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$600 Million Power Play for Fernley

Council approves a power plant intended to spark growth and boost its budget

By Suzanne Prouty

A $600 million power plant promises to bring Fernley two things developers say could fuel its growth: electricity for new industry and an estimated $63.6 million in city revenue over 20 years.

The Fernley City Council voted 4-0 Oct. 7 to approve a conditional use permit for the privately funded, 324-megawatt natural gas-fired plant adjacent to the Victory Logistics District. Dave Snelgrove, a planning manager with Bowman Consulting Group representing the applicant, said the project would supply power sooner than NV Energy can provide it, opening the door to additional industrial development.

A fiscal impact analysis prepared for the applicant by Ekay Economic Consultants, Inc., projects approximately $63.6 million in city general fund revenue over 20 years, including about $20.4 million in property taxes, $43 million in franchise fees and $78,000 in sales taxes. It also estimates $10.5 million in revenue for the North Lyon County Fire Protection District over the same 20-year period.



The site of the proposed 324-megawatt natural gas power plant near the Victory Logistics District, with an inset showing its location. Bottom left, a rendering of the type of power-generation facility proposed for the site. Bottom right, the surrounding area where the development is planned. From the Oct. 7 City Council agenda.

Developers are counting on the electricity to attract more businesses. Snelgrove said prospective industrial users had walked away because power was not available within a reasonable timeframe. He said the privately funded project would not affect NV Energy customers' electricity rates.

The applicant, M4 Victory Power QOZB, LLC, plans initial development on approximately 50 acres of a 109.06-acre industrial parcel east of Interstate 80. The plant would sit outside, and adjacent to, the Victory Logistics District planned development. Snelgrove said an expansion beyond the approved 324-megawatt project would require another conditional use permit.

Before the plant can begin commercial generation, however, fire and emergency protection must be in place.

The council approved revisions to Condition 35, addressing how the project's demands on emergency services would be assessed, what the applicant would contribute and how protection

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North Lyon Fire Awarded $639,000 in Equipment Through Rural Health Program

By Robert Perea

North Lyon Fire announced Friday that it has been awarded more than $639,000 in emergency medical equipment through the Nevada Rural Health Transformation Program, in partnership with Lyon County.

The funding will support the district's emergency medical services in Fernley and northern Lyon County, where crews respond to a wide range of medical calls each year. District officials said the award will help expand capabilities and meet the needs of the growing population.

"This grant represents a tremendous investment in the health and safety of the people we serve," North Lyon Fire Chief Brian Bunn said. "Rural emergency medical services face challenges that are very different from those in larger metropolitan areas. This funding will allow us to strengthen our EMS system and provide our personnel with additional resources to deliver high-quality care when our community needs us most."

Bunn also credited Lyon County for helping secure the funding.

"Partnerships are critical to the success of rural public safety and healthcare," he said. "We are grateful to Lyon County and everyone involved in the Nevada Rural Health Transformation Program for recognizing the importance of investing in emergency medical services at the local level."

The award reduces the cost of major equipment upgrades that would otherwise fall to local taxpayers. The grant covers a new ambulance, a quick response vehicle, two LUCAS mechanical chest compression devices, a Power-LOAD cot and gurney system, and a MedBank medication management system. It also includes about $10,000 in electronics for the quick response vehicle and roughly $20,000 in consumable medical supplies.

Victory has also pointed to projected new revenues generated by development in the area, including property and sales tax revenue to North Lyon Fire and future franchise-fee revenue to the City from large power users.

The disagreement has increasingly shifted from whether Station 63 needs to be staffed to how and when those revenues can be converted into a dependable source of operating money.

Bunn is asking that fire-service funding be established for the life of the generating facility rather than relying on an annual appropriation that could later be discontinued.

A second issue before the Council Wednesday involved the procedure for CUP26005, the conditional use permit for the proposed Victory power plant.

The Fernley Planning Commission considered the application Sept. 9 but tabled it without making a final decision.

North Lyon Fire argues that because no Planning Commission decision was made, there is nothing for the City Council to hear on appeal and the CUP should return to the Planning Commission for another public hearing.

The district also notes that CUP26005 appears on Wednesday's Council agenda as a staff report rather than as a public hearing and is asking the City Attorney to address whether the required public hearing and notice procedures have been satisfied before the Council takes action.

Bunn said the district is not raising the issue to delay the project but to make sure an approval is not later vulnerable to challenge because of a procedural problem.

Victory representative Rick Nelson said the company opposes returning the application to the Planning Commission because it does not believe it can receive a fair hearing there, citing what he described as conflicts and bias among commission members. Nelson said Victory considers its appeal to the City Council the appropriate process for obtaining an independent review of the application.

Nelson also references potential legal challenges because of procedural problems with the way the Planning Commission handled the matter.

At any rate, the tone of the latest correspondence is notably different from the district's Sept. 22 letter, which raised broad concerns about whether adequate fire-service capacity had been demonstrated for Victory development.

The Oct. 5 letter describes ongoing negotiations and outlines what the district sees as a workable path forward.

"The District, the City, and the applicant want the same outcome," Bunn wrote. "Development in this area should be served by fire and emergency medical response meeting the standards the City adopted in 2018."

The Fernley Reporter will provide follow up stories from the Wednesday, Oct. 7 City Council meeting in the paper next week and online at www.FernleyReporter.com



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Captain's Log – Covering It All

By Rachel Dahl

We went from launching the new paper in Eureka last week and going from 8 pages to 12, covering the car show and homecoming, to a power plant and street beautification in Fernley, an open meeting violation in Lovelock, the tragic death of a young woman in Winnemucca, wild horses in Battle Mountain, mental health in Fallon, and fall festivals across the board, to the voter guides and candidate features, statewide energy development, and how to start a new business in rural Nevada.

From good to bad, we get a chance to tell the stories every week across these communities, and we vacillate every day with the highs and the lows of the stories we're writing.

It's such an interesting roller coaster of an emotional ride when you stop and think of each story on its own. From the unimaginable grief of families losing children to the sweet, traditional joy of kids in parades and celebrating the changing of seasons, this tough little crew of ours travels from broken hearts to hearts bursting with gladness.

We sort of take for granted the continual beat of the regular news and get a little complacent, but then something at either end of the happy/sad scale will happen and rip us to shreds.

Sometimes people will remark along the lines of, "What would you cover out there in the great empty expanse of the Nevada desert?" and I just laugh. There is so much going on we cannot cover it all. But we're giving it a heck of a shot.

We were talking the other day in the shop about different stories and the communities and all the things going on, and someone made the observation that even though we all share similar experiences and happenings, there still is a very distinct personality to each one of these rural towns. We laughed as we agreed and recognized the "quirkiness" that each place has – and makes each place special in its own unique way.

As we grow and learn each community, we're also starting to develop a solid team of talent across the central part of the state. There is quite a lot of hidden, untapped talent that has begun to come out of the woodwork and it's really fun to meet these little gems as they reach out and offer their help.

We hope that you, too, will reach out with any story ideas or let us know if we're missing anything. We're always happy to hear from our readers and we encourage letters to the editor and guest columns. Just shoot us over a note to customers@rangemediaco.com anytime. We love to hear from you.

So while we ride the unpredictable, always exciting wave of local, community newspapering, we'll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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would be provided.

Chris Molina, the city's outside counsel on land-use matters, explained that the revised language calls for an applicant-funded fire and emergency-service impact assessment before building permits other than grading. It would distinguish existing needs from additional demands created by the plant.

The assessment would examine response times, driving distances from existing and planned fire stations, and specialized equipment and training. It would identify the plant's proportionate share of capital costs and estimate recurring operating expenses attributable to the project.

Building a fire station and buying equipment are different expenses from paying firefighters and operating the station year after year. That distinction was part of the discussion over who would pay for protection.

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Steve Kuntz supported the revised condition but asked for additional language addressing recurring operating costs, rather than only the applicant's capital contribution.

Before building permits other than grading, the applicant must enter a fire-service agreement with the city. It would require payment, or an equivalent contribution, toward the project's share of identified capital costs, with payment timing and financial security established.

Commercial generation could begin only when a staffed, equipped fire station meets the evaluated standards or an approved interim fire-service plan is in effect. An interim plan would identify staffing, equipment, response times, aid arrangements and funding sources.

The council also approved revisions addressing noise and air quality through Conditions 15 and 39. The approval period for the conditional use permit was extended from one year to three years.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski asked about turbine startup noise and acoustic enclosures. Snelgrove said the proposed Solar Titan 130 turbines would meet applicable noise standards even without the enclosures. Planning Director Treston Rodriguez said revised Condition 15 would allow equivalent noise-attenuation measures while retaining the approved noise limits.

Condition 39 addresses Nevada Division of Environmental Protection air-quality requirements. The approved proposal includes up to 36 generating units, with no more than 29 operating at once, and exhaust stacks up to 75 feet high. Snelgrove compared that height with existing industrial silos he said were 83 to 88 feet high. The council also required NDEP air permits before construction of power-generating equipment and council approval of changes in capacity, units, stack height or configuration.

On water consumption, Scott Barnes, Mark IV Capital's vice president for entitlements, emphasized that the generating system is air-cooled and requires no water for cooling. Water would still be needed for landscaping and domestic uses. The council added language requiring city evaluation and approval of demand exceeding already dedicated water before building permits.

Plans include an eight-foot fence topped with barbed wire, a guardhouse and controlled entry. Landscaping is planned along the Interstate 80 frontage and around the office.

Zoberski asked about annual compliance reports and what would happen if the plant closed. City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen said the proposed power district ordinance would require annual reports to council by March 31. That ordinance has not yet been adopted.

Bob Sweetin, an attorney representing Mark IV Capital, said decommissioning would be addressed through environmental permitting and future district service rules. Mouritsen said the power district ordinance did not contain decommissioning language and that the issue would be addressed through contractual obligations.

During public comment, Greg Evangelatos, former city manager, supported allowing three years for the project, saying a development of that magnitude needed time to bring its components together. A statement read on behalf of the Fernley Chamber of Commerce board supported approval, citing construction work, permanent plant employment and jobs at businesses the additional electricity could accommodate. Snelgrove's presentation anticipated first power in late 2029.

The council also held the first reading of Bill 394, proposing to establish the Fernley Power District as a municipal electric utility. The ordinance outlines its initial service area within the Victory Logistics District and its governing board's composition, selection and authority.

The permit approval authorizes development of the plant, subject to its conditions and remaining approvals. The separate ordinance, which still awaits final adoption, would establish the public utility intended to deliver its power.

Letters to the Editor

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FEATURES

West Main Street Project Brings New Life to a Familiar Fernley Corner

Community volunteers transforming the corner of Main Street and Highway 95

By Rachel Dahl

For Teresa Morros, the corner of Main Street and Highway 95 is more than an intersection in downtown Fernley. It's a place filled with childhood memories, a reminder of the people who helped build the community and now, an opportunity to give something back.

Morros, who grew up in Fernley during the 1970s and 1980s, remembers when the corner near was a gathering place for local families.

The Country Store, which she remembers as Fernley's only grocery store at the time, was a favorite destination for schoolchildren. Just next door was Howard's Café, where China Chef stands today.

Those businesses were part of the fabric of a much smaller Fernley, where children walked over from school to buy sandwiches and neighbors regularly crossed paths.

As the city grew, the corner changed. But Morros never forgot what it had meant to the community.

In 2023, she approached Main Street Fernley with an idea to beautify the area. When the project didn't fit the organization's plans at the time, she decided to pursue it independently.

What began as an effort to improve a neglected corner eventually became something much more personal.

Morros' mother, Dory Crank, passed away in October 2024. Crank had owned and operated Dory's Tax Service in Fernley for more than 30 years, building relationships with generations of local families.

During her mother's final days at Fernley Estates, Morros discovered that several of the people caring for her were children of her mother's longtime tax clients.



Volunteers and local businesses are transforming the corner of Main Street and Highway 95 with landscaping, decorative boulders, lighting and other improvements as part of the West Main Street Beautification Project. Rendering courtesy of Teresa Morros.

For Morros, it was a powerful reminder of the relationships that connect generations in a small town.

After her mother's death, she wanted to create something lasting in the community her mother had served for so many years.

The project also reflects the determination of Morros' son, Joshua, who suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and later rode his bicycle 2,788 miles across the country to raise awareness and demonstrate what is possible after a life-changing injury.

His perseverance helped inspire the family's Because I Can Foundation and the philosophy behind the beautification effort.

Turning the idea into reality required more than enthusiasm.

Because the property is near Highway 95, Morros worked with the Nevada Department of Transportation to address possible right-of-way concerns. She said NDOT eventually provided written confirmation that it had no objections to the project.

She also worked with the City of Fernley, meeting in October 2025 with representatives from Public Works, Engineering, the acting city manager and Mayor Neal McIntyre.

According to Morros, city officials were supportive of the effort.

Work began in May 2026 with excavation and site preparation. Classic Clean Up and R&S Equipment Rental contributed equipment and labor, while Greg Stevens of Photoflight Productions donated aerial photography for the design work.

Retired Air Force member Mel Hinshaw and his wife also contributed financially to the project.

In July, Cheek Construction donated materials and labor for concrete work, coordinated by Derek Levan of HG Construction.

Councilman Ryan Hanan helped secure two benches through the city, and Morros said he later assisted with their installation.

The project experienced an unexpected delay when Morros' husband, John, suffered a mild stroke July 19. The couple temporarily put the work aside to focus on his recovery.

By September, however, volunteers were back on the site.

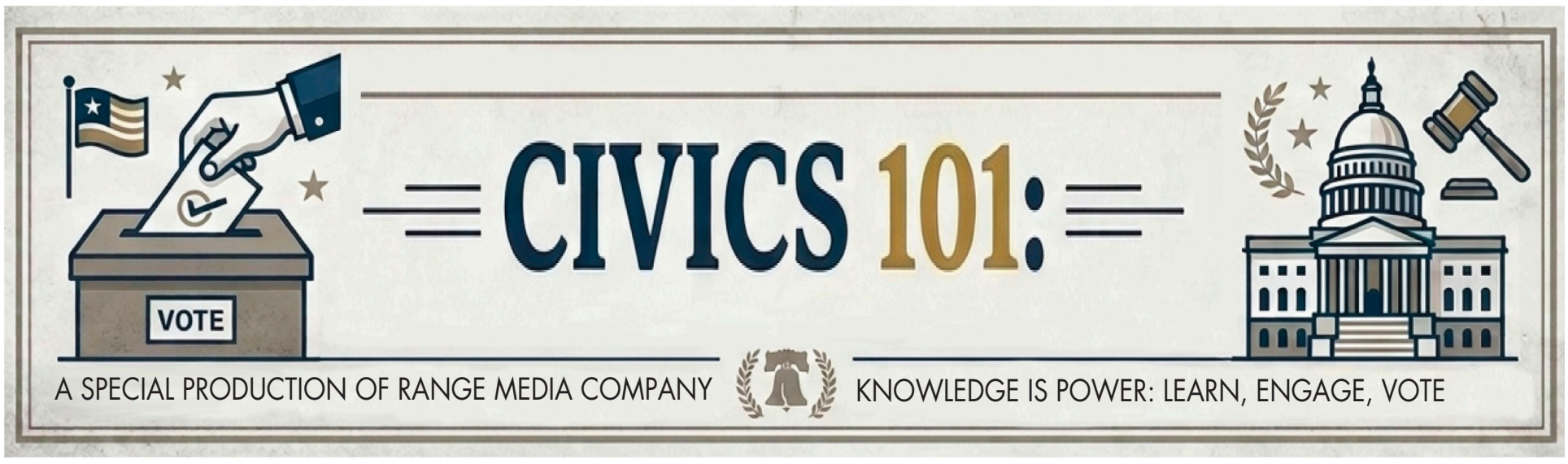
Fernley residents Sheri and Austin Orozco, a mother-and-son team, helped prepare the area, and Morros said one of the most meaningful moments was seeing her husband return to help coordinate the work.

The next phase of the West Main Street Beautification Project is scheduled for Oct. 15 and 16, with volunteers installing decorative boulders, decomposed granite, synthetic grass, trash cans and custom lighted tubes.

Several Fernley residents and businesses have contributed materials and labor.

Twisted Steel is providing installation of two custom lighted tubes. Katie Gillespie of EXP Realty and her father-in-law, Frank Gillespie, helped secure decorative boulders. Eric and Kellie

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Civics 101: We Need to Talk

By Rachel Dahl

Somewhere along the way, we seem to have confused disagreeing with someone with needing to destroy them.

You can see it in the comments on social media; we hear it at public meetings. Someone raises a question about a project, a policy, or how the government is spending money, and pretty soon we are discussing whether that person is stupid, corrupt, or secretly trying to ruin the country.

Which is quite a leap from asking who is paying for the new fire station.

I have been thinking about civil discourse, and what it actually means in a country where the people are supposed to govern themselves, because ultimately, we have to be able to talk.

We all have different interests, different experiences, and different ideas about what government should do, but we still have to share a town, pay for public services, elect representatives, and figure out how to live together.

The people who founded this country understood that problem. They disagreed about plenty. Their answer was to build a system that could handle disagreement.

We start with the Declaration of Independence.

Before listing their complaints against the king, the signers explained that "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind" required them to give their reasons for separating from Britain. They also said government gets its rightful power from the "consent of the governed."

Those are two useful ideas to put together. The people are the source of government's authority, and when you take a consequential public position, you ought to explain why.

The Declaration was an argument presented to the world. Here is what we believe. Here is what happened. Here is why we are taking this action.

The Constitution then established a government in which decisions would move through representatives, two houses of Congress, and a president. Article I even expressly protects congressional speech and debate from being questioned elsewhere.

That provision concerns Congress, but it tells us something about the importance of allowing lawmakers to argue their positions freely. Debate is the work of government.

Then comes the Bill of Rights.

The First Amendment protects speech, the press, peaceful assembly, and petitions asking government to address grievances. These are the tools people use to question power, share information, organize, and demand answers.

It does not say you may speak only when the government likes your tone.

Civil discourse should never become an excuse for telling people with legitimate complaints to sit down and be pleasant. A serious accusation deserves examination. Uncomfortable questions still deserve answers.

For the clearest discussion of how we should approach disagreement, though, we turn to the Federalist Papers—the essays written to persuade Americans to ratify the Constitution.

In Federalist No. 1, Alexander Hamilton warned that good and wise people could land on opposite sides of important questions. He urged moderation and cautioned that even people supporting the correct position could be driven by ambition, greed, or personal hostility.

Being right, apparently, does not automatically make us charming.

Hamilton also recognized the temptation to win converts through loudness and bitter attacks. He understood the problem long before anyone could type in all capital letters.

In Federalist No. 10, James Madison explained that differences of opinion were inevitable. Eliminating them would require destroying liberty or somehow making everyone think alike. His solution was to control the harmful effects of factions through representative government and a large republic with many competing interests.

So where does that leave us?

It asks us to explain our position and hear the answer. To check whether an accusation is supported by facts. To address what someone actually said instead of inventing an easier argument to knock down.

It asks us to consider the possibility that we have missed something.

We can hold firm convictions and still ask a fair question. We can oppose a proposal without assigning wicked motives to every person who supports it. And we can change our minds when the evidence changes.

Listening does not necessarily require surrender.

A local newspaper has a responsibility here, too: establish the facts, explain the decisions, and give the community a place to examine competing arguments. That work helps people participate with something more productive than a rumor.

The Constitution cannot do our listening for us, nor can it make us honest about an inconvenient fact. A republic does not require us to agree. But to make it work, we must be capable of disagreeing and remain civil.

I used to teach my students that in a classroom we engage in "polite public discourse." It's the same in a community — we need to talk. And then we need to let the other person finish, and we need to listen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trunk-or-Treat Events

Trunk or Treat at the Track (Reno-Fernley Raceway)
Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: Reno-Fernley Raceway
Details: Features drift demos, race track displays, food trucks, refreshments, and a best-decorated trunk contest.
Cost: Free

6th Annual Boys & Girls Club Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 29, 2026 starting at 5:00 PM
Location: Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (Fernley Clubhouse), 695 E Main St
Details: Presented by Walmart, featuring decorated trunks, tons of candy, food trucks, and the new "Mad Scientist Plaza".
Cost: Free

Living Stones Church Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Living Stones Church, 868 Cottonwood Ln
Details: Candy, games, popcorn, and a photo booth.
Cost: Free

City of Fernley Spooktacular Safe Trick-or-Treating
Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd
Details: Annual family-friendly safe trick-or-treating event featuring local community booths and decorated displays.
Contact Jessica Murdock at 775-784-9850 for more info.
Cost: Free

North Lyon Fire, Battle Born Medevac to host open house

Staff Report

North Lyon Fire and Battle Born Medevac will host a community open house Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Lyon Fire Station 61, 195 E. Main St. in Fernley.

The event will begin with a 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the new Battle Born Medevac base.

Following the ceremony, visitors can tour the fire station, meet North Lyon firefighters and Battle Born Medevac crews, and get an up-close look at a medical helicopter.

Food trucks will also be on site during the event.

Organizers are inviting families and community members to stop by, learn more about the agencies and celebrate the new partnership serving Fernley and surrounding communities.

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Flodman of Cardin Realty donated decomposed granite, and Kelly Brye of Nursery King is installing synthetic grass donated by the Morros family.

Hanan also helped secure trash cans and, according to Morros, contributed $500 from his City Council fund toward the effort.

Volunteers are invited to help Oct 15 from 1 - 5 p.m. and Oct 16 from 10 – 4 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Highway 95, near China Chef.

Morros said every volunteer will receive an engraved brick in appreciation for helping with the project.

Additional improvements are planned, including an area featuring engraved commemorative pavers that families, individuals and businesses will be able to purchase.

That future phase is expected to include a custom bench, another lighted tube, a decorative orb with flowers and additional work by Twisted Steel.

For Morros, the engraved pavers offer an opportunity to preserve the names and memories of people who have helped shape Fernley.

The project also continues a long history of community volunteer work for Morros, who spent more than 20 years in construction. She previously helped organize home renovation projects for families facing difficult circumstances in Sparks and Reno.

Now, her attention is focused on transforming a corner of her hometown into a place that recognizes its history and the people who care about its future.

What started with memories of sandwiches at the Country Store and visits to Howard's Café is becoming a community gathering space, built largely through donated materials, volunteer labor and a shared sense of pride in Fernley.

Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the project can contact Teresa at 775-771-1540.

Fernley Community Events

OCT 17

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fernley Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd

FAMILY BINGO
2:00 p.m.
Fernley Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd

HALLOWEEN LINE DANCING & COSTUME CONTEST!
6:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 West Main Street

OCT 20

TRIVIA NIGHT 21+
Free Billiards at 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
480 W. Main St.

OCT 22

TRIVIA (21+)
7:00 p.m.
McHoppers Brew Co.
396 US Highway 95A North

OCT 24

MONSTER SLIME
Make your own slime.
2:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
575 Silver Lace Blvd

PAINT-YOUR-OWN POTTERY & COSTUME CONTEST
$30 per person
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Put on your favorite costume, bring your creativity, and join us for an afternoon of pottery, painting, and Halloween fun!
Frontier Fun Center
480 West Main Street

OCT 24

TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE TRACK - FREE
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Features drift demos, race track displays, food trucks, refreshments, and a best-decorated trunk contest.
1965 S Hwy 95A

OCT 29

6TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT - FREE
Boys and Girls Club
5:00 p.m.
Presented by Walmart, featuring decorated trunks, tons of candy, food trucks, and the new "Mad Scientist Plaza".
695 East Main Street

OCT 31

LIVING STONES CHURCH TRUNK OR TREAT - FREE
Boys and Girls Club
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Candy, games, popcorn, and a photo booth
868 Cottonwood Ln

CITY OF FERNLEY SPOOKTACULAR SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING - FREE
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Annual family-friendly safe trick-or-treating event featuring local community booths and decorated displays
595 Silver Lace Blvd

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Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Prices: 60+ $2 donation, for those under 60 $7 fee.

Monday, Oct. 19	Tuesday, Oct. 20	Wednesday, Oct. 21	Thursday, Oct. 22	Friday, Oct. 23
Chicken Fried Steak	*Southwest BBQ*	*Beef Taco*	*Flounder in Cilantro*	*Italian Wedding Soup*
Mashed Potatoes	*Chicken Burger*	*Spanish Rice*	*Sauce*	*(Ground Turkey, veggies,*
Gravy	*Baked Beans*	*Mexicorn*	*Spanish Rice*	*cheese tortellini)*
Broccoli	*Carrots*	*Salsa/Sour Cream/*	*Black Beans*	*Whole Wheat Roll*
Whole Wheat Bread	*Pineapple*	*Cheese*	*Mixed Greens Salad*	*Four Bean Salad*
Mixed Fruit		*Fruit of the Day*	*French Dressing*	*Fruit of the Day*
100% Juice		*100% Juice*	*Mango Orange Cup*	*100% Juice*



OBITUARY

Robert "Bob" Hazlett

July 9, 1946 – Sept 16, 2026



Robert "Bob" Hazlett, 81, of El Dorado Springs, MO, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving and supportive wife, Dena Hazlett, on Sept. 16, 2026 at their residence after a long battle with cancer.

Bob was born on July 9, 1946 in Charleroi, PA, the youngest of four children of Leslie and Elizabeth Hazlett. He grew up in El Segundo, CA, and after graduating high school, began a career as an industrial plumber. On June 19, 1965, he married his first wife, Lynne Hazlett (nee Loveless). They raised two children, Jeffery Hazlett and Gregory Hazlett.

In 1988, Bob started a second career as a deputy sheriff, where he served in several departments in California and Nevada. He became a widower in 2012 when Lynne passed away in Fernley, NV. On November 8, 2017, Bob married Dena Hazlett, and the two spent an adventurous retirement traveling the West Coast in a motor home and being "work campers" at RV parks, living in Lake Havasu, AZ, and later settling down in El Dorado Springs, MO.

Beyond his work, Bob loved fishing, boating, SCUBA diving, and spending time with his grandson, Ethan. His wit and charm made him a favorite wherever he went. More than anything, Bob will be remembered for that humor, devotion to his family, unwavering work ethic, and his willingness to help anyone who needed him.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dena, son Jeff, son Greg and his wife Joanna, their son Ethan, sister-in-law Barbara and her husband Jules. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lynne, his twin sister, Carol, and his older sisters Margie and Mary Jane.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Croix Hospice in Boliver, MO (Go to: **www.stcroixhospice.com** and click on DONATE).

COMMUNITY

Fern 45 Returns Nov. 5–7 With Off-road Fun, Music and Support for Veterans

By Rachel Dahl

The Fern 45 will return to Reno-Fernley Raceway Nov. 5–7, bringing three days of off-roading, camping and live entertainment to Fernley while raising money for veterans.

The event takes place at 1965 S. Highway 95A. Admission to the venue, including vendors and live music, is free, with separate charges for camping, the poker run and other activities.

Organizers say last year's event raised $120,000 to support veterans causes.

Camping opens at noon Thursday, Nov. 5, with a Texas Hold 'em tournament that evening. Friday's activities include a cornhole tournament and live performances by Shelly Cargill and Madeiros Drive.

Trent Beaver & the Damage are scheduled to perform Saturday evening. Sergio Gutierrez will also provide live music and painting during the event, with his artwork to be auctioned Saturday.

The centerpiece of the weekend is Saturday's off-road poker run, which will take participants on an approximately 45-mile loop through Nevada's backcountry. The course accommodates side-by-sides, dirt bikes, ATVs and Jeeps.

A mandatory riders meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday at the stage. Course entry will be open from 9 to 11 a.m.

Every person traveling on the course, including passengers and children, must have a wristband, and each vehicle must have a course-entry sticker. Children younger than 18 will have a "Spot the Squatch" activity instead of participating in the poker game.

Advance adult poker run registration is $50, including a poker card and wristband. Vehicle course entry costs an additional $10. Dry campsites are $60 and include an entry in the vendor run, which gives participants a chance to win prizes by visiting vendor booths.

Online registration closes Nov. 1.

Founded by Kelly Walsh in 2015, the Fern 45 began as an outing for friends and family and grew into an annual fundraiser supporting veterans and veterans programs.

For registration, event updates and additional information, visit **www.thefern45.com**.

New Fire Marshal Focuses on Prevention

By Robert Perea

For many business owners, a visit from the fire marshal brings visions of code violations, costly corrections and possibly even being shut down.

New North Lyon County Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Steve Kuntz wants to change that perception.

After 16 years responding to emergencies in Fernley, Kuntz is now building the district's business inspection program, emphasizing prevention as a way to protect residents, businesses and firefighters.

"People fear the fire marshal coming into their business because they think they're going to shut them down," Kuntz said. "But there's so much benefit from having us come out and do inspections because it reduces risk and we see things that can be corrected."

For Kuntz, the importance of prevention comes from firsthand experience.

He began his emergency services career in 2008 as a volunteer in Loomis, California, where he earned his EMT certification. He later moved to Reno to attend paramedic school at REMSA while working as an emergency room technician at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

With full-time fire and emergency medical jobs scarce during the Great Recession, Kuntz worked on ambulance crews at Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon before joining North Lyon County Fire in January 2010 as one of the district's first three civilian paramedics.

Initially hired for medical response, he became a firefighter-paramedic when the district restructured those positions, earning his firefighter certifications within a year.

Over the next 16 years, Kuntz held numerous positions, including lieutenant, captain, wildland fire program supervisor and acting assistant chief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm never a big one on position time," Kuntz said. "I'm a loyal employee and I just want to do the best job I can. Whatever role or capacity, I'm always going to do that."



New North Lyon Fire Marshal Steve Kuntz talks about fire safety and shows a fire truck to students in Ms. Fellow's pre-K class at East Valley Elementary School on Oct. 6. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire.

He also continued his education, encouraging younger firefighters to do the same.

"I always tell the new firefighters, 'You've got to continue your education. You've got to get at least one certificate a year.'"

When longtime Fire Prevention Lead Tim Myers retired in January, Kuntz saw an opportunity for a change.

After years of overtime, missed family dinners and lengthy wildland fire assignments, he wanted more time at home with his teenage children.

"I didn't want to look back and say, 'Man, I really wish I had spent more time out there,'" Kuntz said. "This position affords me a good work-life balance while still allowing me to be deeply a part of the community."

After handling the interim fire prevention workload, Kuntz was officially promoted to fire marshal Sept. 21.

Today, he oversees a one-person Fire Prevention Division, handling public education, code enforcement, construction plan reviews, permitting and business inspections.

His work includes projects ranging from the new culinary arts center at Fernley High School to industrial developments, an aerosol plant and fire suppression systems for the district's new fire station.

Kuntz is also preparing for additional training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, including sprinkler system plan reviews, as well as arson investigation training through the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Moving from emergency response to code enforcement has required an adjustment.

"Early on, that was tough, because the first couple weeks I was on my own, I'm like, 'This is great. I get to go talk to people and people like me,'" Kuntz recalled. "But then when I go, 'Oh, I think we need to explore this or change this,' I was like, 'Oh man, I hope they don't feel I'm trying to be a pest or flex.'"

His approach is to explain what the adopted codes require and why those requirements matter.

"I don't like to enforce my position. I enforce the codes," Kuntz said. "I can't issue the permit until you do that. I don't want to hold the project up, but we need to address these issues. When I relate that decision back to safety, people are super understanding."

Kuntz also works with Fernley's planning, building and public utilities departments to identify safety concerns before construction begins.

His inspections serve another important purpose: preparing firefighters for emergencies before they happen.

Using a software program called First Due, Kuntz creates detailed building plans that identify layouts, emergency contacts and hazardous materials. The information is available to firefighters through mobile computers in emergency vehicles.

"If a warehouse has a hidden room in the back, our crews will know to check it," Kuntz said.

That advance planning becomes increasingly important as development spreads into areas without established infrastructure.

Kuntz said the district has already developed response plans for areas south of the canal where fire hydrants are not currently available.

"We already have plans for the south area because there are no fire hydrants on the south side of the canal currently," Kuntz said. "We know we have to take water tankers down Truckee Lane. Our responders need to have that knowledge in order to do their jobs efficiently."

Traffic congestion is another concern. Kuntz pointed to Hardie Lane near Fernley Elementary School, where vehicles lined up during student drop-off and pickup can make emergency access difficult.

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Early voting begins Oct. 17 for Nevada general election

By Jen Anderson
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Nevada voters will have several ways to cast their ballots in the Nov. 3 general election, including early in-person voting, voting by mail and voting at the polls on Election Day.

Early voting will run from Saturday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Oct. 30. Voters can cast a ballot at an early voting location in their county. Polling locations and other election information are available through the Nevada Secretary of State's Office.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nevada also allows same-day voter registration for eligible voters.

In addition to candidate races, Nevada voters will decide two statewide ballot questions this year. There are no statewide Questions 1 through 5 on the 2026 ballot; initiatives proposed for those numbers did not receive enough valid signatures to qualify.

Question 6 proposes amending the Nevada Constitution to make abortion access an individual right, while Question 7 proposes amending the state constitution to require voter identification for voting in person or by mail. Both measures passed in the 2024 general election. Because they are proposed constitutional amendments, they must receive voter approval a second time in 2026 to amend the Nevada Constitution.

The Secretary of State's 2026 Ballot Question Guide includes the language of each question, an explanation and digest, arguments for and against passage, rebuttals, fiscal information and the full text of the proposed amendments. The guide is also available in multiple languages, with American Sign Language versions of the two statewide questions offered for the first time.

Nevada is a universal vote-by-mail state, and active registered voters who have not opted out of receiving a mail ballot are mailed one for the general election. In-state mail ballots are scheduled to be sent Oct. 5-8, depending on the county.

Completed ballots can be returned by mail or delivered to an official ballot drop box. The Secretary of State's Office recommends mailing completed ballots at least one week before Election Day. Voters may track the status of their mail ballots through the state's MyBallot system. Nevada Secretary of State

Nevada also offers the Effective Absentee System for Elections, known as EASE, for eligible military members and their families, Nevada voters living overseas, voters with disabilities and eligible Tribal voters. The system is available for the 2026 general election through the close of polls on Election Day.

Before voting, residents can check their registration status and make sure their name and address are current. Nevada's online voter registration system also allows eligible residents with a current Nevada driver's license or identification card to register or update their information. Nevada Secretary of State

Voters can also use the state's election website to locate polling places and ballot drop boxes, check registration information and find other election resources.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
for the 2026 General Election

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 3

Early Voting
Oct. 17-30

Election Day Voting Hours
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting
Voters may use any early voting location in their county.

Mail Ballots
Active registered voters who have not opted out receive a mail ballot.

Mail Ballot Delivery
In-state ballots were scheduled to be mailed Oct. 5-8, depending on the county.

Returning a Mail Ballot
Return it by mail or at an official ballot drop box.

Mailing Your Ballot
Mail it at least one week before Election Day.

Same-Day Registration
Available on Election Day.

Check Registration
Visit VOTE.NV.GOV to register, update an address or name, or check voter information.

Track a Mail Ballot
Visit myballot.nv.gov

Find Voting Locations
Visit NVSOS.gov

EASE Voting
Available to eligible military members and families, Nevada voters overseas, voters with disabilities and eligible Tribal voters.

Election Questions
Call (775) 687-VOTE (8683)

Lyon County Voter Turnout in 2026 Primary Election:

Registered voters: 43,963
Ballots cast: 12,764

29%

LOCAL RACES

Lyon County

County Commission, District 2
J. Scott Keller, Republican

County Commission, District 5
Micah T. Triplett, Republican

County offices
Troy R. Villines, Republican, County Assessor
Staci Lindberg, Republican, County Clerk-Treasurer
Anita Talbot, Republican, County Recorder

District Attorney
Mark Krueger, Republican
Mario Walther, No Political Party

District Court Judge
John "JP" Schlegelmilch, Nonpartisan, Third Judicial District Court Judge, Department 1
Stephen B. Rye, Nonpartisan, Third Judicial District Court Judge, Department 2

Sheriff
Brad Pope, Nonpartisan
Timothy "Tim" Shaffer, Nonpartisan

School Board Trustee, District 2
Pete Chapin, Nonpartisan
Michael Moore, Nonpartisan

School Board Trustee, District 6
Kallie B. Day, Nonpartisan
Vince Spoon, Nonpartisan

Central Lyon County Fire Protection, District 5
Charles W. Shirley, Nonpartisan
Jennifer Williamson, Nonpartisan

North Lyon County Fire Protection District, Director
Christine Sullivan, Nonpartisan
Erik Wallitner, Nonpartisan
Aaron Wilson, Nonpartisan

Mason Valley Swimming Pool GID Board Trustee
Toni C. Britschgi, Nonpartisan
Stephani Johnston, Nonpartisan
Leah Miller, Nonpartisan
Lacey D. Parrott, Nonpartisan
Lea Sencion, Nonpartisan
Alissa M. Villalobos, Nonpartisan

Silver Springs/Stagecoach Hospital District Trustee
Elinor L. Jackson, Nonpartisan
Vida D. Keller, Nonpartisan
Brent Lovett, Nonpartisan
Diane C. Schramke, Nonpartisan

Fernley City

Mayor
Timothy Bickerton, Nonpartisan
Neal E. McIntyre, Nonpartisan

City Council, Ward F1
Ryan P. Hanan, Nonpartisan
Debbie Skinner, Nonpartisan

City Council, Ward F3
Ryan Cross, Nonpartisan
Alisa Rhyno, Nonpartisan

Yerington City

City Council, At Large
Nathan Bake, Nonpartisan
Nicholas "Nick" Beaton, Nonpartisan
Shane Martin, Nonpartisan
"Frank" Pizzo, Nonpartisan

Source: Nevada Secretary of State, 2026 General Election Certified List of Candidates, dated Aug. 25, 2026.



What Nevada Voters Will Decide

Statewide Question 6 and Question 7 will be on the General Election ballot for the second time. Both ballot questions passed during the 2024 General Election and must be voted on for a second time. If they pass again during the 2026 General Election, they will amend the Nevada Constitution.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION NO. 6 • Amendment to the Nevada Constitution

6 Abortion Initiative

AS IT APPEARS ON THE BALLOT

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified healthcare professional until fetal viability or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy?

YES Means

A yes vote would amend the Nevada Constitution to establish a right to abortion until fetal viability and after viability to "protect the life or health of the mother" which is not defined, and thus would allow abortion at any point in the pregnancy. "Qualified health care practitioner" is also not defined, and could include a doctor, nurse, dentist, chiropractor, paramedic, etc. The proposed constitutional protection applies to "all individuals." It does not specify a minimum age or include an exception for parental involvement requirements.

NO Means

A no vote would leave the Nevada Constitution unchanged (abortion is currently allowed within the first 24 weeks of pregnancy when performed by a licensed physician and after 24 weeks to preserve the life or health of the individual). Parental consent must be obtained in the case of a minor unless the minor obtains a court order. Abortion would continue to be governed by existing Nevada statutory law.

FURTHER EXPLANATION Current Nevada law generally permits abortion through 24 weeks of pregnancy, with an exception after 24 weeks when necessary to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman. Question 6 would not place a 24-week limit in the Nevada Constitution. Instead, it would establish a constitutional right to abortion until fetal viability, as determined by the treating health care practitioner, and after viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant individual.

STATE QUESTION NO. 7 • Amendment to the Nevada Constitution

7 Voter Identification

AS IT APPEARS ON THE BALLOT

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to require voters to either present photo identification to verify their identity when voting in-person or to provide certain personal information to verify their identity when voting by mail ballot?

YES Means

A yes vote would amend the Nevada Constitution to require voters casting ballots in person to present an approved form of photo identification. Generally, the identification would have to be current or expired by no more than four years; voters older than 70 could use otherwise-valid identification regardless of how long ago it expired. Acceptable identification would include a Nevada driver's license, state or federal identification card, U.S. passport, military identification, qualifying government employee ID, Nevada public college or university student ID, Tribal photo identification, Nevada concealed firearms permit or another government-issued photo ID approved by the Legislature.

NO Means

A no vote would leave the Nevada Constitution unchanged and would not establish the proposed statewide voter-identification requirement. Nevada's existing voter-identification and verification rules would remain in effect.

FURTHER EXPLANATION If approved for a second time by voters, the Legislature could enact legislation during the 2027 legislative session, with the changes taking effect for the 2028 election cycle.

STATE & FEDERAL RACES

These races will appear on the Lyon County voter ballot

NOTE: Due to district lines, voters within the county can receive different congressional and Assembly races depending on their address.

Representative in Congress, District 2

Only Lyon County voters residing in Congressional District 2 will see this race.

Teresa F. Benitez-Thompson, Democratic Party
Lynn Chapman, Independent American Party
David Flippo, Republican Party

Representative in Congress, District 4

Only Lyon County voters residing in Congressional District 4 will see this race.

Russell Best, Independent American Party
Steven A. Horsford, Democratic Party
William Johnson, No Political Party
Cody K. Whipple, Republican Party

Governor

Aaron D. Ford, Democratic Party
Danielle Ford, No Political Party
Joseph Lombardo, Republican Party

Lieutenant Governor

Stavros Anthony, Republican Party
Janine Hansen, Independent American Party
Sandra Jauregui, Democratic Party

Secretary of State

Francisco "Cisco" Aguilar, Democratic Party
Brad Lee Barnhill, Independent American Party
John T. Kennedy, Libertarian Party of Nevada
Jim Marchant, Republican Party

State Treasurer

Drew Johnson, Republican Party
Tya Mathis-Coleman, Democratic Party

State Controller

Michael MacDougall, Democratic Party
Andy Matthews, Republican Party

Attorney General

Nicole Jeanette Cannizzaro, Democratic Party
Adriana Guzmán Fralick, Republican Party

State Senate, District 17

Lynne Ballatore, Democratic Party
Robin L. Titus, Republican Party

State Assembly, District 38

Only Lyon County voters residing in Assembly District 38 will see this race.

Gregory S. Koenig, Republican Party

State Assembly, District 39

Only Lyon County voters residing in Assembly District 39 will see this race.

Erich Obermayr, Democratic Party
Blayne Osborn, Republican Party

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat B

Kristina Pickering, Nonpartisan

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat D

Douglas Herndon, Nonpartisan

Source: Nevada Secretary of State, 2026 General Election Certified List of Candidates, dated Aug. 25, 2026.

BUSINESS

The Governor Gets His Hands Dirty in Fernley

Wilson Landing groundbreaking adds needed homes

By Suzanne Prouty

I was in Fernley on Oct. 8 with Gov. Joe Lombardo, Ryder Homes, and state and local leaders as shovels hit the dirt at Wilson Landing, a subdivision of single-family, one-story homes. It was just plain fun to see the governor hanging out in Fernley.

Wilson Landing will include 37 homes on 10.93 acres, just a little drive down Farm District Road past Cottonwood. This is the first time Ryder Homes has built in this area, but Ryder isn't stopping there: 100 more homes are in escrow, and 293 townhomes are planned. Fernley is growing fast, and as Ryder Vice President Steve Thomsen said, "This groundbreaking demonstrates how Nevada's investment can become real homes and real opportunities for families."

This investment follows the Nevada Housing Access and Attainability Act, AB 540, which passed as a bipartisan bill in June 2025. It cleared the Assembly unanimously, 42-0, and the Senate, 15-6. The act created the Nevada Attainable Housing Account, which allocated $133 million for programs supporting attainable housing, including loans, grants and homebuyer assistance.

Gov. Lombardo told the crowd gathered there, "This was about creating a new tool to get more homes built, and to expand opportunities for working Nevadans who may not qualify for traditional affordable housing programs, but who are still struggling to afford a home."

The Ryder Homes representatives were outstanding hosts. Local government leaders were well represented, as were Nevada Rural Housing and Nevada Housing Division staff, including Steve Aichroth. Nevada Attainable Housing Account representatives were also present, and all joined Mayor Neal McIntyre and Councilmen Ryan Hanan and Albert Torres for the groundbreaking.

Then came the shovels, and that was that. The dirt was flying in the best possible way.

Meetings

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

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

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

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 Oct. 15

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 Nov. 10

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 Oct. 27

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 Oct. 27

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
2nd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting Nov. 12

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
300 Cottonwood Lane
Next meeting Oct 20

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"What do we do if we had an incident on your property and it's drop-off time? How do we get our engine to where it needs to be? The more we can pre-plan and identify those things, the safer our responders are," Kuntz said.

Despite his move into prevention, Kuntz hasn't entirely left emergency response behind.

When stations are short-staffed, he can still respond to calls. Shortly after taking the prevention position, he responded to a fatal structure fire off Scott Drive near Green Valley after hearing that the initial engine had only one person aboard.

Even during a business inspection, Kuntz said, a life-threatening emergency would take priority.

"If it was someone's life, I would definitely choose to go," he said. "I would have my radio on, say, 'Hey, I gotta go, I'm sorry, we'll reschedule.' Because to me, life trumps everything. That's the most important part."

Kuntz admits that as a young firefighter, he didn't fully appreciate the importance of fire prevention.

"When I was a young fireman, I didn't appreciate fire prevention," he said. "You enjoy doing that operational work because you're helping the community and doing hard physical work. I looked at fire prevention back then and thought, 'Well, if you prevent all fires, then what are firefighters for?'"

Sixteen years later, he sees things differently.

"But now I realize you can't eliminate the human factor entirely. Fires are still going to happen. But our goal is to minimize that risk together."

For Kuntz, preventing fires is another way to serve the community he has spent his career protecting.

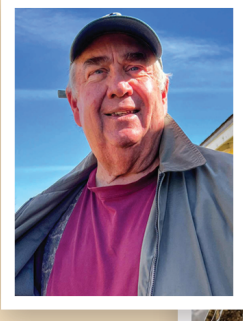
New Business Licenses

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

Desert Star Manufactured Home Specialists, Reno, Manufactured home sales, set up and service/remodels
Roof Crafters Inc., Reno, Roofing & insulation contractor
Banner Construction Inc., Reno, Plumbing & heating contractor
Quality Document Solutions, Fernley, Legal document preparation
NRD Nevada Roofing Division, LLC, Reno, Residential and commercial contractor
Hopkins Construction LLC, Fernley, Concrete construction contractor
Mr. M Painting LLC, Fernley, General handyman
Down Bad Mobile Repair LLC, Wadsworth, Mobile automotive mechanic
Ability Works, LLC, Reno, Home health physical therapy
Western Steel Property Management, Fernley, Property management
Kellison Electric LLC, Sparks, Contractor
OnPoint Restoration LLC, Reno, Contractor -Water, mold and fire remediation emergencies
Sunsolar Solutions Inc, Peoria, AZ, Contractor - Sale and installation of solar panels
TEK Electric LLC, Reno, Electrical contractor
The Copper Hairitage LLC, Fernley, Hair and nail salon
M&B Janitorial Services, Sparks, Cleaning services
Reliant Tower LLC, Corona, CA, Wireless infrastructure installation, repair and maintenance
Janet Smith-Monroe, Fernley, Massage therapist

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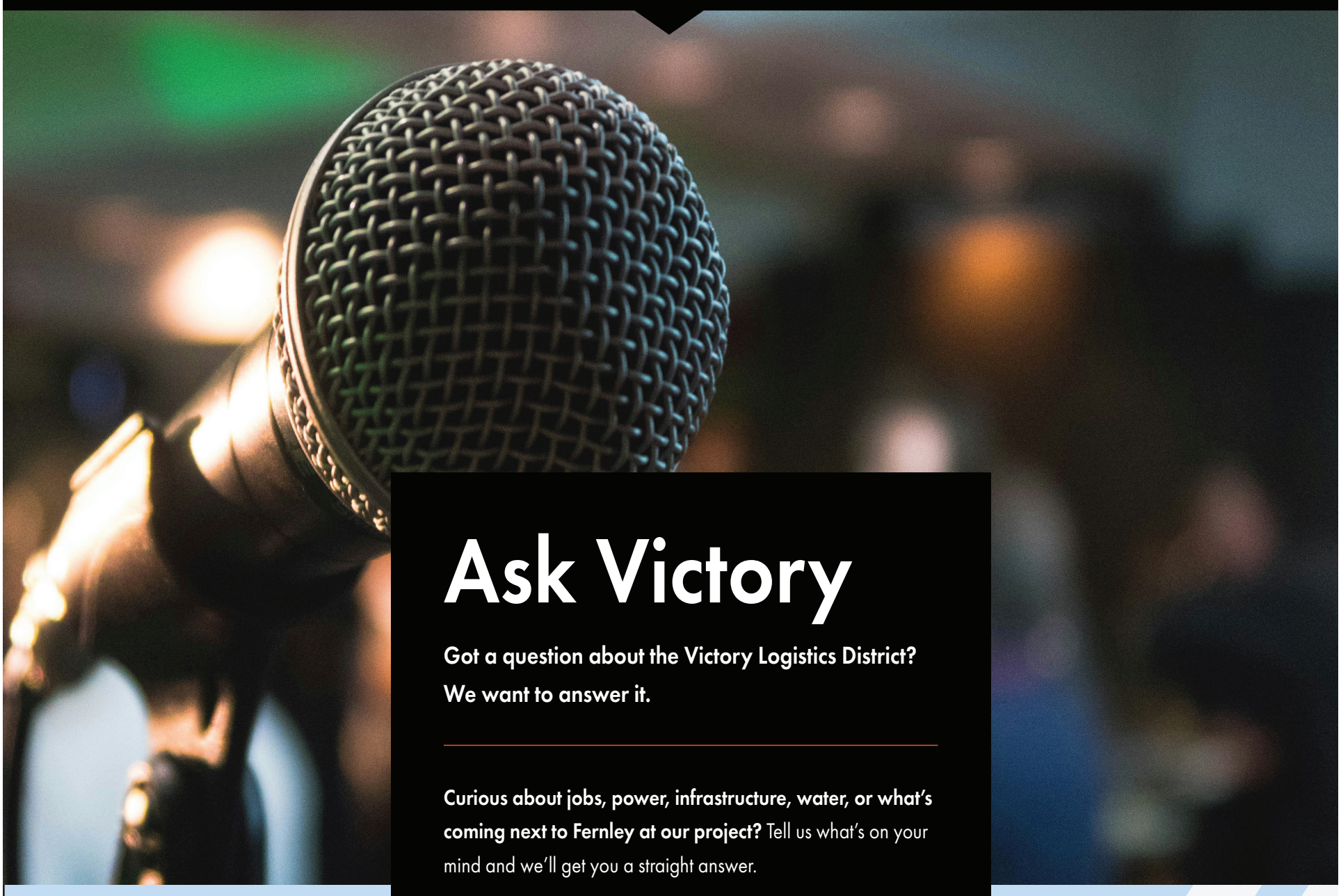
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The Victory Project: Investing in Fernley's Future

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Ask Victory

Got a question about the Victory Logistics District? We want to answer it.

Curious about jobs, power, infrastructure, water, or what's coming next to Fernley at our project? Tell us what's on your mind and we'll get you a straight answer.

You can email us directly at: AskVictoryProject@gmail.com or scan the QR code and submit your questions!

Stay in touch with us by following our Facebook page @VictoryLogisticsDistrict

Ask Victory and We'll Answer!

Over the past several years, the 4,300-acre Victory Logistics District has grown from open desert into one of Northern Nevada's largest industrial developments, bringing new construction and, understandably, new questions from the community.

That's why we're launching Ask Victory: a direct line between our project and the people of Fernley.

Starting this week, residents can submit any question about the Victory Logistics District: about traffic, water, power, jobs, timelines, tax revenue or project costs - or anything else you want to know - through an online portal or by email at AskVictoryProject@gmail.com. We'll respond directly to everyone who writes in, and we'll publish the most common questions and our answers, right here in the Fernley Reporter and on our Facebook page.

We're doing this because a project this size and community importance deserves real answers, not rumors. Victory is not a single building or a single decision. It's a multi-year, multi-phase development - from the buildings already open and operating today to the employers, infrastructure, and housing still to come. It will keep evolving as new needs and new opportunities emerge. That complexity is real, and so is our responsibility to be straightforward about it, even when the honest answer is "we're still working that out."

What isn't complicated is our goal. Victory is being built to bring lasting economic opportunity to Fernley: new employers, new career paths, new local business opportunities with our workforce partnership with Western Nevada College to help make sure local residents are first in line for the jobs this project creates. Alongside that growth, we're committed to investing in the kind of infrastructure and community benefits - roads, services, retail and green space - that make Fernley a better place to live.

None of that happens without trust, and trust starts with listening. So if you've ever wondered what's actually happening at Victory, or what it means for your street, your water bill, or your kids' future job prospects, now's the time to ask.

Submit your question by scanning the QR code above or email AskVictoryProject@gmail.com. We're listening, and we'll answer.

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.

Oct. 5 - Oct. 11, 2026

KEATON MILLER — Area: Fernley, Bail: $4,110, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of condition of parole; Manufacture/import/possess/use dangerous weapon, (1st); Drive with suspended driver's license; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Owner - proof of insurance required; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title
RYAN ALVES — Area: Silver Springs, Bail: $3,000, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st)
HAYES DELAVEGA —Area: Yerington, Bail: $2,530, Charges: Improperly mounted headlamps; Tail lamp violation; Drive without driver's license; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Owner - proof of insurance required; DUI, (1st)
VICTORIA BACOCK — Area: Fernley, Bail: $2,280, Charges: DUI, (1st); Duty upon damaging unattended vehicle/property
CHARLES BOWIE — Area: LYSO, Bail: $0, Charges: Court commitment
EZEQUIEL MENDOZA AYALA — Area: Dayton, Bail: $24,495, Charges: Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (1st or 2nd); Carry/possess a firearm during commission of drug offense; Drive with revoked driver's license; Owner - proof of insurance required; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title
DONALD INLOW — Area: Fernley, Bail: $5,000, Charges: Violation sex offender registration, (1st)
ANTHONY MATRIMONIO-FASONE — Area: Fernley, Bail: $4,600, Charges: Assist other agency--hold; Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (1st or 2nd); Use/possess drug-paraphernalia; Possess/consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/vehicle
JOSHUA CARRADINE—Area: LYSO, Bail: $330,000, Charges: Theft, $100,000+; Theft, $25,000 but less than $100,000; Theft, $5,000 but less than $25,000
ANGELA CARRADINE —Area: LYSO, Bail: $330,000, Charges: Theft, $100,000+; Theft, $25,000 but less than $100,000; Theft, $5,000 but less than $25,000;
SHAWN PANCHO —Area: Fernley, Bail: $4,530, Charges: DUI, (2nd); Drive with revoked driver's license for DUI
RACHELLE CARLSON — Area: Fernley, Bail: $0, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation/condition of suspended sentence
ANTHONY CALDERON — Area: Fernley, Bail: $5,000, Charges: Violation of sex offender registration, (1st)
JAMES GRESHAM — Area: LYFE, Bail: $47,500, Charges: Battery resulting in substantial bodily harm (elderly/school enhancement); Residential burglary, (1st); Prevent/dissuade report crime/cause prosecution/arrest; Destroy/conceal evidence; Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (1st or 2nd)
MALLORY OWENS — Area: Fernley, Bail: $640, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
MALACHI FULKERSON — Area: LYSO, Bail: $13,140, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st); Abuse old/vulnerable person, (1st)
PATRICK LOVE — Area: Mason Valley, Bail: $580, Charges: Assist other agency--hold
TAWNIE POIRIER — Area: Fernley, Bail: $11,925, Charges: Assist other agency—hold (2 counts); Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance less than 14 grams, (1st or 2nd); Use/possess drug-paraphernalia; Drive with suspended driver's license; Possess/consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/vehicle
JENNY MOORE-CUMINGS — Area: Dayton, Bail: $16,060, Charges: Assault protected person by prisoner/parolee; Unlawful use of emergency phone number (911); Domestic battery, (1st) (2 counts); Resist public officer (2 counts)
ADRIEL SANCHEZ TAPIA — Area: LYSO, Bail: $0, Charges: Court commitment
GIBB OLIVAREZ — Area: Dayton, Bail: $1,140, Charges: DUI, (1st)
GREGORY BRATTON — Area: Dayton, Bail: $10,490, Charges: Drive with revoked driver's license; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Owner - proof of insurance required; Court commitment; Assist other agency--hold)
PAMELA CHAVIRA —Area: Mound House, Bail: $925, Charges: Assist other agency--hold
ASHLEY HENSLEY —Area: Fernley, Bail: $3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, (1st)
ALEXANDRA ERDEI — Area: Fernley, Bail: $335, Charges: Criminal contempt
DAVID MENDEZ — Area: Dayton, Bail: $80,000, Charges: Possess Schedule III-V controlled substance 200+ grams; Own/possess gun by prohibited person; Possess/manufacture/dispose short-barreled rifle/shotgun; Possess gun with altered/removed serial number
TERESA PATE — Area: LYSO, Bail: $7,500, Charges: Assist other agency--hold
RANDY TIPTON — Area: Fernley, Bail: $1,290, Charges: DUI, (1st); Basic speed - 1-10 miles per hour over posted limit
ZACHARY KENESKY — Area: Fernley, Bail: $1,340, Charges: DUI, (1st); Basic speed - 21-30 miles per hour over posted limit

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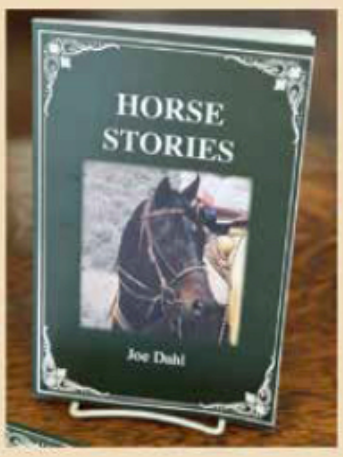
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Words fail me

By Robert Perea

I have always considered myself a person of words. I read books without pictures, I can use a plethora of words correctly in a sentence, including "plethora." In my mind, my vocabulary is a grand, well-stocked library.

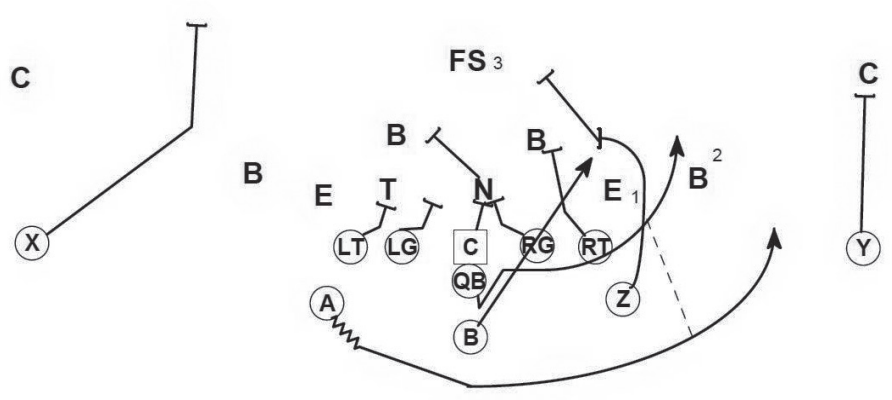
But it turns out that my grand library has a gaping hole in the roof, right where obscure nouns should be.

One of my routines at the end of the night is to do the daily word puzzle Quartiles on the Apple News app. That puzzle challenges players to combine two- to four-letter word fragments from a 20-tile grid to form as many complete words as possible. There's usually anywhere from 24 to 28 possible word combinations, using two, three or tiles each.

I've never failed to reach the highest rank, but even when you do that, there are often still words remaining and it asks if you'd like to continue. I of course, always do, because what's the point of stopping until it's completely finished.

But once in a while, I can't find any more words, so I give up and tap the option to reveal all words.

That's where I was a few nights ago, when one word remained, but I'd exhausted every possible combination I could think of, so I cried Uncle.



When I tapped to reveal the remaining word, there on my screen were the letters "scrod."

That's a word?

I tapped it into Google and found a definition that perfectly captures the absurdity of the English language.

I had no idea, but it turns out that scrod is a catch-all term primarily used in New England to describe whatever kind of white, flaky fish they pulled out of the ocean that morning.

Besides reading, one of my other hobbies is fishing, so I was shocked that there was a word that describes a type of fish that I'd never heard of, and it's not much consolation that I've never been to New England. There's plenty of places I've never been to, but I know the difference between a tortilla in Spain and in Mexico.

I've also never been to Pennsylvania, but I know what scrapple is, and if I ever make it to Canada, I'm willing to give poutine a try.

But I had never heard of scrod, and I would have argued prior to looking it up that it was not an actual word.

My Google search sent me to a link that makes the whole thing even more ridiculous. According to local legend, Boston's historic Parker House Hotel actually invented the word as an acronym standing for "Select Catch Received on the Day" just so they could print a permanent seafood feature on their menu without knowing exactly what the fishing boats would bring.

So I was right, it's not even a real word, it's a marketing gimmick designed to trick tourists into eating whatever happened to be unlucky enough to end up in a net that day.

Even though that satisfied my indignation in the moment, I woke up the next day still thinking about it, and I've realized that grand library in my mind is still under construction. But I'm still filing "scrod" in the fiction department.

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.

Fascinating Fernley: Meet Your Neighbor Steve Muzinich

By Sonia Hedrick

He's a badass, although you wouldn't know it to look at him. Given his refined demeanor, you might not have guessed that, in his prime, he regularly put himself in some mighty tenuous situations.

He didn't start life determined to live like an action hero. Like most recent college graduates, Steve went looking for meaningful work that reflected his degree. He had no idea that his studies in social science would soon serve him well. With the bulletproof bravery of the young and a genuine desire to add value to the world, Steve accepted a teaching job in 1985 at a notorious alternative school in Richmond, California's Iron Triangle. "If not me, who?" he thought. At the time, the community was besieged by crushing poverty, steeped in crime and overrun by drugs and harrowing violence.

Attracting teachers to the Iron Triangle was no easy task. But strangely enough, this kid from the suburbs thrived in the role of teacher and mentor in what one reporter from the West County Times called "the God forsaken' ghetto." Steve gained a deep insight into the plight of the neighborhood and developed an honest respect for the hardworking residents valiantly trying to combat their community's ills.

His students were not exactly candidates for the good citizenship award. Many already faced criminal charges, and others were just too problematic to attend a regular school. More than once, Steve found himself defusing confrontations between gang members who were threatening a war on campus. But regardless of their backgrounds, Steve became ever more committed to these youngsters. Over time, the toughest kids and their sometimes very tough parents came to view Steve as an ally.



Photo courtesy of Steve Muzinich.

School officials noticed Steve's effectiveness, too. He was steadily promoted. With each promotion came a move to another struggling school. Steve eventually became a middle school principal, his final role in Richmond. In 2001, he relocated to Roseville and became an alternative high school principal in Rancho Cordova.

The role suited Steve, and he figured that was as far as his career would go. Then, in 2005, came the request. No, it was an offer he couldn't refuse. Steve, a proven mediator and apparently fearless, was appointed director of attendance and due process for the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

Now, don't let this title fool you. This was a job nobody wanted. He didn't just run down truants; Steve dealt with the most serious violations of school law. When a kid was facing expulsion for offenses like assault on staff, gang violence, arson, dealing drugs or attacking another student with a weapon, Steve judiciously arbitrated the case and decided the errant student's fate.

After a while, the job expanded to include home visits, and it was at this point that Steve and local law enforcement joined forces. It wasn't uncommon for Steve to find himself marching into dangerous neighborhoods to seek out truant youth and confront their sometimes uncooperative parents. With the support of Rancho Cordova's or Folsom's finest by his side, and outfitted in his bulletproof vest, Steve took to the streets.

The arrangement quickly became mutually beneficial. Steve was not only escorted by a cop while searching for truant youth, but the police also came to call upon him to accompany them when dealing with tricky family dynamics. His gentle but persuasive nature was invaluable in calming furious parents, especially when the police had to place children into protective custody.



Photo courtesy of Steve Muzinich.

Today, Steve Muzinich and his life partner, Marguerite, are enjoying the good life right here in peaceful Fernley. Instead of working with troubled youth, they serve others by providing a safe and comfortable place to live for tenants at the Muzinich RV Park on Main Street.

Is Steve a badass? Well, yes. In the best possible way. He cares, and he spent his life proving it. That makes him not only a badass but a true hero.

Sonia Hedrick is interested in 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: shedrick-fernley@gmail.com



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