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Fern 45 event raises \$120,000 for veterans

By Robert Perea

Even after 11 years, the Fern 45 continues to outdo itself. Along with a host of activities throughout the three-day event, this year's Fern 45 Off-Road Poker Run raised \$120,000, which will be distributed to veterans organizations and individual veterans in need, according to Fern 45 President Kelly Walsh. A total of 338 vehicles participated in this year's poker run, which was down from 412 last year, but the live auction, raffle and Texas Hold 'Em tournament more than made up for the decrease in entry fees, Walsh said. He said paintings donated by Sergio Gutierrez alone raised between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Dirk Jensen of Gardnerville was the winner of this year's poker run with a four-of-a-kind.

With live music all three nights and free entry into the venue, Walsh said attendance ranged from about 800 to 1,500. He estimated there were about 230 campers this year, but said there is space for twice that many, so the event still has plenty of room to grow. During Saturday morning's mandatory meeting for the poker run, Walsh asked how many participants were first-time participants in the Fern 45. "There's usually about five, but this year I couldn't even count them," he said. "There must have been about 40. And most of those first timers will become regulars." There were also 33 vendors, some selling products, others passing out information, and to bring the campers and vendors together, the event in-

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Fern 45 staff members and volunteers announced that this year's event raised \$120,000 to help veterans organizations and individual veterans in need. Photo by Greg Stevens



Some of the 338 off-road vehicles participating in last Saturday's Fern 45 Off-Road Poker Run gather at one of the card stops on the course. Photo by Greg Stevens



Fern 45 Off-Road Poker Run participants check their hands after finishing the course Saturday afternoon. Photo by Robert Perea

Mayor hopes to present city manager candidates for consideration Dec. 3

By Kerry Lyman

The City of Fernley could select a new city manager as soon as Dec. 3, Mayor Neal McIntyre said at the council's Nov. 5 meeting. McIntyre reported to the council that a total of 92 applicants applied for the position, which was whittled down to 14 viable candidates by CPS HR Consulting of Sacramento, the consultant firm hired to recruit and screen candidates. CPS HR will further reduce the candidates to five

or six, then the screening committee the mayor organized will interview those candidates to select the top three to be considered by the mayor and council. "We will be bringing those three to the city council on our meeting on December 3. So, hopefully, by December 3 we will have the city manager selected for the council's approval," McIntyre said. Under city code, the mayor will nominate one candidate to be the city manager, and the council then votes to

either affirm or deny that nomination. If the nomination fails, the mayor can either nominate a different candidate or start the search process over again. Fernley has been without a city manager since late May, when then City Manager Benjamin Marchant resigned during a dispute over the budget. Three council members voted to approve the city's budget without the city manager position in it. Council members accused Marchant of being insubordinate, dishonest and disregarding the city council's direction.

Marchant denied the claims but offered to resign in order to settle the budget dispute and the city negotiated a separation agreement with Marchant. McIntyre and Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick performed many of the city manager duties after Marchant resigned. Altick was appointed to the acting city manager position by the city council in mid-September after McIntyre said the responsibilities of the mayor and the city manager were too much for one person.

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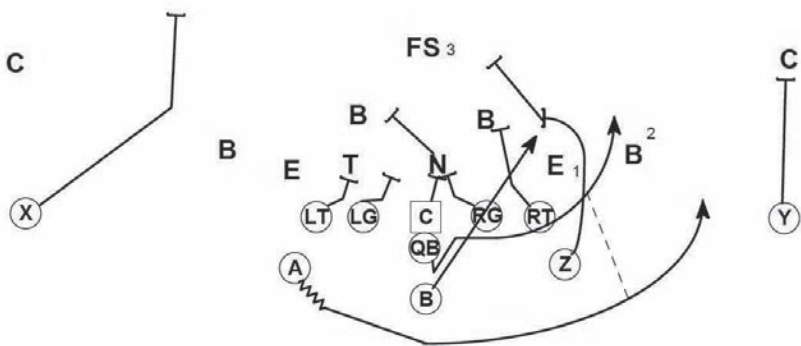
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



Gratitude isn't enough

We say “thank you for your service” a lot, but especially at this time of year. It’s printed on banners, spoken at ceremonies, posted on social media. And while I know it’s sincere, it just seems, and I’m trying to think of the exact right word here, insufficient.

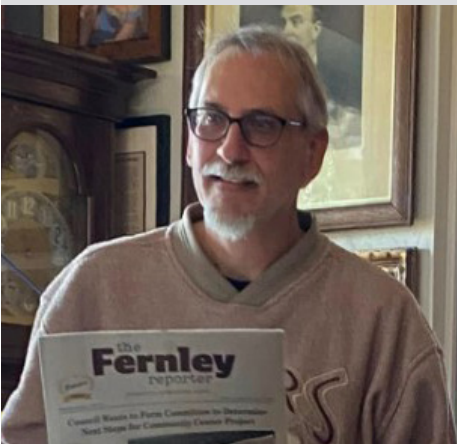
I also get that there probably is no word that is sufficient, when you consider the magnitude of what many veterans face, especially ones deployed to war.

It’s Veterans Day as I write this, and my favorite veteran, my nephew Justin, happens to be at my house. Justin served one tour in Iraq, and every Veterans Day, the thing that won’t leave my mind was the few days in the spring of 2009 when we didn’t hear from him. It coincided with big news that week of heavy fighting and U.S. casualties.

Normally, one or another of us received an email from him almost every day, so when the messages stopped, the silence was deafening. I knew how worried and stressed out the family was, but it wasn’t until my sister finally heard from him that he was fine did I realize the extent to which we were all suffocating.

I can not even imagine, and I’m not even willing to try, what it’s like when the message that does come is not from your loved one, but from a chaplain.

I also cannot imagine, knowing now what was happening during those few days, what it was like for



ROBERT PEREA

Justin and the rest of the men and women there.

“Thank you for your service” is so inadequate for what I actually feel. It’s the phrase we reach for because we don’t know how to say what we really mean, or at least that’s how it is for me.

What I feel is more than gratitude, more even than pride. What I feel, not just for my nephew, but for every single American who ever put on that uniform in service to the United States, is reverence, mixed with guilt. Reverence, because it’s the only word I can think of that expresses the deep, almost sacred feeling. Guilt, because I was never there with them.

It just so happens that the reason Justin is at my house today is because there is a man here looking to buy my brother’s van, which is handicap-equipped with a wheel-

chair ramp. It turns out the man is a caregiver for his wife, a disabled veteran.

All of this happening on Veterans Day is too much, but considering the day, maybe it’s exactly right. It’s a reminder that behind ever uniform is a story that’s still unfolding, and gratitude alone will never be enough to carry it.

Robert Perea has covered news and sports in Northern Nevada since 1993. He has published The Fernley Reporter online since 2016, loves music, is a sucker for the pets who have adopted him, and is thrilled to be printing the Reporter.

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FEATURES

Levi Coby Supports Local Cowgirl with Brain Tumor, Wins Top Music Award in Nashville

By: Nancy Chapman

Levi Coby was nominated nine times for Country and Christian music awards, winning the 2025 Infinity Male Vocalist Inspirational Country Music Award in Nashville, Tennessee. So, what does a Scottish-born, award-winning country and Christian singer have in common with Northern Nevada? The answer, in a roundabout way, is Cody Strong. At just 20 years old, Cody, who lives in Fernley, was working two jobs and living with her brother. She spent her free time riding horses and helping at rodeos. Seemingly out of the blue, Cody became ill and soon learned that she had an inoperable brain stem tumor known as a tectal plate glioma.

Her doctor described the situation as “dangerous and urgent.” The slow-growing tumor, located on the brain stem, blocks the flow of spinal fluid and interferes with the body’s central nervous system. Because of its location, the tumor could not be biopsied. The diagnosis created an enormous emotional and financial strain for Cody and her family. In response, the close-knit horse community she’s long been a part of stepped in to help. With support from James Dexter of Fifty Horse Ranch, where Cody was working, and longtime family friend and cutting horse trainer Kirk Ferris, a fundraiser was organized to help with her medical and travel expenses. In a remarkable twist of fate,



Levi and Natalie standing in front of Johnny Cash's home in Nashville, TN. Photo courtesy of Levi Coby.



Kirk Ferris, James Dexter, and Levi Coby. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

Levi Coby found himself deeply connected to Cody and her family. He and his wife were looking to buy a new car when they came across an ad posted by Kirk Ferris’s parents. When they arrived to pick up the vehicle, they learned about Cody and the fundraiser Kirk was organizing. Without hesitation, Levi offered to perform at the event. Levi is now recording a song for Cody titled “#CodyStrong,” pledging to donate all proceeds from the song to help her in her fight against the disease. He has won awards in Europe and is now an award-winning musician in the United States. His songs “My F-150” and “Southern Girl” are currently airing on KBUL. Levi was also invited to sing his new song, “Truck in Heaven,” at the 2025 Infinity Music Awards. Originally from Scotland, Levi and his wife, Natalie, now make Nevada and Texas their home. Congratulations to Levi for winning the 2025 Infinity Male Vocalist Inspirational Country Music Award. Fallon, Fernley, and Northern Nevada thanks you for your music and for your contributions to Cody’s cause. Listen for Levi’s music on KBUL and on major streaming platforms, including Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, and ReverbNation. #CodyStrong. To read more about Cody, check out these articles by Nancy Chapman. <https://www.thefallonpost.org/article/8030,a-ride-worth-taking-fallon-rallies-for-cody-smith-at-benefit-playday-and-clinic> <https://www.thefallonpost.org/article/7939,cowgirl-tough-cody-smith-stays-in-saddle-despite-rare-brain-tumor>

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cluded a vendor run, where everyone with a camping pass went through the line of vendors on their way to the stage.

Legacy Airbase, a nonprofit organization that is building a replica airbase at Dayton Valley Airpark, provided to vintage World War II planes for the flyover to start Saturday's festivities.

But the focus of the entire endeavor is veterans, and Walsh said the Fern

45 Board of Directors will meet on Nov. 21 to decide how to distribute this year's proceeds. In addition, he said the organization tries to keep \$30-\$35,000 for its Donate to Heartbeats program, which provides support to local veterans such as home repairs, appliances and financial assistance for living expenses. Walsh said applications for those funds are usually approved within a few days with proof of military service.

"That's real help, not red tape," he said.



Dirk Jensen of Gardnerville, the winner of the 2025 Fern 45 Poker Run, accepts the cash prize from Fern 45 President Kelly Walsh. Jensen is wearing the Army helmet that is signed by each year's winner. Photo by Robert Perea



Hundreds of people gathered for the live auction and announcement of raffle winners Saturday afternoon after the conclusion of the Fern 45 Off Road Poker Run. Photo by Robert Perea

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NEWS

County manager discusses C-Tax during Chamber presentation

By Robert Perea

Having failed in several attempts through multiple channels in the last two decades to get a larger share of the state's Consolidated Tax allocation, City of Fernley leaders and residents have long expressed frustration and described the C-Tax allocation system as unfair.

During a presentation at the Fernley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon on Nov. 5, Lyon County Manager Andrew Haskin said that was a misconception and urged the city's business leaders to help dispel the notion that the city is being cheated out of tax money. Haskin said the C-Tax issue has created friction since the city was formed, but he said capitalizing on the county's influence as the third most populous county in the state requires unity, not division.

"I know this has been a topic in Fernley and in Lyon County for a lot of years, but we really need to move past that," Haskin said. "This is a really divisive issue that has caused a lot of problems over the years. We're the third largest county in the state by population. That gives us a lot of influence on stuff, but only if we work together and we're not fractioned."

Haskin's comments came near the end of his presentation on the county's budget, services and growth.

"We actually spend more money in Fernley than we get in revenue from Fernley, so it's not like Fernley is somehow getting cheated out of tax money," he said.

Haskin said the C-Tax was created in 1997 by combining six different tax revenues into one. Each of those revenues have a different distribution model, he said, and the money from each is totaled and distributed to the eligible governmental entities based on the formula.

The various taxes that comprise the Consolidated Tax are the Cigarette Tax and Labor Tax, which are distributed to counties based on population; the Government Services Tax, which is collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and distributed to the county of origin; the Real Property Transfer Tax, which is also distributed back to the county of origin; the Basic City County Relief Tax, which is half of one percent of the statewide sales tax rate and is distributed to counties based on whether sales were generated in or out of the state; and the Supplemental City County Relief Tax which is distributed based on a statutory formula.

To qualify for Consolidated Tax revenue, entities had to either receive C-Tax prior to 1997 or begin providing at least three core municipal services: police, fire protection, road construction and maintenance, and parks and recreation.

When C-Tax was created, Fernley was an unincorporated town and was providing parks and recreation. The city started providing road construction and maintenance when it incorporated but never took on either police or fire protection.

"So that portion of C-Tax doesn't go to the City of Fernley, it stayed with the county because the county was providing police and the fire district was providing fire," Haskin said.

Haskin said the county receives about \$8.38 million in Consolidated Tax from the Fernley area and spends about \$8.1 million in expenditures from the sheriff's department. But overall, Haskin said the county spends about \$17.6 million of its \$53.4 million budget in Fernley every year on various services, which is just under \$1 million more than it receives in revenue from Fernley.

Overall, Haskin said Lyon County

ranks 17th out of the 17 counties in the state in revenue per capita. But many of the other rural counties have one population center, which means one sheriff's office, one library or one senior center.

"We've got four, at least, of each," Haskin said.

Haskin said Lyon County also has the highest property tax abatement in the state. Because state law caps property tax increases at 3 percent per year, Haskin said 33.8 percent of the county's property taxes are abated from the recession of the mid-2000's.

We'll be catching up on that for a long time," he said.

Fernley City Councilman Albert Torres asked Haskin if the county would team up with the city in pushing for a bill in the 2027 Legislature to change

the property tax structure to allow the assessed valuation of a home to be reset when it is sold. Currently, if a property's taxes are abated, that abatement carries with the buyer. Haskin said Nevada is the only state in the country that doesn't reset assessed values on resale.

But Haskin said that would be policy decision that is up to the county commission to decide.

As it is, Haskin said the main way for municipalities to increase revenue without raising taxes is through economic development. He highlighted some of the large development projects currently underway in the county, including Fernley.

I think it's a really exciting time," he said. "You've got a lot of development going on all over the county."



Lyon County Manager Andrew Haskin discussed the county's budget, services and growth, and explained the Consolidated Tax distribution during a presentation at the Fernley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon held at the Community Response and Resource Center on Nov. 5. Photo by Lisa Bertok

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New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Nov. 5 meeting:

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- Ziggy’s RV Remedy LLC, Fernley, Mobile RV repair service
- A.C. Moate Industries Nevada, LLC, Reno, Asphalt contractor
- H & R LLC dba/On The Hook Fish and Chips, North Salt Lake, UT,
Mobile food vendor
- Johansen, LLC, Las Vegas, Salvage removal
- NV Extreme Builders, Reno, Carpentry contractor
- Alpine Basin Care, Fernley, Medical office

Meetings

Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting November 19

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

**Fernley Senior Citizen
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2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.
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Next meeting December 12

Lyon County Commission
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Lyon County Administrative Complex
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Next meeting December 9

**Lyon County Library
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4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting November 25

**Lyon County School District
Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting November 18 - (Moved from November 25)

**North Lyon County Fire Protection
District Board of Trustees**
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
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Next meeting December 11

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GOVERNMENT

School Board advances policies to award credit for outdoor and community service activities

By Robert Perea

A proposed Lyon County School District Policy created under a new state law would allow students to earn elective credit for participating in outdoor activities outside of school hours.

The district’s Board of Trustees approved the first reading of the policy on Outdoor Education at the Oct. 28 meeting. It would offer students in grades 7 through 12 the ability to earn no more than two elective credits for approved Outdoor Recreational Activities toward promotion or graduation. It would allow students to earn one half credit for every 60 hours completed and by providing evidence of learning as outlined in the policy. The credits can be applied to a student’s elective credit requirements.

If a student chooses to obtain credit through Outdoor Activities, they must complete the LCSD Outdoor Education Program Contract, which requires parent/guardian and school administrator approval. Upon completion of the contract, students must submit evidence of the completed work to their designated school representative for final approval and the awarding of credit.

Assembly Bill 501, which was approved in the 2025 session of the Nevada State Legislature, enabled school districts in the state of Nevada to award elective credit for students that participate in outdoor activities.

“This is really, I believe, going to help a lot of kids get outside and see that there’s a whole new world out

there that they get to explore and experience and not just do it on their own,” Trustee James Whisler said.

Executive Director of Education Services Jim Gianotti said the policy allows students and parents to select what activities they want to be involved in through different groups. He said most of the students who take part in the program will do it through established groups such as 4-H or scouting programs, or through the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Because those are not school organizations, those groups, not the school district, are responsible for background checks and approval of the people supervising the activities.

The Trustees first discussed the issue at the Sept. 23 meeting, where it heard presentations from Scouting America, Girl Scouts, Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Youth Outdoor Skills Camp, Walker River Bowman, Mason Valley Gun Club and 4-H.

“You’re going to have a wide variety of folks that are already taking advantage of these things and they’re going to apply and therefore get credit for things they’re already active in,” Gianotti said. “So, then they simply submit that application to the site administration for vetting and approval.”

The Trustees also approved the first reading of a similar policy allows students to earn one elective credit for completing approved community service projects at the same rate of a half credit for every 60 hours completed.

Council approves purchase of new AV equipment for court

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a \$60,000 expenditure last week to fund half the cost of new audio and visual (AV) equipment for the combined Fernley Municipal Court and Canal Township Justice Court when construction on the facility is completed next year.

In June, the city council agreed to consolidate both courts in the new court facility being built for the Canal Township Justice Court to save costs and free up space at city hall for other city uses.

The justice court’s existing AV equipment, owned and maintained by

Lyon County, cannot be reinstalled because the manufacturer has discontinued support for several components and key parts have reached end-of-life status, according to a staff report on the item.

The new AV system will support hybrid hearings, evidence presentation and remote participation for defendants, attorneys and the public, the report said.

Funding for the new AV equipment can be paid for from the Court Facility Fee Special Revenue Account, which has a current balance of \$84,000, leaving \$24,000 in the account to support future court facility needs, according to the staff report.

Council approves water improvements along Cedar Street

By Kerry Lyman

To avoid duplicating future costs, the city council approved a \$255,403 contract last week to include water utility improvements along the East Cedar Street Roadway Improvement Project between U.S. Highway 95A and Silver Lace Boulevard.

Late last year, the council approved a \$326,000 contract with J-U-B Engineers, Inc. for the roadway and sewer improvements. However, due to existing water utilities in this area being more than 20 years old, staff rec-

ommended that water improvements be included in the project.

Coordinating utility improvements with the roadway improvements allows the city to take advantage of the construction window, minimizing future disruptions and avoiding duplicative costs, according to a staff report.

Funding for the added water improvements will be allocated across the city’s roadway Capital Improvements Account and water and sewer enterprise accounts to ensure costs are appropriately distributed to the benefiting systems, the report noted.

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SOBIERALSKI, DANNY – Area: Parole & Probation, Bail: \$0.00, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation/condition of suspended sentence
SEGOVIANO-MARTINEZ, GUILLERMO – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$6,140.00, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance <14g, 1st or 2nd offense; Possession of dangerous drug without prescription (1st/2nd); Use/possession of drug paraphernalia
MCDONALD, TYLER – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$5,000.00, Charges: Battery by prisoner/person not in prison
ASKINS, DANIEL – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$830.00, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
DEMPSEY, MICHAEL – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,000.00, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
WILLIAMSON, EVERETT – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,840.00, Charges: Court commitment; Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
ROWSON, NICOLE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$125,000.00, Charges: Exploitation of older/vulnerable person, \$5K+; Obtaining money/property/labor falsely, \$5K–\$25K; Possession of documents/personal ID to commit forgery/counterfeit; Intent to utter fictitious bill/note/check
HAMMOND, DARD – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$60,000.00, Charges: Home invasion, 1st (2 counts); Assault with a deadly weapon (2 counts)
AHEARN, TEGAN – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$17,500.00, Charges: Felony recommit defendant after bail/deposited money

HUBER, JOHN – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0.00, Charges: Court commitment
CREAGER, TIFFANY – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$1,000.00, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime; Criminal contempt
KENDALL, JOSEPH – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$8,640.00, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance <14g, 3rd+ offense; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia; Arrest for violation of probation/condition of suspended sentence; Obtaining hypodermic device by forgery/fraud
BISHOP, CHELSEA – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$151,630.00, Charges: Child abuse or neglect, 1st; DUI, 1st; Open alcohol container in vehicle; Failure to maintain lane/improper lane change/use of signal
CARPENTER, BRANDY – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,500.00, Charges: Unlawful use of emergency phone number (911)
WILLIAMS, TARAN – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,780.00, Charges: DUI, 1st; Driving with suspended driver’s license
STEEPE, AMANDA – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$55,000.00, Charges: Escape by felony prisoner; Buy/possess/receive stolen property \$25K–\$100K or gun
BUDREAU, HALIE – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$79,280.00, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st; Attempt to resist a public officer; Child abuse or neglect, 1st
JONES, CECILIA – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$0.00, Charges: Arrest for violation of condi-

tion of parole; Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
HARVILLE, JOSEPH – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,640.00, Charges: Provide false/fictitious info on vehicle registration application; Operator – proof of insurance required
DITCHEY, ANDREA – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$7,280.00, Charges: Prevent/dissuade reporting crime/causing prosecution/arrest; Domestic battery, 2nd, enhanced/violation of probation; Provoke assault
WILLIAMS, DEANNA – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$5,500.00, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st; Allow child abuse/neglect (endangerment), 1st
COHEN, JOSHUA – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$6,205.00, Charges: Destroy property of another, \$250–\$5K; Driving with revoked license for DUI; Operating unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; DUI, 2nd
ZARATE-TOVAR, GIOVANNI – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,495.00, Charges: Operating unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Driving with suspended license; Operator – proof of insurance required
GALLEGOS, ANGEL – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140.00, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st
COBB, DUEL – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$9,780.00, Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance <14g, 1st or 2nd offense (2 counts); Use/possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts); Felony arrest for violation of condition of parole; Failure to give info at vehicle accident
MANSUR, STEVEN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$6,780.00, Charges: Domestic

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HETZLER, JACOB – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$4,390.00, Charges: Operator – proof of insurance required; Operating unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; False statement to/obstruct public officer; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia; Resist public officer; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title
SALISBURY, DEVON – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,555.00, Charges: DUI, 1st; Failure to maintain lane/improper lane change/use of signal
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VELIZ, JEREMIAH – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,140.00, Charges: Driving with revoked license for DUI

Pope announces campaign for second term as sheriff

By Robert Perea

Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope announced on Nov. 5 that he will run for a second term in office in 2026. In his announcement, Pope expressed pride in the progress made under his leadership and enthusiasm for continuing to serve the residents of Lyon County. Pope was elected sheriff in 2022 after serving as a Lyon County Sheriff’s deputy since 2005, where he served in various assignments including patrol deputy, narcotics detective, jail sergeant, narcotics sergeant, special investigations

sergeant, and patrol sergeant. He began his law enforcement career in corrections at the Ely State Prison. Pope cited several achievements during his first term including reduced call times, a more than 100 percent increase in traffic stops, expansion of the School Resource Officer program, restoring the sheriff’s office to full staffing levels, greater community engagement and reduced crime. “I am proud of what we have accomplished together during my first term,” Pope said. “The men and women of the Lyon County Sheriff’s

Office have worked tirelessly to make our communities safer, more engaged, and better served. I look forward to building on this foundation of progress in a second term.” Pope said he plans to continue enhancing public safety, transparency, and community partnerships throughout Lyon County. “Our mission remains clear: to aggressively and professionally enforce the law while protecting the quality of life our residents deserve,” Pope said. “As Sheriff, I will continue to ensure the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office leads with integrity, service, and accountability.”



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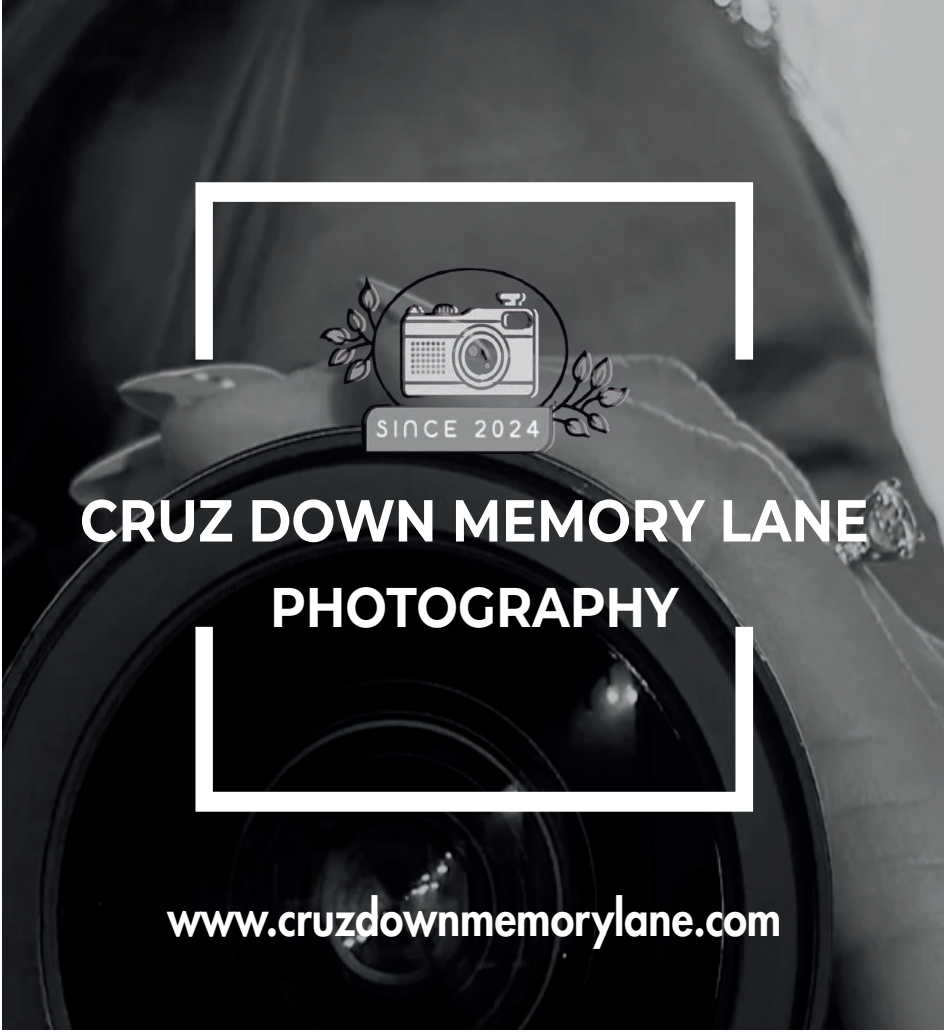
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SPORTS

Vaqueros finish third in State cross country meet

By Robert Perea

Led by a third place finish by Joe Perkins, the Fernley High School boys cross country team placed third

in the 3A State Championships last Saturday at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. The Vaqueros scored 91 team points to place behind Truckee,



The Fernley High School boys cross country team placed third at the 3A State meet last Saturday, while the girls individual qualifier Corbyn Gillespie placed 42nd. Pictured from left to right are Corbyn Gillespie, Dominick Dietrich, Alex Mergell, Skyler Ledesma-James, Joe Perkins, Daniel Hiles, Cael Wilson and coach Kristian Slater. Not pictured is Zachary Petersen.

which won the meet with 42 points, and Spring Creek with 49. Perkins took 38 seconds off his fifth-place regional time from the week prior to place third at State with a time of 16:40. Cael Wilson finished 21st for the Vaqueros with a time of 18:26, which was 29 seconds faster than his regional time. Alex Mergell placed 26th with a time of 18:45, Dominick Dietrich came in 28th with a time of 18:53 and Zachary Petersen was Fernley's fifth scorer in 34th place with a time of 19:13. In addition, Skyler Ledesma-James placed 49th with a time of 20:50 and Daniel Hiles was 62nd in a time of 21:36. The girls team thought it had qualified as a team because only two South schools had full teams at the regional meet, but instead the field was reduced to six teams. Corbyn Gillespie, who was Fernley's only individual qualifier, placed 42nd with a time of 26:01.

Vaquero winter sports teams open practice this weekend

By Robert Perea

Practice begins this Saturday for the Fernley High School basketball and wrestling teams. The boys and girls basketball teams will be holding tryouts on Saturday while the boys and girls wrestling teams begin official drills. The boys basketball teams will be the first to get the season under way, starting their season at Reno High School on Saturday, Nov. 29. Girls basketball opens the season Dec. 1 by hosting Reed. Wrestling season begins Dec. 5-6 with the Earl Wilkens Invitational in Fallon.

Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Cranberry Oatmeal Muffins

Juicy and tart, cranberries are a delicious addition to a variety of baked goods. Sour cranberries combined with the sweet and hearty oatmeal muffin create a bold and sweet mouthwatering treat.



Sherry Perea has nearly 20 years' experience managing restaurants and creaing delicious menus. She enjoys sharing unique recipes with her family and friends and is excited to bring her love of food to the Fernley community.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 Cups oats plus a little extra set aside for topping (Quick cook or old-fashioned)
- 1 Cup milk
- 1 Cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 Cup softened butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 Teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 3/4 Cup fresh cranberries (can use dried if necessary)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a 12-muffin pan with muffin liners, spray muffins liners very lightly with nonstick spray.
2. In a large bowl add oats and milk, soak for 10-20 minutes or until the oats are soft.
3. In a separate medium or large mixing bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt.
4. Combine brown sugar, butter and eggs with the soaked oats and mix well.
5. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stir gently until combined.
6. Fold in cranberries.
7. Fill muffin cups with batter until about 3/4 full, sprinkle top of muffin with extra oats.
8. Bake at 425°F for 8 minutes then reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake an additional 12-14 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean
9. Let muffins cool in pan for 5-10 minutes then transfer to wire rack to finish cooling.

Makes about 12 muffins. Enjoy!

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SPORTS

Late Fallon score ends Fernley’s playoff run

By Robert Perea

A couple more yards here, or a defensive stop there, and the Fernley High School football team might be headed to Mesquite this weekend for the 3A state semifinals.

Instead, it was quiet hugs and flowing tears as the Vaqueros gathered amongst friends and families after a touchdown in the final minute sent Fallon to the semifinals with a 35-28 win over Fernley.

Fallon freshman Camden Richardson scored the winning touchdown on a 15-yard run with 46.6 seconds left in the game, capping a back and forth game that each team had reason to believe they were going to win in the fourth quarter.

“I’m kind of sitting there reflecting on it, and that type of football game is probably the best way that you can go about it, win, lose or draw, even though you can’t draw in the playoffs,” Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan said. “But to know that we left it all out there, there was no doubt.”

The Vaqueros had the ball and looked to be driving for the possible winning score late in the fourth quarter, but came up short on fourth-and-4 from the Fallon 42-yard line with about two minutes left in the game.

In a situation where a punt would essentially mean hoping for a chance in overtime, Sloan didn’t hesitate in his decision to go for it. With a first down, the Vaqueros would have been



Fernley’s Brodie Jones waits for the snap during last Friday’s game in Fallon. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography

very close to field goal range for kicker Noah Spencer, who made three field goals this year of longer than 40 yards, including one 50-yarder.

“I’m looking at the risk and reward, and what it is that we got for a football player that can go and win the game for us,” Sloan said. “We were going to go and try and win that football game.”

Instead, Fallon linebacker Alijah Juarez shot through a gap unblocked and stuffed a run two yards short.

Fallon then drove 60 yards in four plays for the winning touchdown.

“I told those guys, there’s nothing to hang your head on,” Sloan said. “You guys came out here and just smacked them in the mouth. You guys went head-to-head with a dang good football

team. There’s nothing to be sad about when it comes to that stuff.”

The game began as a dream scenario for the Vaqueros. On Fernley’s first offensive possession, Keeshawn Love ran 82 yards for a touchdown, for a quick 7-0 lead. Then on Fallon’s first possession, Joey Machado intercepted a pass by Fallon’s Matthew Bird that had been tipped into the air. Moments later, Bryce Stephens scored on a 3-yard run and Fernley had a 14-0 lead with 6:05 left in the first quarter.

But the Fallon offense is the most explosive in the Northern 3A and it struck back quickly. Keyed by a 25-yard pass from Bird to Maxton Richardson, the Greenwave drove 65 yards in 2 minutes, 10 seconds and scored on

a 21-yard pass from Camden Richardson to Calin Anderson.

After a fumble by the Vaqueros at the Fallon 40, Bird again Hit Maxton Richardson, who made a one-handed catch for a 40-yard gain that set up a 2-yard touchdown run by Camden Richardson and tied the game at 14.

The Vaqueros took a 21-14 half-time lead on a 2-yard touchdown run by Love with 1:17 left in the first half.

But Fallon opened the second half with an 80-yard drive that took almost seven minutes and tied the game at 21 on a 1-yard run by Bird.

Moments later, Bird connected with Anderson for a 79-yard touchdown pass that put Fallon on top 28-21 with 2:16 left in the third quarter.

Fernley answered with their own 75-yard drive, tying the game at 28 on a 6-yard run by Stephens.

Fallon drove to the Fernley 5-yard line, but a penalty on Fallon helped the Vaqueros make a fourth down stop, setting up Fernley’s drive that came up short on fourth down.

“A better team is going to come out on top when it matters and all you can do is just congratulate them and be grateful for the opportunity that we have to be able to come out here and do this,” Sloan said. “I commend my team, I commend this community. We had a stellar crowd and my coaching staff. I’m very grateful for those guys because without them there is no me, I can tell you that.”

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Meet Moon, our Fernley Post Pet-of-the-Week. Moon is an adult female, Belgian Shepherd/Malinois/German Shepard mix. Moon is described as energetic, tons of fun, friendly and very smart. She is also good with other dogs. Moon is up to date on her vaccinations and spayed. Moon came in the care of the Lyon County Shelter with seven other dogs. Moon is need of routine, structure, and training, all of which was lacking at her previous home. She loves water and would make a great hiking and travel companion.



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