

North Lyon Fire, Battle Born Medevac establish medical helicopter base in Fernley

By Robert Perea

North Lyon Fire and Battle Born Medevac have launched a medical helicopter base at North Lyon Fire Station 61 in Fernley, a strategic partnership aimed at drastically reducing critical care transport times along the Interstate 80 corridor.

The base will be the third for Battle Born Medevac, which is headquartered in Yerington and has helicopters stationed at South Lyon Medical Center and East Fork Fire Protection District Station 12 in Carson City. The company also has a vehicle stationed in Lovelock that operates in partnership with Pershing General Hospital and is staffed by a critical care paramedic who initiates advanced treatments until transport units arrive.

The partnership between North Lyon Fire and Battle Born Medevac has been several months in the making, and both parties say it will reduce transport times for patients.

North Lyon Fire Chief Brian Bunn announced at the North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting March 30 that the district was working on a memorandum of understanding with Battle Born Medevac to house a transport helicopter. The fire board approved the MOU at its June 24 meeting.

Under the agreement, Battle Born



Battle Born Medevac now has a medical helicopter stationed at North Lyon Fire Station 61 on Main Street under a new agreement with the fire district.
Photo courtesy of Battle Born Medevac

Medevac CEO Joey Loehner said the company will have a pilot, nurse and paramedic stationed at North Lyon Fire Station 61 on Main Street. Battle Born Medevac will also rent a property near the station for a mechanic. The MOU includes housing for Battle Born Medevac staff in three unused bedrooms at the fire station.

“We are flying here a lot obviously, but we’re coming from Yerington,

so with requests, dispatch, launch and flight time it’s 27, 28 minutes average response time total, start to finish, to land here, versus now we’ll be physically here,” Loehner said at the June 24 meeting.

Fernley’s central location allows the aircraft to respond quickly throughout Lyon, Churchill, Storey, Pershing and

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Monarch Data Center zoning change approved after hours of testimony

By Rachel Dahl

Lyon County commissioners approved the tentative development plan for a proposed \$15 billion data center north of Yerington Thursday after hours of testimony over water, power, traffic, jobs and the project’s potential effects on neighboring residents.

The Aug. 6 hearing centered on Copia Power’s request for approval of a tentative planned unit development for a 4.6 million-square-foot, 1,000-megawatt data center approximately eight miles north of Yerington and east of U.S. Highway 95A.

The project calls for eight two-story data center buildings, a 500-megawatt battery energy storage system, a 500-megawatt natural gas generation facility, electrical substations and high-voltage transmission infrastructure.

Commissioner John Cassinelli abstained from discussion and voting on the item, citing his position with the Northern Nevada Development Authority and NNDA’s previous interaction with the applicant. Cassinelli said he had not signed a nondisclosure agreement regarding the project.

Senior Planner Louis Cariola told commissioners the Aug. 6 hearing was the fifth public hearing on Monarch since county staff first met with the developers in February 2025.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the project’s specific plan in July 2025. The Board of County Commissioners initially tabled the project in August 2025 after staff raised concerns about access from Penrose Lane. Commissioners approved a master plan amendment and specific plan in December after the primary access was shifted to Sierra Way.

The Planning Commission voted 4-3

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Fernley Development Report shows progress on several fronts

By Leanna Lehman

From new homes and apartments to hotels, manufacturing, industrial development, and long-range plans for thousands of acres, a lot is moving through Fernley’s development pipeline.

The City of Fernley’s July Community Development Report, compiled by Community Development Program Manager Jessica Murdock, provides a look at projects throughout the com-

munity and where they stand in the planning and construction process. Some are still under review, others have received approvals, and several are already under construction.

Housing makes up a sizable portion of the list. Creekwood Commons proposes 153 townhomes on Farm District Road, while Fernley Garden Homes proposes 253 townhomes, seven private streets, and six private amenities. Sherwood, between Fremont Street and Interstate 80, includes plans for

316 one-, two-, and three-bedroom multifamily units.

Other residential projects have already reached the construction phase. The report lists the 320-unit River Ranch Apartments and the 202-unit Sunrise Trails subdivision among projects under construction. Shadow Hill includes 66 townhomes, while the first three phases of Legacy Trails account

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Captain’s log – My Ending Story
A Lesson Far Greater Than The Story Itself

On April 27, 2025, I walked into a small corner office at the end of Maine Street. Little did I know that those few steps would not only change the course of my career, but would also teach me a lesson far greater than anything I could have imagined.

A while back, while working at Great Basin Trading Co. on Maine Street, I was awaiting customers and sorting merchandise when a young boy walked in looking for that week’s newspaper. As I helped him find his way to the newspaper rack, he anxiously searched through the different editions until he found the one he was looking for.

He rapidly opened the paper and found an article about himself.

I watched as his eyes widened with excitement. He was proud. He was eager. For a moment, that newspaper was more than just ink on paper. It was a reflection of his accomplishments and a reminder that his community saw him.

Standing there, watching that young boy experience the joy of seeing himself represented in his local newspaper, I realized something I will never forget.

What we do is not only a public service to this community, but a responsibility that strengthens the very foundation of a free society. It is a responsibility built upon informing, recognizing, and preserving the stories of the people who make history.

And I hope throughout my career, I

can continue to honor that responsibility.

Of course, no success story is created alone. Behind every accomplishment is a community of people who offer guidance, encouragement, and support along the way.

So, to Leanna Lehman, Lori Kaiser, Kasey Lattin, Denice Pinder, Cheryl Venturacci, and Carol Lloyd, thank you.

Thank you for listening when I needed guidance, for offering wisdom instead of simply giving answers, and for reminding me that even the most difficult challenges become manageable when approached with patience and perspective.

Thank you for treating me not just as an intern, but as someone worthy of your trust. Every task you handed me, every conversation you took the time to have, and every piece of advice you shared became another lesson I will carry long after I leave this newsroom.

More than anything, thank you for showing me that character will always outlast talent, and that becoming a good journalist begins with becoming a good person.

And to Rachel Dahl, thank you for taking a chance on a young student who was searching for an opportunity and a new commitment.

Thank you for teaching me how to become a better writer, a better professional, and someone who approaches every responsibility with dignity and humility. Thank you for teaching me how to earn community trust, how to

ask better questions, and how to understand the importance of relationships in this profession.

And, nonetheless, thank you for teaching me how to play the game.

Not the game of winning or losing, but the game of showing up, listening carefully, treating people fairly, and understanding that journalism is built on trust.

Rachel, your dedication to this community is something I hope to emulate throughout my career. You have shown me that a journalist’s greatest accomplishment is not measured by the number of stories they write, but by the trust they earn from the people they serve.

To the business owners, Judge Stockard, Court Services, Mayor Tedford, the Fallon City Council, and every community leader who trusted me with your stories, thank you. Thank you for allowing me to share the information you believed your community deserved to know. Whether it was a new business opening its doors, a court proceeding, or a decision made at City Hall, you trusted me with the responsibility of keeping Fallon informed. That trust is something I will always value.

So as I pack my bags and reminisce about the amazing opportunities that I have been given,

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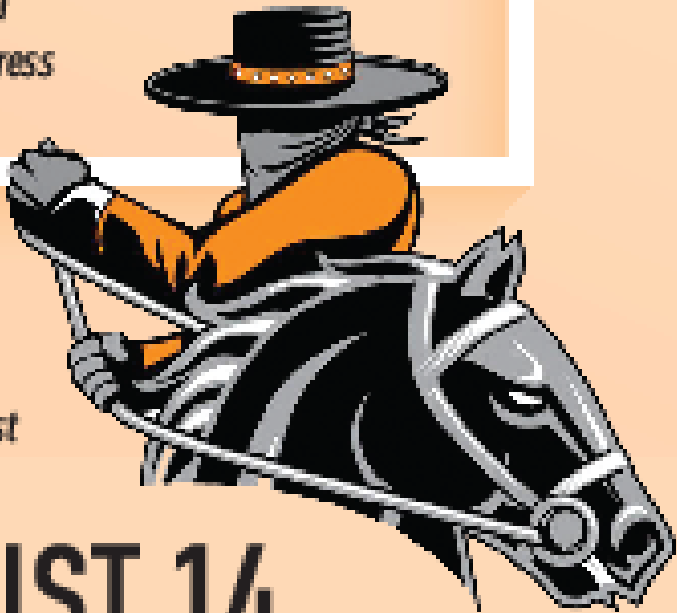
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eastern Washoe counties while also improving coverage for Pyramid Lake, Gerlach, Lovelock and surrounding areas. Because the helicopter is a regional asset, there will be times when it will be unavailable to transport patients from Fernley if it is committed to another air medical transport.

“The way I sum it up is, we’ve just put a mutual aid partner that normally we have to wait 20 minutes for, in our backyard when they’re here, so that’s a huge benefit to our taxpayers when needed for flights,” Bunn said.

North Lyon Fire retains exclusive rights to EMS response within the district.

“They will not be freelance launching without direction of dispatch, which our (battalion chiefs) manage,” Bunn added.

In May 2025, Battle Born Medevac announced a sponsorship under which SB Energy fully funded a membership for every resident of Lyon and Mineral counties. Any medically necessary air transport by Battle Born Medevac is fully covered with no out-of-pocket cost to the patient through May 31, 2029. The agreement does not apply to any other medical transport service.

In a statement, North Lyon Fire said the partnership represents a significant investment in emergency medical services for Fernley, Lyon County and neighboring rural communities by positioning a critical care air ambulance along the Interstate 80 corridor.

“Providing the highest level of emergency medical care to our community requires strong partnerships,” Bunn said. “By working alongside Battle Born Medevac, we are improving access to lifesaving resources, reducing response times and ensuring critically ill and in-

jured patients have faster access to definitive medical care.”

The helicopter is equipped to provide advanced critical care interventions, specialized equipment and whole blood products, capabilities that are generally unavailable through traditional ground ambulance transport. Average flight time from Fernley to Reno is about 12 minutes, providing significant time savings when roadway congestion delays ground transportation of critical patients.

“Both agencies view this as a true partnership,” Loehner said. “Being co-located at Station 61 allows us to train together more frequently, strengthen relationships between our crews and ultimately provide even better service to the communities we protect.”

In addition to emergency response, the organizations plan to conduct joint training, coordinated community outreach and future collaboration aimed at

strengthening emergency medical services across the region.

“Our long-term goal is ensuring stable and fast access to health care along the I-80 corridor while continuing to grow together as organizations,” Loehner said. “This partnership represents the beginning of an exciting future for emergency medical care in Northern Nevada.”

At the April 24 meeting, Bunn said the helipad is artificial turf rather than concrete because a concrete pad would have required the district to conduct a noise study and apply for rezoning. He said the city allowed the district to operate the artificial turf pad under a special use permit.

In its statement, the fire district thanked Fernley City Councilman Albert Torres, the City of Fernley, Sanchez Landscape LLC and American Ready Mix for helping make the helipad possible.

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July 14 to recommend approval of the tentative planned unit development.

Cariola said the specific plan established the allowable uses on the property, while the planned unit development allows the county to impose more detailed standards addressing building height, setbacks, landscaping, noise, lighting and other development requirements.

The property is currently zoned Rural Residential 20-acre minimum and is used primarily for agriculture.

County staff recommended approval with conditions, including transportation improvements before construction begins.

The project is expected to generate approximately 1,200 vehicle trips during peak construction hours. Proposed improvements include turn and acceleration lanes at Sierra Way and Highway 95A, with the possibility of a temporary traffic signal during periods when multiple large projects are under construction.

County staff also recommended that Copia design and construct a north-bound passing lane on Wabuska Hill before Lyon County issues construction permits for Monarch.

Penrose Lane would be limited to emergency access and would not be used for construction or regular operational traffic.

Copia representatives said the project would represent an investment of approximately \$15.3 billion and create an average of 700 to 965 construction jobs during a three- to four-year building period, followed by an estimated 150 to 250 permanent jobs.

Copia consultant Jeff Page, a long-time Yerington resident and former Lyon County manager, told commissioners the project could help diversify the economy of southern Lyon County.

Copia estimated the project could generate approximately \$2.5 billion in state and local tax revenue over 25 years, including sales, property and payroll taxes. Company representatives also said they would not seek available tax abatements, although details of a possible development agreement with Lyon County have not been finalized.

Water remained one of the most contested issues during the hearing.

Cariola said the project would rely on existing water rights currently as-

sociated with the property rather than requesting a new allocation. Changing the use from agricultural to industrial would require approval from the Nevada State Engineer and would result in a reduction in the amount available for use.

Copia representatives said approximately 2,000 acre-feet of water is currently associated with agricultural use of the property and said the completed project would use less than 800 acre-feet annually.

Company representatives described the data center cooling system as primarily closed-loop and air-cooled. Water would also be required for the proposed natural gas generation plant, domestic uses and other operations.

Commissioner Tammy Hendrix questioned how water consumption would be monitored. Cariola said wells would be metered and regulated by the State Engineer.

Several residents challenged the water figures, saying numbers contained in different project documents and presentations have varied. Others questioned how much water would be required during construction, how wastewater would be handled and whether additional water would be required to periodically refresh cooling systems.

Copia said an on-site wastewater treatment system would treat water for reuse where possible, while salts, solids and other residual materials would be disposed of in accordance with Nevada Division of Environmental Protection permits.

Electricity was another major issue. Copia has requested up to 1,000 megawatts of service from NV Energy, but company representatives acknowledged the project cannot immediately obtain its full electrical demand from the utility.

Copia said the project would be phased and initially rely partly on its planned 500-megawatt natural gas generation facility until additional grid capacity becomes available. The gas plant could later become part of the larger regional power supply after interconnection with NV Energy.

Commissioner Scott Keller questioned whether the natural gas generation would continue operating after the project connects to the NV Energy system. Copia representatives said it could.

The company also agreed during the hearing to reduce its proposed maximum building height from 95 feet to

75 feet, consistent with provisions discussed during Lyon County’s Aug. 3 workshop on a proposed countywide data center ordinance.

That ordinance has not yet been adopted, and many opponents urged commissioners to delay Monarch until countywide data center regulations are in place.

Opposition dominated much of the public testimony.

Residents raised concerns about water availability, noise, traffic, air pollution, emergency response, wildlife habitat, property values, seismic conditions, flood hazards and the project’s proximity to homes and agricultural land.

Several speakers urged the county to impose a temporary moratorium on data center development.

Representatives and members of both the Yerington Paiute Tribe and Walker River Paiute Tribe also spoke against the project.

Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairman Melanie McFalls submitted a statement saying the tribe opposed the project because of potential impacts to Walker River water quantity and quality. Tribal representatives said the river is critical to agriculture, drinking water and cultural resources on the reservation downstream.

Representatives of the Yerington Paiute Tribe said the tribe had also adopted a resolution opposing data center development and raised concerns about cultural resources and historic tribal lands.

Copia said it had sent correspondence to both tribes and made a presentation to the Yerington Paiute Tribal Council in December 2025. Tribal representatives disputed the characterization of those contacts as meaningful consultation.

Supporters focused largely on jobs, tax revenue and Yerington’s long-term economic future.

Several lifelong residents recalled the decline that followed the closure of the Anaconda copper mine and argued that the community needs new industries capable of supporting higher-paying jobs and funding schools, emergency services and infrastructure.

Labor representatives also spoke in favor of the project, citing construction jobs, apprenticeship opportunities and potential long-term economic benefits.

Former Tahoe Reno Industrial Center project manager Chris Thompson

told commissioners that data centers operating in Storey County are now generating millions of dollars annually in real and personal property taxes after abatements.

Commissioner Dave Hockaday expressed skepticism that the project met several of the findings required for approval of a planned unit development, particularly findings addressing traffic, public services, light, air and the project’s relationship to surrounding properties.

“I kind of come up with more of a negative,” Hockaday said of several of the required findings.

After several hours of testimony and discussion, commissioners approved Copia Power’s tentative planned unit development on a 3-1 vote. Hockaday voted against the project, while Cassinelli abstained.

As part of the approval, commissioners adopted the conditions recommended by Lyon County Community Development and limited the proposed data center buildings to a maximum height of 75 feet.

The approval does not authorize construction. Copia must apply for final PUD approval within one year and complete a series of additional local and state reviews before work can begin.

Those requirements include final drainage plans approved by the Lyon County Engineer, emergency response plans approved by the county’s Office of Emergency Management, fire suppression and response plans approved by the Mason Valley Fire Protection District, roadway improvements approved by Lyon County and the Nevada Department of Transportation, environmental permits from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and approval from the Nevada State Engineer to convert existing agricultural water rights to industrial use.

Under the company’s current timeline, initial data center construction would begin in late 2027, natural gas generation construction would begin in 2029 and later phases of the data center would enter service around 2031.

The county’s approval moves Monarch another step forward, while many of the issues raised during the hearing including water consumption, electrical supply, emergency response and environmental effects, will remain part of the permitting and final PUD process.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fernley seeks public input on 20-year transportation plan

Staff Report

The City of Fernley and the Nevada Department of Transportation will host a community meeting Thursday, Aug. 13, to gather public feedback on proposed improvements along three of Fernley’s primary transportation corridors.

The meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Response and Resource Center, 695 E. Main St. A brief presentation by the study team will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting is part of the Fernley Corridor Action Plan, a long-range transportation study being conducted by the city in collaboration with NDOT.

The plan is intended to identify

phased improvements over the next 20 years to support future growth, reduce traffic delays, improve mobility and connectivity, and increase safety.

The study focuses on Main Street, Farm District Road and U.S. Highway 95A between Main Street and Fernley High School.

Residents, business owners and other community members are encouraged to attend, ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed recommendations before the plan is finalized.

More information about the Fernley Corridor Action Plan, including study details and a summary of previous community engagement, is available on the City of Fernley website.



Fernley residents gathered with local public safety partners for National Night Out, an annual community event designed to strengthen relationships between residents, law enforcement, firefighters and other emergency responders. Families spent the evening visiting with first responders, taking part in activities and enjoying hot dogs while getting a closer look at the people and agencies that serve the community. City officials thanked the residents, volunteers and public safety personnel who helped make the event possible and said gatherings like National Night Out provide an opportunity for neighbors to connect while building stronger relationships throughout Fernley. Photo courtesy of the City of Fernley.

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AUG 18

TRIVIA NIGHT
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Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.

AUG 20
TRIVIA (21+)
7:00 p.m.
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396 US Highway 95A North



AUG 22

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Fernley Branch Library
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4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Fernley Community Response & Resource Center (CRRC)/Boys & Girls Clubhouse
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AUG 25

TRIVIA NIGHT
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Frontier Fun Center
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AUG 27
TRIVIA (21+)
7:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
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OBITUARY

David McCulloch Jackson

David McCulloch Jackson, 80, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2026, in Port Angeles, Washington.

Born on October 29, 1945, in Reno, Nevada, to David and Betty Jackson, David was a third-generation resident of Fernley and the oldest of three siblings. Following his graduation from Fernley High School, he attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. David dedicated many years to education as a teacher within the Lyon County School District in Fernley. Alongside his teaching career, he worked the family

farm. Later in life, David moved to Washington State, where he continued his commitment to education by teaching at the Muckleshoot Reservation Schools and also worked as a field technician for the Grant County Public Utility District. A man of diverse interests, David maintained a small garden of irises, whose rhizomes he would carefully dig up and relocate every time he moved. In retirement, he tried his hand at raising goats. In his final years, David embraced a love for travel, becoming a world traveler and sailing on numerous cruises with extensive itineraries. David is survived by his spouse, Carolyn Morrison of

Sequim, WA; two sons, Jimmy (Brooke) of Idaho Falls, ID, and Gary (Naomi) of Crookston, MN; and six grandchildren: Michelle, Lena, Annie, Peri, Cora, and Rory. He is also survived by his brother, Richard Jackson; sister, Betsy Jackson Dixon (Steve); and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and the mother of his children, Linda Elaine Jackson. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 29, 2026 at Masonic Memorial Gardens at Mountain View Cemetery in Reno, NV. Following David's service, the family will hold an additional service at Masonic Memorial Gardens for Linda Elaine Jackson.



David McCulloch Jackson

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for 221 approved single-family lots. Red Hawk Ranch has been making its way through the city process for several years. The current report lists a 282-lot single-family subdivision, with the tentative subdivision map and development agreement approved. Changes to the larger Red Hawk Ranch Development Agreement have also come before the City Council on various occasions. Housing is only part of the activity, however. Two hotels are making their way through the development process. A four-story, 91-room Home2 Suites is planned on Stanley Drive, and a four-story, 96-room Marriott extended-stay hotel is proposed on Mesa Drive. The Home2 Suites has received several approvals, with its building permit under review, while the Marriott conditional use permit remains under review.

The Home2 Suites also has some history. Plans reported by the Fernley Reporter in 2023 for the Fernley Promenade development on Stanley Drive included a hotel along with restaurants, retail, and other commercial uses. On the industrial side, the report includes a 120,000-square-foot manufacturing building for AGRU America and a Dragonfly Energy production facility. Other projects include expansion of Golden Years Castle assisted living, a new Mark IV fire station, and a 5,244-square-foot committal hall at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. One familiar name on the list is the 2,173-acre Victory Logistics District along Nevada Pacific Parkway. Victory has been the subject of extensive



Construction abounds throughout Fernley as projects get underway. Photo courtesy of City of Fernley.

coverage as roads, utilities, rail, a fire station, and other infrastructure have taken shape. The July report lists numerous planning and engineering approvals associated with the long-term development. While individual projects work their way through the process, Fernley is also planning on a much larger scale. The report includes the 5,400-acre North Fernley Area Plan and 11,800-acre Southwest Area Plan. These are planning areas rather than projects currently under construction, setting a framework for future residential, com-

mercial, employment, public facilities, open space, and other uses. The City Council adopted the North Fernley Area Plan in January 2025 and the Southwest Area Plan in June 2025. At full buildout, the Southwest plan contemplates as many as 28,318 housing units, along with commercial, industrial, mixed-use, public facility, and open-space development. Getting there would require substantial infrastructure, including additional water infrastructure. Fernley is also updating its Comprehensive Master Plan, bringing the

newer area plans into the city's broader planning for housing, transportation, infrastructure, commercial development, and future growth. More Projects in the Pipeline Chaparral Estates: 102 single-family lots on North Clover Lane; tentative subdivision map and zoning amendment approved. Clements Ranch: 241 single-family lots at Farm District Road and Clearwater Parkway; tentative subdivision map approved. Yori: 153 single-family lots at Farm District and Red Rock roads; planning approvals completed. Nelson Meadows: A proposed 49-lot development with half-acre minimum lots; under review. Farm District Road Storage and Mobile Home Park: A 90,000-square-foot mini-storage facility and 73-unit mobile home park; planning approvals completed, with engineering corrections pending. Vaquero Outpost: A proposed mixed-use commercial and multifamily development on U.S. 95A. The size has not yet been determined, and the project is under review. Clean Earth Aerosol Recycling Facility: A proposed aerosol-container processing and recycling facility; conditional use permit under review. The report is a snapshot, not a construction schedule. Projects can spend months or years moving through planning, permitting, engineering, and construction, and not everything proposed will necessarily be built as originally envisioned. But the July report gives Fernley residents a fairly extensive look at what is being built now, what could be coming next, and the plans being put in place for growth farther down the road.

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GOVERNMENT

Fernley Council reviews finances and infrastructure projects

By Rachel Dahl

The Fernley City Council moved through a largely routine agenda Aug. 5, approving housing assistance support, reaffirming the city’s policy against negotiating water-right dedication requirements and authorizing a grant application for design of a future wastewater treatment plant.

City Treasurer Robert Carson told council members the city had approximately \$19 million in general fund cash and investments at the end of fiscal year 2026, while the water enterprise fund held more than \$54 million and the sewer enterprise fund nearly \$35 million.

General fund revenues were just over \$12 million as of June 30, compared with a budget of approximately \$13.2 million. Carson said additional revenues, including franchise fees and indirect-cost reimbursements, had not yet been fully posted.

The city originally budgeted for a \$4.6 million decrease in general fund balance, largely because of planned one-time projects and capital expenditures. Instead, preliminary figures showed the city roughly breaking even.

Carson said the difference was primarily the result of projects being delayed or carried into the next fiscal year rather than savings from permanently eliminating expenses.

Among the largest carryovers are planning projects, street improvements and work at In-Town Park.

The city’s water and sewer funds also showed revenues exceeding budgeted amounts, although Carson cautioned that depreciation, pension and other year-end accounting adjustments had not yet been posted.

“We’re in a really good spot,” Carson told the council, adding that he expects the final fiscal year numbers to be even stronger than the preliminary

report.

Council members also unanimously approved a resolution formally stating that Fernley will not negotiate reductions in water-right dedication requirements for new development.

Interim Chief Development Officer Michele Rambo said developers have increasingly asked the city to accept fewer water rights than required under the development code.

While council members have previously directed staff not to negotiate those requirements, Rambo said staff lacked a formal document to point to when developers continued seeking exceptions.

The resolution gives staff a clear city policy to provide to applicants.

Council members also authorized staff to apply for federal funding for design of the proposed East Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Utilities Director Ozzie Henke said the estimated design cost is approximately \$3.07 million. City staff recently met with the U.S. Economic Development Administration and were told the project could potentially qualify for federal funding covering up to 80% of the cost.

The city agreed to provide the required 20% to 40% local match if the grant is awarded.

The wastewater project is intended to provide additional treatment capacity as Fernley grows and reduce future compliance risks with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The council also approved transferring the city’s unused 2026 private activity bond capacity to Nevada Rural Housing.

Nevada Rural Housing representative Katie Coleman told the council that the organization has helped 874 Fernley homebuyers since 2006, providing approximately \$189 million in mortgage financing and \$5 million in assistance.

Seven Fernley buyers received approximately \$2.4 million in mortgages through the program during the past year.

Coleman also highlighted the organization’s Rural Rocks 20K program, which now offers up to \$20,000 in assistance to qualifying homebuyers regardless of employment category.

In another development-related item, the council heard the first reading of an ordinance creating a “minor conditional use permit” process.

Associate Planner Lisa Warner said the new process is intended primarily for small businesses moving into existing buildings where no new construction or development is required.

The application would still go before the Planning Commission, but applicants could avoid some engineering review costs, making the process less expensive for businesses, particularly along Main Street and in downtown Fernley.

City staff also reported progress on several internal and infrastructure matters.

Chief Operating Officer Barry Williams said the city has launched its new Parks and Recreation Department and continues recruiting for a public works director. Two new engineering employees are scheduled to begin Aug. 17.

The city has also hired a new public information officer, who is expected to start Aug. 17.

Lyon County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Mitch Brantingham reported no significant recent law enforcement incidents in Fernley and said additional patrols in several problem areas appear to be reducing violations.

The Sheriff’s Office also received two new radar trailers and 20 lidar speed-detection devices with assistance from the city.

The council’s next regular meeting is scheduled for Aug. 19.

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 Sept. 9

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 Sept. 8

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 Sept. 10

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
300 Cottonwood Lane
Next meeting August 18

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Aug. 7 meeting:

- Southwest Industrial Electrical dba/S I E N, Electrical contractor
- MS Construction, General contractor
- Life Outside Landscape, LLC, Residential and commercial landscape contractor
- Pinuelas Construction LLC, General contractor
- Solar Guys of Nevada, Solar installation and sales,
- WildRoots Crystal Co., Gift shop
- David Cullum LLC, Real estate sales
- Western Steel Leasing, LLC, Equipment leasing
- Fernley Equipment Rentals, LLC, Equipment and tool rentals
- Biggs and Kids Market Inc, new owner for Grocery Outlet
- Jungle Land Pets LLC, Pet supplies
- Monty Vista Consulting, Ltd., Civil engineering
- MST Surveying Inc., Professional land surveying
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GOVERNMENT

Lyon County officials chosen for National Rural Energy Academy

By Rachel Dahl

Lyon County is one of 12 counties nationwide selected to participate in the National Association of Counties' 2026 Rural Energy Academy, a technical-assistance program intended to help rural governments evaluate large energy and technology projects before making long-term land-use decisions.

The National Association of Counties, commonly known as NACo, launched the three-month cohort to help county officials strengthen local decision-making as rising electricity demand, new technologies and changing state and federal policies bring more energy development proposals to rural communities.

Participating counties receive access to subject-matter experts, peer discussions with other county lead-

ers and individualized technical assistance. The program is designed to help counties produce practical local results, such as updated zoning ordinances, public-engagement plans and strategies for negotiating community benefits from developers. Lyon County was the only Nevada county selected for the 2026 cohort.

Other participating counties are located in Arizona, California, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The academy's broader 2026 program covers wind and solar development, battery energy storage systems and data centers. NACo says the purpose is not to promote a particular project or policy, but to help county leaders determine whether proposed development is appropriate for local residents, economies, infrastructure

and natural resource.

That work is especially relevant as Lyon County develops its first ordinance devoted specifically to data centers. The draft ordinance addresses power demand, water use, cooling systems, noise, traffic, emergency response, battery storage, on-site natural gas generation and the eventual decommissioning of a facility.

However, much of NACo's specialized data center programming is scheduled after Lyon County's Aug. 3 ordinance workshop.

Upcoming academy sessions include:

- An Aug. 11 session addressing data center taxes and economic agreements.
- An Aug. 27 session focused on energy and water resources.
- A Sept. 8 session covering sit-

ing and decommissioning.

- A December peer exchange in Dorchester County, South Carolina, where county officials will examine data center growth, infrastructure planning and community partnerships.

NACo is also holding an Energy Symposium Sept. 23-25 in the Texas Panhandle. Programming is expected to include grid reliability, transmission infrastructure, economic development, land-use decisions and the community implications of data center expansion. Commissioner Tammy Hendrix was designated at the August 6 commission meeting to attend on behalf of the county.

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Total Receipts:

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Total Disbursements and Bills:

\$ 5,423,564

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595 Silver Lace Blvd
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For more information, please contact the City of Fernley finance office at 775-784-9843 or visit the city's website at <http://www.cityoffernley.org/Archive>

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON PROPOSED 2028 EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin), formerly Paiute Pipeline Company, will conduct a public Open House to solicit input on the proposed 2028 Expansion Project.

Great Basin will construct approximately 230 miles of new natural gas pipeline and one new compressor station to serve the requested incremental capacity and meet growing energy demand in northern Nevada with facilities to be constructed in Churchill, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe counties, Nevada.

Great Basin places a top priority on establishing and maintaining positive, long-term relationships with its neighbors and landowners in the area of its facilities and invites landowners, residents, local governments, and other stakeholders to attend an Open House meeting to learn about the 2028 Expansion Project, review preliminary Project information, and share feedback with Project representatives.

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
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

This notice fulfills the Company's obligation for reasonable public notice of the open house meetings for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Docket No. PF26-5.

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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

AMENDED 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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Confirmation of the sale is set for hearing on September 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 2 of the Third Judicial District Court, Lyon County Courthouse, 911 Harvey Way, Yerington, NV 89447. The hearing date is at least fourteen (14) days after the first publication of this Notice, and not later than one (1) year thereafter. Escrow shall close thirty (30) days after Court confirmation of the sale. Written bids or offers for the purchase of the property must be submitted to:
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Written bids may be left at the above address or delivered personally to Hannah E. Winston, Esq. at SBW Law Group at any time after the first publication of this Notice and before the sale is made. The Estate reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Estate, subject to any required Court approval.

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SPORTS

Vaqueros ready to run in season opener Friday

By Robert Perea

Everything the Fernley Vaqueros do in their flexbone triple-option offense stems from being able to run the foot- ball.

If the comments by Damonte Ranch coach J.J. Milan to Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan after last Friday’s scrimmage at Bishop Manogue are any indication, the Vaqueros are ready to see how everything else falls into place.

Fernley opens the season at 7 p.m. Friday against Coral Academy of Science-Reno at Damonte Ranch.

To tune up for their opener, the Vaqueros scrimmaged against South Tahoe, Damonte Ranch and Bishop Manogue, the latter two being 5A squads with the kind of size up front that Fernley won’t see anywhere else this season.

“Coach Milan, he was like, holy crap, you guys can run the ball,” Sloan said. “Like, our guys were ready to play.”

Even with a sophomore quarter- back, Elijah Devold, who was seeing his first extensive action in high school, the Vaqueros moved the ball well in their offensive series against the Mustangs until a fumble stopped their drive when the ball was punched out of a running back’s hands. The Vaqueros showed a similar ability to move the ball against Manogue.

“To be able to move the football against some good 5A schools is a big- time morale victory for us,” Sloan said. “And again, it kind of just shows where we’re at with that starting crew that



Fernley’s Heath Davis pressures the Damonte Ranch quarterback during a scrimmage last Friday at Bishop Manogue. Photo by Robert Perea

we’ve got.”

With the graduation of quarterback Bryce Dunagan-Stephens, running back Keeshawn Love and slotback Riley McCullar, the Vaqueros have mostly inexperienced players stepping in to handle the ball. But that transition is helped by the return of an experienced offensive line.

“I think we’re pretty good up front,” Sloan said. “I’ve got five starting seniors up front, which is a big deal, and those guys need to go against something.”

That experience showed right away. Sloan said they had prepared to face Damonte Ranch’s 4-2-5 defense, but in- stead, the Mustangs came out in a 3-3 stack.

“I asked, ‘You guys know what to

do?’” Sloan said. “(They said) ‘Yep, coach, we got it.’ And again, they just cruised on down the field.”

Sloan said he saw much the same thing defensively, where among the players the Vaqueros have to replace is the school’s all-time leading tackler, Joey Machado.

“They’re gonna make mistakes, and the one thing that cleans that up is by playing fast,” Sloan said. “We got guys that are now replacing dudes like Joey Machado, who was a four-year senior, who could play blindfolded, because he’s 3,000 snaps ahead of everybody else.”

While Dunagan-Stephens, Love and McCullar rarely came out of the game when the Vaqueros had the ball, Sloan

said this year will be different. The Va- queros had nine different players take snaps at slotback in Friday’s scrim- mage, and Sloan said he will probably rotate as many as seven during games. Four different players saw action at running back, and although Devold is penciled in to start at quarterback, Brayden Haas and Jayden Scripilliti got chances to run the offense as well.

While he said this year’s team is deeper than any of his first four years as coach, Sloan said whether they ro- tate defensively the way he plans to on offense depends on what kind of of- fense they are playing against.

“That depends on what package we’re in, if it’s going to require us to have more athletic guys on the field ver- sus guys that need to control the box,” he said. “That’s just a different phase of the game that requires a little bit differ- ent game planning, essentially.”

Coral Academy, Fernley’s oppo- nent this week, was 5-5 last year and 2-4 in the Northern 2A but expects to be a contender in that league this year. Sloan said he told his team expectations don’t change no matter what league an opponent is in.

“I told them this week, the expecta- tion is to go in there and play hard and win, regardless of if we’re five leagues bigger or five leagues lower,” Sloan said. “They’ve got human beings that are gonna put a football down, they’re gon- na play football. Let’s just put it down and let’s play it.”

Fernley Women’s Golf Club Results, Aug. 4

Game: Monthly Stroke Play

Red Tees
1st Gross: Jana Garner, 93
1st Net: Kathy Kennedy, 67
2nd Net: Nancy Newton, 80

Purple Tees
Gross: Verl Ely, 91
Net: Sandi Sewchok, 85

Low Puts: Kathy Kennedy, 33
Closest to Hole #7: Linda Garrett, 17’11”
Chip-ins: Nancy Newton, #12

Sports Shorts

Boys and girls soccer teams head to Tahoe for opening tournament

The boys and girls soccer teams will be in South Tahoe this weekend as they begin their seasons at the South Tahoe Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament Aug. 14-15.

Both teams also host Wooster on Aug. 18 and Debbie Smith CTE Academy on Aug. 20.

Girls soccer coach Tammi Valentine said her team has 10 seniors this season, losing only one senior from last year’s squad. They will face Somerset Losee, SECTA, McQueen and Foothill in the tournament at South Tahoe.

“We had a young team last year, and this year’s team is looking a lot older,” Valentine said.

The boys team is scheduled to play Doral Academy Red Rock at 10:30 a.m. and Lowry at 3:45 p.m. Friday, then Faith Lutheran at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and North Valleys at 5:15 p.m. Satur-day.

Volleyball team opens in Yerington

The Vaqueros’ volleyball team plays in the Yerington tournament Aug. 14-15 in the Yerington Tournament. Five seniors graduated from last year’s team, which was 24-8 overall and fin-ished second at 7-3 in the Northern 3A East. Coach Diane Chapin said the team has seven players returning and have added six newcomers.

“We did have a really good turnout for tryouts that was made up of 45 girls and unfortunately we had to cut a few,” she said.

Cross country opens season Aug. 21

The Fernley High School cross country teams will open the season Aug. 21 art the Douglas Class Races. That is a 2.5 mile race that divides runners based on their year in school rather than dividing boys and girls.

“Our team this is year is looking to be about 15 kids at this time and we have a lot of poten-tial to do well,” coach Kristian Slater said. “After the first couple of meets we will see how we stack up with the rest of our division and how the hard work we have been putting in all summer sets us up for a great season.”

West Region champion finishes second at Junior League Softball World Series

Foothill Little League of Palo Cedro, Calif., the team that won the West Region Tournament in Tucson, AZ which Fernley played in July 24-28, reached the Junior League Softball World Series championship game. Foothill lost 6-4 to Mallard Creek Little League of Charlotte, NV in the championship game on Aug. 8 in Kirkland, WA.



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LAW & ORDER

Arrest report

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

Aug. 3 – Aug. 9, 2026

KEITH LOVING GULLAT – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
SHELLY JAMES – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
ANDREW HERNE –Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,780, Charges: Resist public officer; Carry loaded rifle/shotgun in vehicle
TROY NELSON –Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
JESSE RUMMINGER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,500, Charges: Assist other agency – hold
PAUL SWIRSKY – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$20,500, Charges: Driver disobey peace officer, endangering other persons or property; Fail to obey stop sign at controlled intersection; Unsafe pass/overtake on left side on two lane road; Basic speed – 41+ mph over posted limit
JOEY GARCIA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$6,000, Charges: Prohibited act violating sex offender registration (2nd+ offense); Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence; Convicted person fail to register with law enforcement within 48 hours

JAMES POND – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
RONALD MARTIN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence; Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
KRYSTYNA CHAPPLE HOSMER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$5,640, Charges: Allow child abuse/neglect (endanger), (1st offense); Domestic battery, (1st offense)
CHERI LOPEZ – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
ADRIAN PELAYO GARCIA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$75,000, Charges: Trafficking Schedule I–II controlled substance, flunitrazepam/GHB, 100g but less than 400g; Possession to sell Schedule I–II controlled substance, flunitrazepam/GHB, (1st offense); Own or possess gun by illegal alien or prohibited person
JAMES STANGELO – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$2,500, Charges: Assault on protected person
JONATHAN HUERT – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$4,780, Charges: Possess Schedule I–II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (1st or 2nd

offense); DUI, (1st offense); Use or possess drug paraphernalia; Felony arrest for violation of probation or conditions of suspended sentence
ADAM WILSON – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$110,000, Charges: Kidnapping, 2nd degree; Assault on protected person by prisoner; Battery by prisoner; Intimidate public officer or others with threat of force, (1st offense)
MARC CHAPPLE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st offense)
JOSHUA SLATER – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, (1st offense)
JEFFREY DENT –Area: LYSO, Bail: \$690, Charges: Assist other agency – hold
WILLIAM SHEPARD – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$250,000, Charges: Court commitment
SHAUN SANCHEZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$300,000, Charges: Lewdness by person over 18 with child less than 14
ROBERT HEBERLE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,160, Charges: Drive without driver’s license; Operate vehicle with expired registration/plates; Owner – proof of insurance required

JOHN GABRIELSON – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$10,000, Charges: Burglary of a motor vehicle, (1st offense)
BRYAN PACHECO –Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,265, Charges: DUI, (1st offense); Stop lamps required
DANNA BEGLEY – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$0, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
JOSH WILLIAMS – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$200,890, Charges: Reckless driving disregarding person or property safety, (1st offense); Child abuse or neglect, (1st offense); Driver disobey peace officer, endangering other persons or property
PATRICK FELIX FLORES – Area: Mound House, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, (1st offense)
JANAN HABBAS – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,700, Charges: DUI, (1st offense); Drive without driver’s license; Basic speed 11–15 mph over posted limit; Fail to maintain lane/ improper lane change/use of signal
MATTHEW STANFIELD – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,000, Charges: Assist other agency – hold

Dayton Elementary School teacher arrested on child sexual abuse charges

By Robert Perea

A Dayton Elementary School teacher was arrested Aug. 5 and accused of sexually abusing two former students.
Shaun Sanchez, 40, was arrested on a warrant issued by Dayton Township Justice Court charging him with three counts of lewdness with a child under the age of 14. Bail was set at \$300,000.
The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office said it began an investigation in February 2026 after a former student reported that Sanchez had sexually abused him while he was an elementary school student. During the investigation, detectives identified a second former student who independently report-

ed similar acts allegedly committed by Sanchez several years earlier.
LCSO said detectives investigated both reports and found multiple similarities between the two students’ accounts. Based on the evidence gathered, detectives submitted a request for a warrant. The warrant was issued Aug. 5, and Sanchez was taken into custody without incident later that evening.
Anyone with information or who believes they may have had inappropriate contact with Sanchez is encouraged to contact the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Investigations Division at 775-463-6600 or by email at detective@lyon-county.org.



Shaun Sanchez, photo courtesy of LCSO.

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The timing does not necessarily mean Lyon County must delay its ordinance. The county may choose to adopt an initial regulatory framework and revise it as officials receive additional technical guidance. But it does raise an important question for commissioners: whether the proposed ordinance should move quickly toward adoption

or remain in draft form until the county completes more of the academy’s data-center-specific training.
NACo has also published a data center primer for county officials. The organization says the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and cloud computing is accelerating data center development and forcing counties to make urgent decisions about land use, energy capacity, water demand and local permitting. The primer is intended

to provide a framework for evaluating projects through their full life cycle rather than considering only the initial construction proposal.
For Lyon County, the academy offers a chance to learn from jurisdictions that have already confronted many of the questions now before commissioners: who pays for new electrical infrastructure, how water supplies are protected, how tax agreements are structured, what happens

when projects expand and how counties ensure that promised economic benefits outweigh long-term public costs.
The county’s participation does not determine whether data centers should be approved. It is intended to improve the county’s ability to ask the right questions—and to put enforceable protections in place before a developer has already committed substantial money to a project.

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THE INSIDE VEER

‘With a Little Help from My Friends’

By Robert Perea

Since I started working in this profession in the early 1990s at the Mason Valley News in Yerington, one of my favorite parts of the job was getting to know the reporters at the other newspapers around the state.

Because ours and most of the other rural newspapers in Nevada were hyper-local in focus, the only opportunity to meet and work with the people at the other newspapers was through sports, and with only a couple of exceptions, I’ve always loved how eager and willing to help each other everyone I’ve met has been.

On the other hand, one of the biggest frustrations I’ve had through the years was that as the number of papers under corporate ownership increased, the local reporters were often forbidden from sharing information, stories and photos with another paper that was not under the same ownership.

That never made any sense to me or to most of the reporters at those papers, so despite the restrictions by our bosses, we often would share something with the caveat, “Don’t put my name on it.”

Even the fingers on both hands and toes on both feet are not enough for me to count the number of reporters and photographers around the state that I have both helped

and received help from through the years. Only a handful of them are still around.

One of those, and without a doubt the one I’ve reached out to the most, is Tony Erquiaga at the Humboldt Sun. I like to think I have a pretty good network of sources, but it’s apparently nothing compared to his. I’ve never asked him how he found something out, but it seems like anytime something happened relating to high school sports anywhere around the state, whenever I told Tony about it, he not only already knew, but he had more details than I did.

Now as I move back into a role of focusing primarily on sports with the recent transition of the Fernley Reporter under Range Media, one of the things I’m looking most forward to is working closely with Tony.

He and I will be working together to coordinate sports coverage for all of the Range Media publications, including the Fernley Reporter, Fallon Post, Lovelock Review-Miner, Humboldt Sun and Battle Mountain Bugle.

Starting next week, with the Aug. 21 edition, we will be combining all of our sports coverage into a single section, instead of having separate sports pages in each paper. With Fernley, Fallon and Lowry all in the 3A, Lovelock Battle Mountain and Oasis Academy in the 2A, and McDermitt and Eureka in the 1A, each

of the papers already covers teams in all of the divisions that have rural Northern Nevada teams. So it only makes sense that we will also try to include Pyramid Lake and Silver Stage as much as possible too, since we’re already covering teams in the leagues they play in.

This, we understand, will be a huge undertaking, and we also acknowledge that there may be some fans who don’t want to read about any team other than their own. But I also know that I frequently am asked whether I know about some issue, or a score, or something related to either another team in the league or a league issue.

This will provide more context for our coverage and allow us to combine forces, so there’s no reason for two of us to be at the same game when schools in our area face off. The plan is that we will be able to cover more by coordinating our coverage for all of the schools.

We will try to balance the coverage by school and sport as much as possible, and we’re looking to go deeper than just scores and standings.

With that many schools that all have multiple teams, we will need help to get all of the information we need. We invite readers to send any photos you might have of fall sports. We will be reaching out to coaches

individually, but we will need your assistance by updating stats and rosters, and if you can email or text any comments or information about your games, we would very much appreciate it.

And if that’s not enough, Tony and I will be posting a column with college and NFL football picks online every week on the websites for all five newspapers. Those won’t make the paper because of our early print deadlines, but should be posted by Thursday evening, unless we pick a Thursday game, in which case it will be posted Wednesday.

We hope you enjoy our coverage and welcome any and all feedback, photos, information or story ideas you might have.

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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.

Senior Sense by Sonia Hedrick

Nootropics – Science of the Mind, Part 1

By Sonia Hedrick

We humans tend to spend a lot of energy trying to hold back the years. Those of us concerned about our appearance often drop a ton of cash on various and sundry lotions, potions, pills and even surgeries to deny Father Time his due. Others embrace the benefits of exercise and sound nutrition – a positive approach, for sure.

But as we diligently combat the outward vestiges of age, we become increasingly aware that internally there are some disconcerting signs arising. Despite our dedicated stab at healthy regimens, we recognize that our energy level is not quite what it was. And oh, yeah. The doctor pointed out that our blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, etc., could be a whole lot better. We take the meds, perform the prescribed steps and hope for the best.

And yet, there’s still a little something nagging at our sense of well-being. Although we hate to admit it, even to ourselves, we notice that we aren’t quite as sharp as we once were. This is most prominently suggested by that pesky communication issue. Finding just the right word at just the right time eludes us all too often. Everyday items are too frequently referred to as “the thing.” We are assured by friends, family and even medical professionals

that occasional lapses in word retrieval are common among people of a certain age.

But we wonder.

Now, because we are and have always been that kind of go-getter, we have never walked away from a challenge. We prepare for battle. We decide to approach our mental fitness with the same enthusiasm with which we have embraced battling the outward signs of aging. We will meet the current recommendations for strengthening mental wellness head-on. With some effort, optimal brain fitness will be ours!

We will spend more time doing crossword puzzles, solving brain teasers and maybe learning how to play canasta. We’ll take up belly dancing if we must, possibly take a math class, learn to play an instrument AND study a foreign language. That ought to do it, right?

But maybe not.

What if we incorporated some of those newfangled nootropics into our regimens?

Nootropics, from the ancient Greek noos and trope, literally means “bending or shaping the mind.” It is today’s technical term used to define substances designed to improve brain health. Clearly, this is not a new idea. For centuries, people across the globe ardently believed that certain neuroprotective

properties could be found in herbs and spices. Among the most widely trusted substances have been ginkgo biloba, ginseng, sage, brahmi and turmeric, and they continue to be used today by many cultures.

In the late 2000s and early 2010s, as baby boomers began to reach retirement age, ambitious entrepreneurs as well as established corporations took notice of retirees’ growing anxiety. They began to explore the cost-benefit potential of launching or growing existing lines of brain-enhancing products.

The public clamor for natural remedies seemed like an excellent place for the fledgling industry to begin. Because companies manufacturing products billed as herbal remedies or nutritional supplements are far less regulated than pharmaceutical firms, the deal was cinched. In no time, all kinds of “smart vitamins” created from an array of plant-based compounds hit the market to a thunderous reception.

Today, you cannot access any form of media without seeing an ad for some kind of brain booster. Nootropics are BIG business! In 2025, the cognitive enhancement trade reportedly grossed between \$1.8 billion and \$3.39 billion. While no official or exact number of companies is verifiable, Precedence Research suggests it is a “highly frag-

mented market with hundreds to thousands of localized brands, contract manufacturers, and major multinational nutraceutical corporations active worldwide in 2025.”

This article didn’t start out as a series. As the topic was researched, it became clear that to do the subject justice, the information should not be crammed into one article of 700 words or less.

Look for Part 2 of “Nootropics – Science of the Mind (?)” in the Aug. 27, 2026, edition of the Fernley Reporter’s Senior Sense column.

Sonia Hedrick is interested in YOU! Would you like to share your unusual story with our neighbors? Or do you have an interesting topic you would like to explore in Senior Sense? Send Sonia an email at shedrickfernley@gmail.com.

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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SURVIVORS

These kittens were abandoned in a field at approx. 3 weeks old in 90+ degree heat with 11 other very small kittens. They were fed with a bottle but are eating on their own now and doing great!! Loving, playful and friendly - these kittens are ready to go to their furrever homes. They are are fixed, vaccinated and microchipped. If you are interested in setting up an appointment to meet one of them, please call and leave a message with your contact info and someone will call you back asap! 775-575-0950 * this number does not accept texts.*

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