheduled to be completed in September 2027 with construction beginning in late 2027.



I-80 East of Sparks, Nevada. Photo courtesy of NDOT

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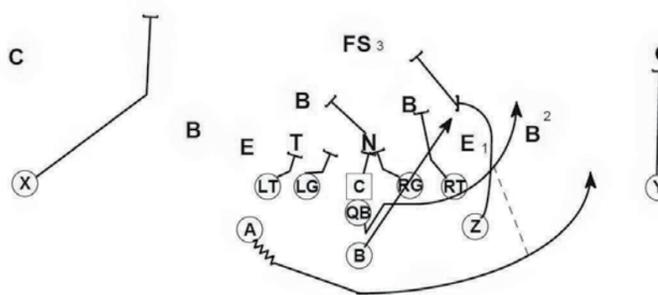
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



Fernley's chance to show out

When a group of youths and representatives of various youth leagues came before the Fernley City Council last month to advocate for new sports facilities and improvements to the ones the city has, one of the things they focused on was that with improved facilities, they would be able to host major tournaments and events.

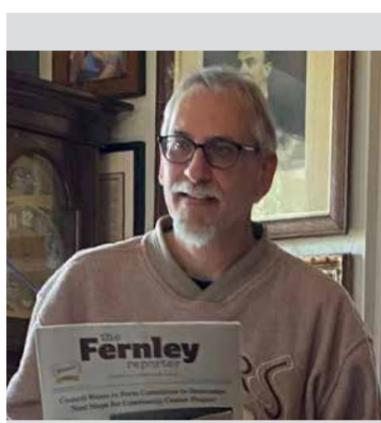
The same was said when plans were approved a couple of years ago to build a new gym at Fernley High School.

Several years ago, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Executive Director Donnie Nelson told me that they have trouble finding schools that are willing to host postseason tournaments. Although it seems counterintuitive, some of the schools with the nicest facilities are among the ones who don't want to host.

I'm not even privy to all of the tasks that go into hosting a postseason tournament, but I know it's a lot, and I know it means a lot of extra hours for administrators and staff.

A few years ago I asked a coach about getting to play in a tournament on his home court, thinking he was going to be happy to have a home court advantage. Instead, he bemoaned all the things he had to do that took him away from preparing his team and said he would rather just be able to show up, coach his team, and leave.

All of that means that as long as Fernley has the facilities, like the new



ROBERT PEREA

high school gym, it will continue to have opportunities to host NIAA postseason events. With a seating capacity right up there with any of Northern Nevada's high schools, and the rest of the amenities Fernley's gym has, I expect it to become a popular postseason venue.

The gym has already hosted last year's Northern 3A Regional basketball tournament and the 1A and 3A State volleyball tournaments last fall. Those tournament received good reviews, but State basketball is the NIAA's showcase event because of the number of teams involved and the crowds it draws.

Having teams and fans from five different Nevada communities scattered all over the state coming to town this weekend also gives Fernley as a city its

chance to make an impression.

Even though this weekend is a high school tournament, I'm sure the leaders of Fernley's youth sports will be watching closely to see how Fernley is received as a host, and what they may learn for when they have the opportunity to host.

For the people looking beyond what is and toward what is possible, this weekend is a chance for Fernley to show out.

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, Feb. 10

Game: Monthly Stroke Play

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1st Net: Marashane Miller, 67
2nd Gross: Nancy Newton, 103
2nd Net: Jana Garner, 68
3rd Net: Val Montgomery, 71
Low Putts: Patty Liljeberg, 27
Birdie: Ava Case, #7
Closest to hole #7: Ava Case, 13'9"
Chip-In: Patty Liljeberg, #5

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FEATURES

FHS Student Body President earns prestigious scholarship

By Robert Perea

Fernley High School Student Body President Jackson Hohnholz has been awarded the prestigious National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

Hohnholz was selected as a finalist from more than 1,000 applicants nationwide. This year, NASC awarded \$1,500 to 75 finalists and \$10,000 to 10 national winners. The NASC Scholarship program recognizes high school juniors and seniors who embody the core tenets of NASC: leadership, service, student voice, and engagement.

Last year, Hohnholz was the first student in the Lyon County School District to ever be recognized as a Distinguished Student Leader by NASC.

“One of my biggest leadership philosophies that I have applied throughout my student council career is putting others above myself,” he said. “Many times I have given up my own time and energy to give back to my community and school, simply for others. It may seem like a daunting task, but it truly has been so rewarding. Leadership to me is serving others before myself.”

Hohnholz said one project especially close to his heart is volunteering at the Rotary Club of Fernley’s annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

“Every Thanksgiving, I go to the Wigwam to serve warm meals to any

community member that comes to get one,” he said. “This project means a lot to me because I get to connect with members of my community, including those that come to get a meal and those that I volunteer with. It’s especially meaningful to me knowing that I get the opportunity to feed those a warm meal who may not have access to one at home.”

Hohnholz said he is motivated to stay engaged in school because of how much fun it is.

“Many students refuse to participate in events or dress up in our student section themes because they think it is embarrassing or boring,” he said. “I always try to encourage them to participate, because I have made some of my most fun and meaningful memories at school events, surrounded by students with spirit who are there to have a great time and foster a sense of community at my school.”

Hohnholz said the recognition that comes with the NASC scholarship is more meaningful to him than the financial assistance for college.

“Many students don’t realize the amount of time, work, and energy that goes into student council,” he said. “On many occasions I have put my all into events and initiatives, leaving myself drained and exhausted. Receiving this scholarship shows that all of my hard work has been recognized, and I am honored to receive it.”

Hohnholz has not yet committed to a college but said his top choice is the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Fernley High School Student Body President Jackson Hohnholz and Leadership Teacher Jackie Kingston show his certificate for being awarded the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Scholarship. Photo courtesy of Fernley High School

After college, Jackson hopes to return to Fernley to serve his community on the City Council, as City Manager, or in another role serving the city he has always called home.

And his advice to fellow students? “It may sound silly, but I would like to share one piece of advice – lock in!”

he said. “I have been faced with many difficult tasks during my life, and before I can worry about how daunting they may seem, I tell myself to lock in. That has seriously saved me. Take every opportunity that is given to you even if you may not think you have time for it. Lock in!”

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Friday	All Day	Scratch & Win 7pm - 11pm BINGO
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

State of the City Address scheduled Feb. 26

Staff Report

Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre will deliver the 2025 State of the City Address during a special event next Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Community Response and Resource Center.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and light refreshments will be served before the Mayor speaks about the accomplishments and challenges of the past year and the city's plans and goals for this year.

This will be McIntyre's third State of the City address. In last year's address,

McIntyre touted Fernley's robust business climate, a list of projects completed by the Public Works Department and infrastructure projects around the city, including street reconstruction projects.

Because seating is limited, anyone interested in attending is requested to RSVP by calling 775-784-9858 or email ahomme@cityoffernley.org. You can also RSVP online at <https://www.cityoffernley.org/FormCenter/City-Managers-Office-7/2026-Mayor-McIntyres-State-of-the-City-R-67>

Fernley STEM Festival to take place Feb. 26

Staff Report

The 13th annual Fernley STEM Festival will be held from 5-8 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 26 at Fernley High School.

All Pre K through 12th grade students in Fernley, including home-schooled students are eligible to display their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math projects.

Judging of the student posters submitted for the festival will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Nearly 400 students submitted projects for last year's festival and

more than 32 businesses hosted booths exhibiting the science, technology, engineering or math behind their work, or by serving as judges for student projects. Last year's event was the first held in the new Fernley High School gym and drew a crowd of nearly 1,500 attendees.

Past festivals have featured demonstrations from local engineers, a Fernley veterinarian showcasing surgical laser technology, a steel sculpture company displaying its art and Fernley Public Works staff explaining how water meters operate.

Mortensen announces campaign for County Commission District 5

Staff Report

Smith Valley resident Cole Mortensen announced last week that he will be running for the Lyon County Commission District 5 seat.

Mortensen is a fifth-generation Nevadan, lifelong Lyon County resident and a graduate of Fernley High School who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno. He spent 20 years working for the Nevada Department of Transportation.

"Cole is committed to bringing his experience, practice problem-solving approach and deep Nevada roots to public service, with a focus on protecting and improving the way of life for Lyon County families," a campaign statement announcing his candidacy stated.



Cole Mortensen, photo courtesy of C Mortensen for Lyon



The 2025 Fernley STEM Festival, photo courtesy of LCSD

Nominations open for 4th of July Parade grand marshal

Staff Report

The Fernley 4th of July Committee is seeking a veteran to honor as the grand marshal for this year's 4th of July Parade.

This year's 4th of July coincides with the city of Fernley's celebration of its 25th anniversary of incorporation on July 1 and the nations' USA 250th commemoration.

Three days of special events are

being planned to celebrate the city's 25th anniversary starting on Wednesday, July 1 and culminating with the annual 4th of July festivities.

Nominations for grand marshal may be submitted by email to fernley4thofjuly@gmail.com or by call or text at 775 399 4796. Submissions must include a brief bio of the nominee and a description of why that person should be grand marshal.

Hendrix announces candidacy for re-election to School Board

Staff Report

Lyon County School Board President Tom Hendrix announced Feb. 13 that he will seek re-election to a second term to the LCSD Board of Trustees.

Hendrix was elected to the School Board in 2022 and has served as Board President since last January.

Hendrix said he plans to continue his leadership and strengthen community involvement and transparency in district operations.

"My priority is to ensure every student in Lyon County receives a strong educational foundation through opportunity and support," Hendrix said. "Experienced leadership and open communication are essential as we plan for the future of our schools."

As Lyon County continues to experience change, Hendrix said he will remain focused on student success, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

"Together we will build a better future for our students and everyone in the Lyon County School District," he said.



Tom Hendrix, photo courtesy of the Lyon County School Board of Trustees

We'd love to hear from you.

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Tuesday, Feb. 24

Honey Lemon Chicken
Garlic & Red Pepper Penne
Cracked Wheat Bread
Brussel Sprouts
Garden Salad
Creamy Italian Dressing
Peaches

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Beef Taco with cheese
Spanish Rice
Cowboy Caviar (beans, corn, tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, avocado)
Tortilla Chips
Sour Cream
100% Juice

Thursday, Feb. 26

Lemon Baked Fish II
Cracked Wheat Bread
Peas
Brown Rice
Tossed Salad
Creamy Italian Drsg.
Grapes

Friday, Feb. 27

Loaded Baked Potato Soup
Green Beans
Whole Wheat Bread
Copycat Olive Garden Salad
Dressing
100% Juice

OBITUARY

Dolores Jo “Casey” Bartorelli DeWitt

Dolores Jo “Casey” Bartorelli DeWitt of Lovelock passed away Feb. 9, 2026, in Fernley, Nevada. She was loved by so many and will be deeply missed.

Born Nov. 4, 1940, in Elko, Nevada, to Tedo and Josephine “Machi” Bartorelli, Casey spent most of her childhood in Elko with her Bartorelli grandparents, with summers and vacations spent at the ranch in Buffalo Valley. She graduated from Elko High School and attended the University of Utah.

Casey – a weird nickname for Dolores, right? Well, nicknames come from crazy places. Apparently, when Machi was pregnant with Casey, her belly was small and reminded a friend of a casaba melon, from which Casey stuck.

Casey loved animals – whether it was the horses she rode or those she got sister Mikie bucked off, 4-H animals – cattle, sheep, even pigs and goats – to her Corgis and Chihuahuas. She shared the love of animals and kids with many who spent time at “Grama Casey’s” prepping for livestock shows.

Casey bore two sons – Michael Randolph and James Richard. After returning to Nevada and settling in Lovelock with the boys, she met and married Mike DeWitt on Dec. 26, 1975, welcoming her first bonus son, L. Michael DeWitt. Michael Popejoy joined the DeWitt family during his high school years. Living with three teenage boys was a wild ride, which sometimes forced the boys to have a conversation with the broom!

Casey was a huge supporter of her boys, hauling them to rodeos – although she closed her eyes when Michael P. rode bulls. She watched any sport they played and creatively cooked whatever game they brought home.

She spent her professional life working for Nevada Supplement Company, Pitt Mill, and finally for the State of Nevada Child Protective Services. She was a fantastic teacher and shared knowledge with many who shared the office at Nevada Supplement during summers of weighing grain trucks, filing load tickets, and gathering bushel weights.

She was active in 4-H, one of the original group that worked to obtain the Pershing County 4-H Building, and served as the beef leader for many years. Her love of youth expanded with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and any kid that happened to pop in. She followed her “kids” activities as long as her health allowed.

She waited a good long while for grandchildren and welcomed seven, who then brought spouses and great-grandbabies! Here’s a list of her greatest achievements who will continue her legacy: Michael (Lisa) Kincheloe, Michael (Jamie) Popejoy, Jimmy (Joanna) DeWitt. Grandchildren: Cody (Philipp) Popejoy, Kay Cee (Eddie) Paredes, Saval (Jared) Eaton, Jade Popejoy, Michael “Bubba” (Hailey) Kincheloe, Ciera (Drake) Judd, Rhet (Natalie) DeWitt. Great-grandchildren: Averie, Ian, and Addison Paredes; Jack, Otto, Aurora, and Hollynn Eaton; Maclenn and Josephine Judd; Ripper Popejoy; Hayes and Hunter Kincheloe; Wayne DeWitt.

Her sisters’ families brought her joy as well: Kirsten (Tony) Hertz (Madison and McKenna); Joey (Connie) Gottschalk (Sean and Bryce); Matt (Jamie) Melarkey (Anna, Lily, and Maisie); Bart (Carly) Steninger (Wyatt and baby Steninger).

Casey loved with her whole heart – family, her yard and garden, her Christmas village, photography,



Dolores Jo “Casey” Bartorelli DeWitt

children, and animals. Her love for her sisters, Mikie and Dorothy, ranked high on her list. The affectionately dubbed “Ding-A-Ling” sisters only lived together as a family for a short period, yet their Basque determination led them to an ultra-tight sisterly bond. The role of the men in the sisters’ lives can’t be discounted, as there were many trips taken by the six of them, arranged by Dorothy, that included activities for both the men and the sisters. The two Mikes – Mike DeWitt and Mike Gottschalk – and Rex Steninger have been phenomenal in keeping these crazy sisters in line.

Casey also relied heavily on her Catholic faith and shared it with her family, although they may not have

listened as closely as they should have. Thus, her desire for a final Mass with the mandate that all her family attend.

Dolores Jo “Casey” was preceded in death by her parents, Tedo and Jo Bartorelli; stepson, L. Michael DeWitt; and beloved husband, Mike DeWitt.

To honor Casey’s life, a Rosary with Mass to follow was held at St. John’s Catholic Church in Lovelock, Friday, Feb. 13, 2026. Graveside service was held at Big Meadow Cemetery, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, followed by luncheon at Meisekothen Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Pershing County 4-H Livestock Club in Casey’s memory.

Trustees advance first reading of revised graduation regalia policy



Fernley High School (FHS) students celebrating at the annual commencement ceremony, 2025. Photo courtesy of Lyon County School District

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School Board approved the first reading of a policy revision that would allow students to modestly decorate their graduation caps while clarifying what types of regalia may be worn during commencement ceremonies.

During the discussion at the board’s Jan. 27 meeting, Trustee James Whisler said the revisions clean up existing language and formally outline a process for students to submit decorated caps for review by the principal or a designee before the ceremony. Caps that do not meet the dress code standards would need to be corrected or removed, or the student could choose not to participate in the graduation ceremony.

District staff emphasized that cords, stoles, pins and similar items should remain reserved for earned honors, whether academic, military or school-based, while caps may be decorated within modest, non-disruptive limits.

Trustee Sherry Parsons said she is fine with modest decorations but expressed concern about others she considered excessive. As an example, she mentioned that Tongan and Hawaiian graduates in Fernley have traditionally worn leis during graduation.

“And I kind of like that because it’s just one lei, but then there was one girl and she looked like a Mexican restaurant, I don’t know how else to put it,” Parsons said. “If there was drug signs or

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Fernley Community Events

FEB. 20

FAMILY CRAFT
DIY Shamrock Banner
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

OPEN MIC NIGHT (21+)
6:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

FEB 21

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
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4th ANNUAL 4th OF JULY SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER (\$20 Adult/\$15 Child)
Doors: 5:45 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fernley Senior Center
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FEB 24

TRIVIA
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.
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FEB 25

FAMILY GAME DAY
Every Wednesday
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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775-575-3366

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\$40 per person
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co. & Let’s Be Artful
396 US Highway 95A North

FEB 26

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6:00 p.m.
Community Resource Center (the Boys & Girls Club)
695 E. Main Street

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5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (second and forth Thursdays Jan-May)
Fernley Senior Center
105 Lois Lane
775-575-3370 Ext.1

TRIVIA (21+)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
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FEB 28

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
775-575-3366

YOUTH CODING CLUB
2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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MAR 2

TRIVIA (21+)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
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BUSINESS

CEO of EDAWN to speak at Chamber Quarterly Luncheon

Staff Report

The Fernley Chamber of Commerce will focus on regional economic development at its quarterly luncheon on March 4, with a visit from Taylor Adams, president and CEO of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

Adams, who leads EDAWN's work in commercial and industrial development, business attraction, entrepreneurial support and workforce initiatives, will speak to members about the region's economic outlook and the opportunities shaping Northern Nevada's growth.

The luncheon will be held at the Community Response and Resource Center. The event begins at 11:30 a.m., and admission is \$25. Sponsors include Mark IV Capital and Waste Management.



Taylor Adams, President and CEO of EDAWN, spoke at the 2025 annual economic update event. Photo courtesy EDAWN.

City amends veterinary-only requirement for animal boarding

By Kerry Lyman

Removing restrictions that had allowed animal boarding only under the care of a veterinarian and only for medical purposes, the Fernley City Council on Feb. 4 amended the city's development code to relax these limitations.

The previous veterinary and medical restrictions "effectively limited the presence of any animal boarding or shelter services within the city of Fernley," according to a staff report written by Senior Planner Alisa Johansson.

"There are a lot of animals that need animal boarding or day care that don't fall into that category" of being in the care of a veterinarian and needing medical treatment, Johansson said. "This was the impetus for this code update."

New standards in the code require any commercial animal service use to employ a solid waste collection service, maintain a 10-foot separation between all feeding and relief areas unless a "guillotine" or animal door and a separating wall are provided, and provide animal bedding when confinement areas have hard-surface floors.

Standards applying to commercial

uses proposing outdoor animal services require that animals be sheltered from adverse weather, that outdoor be located at least 500 feet from residential lots and away from street or property frontages, and that they include solid fencing at least six feet high.

The new standards for commercial outdoor animal service uses also prohibit adverse noise impacts on adjacent properties and note that a noise impact study may be required. Odors must not be detectable beyond the boundaries of the confinement or play area, and adequate waste receptacles must be provided to contain animal waste between collection days.

After reviewing other jurisdictions, the city found its existing parking requirements based solely on square footage of the facility to be "wholly inadequate," Johansson said. The updated code increases the requirement from one parking space per 1,000 square feet to one space per 750 square feet plus one space per employee.

The amendment also adds four definitions for animal services and a definition for outdoor confinement/play areas.

"Animal service/veterinary" is de-

defined as expected for animal medical services. "Animal service/ general" is defined as a commercial establishment offering animal grooming, breeding or similar general services at a fixed location, including mobile call-out services.

"Animal boarding or training" is defined as a commercial establishment offering short-term or temporary boarding and/or training for domestic animals. "Animal shelter" is defined as a commercial or public facility primarily providing care and custody for animals and may include incidental veterinary, grooming, training and temporary boarding for a fee.

An "outdoor confinement/play" area is defined as any outdoor area devoted to the confinement, exercise, training or recreation of domestic animals associated with a commercial animal service use.



Meetings

Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lacey Blvd.
Next meeting March 4

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lacey Blvd.
Next meeting March 11

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lacey Blvd.
Next meeting April 10

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 February 5

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 March 10

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
*Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting February 24

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
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Next meeting February 24

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
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GOVERNMENT

Council amends regulations for child day care, adult care

By Kerry Lyman

Following concerns expressed by local day care providers, the Fernley City Council amended the day and night care provisions in the city's development code during a public hearing at the Feb. 4 meeting to make it easier to provide overnight child care, allow adult day care and remove other barriers to offering these services in Fernley. All day care, night care and adult care uses would require a city business license, but the new ordinance allows adult day care in the same zones as child care facilities and requires the same application process. The ordinance also

eliminates the requirement for a conditional use permit for overnight child care, according to a staff report. In addition, use standards have been updated to allow outdoor play hours for children during daylight hours and require outdoor play area fencing of opaque materials at least six feet in height. Parking restrictions also indicate client parking may not adversely affect adjacent residential properties, the staff report noted. The city's planning staff prepared the day care changes to the development code in response to concerns of local providers and the Children's Cabinet, who indicated current regu-

lations make it difficult to provide day care in Fernley, especially during overnight hours "when a large portion of parents are working," according to the staff report. New definitions in the proposal include adult day care, described as "A licensed establishment operated to provide care or supervision during the day, such as social activities, minor health care assessments, meals and recreation for five or more persons 18 years of age or older. The facility may not be used as a residence. The definition does not include halfway houses for recovering alcohol and drug abusers." Child care facility is as defined by

Nevada Revised Statutes 432A and to include "any home, institution, business or establishment in which five or more children under 18 years of age are received, cared for or maintained for any period of time. Does not include accessory, in-home child care as defined in this chapter." Child care, in-home is defined as "child care services offered within the permanent residence of the provider for the purpose of providing care for not more than four children under 18 years of age for a period of less than 24 hours."

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Ad # 2606

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 Case No. 26-PT-0556 Dept. No. 2

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. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Verified Petition for Summary Administration of Estate, Appointment of Co-Administrators, Authority Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (NRS Chapter 143), and Issuance of Letters of Administration has been set for hearing before the above-entitled Court as follows:

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Third Judicial District Court
 Lyon County Judge Leon A. Aberasturi

Department II

911 Harvey Way

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At said time and place, the Court will consider the Petition, including Petitioners' request for full authority under Nevada's Independent Administration of Estates Act (NRS 143.300-143.815). This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative or administrator will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. Independent administration authority will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.

Any person interested in the above-entitled estate may appear and be heard at the hearing, either in person or through counsel, and may file written opposition prior to the hearing in accordance with Nevada law and local rules.

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 /s/ Hannah E. Winston, Attorneys for Petitioners

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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 meetings:

County/State	Date	Location	Address	Time
Winnemucca Humboldt County, Nevada	March 2, 2026	Winnemucca Convention Center	50 West Winnemucca Blvd. Winnemucca, NV 89445	6:00 PM-8:00 PM (PT)
Lovelock Pershing County, Nevada	March 3, 2026	Best Western SureStay Lovelock	1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419	6:00 PM-8:00 PM (PT)
Fernley Lyon County, Nevada	March 4, 2026	Fernley Branch Library	575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408	5:00 PM-7:00 PM (PT)
Reno Washoe County, Nevada	March 5, 2026	Aloft Hotel Reno	2015 Terminal Way Reno, NV 89502	6:00 PM-8:00 PM (PT)

Comments may also be submitted by email in advance of the open house at: GreatBasin-2028Expansion@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:

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Feb. 9 – 15, 2026

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DANIEL ASKINS – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,160, Charges: Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Drive without driver's license; Owner – proof of insurance required

JONATHAN NORRIS – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$6,200, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime; Criminal contempt; Assist other agency – hold (2 counts)

MATTHEW TAYLOR – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,140, Charges: Violate domestic violence TPO

JAMIE YAZZIE – Area: Fernley, Bail

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TERRI DECKER – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$1,690, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation

RANDELL WHITE – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,290, Charges: DUI (1st); Basic speed – 1-10 mph over posted limit

STEVEN SWANSON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment

DESMOND MITCHELL – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$3,000, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime

DYLAN WELLS – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$1,700, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor

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CYRUS SESSION – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$1,000, Charges: Criminal contempt

ANTHONY HERNANDEZ – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery (1st)

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LORNA ELMS – Area: LYSS, Bail Amount: \$1,780, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation; Assist other agency – hold (2 counts)

JASON DEVINE – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$40,635, Charges: Own/possess gun by prohibited person; Carry concealed weapon without per-mit; Possess Schedule I/II controlled substance <14g (1st or

2nd offense); Manufac-ture/import/possess/use dangerous weapon (1st); Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Obtain hypodermic device by fraud/forgery; False statement to/obstruct public officer; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Owner – proof of insurance required

AMBER PONCE – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$795, Charges: Fail to decrease speed or use due care; Drive with suspended driver's license

BRIANN VIERRA – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,275, Charges: DUI (1st); Fail to drive on right half of roadway

JEFFERY CORDOVA – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,055, Charges: DUI (1st); Fail to drive on right half of roadway

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something, I wouldn't have known because there was so much on her."

Superintendent Tim Logan said it's already in policy that students will be allowed to alter their graduation regalia by displaying modest cultural or religious accessories.

Fernley High School Principal Ryan Cross told the board that administrators do their best to enforce policy before

the ceremony, but noted that sometimes family members hand students additional items as they walk into the graduation venue.

Cross said he and the other high school principals in the district have discussed the issue and support the change with some guardrails.

"Obviously we don't want things getting super distracting," Cross said. "We don't want things that are going to be three feet high and have lights on and

things like that."

Trustee Darin Farr said his concern is that regalia that is earned would get overshadowed by personal decorations.

"It's going to look like a Mardi Gras parade out there, and you're going to get overlooked when this is your time to shine for having to earn those honors," Farr said.

Trustee James Whisler cited the district's cell phone policy as an example where the board decided high school

students deserved a little more freedom and responsibility. He said the graduates need to be granted the same consideration.

"This is their graduation, they earn this," Whisler said. "I don't foresee the students going out of their way to disrespect everybody."

The proposed policy revision was approved unanimously and will be brought back to a second reading for final approval at a future meeting.

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SPORTS

Vaqueros claim third consecutive regional championship



The Fernley High School boys basketball team won its third consecutive Northern 3A Regional championship last Saturday at Wooster. Photo by Neal McIntyre II

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School boys basketball team won its third consecutive regional championship last Saturday and will make their fifth consecutive appearance in the state tournament, extending one of the most consistent runs in program history.

The one thing missing from that resume, however, is a state championship. Coach Cade Knutson has tried to get his team to take that next step this season by scheduling the toughest opponents he could find, including tournaments in Las Vegas and San Diego and games against top Northern 4A teams like Bishop Manogue, Spanish Springs and Reno.

"I think this all boils down to the fact that we scheduled ourselves to be ready for this time of year," Knutson said. "We wanted to play as many difficult teams and as many close games as we could. Obviously, we want to win them all, but we wanted to be in a position where we were playing close games, so that when things get a little tight, we're not unused

to it."

The Vaqueros beat Spring Creek 51-41 in Saturday's regional championship game. Knutson and several players all credited that nonleague schedule for preparing them for the battle they got from the Spartans. Fernley beat Spring Creek 70-26 and 66-35 during the regular season.

Spring Creek came out throwing haymakers, making four 3-pointers in the first four minutes of the game to take a 12-8 lead. Even after the Vaqueros answered that early flurry and took a 15-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Spartans punched right back, with a 3-pointer by Nolen Francis and a basket by Snowden Williams to go back up 19-15.

But Fernley finished the half with a 10-1 run to take a 25-20 lead. Though the Spartans stayed close throughout the second half, they never got within fewer than three and when Spring Creek was forced to foul in the final minute, the Vaqueros hit four of six free throws to ice the game.

Knutson was impressed by the im-

provement Spring Creek has made.

"They shot the ball really well, credit to them. They ran good sets," Knutson said. "I think Coach (Randy) Bishop is the true Coach of the Year in this league, taking a team that loses four starters on a team that goes to state and then turning around and getting them right back to state."

The Vaqueros reached Saturday's championship game by beating Dayton 47-34 in the semifinals on Friday night. The Vaqueros took control early, with a 21-2 run to go ahead 22-7. Fernley led by as much as 17, but the closest Dayton got was 41-33 with 3:40 left in the game, but a basket by Bryce Dunagan-Stephens stopped Dayton's run and the DustDevils didn't make another field goal.

With the state tournament coming up this week, senior Sheldon Jacobson said the Vaqueros would take one day to enjoy what they've accomplished, before turning their attention to trying to win a state championship.

Knutson echoed those sentiments. "Really proud of our guys and our seniors, in particular, for what they've

already accomplished, but all of our goals are still in front of us," Knutson said. "We've got to try and clean up as much as we can and put ourselves in the best position to be successful next weekend."

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amongst our players," Knutson said, "But there's a little bit of stress when you're hosting that. Gosh dang, we better be there."

Both Dunn and Knutson said they're looking forward to playing in front of their home fans.

"From my perspective, we need everybody there with both our boys and girls team hosting a state tournament," Knutson said. "This is a special opportunity for our community to come out and show support and for our students to show support. I mean, there's no reason that we shouldn't have the bulk of the crowd next Friday."

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SPORTS

Fernley girls to make 4th consecutive State Tournament appearance

By Robert Perea

For the fourth consecutive season, the Fernley High School girls basketball team is back at the 3A State Tournament, and this time they get to chase a title on their home court.

After a 58-38 loss to Fallon in the championship game of the Northern 3A Regional Tournament at Wooster last Saturday, the Vaqueros enter this weekend's State Tournament as the No. 2 seed from the North. Fernley will face Southern champion Virgin Valley in the first game of the tournament Friday at 3 p.m. Fallon will play Boulder City, the No. 2 seed from the South, at 6:20 p.m. and the winners will play for the State championship at noon Saturday.

The Vaqueros were the No. 1 seed for last week's Regional Tournament and qualified for the State Tournament by winning 75-11 over Incline Monday night and 54-18 over Elko Friday night.

But in last Saturday's championship game, Fallon dominated the last three

quarters to take the regional title with a 58-38 win.

With the game tied 10-10 after the first quarter, Fallon took control with a 12-0 run in the second quarter and blew the game open with a 15-2 run to start the third quarter.

After Justice Martell-Artiaga gave Fernley a 13-10 lead with a 3-pointer 11 seconds into the second quarter, Amillya Bishop scored the first two of 12 straight points for the Greenwave, while Fernley went scoreless for more than five minutes. Fallon's Kortnie Simper had seven points in that second-quarter run, then she hit a 3-pointer for the first points of the third quarter run that pushed the Greenwave lead to 39-19. Fernley never got closer than 16 points the rest of the way.

"Our wheels just fell off," Fernley coach Ralph Dunn said. "Panic set in and we just had way too many turnovers and against a team like Fallon. We just couldn't get into any rhythm on both ends of the court."

Martell-Artiaga led the Vaqueros with 15 points and Irene Brown added eight.

As much as they struggled on Saturday, by contrast the Vaqueros were every bit as sharp the night before in blowing out Elko.

The Vaqueros led 10-0 and 16-2 before ending the first quarter with a 21-6 advantage and led 36-7 at the half.

"We came out with a lot of energy and the girls just played awesome," Dunn said. "I thought it was one of our best performances this year and the atmosphere was great."

Irene Brown led the Vaqueros with 11 points, and both Taylor Tollestrup and Lillianna Young had 10 each.

Dunn said the Vaqueros are going back to the drawing board this week to prepare for Virgin Valley which, like Fallon, likes to pressure the ball on defense.

"We got knocked down and now it's time to dust ourselves off and compete," Dunn said.



Fernley's Justice Martell-Artiaga passes the ball during last Saturday's Northern 3A Regional championship game against Fallon. Courtesy photo to the Fernley Reporter

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Letter to the editor

Concern over School Board Trustee's remarks

To the editor:

I'm writing regarding some comments made by Trustee Sherry Parsons at the January 27, 2026, Lyon County School Board of Trustees meeting. The Board was discussing decorations to students' caps and gowns during graduation ceremonies when Ms. Parsons said, referring to the Fernley High School Graduation, that a particular student's decoration made them look like "a Mexican restaurant." Trustee Parsons went on to say, "I mean if there was, um, drug signs or something I wouldn't have known because there was so much on her." In other words, Mexican=drugs. That is textbook racism.

Let me be clear, I am not accusing Ms. Parsons of herself being a racist. I do not know her and her family, nor have I spent any significant time with her. I would never even consider making an accusation like that without knowing it for a fact with 100% certainty, and I am confident that "racist" is the last thing anyone who knows Ms. Parsons would say or think about her. But words have meaning, and they have effect, no matter what the intention.

Ms. Parsons' comments were inappropriate and absolutely unacceptable coming from a School Board Trustee whose primary responsibility is to ensure that the District provides every student, no matter what their ethnicity, a safe and supportive learning environment. Singling out and targeting an individual student was also a gross violation of privacy which not only exposed the student to harassment and harm but also left the school district open to potential legal liability.

I would urge you all to contact the Lyon County School Board Trustees and the School District Superintendent, and demand that they take the following action:

- Introduce a motion to censure Trustee Parsons for her offensive and racist language and for publicly singling out and targeting a Fernley High School student.
- Require Ms. Parsons to recognize her misbehavior, publicly apologize, and agree to further School District training in the identification and elimination of racial discrimination.
- That the other School Board Trustees publicly apologize for remaining silent in the face of Ms. Parsons' behavior.
- If the identity of the student in question is known, that the trustees issue a private apology to them and their family, which the family can make public if they so choose.

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- Fernley Wigwam Restaurant
- Buddy Boys
- All Points Bar & Grill
- McHoppers Brew Co.
- Southern Charm
- Desert Rose RV
- Black Bear Diner
- The Office Shipping & Mailboxes
- The Golf Club at Fernley
- Fernley City Hall Clerk's Office
- Fernley Swimming Pool
- State Farm – Dan Glass Agency
- REMAX at the Golf Course
- The Parlor Barbershop
- Boys & Girls Club