

School trustees to decide on tougher cell phone policy at next meeting

By Robert Perea

After a robust debate including comments from students, parents and administrators on a proposal to make the district's cell phone policy more restrictive, the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees voted to table the proposal until its October meeting.

The changes were proposed by Trustees Tom Hendrix and James Whisler, but after hearing the debate, Whisler said he had been convinced to give the current policy more time and see how it's working.

The district's current proposal prohibits the use of cell phones during instructional time, which is defined as the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day in kindergarten through eighth grade, and during class periods in high school. The new proposal would prohibit the use of cell phones during the school day in all grades.

Hendrix cited multiple studies conducted over the last 10-15 years that he said prove that smart phone use disrupts learning and harms students' socialization and increases cyberbullying, depression and anxiety resulting from a lack of socialization.

He also said the same studies found that smartphone bans have resulted in double-digit increases in math and English performance.



"I still believe that cell phones need to be out of our schools from bell to bell," Hendrix said.

The policy proposed by Hendrix would state that students shall not use personal internet-enabled electronic devices during the school day, with exceptions such as when it's necessary to monitor a medical condition, for a student who is a caregiver for a family member or during an emergency.

Proposed consequences for violating the policy include after school detention or in-school suspension for the first infraction and increasing to Alternative Placement Education Program (APEP), the school keeping

the phone for five days and long-term suspension. Hendrix said after talking to teachers, he removed expulsion as a consequence. During the debate, he then said he was also willing to present the proposal without long-term suspension as a consequence.

Much of the opposition from students, parents and some administrators was that the punishment for using a phone during class was too severe.

Smith Valley Schools Principal Duane Mattice, representing the Lyon County Administrators Association, said the proposed consequences were harsher than for bullying or a physical altercation.

Trustees Darin Farr and Elmer Bull spoke against changing the policy, saying that from speaking with teachers and administrators, they believe the district's current policy is working.

"What they're telling me is, this isn't an issue," Farr said. "Absenteeism is an issue. Inappropriate use of school-provided devices is sometimes more of an issue than the actual cell phones the kids bring from home. I don't understand why we're trying to float this boat, when the one we already have sails just fine."

Hendrix argued that the district needs a consistent policy for all grades, K-12.

"The pushback I'm hearing is we don't think we have a problem in high school, which is ludicrous if you ask me," Hendrix said.

But Fernley High School Principal Ryan Cross said that collecting each student's phone every day is not feasible.

"I don't know how we're going to collect 1,200 cell phones every day, and I don't know if you considered the amount of instructional time that's going to be lost," Cross said. "We're going to have to cut that last period short by 10, 15 minutes so they can go back to their first period class to collect their phones."

Cross also pointed out that high

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Council appoints Altick as interim city manager

By Robert Perea

As the city's search for a new city manager progresses, the Fernley City Council on Sept. 17 approved the appointment of Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick as Acting City Manager.

The council voted 4-1 to approve Mayor Neal McIntyre's request for confirmation to appoint Altick's during the recruitment process, with councilmember Joe Mendoza opposed.

McIntyre had been acting as the City Manager since the resignation of Ben Marchant in May during a budget dispute, but he said it became too difficult to juggle being the mayor and run the city's day-to-day operation.

"It just got to be too much," McIntyre said. "Ms. Altick is more educated

in the management part of running the city than I am."

Section 2.02.07 of the city's Municipal Code states that "During a vacancy of the city manager's position, the mayor, with confirmation by council, shall appoint an acting city manager. The acting city manager shall exercise the full authority of the manager during the temporary absence or vacancy of the city manager's position."

McIntyre said he initially didn't think it would take this long to recruit city manager candidates.

McIntyre began to update the council on the recruitment process being handled by CPS HR Consulting, but Deputy City Attorney Brandi Jensen told him it wasn't on the agenda. She said McIntyre could do it under his report, if he wanted to return

to that agenda item, but McIntyre instead told the council that if they wanted an update, they could speak to him personally.

Mendoza expressed disappointment that the council hadn't been kept informed about McIntyre's desire to appoint an acting city manager.

"I would have appreciated more of a dialogue how we were going to move forward as opposed to just throwing somebody on the agenda," Mendoza said.

CPS HR Consulting has begun advertising the position through various management websites and publications.

According to a brochure produced by CPS HR Consulting, the minimum requirements for the position include

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The brochure also states that a resume, cover letter and references should be submitted by Oct. 27.

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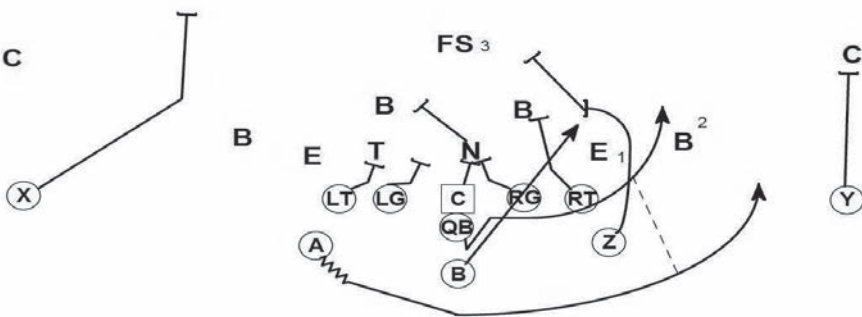
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



The algorithm that can't count

Normally when I finish writing a story, I use the Editor function in Word when I proofread it before uploading it into our production system. I don't rely on the function to make changes, but I use the suggestions as part of my re-reading process. It helps me slow down and read the actual words on the page, not the words I was thinking when I typed them.

Often the suggested changes are actually incorrect, at least according to journalism rules. But never, until this week, had I encountered one that was just so blatantly wrong that it stopped me in my tracks.

At first glance, I didn't even notice what the error was.

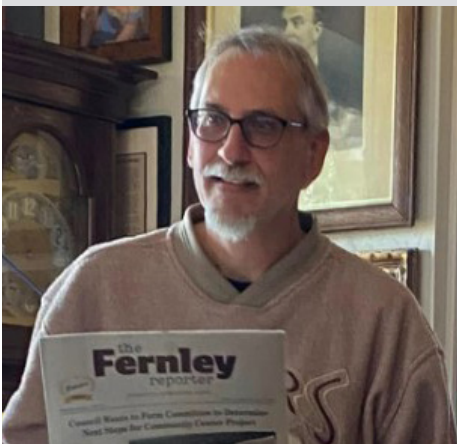
Spellcheck flagged 112th and wanted me to replace it with 112nd, so I re-read the sentence, didn't see anything wrong, and started to click ignore.

Then it hit me. Wait, what?

I looked at it again and actually laughed out loud. Then I started to try to figure out how, exactly, would you even pronounce 112nd?

I don't understand how the Editor function or Spellcheck algorithm even works. Its suggested corrections often include removing quote marks from quotes or word changes that aren't even synonyms.

But it wasn't just the 112nd that got me, it was the confidence. The squiggly red line under 112th that said I was wrong, and it was right.



ROBERT PEREA

I've seen enough suggested "corrections" to know that Editor isn't fluent in Journalism, but I can't hold that against it. Anybody who has ever had a conversation with me has heard me ramble idiotically or trip over my tongue trying to get to my point. Rachel Dahl can probably attest that I speak Journalism much better than I speak English.

Maybe that's the real lesson here. Not that the algorithm got it wrong, or that it did so with such conviction. It's the reinforcement that even the smartest tools still need a human touch. That an algorithm might be able to flag a word, but it can't follow a thought. It can't feel an emotion. It can't express itself.

It's one reason I love to write in the first place. I love language, I love words, and I love the different ways they can

be used. But language isn't just words, it's judgment, cadence and context. Autocorrect can't do that.

So, even though I'll keep using Editor, I'll keep clicking "Ignore." I'll keep laughing at "112nd." And I'll keep believing that somewhere between the squiggles and the suggestions, there's still room for a human who knows the difference between a typo and a truth.

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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3rd (tie): Linda Garrett, 39 (card-off)

4th: Parry Liljeberg, 39

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FEATURES

IEC reviews Navy/BLM progress on NAS Fallon Range expansion



NAS from the air
Photo courtesy NAS Fallon

By Rachel Dahl

The Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) for the Fallon Range Training Complex met Sept. 10 to review federal and state progress on implementing the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) expansion around Naval Air Station Fallon. The hybrid meeting was hosted at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with Zoom access for remote attendees.

Attending for Churchill, Lyon, and Pershing counties were Churchill County commissioner Myles Getto who serves as Vice-Chair of the IEC, Lyon County commissioner Scott Keller, and Pershing County Commissioner Connie Gottschalk. The NDAA directed the Department of the Navy and the Depart-

ment of the Interior to establish the IEC to “exchange views, information, and advice relating to the management of the natural and cultural resources” on the lands withdraws for the FRTC. The Navy coordinates with the DOI, State of Nevada, six counties, and 17 Indian Tribes.

The agenda ran through updates from the U.S. Navy and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on grazing decisions, cadastral (survey) work, real estate actions such as road realignments, natural resources plans, cultural resource surveys, and ongoing tribal engagement—key pieces in a multi-year program scheduled to run into FY31.

The Navy reported “Year 3” milestones: private-land acquisitions contin-

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Fort Churchill Visitor Center reopens after renovations

Staff Report

Fort Churchill State Historic Park will celebrate the grand reopening of its visitor center on Saturday, Oct. 4, with a ribbon cutting, cannon salute, and a full afternoon of family-friendly activities.

The visitor center closed in 2023 for renovations, which included a complete redesign and modernization of its exhibits. The updated displays highlight the fort’s history as a U.S. Army outpost in the 1860s and its ongoing role as a cultural landmark in Nevada.

“This project has been a long time in the making, and we’re excited to welcome visitors back into the heart of Fort Churchill,” Park Supervisor Scott Egy said. “The updated exhibits bring the story of the fort to life and connect visitors of all ages to Nevada’s history.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony begins at 1 p.m. and will feature a

cannon salute. Admission is free, and vehicle entry fees will be waived from 1-4 p.m.

Events and demonstrations scheduled for the day include:

- Encampment by the Nevada Civil War Volunteers
- Displays from the National Pony Express Association, Nevada Division
- Participation by the Fort Churchill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
- Wagon rides
- Root beer floats (while supplies last)
- Adobe brick making and gold panning
- A self-guided scavenger hunt around the ruins

The public is invited to attend and take part in the celebration. More information is available at parks.nv.gov/events.



Fort Churchill Visitor Center
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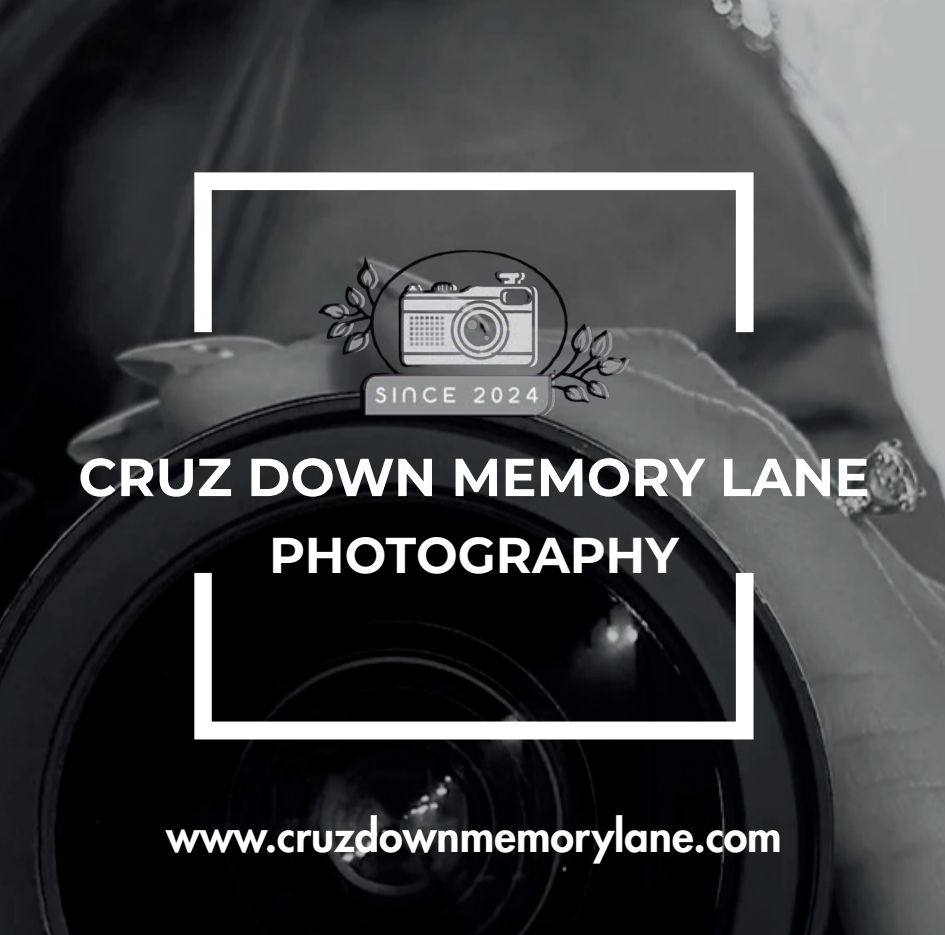
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Howl-O-Ween 5k

Staff Report

Friends of Fernley Animal Services (FFAS) will be hosting a Howl-O-Ween 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Out of Town Park.

FFAS is a nonprofit organization that was created in partnership with the city to raise money for a future animal shelter to house dogs and cats. The event is the new group's first big fundraiser event.

The run/walk is a Halloween themed event and there will be a costume contest for the most creative costume, best owner/pet duo, and funniest costumes. There will also be an adoption event with local rescues and guest vendors including businesses and animal service organizations.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the cost is \$40 per runner or walker.

Registration to participate in the run or walk is available at runsignup.com/Race/NV/Fernley/HowlOWeen5KFunRunWalk.

Wadsworth Bypass closed during finishing work, erosion repairs

Staff Report

The new Wadsworth Bypass Road is closed from the Olinghouse Intersection to the Junction of State Route 427 for at least the next week.

Construction contractors began completing the final punch-list items on Sept. 29, as well as addressing some erosion issues that occurred during recent rainstorms.

The Wadsworth Bypass Road is a 2.91-mile long road from SR 447 just east of the I-80 Smoke Shop to SR 427. It was completed this summer as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects program. The road created direct connection to Interstate 80 while bypassing Wadsworth.

Repaving work underway on USA Parkway

Staff Report

Repaving work on USA Parkway began Sept. 27 as the Nevada Department of Transportation is repairing sections of the roadway in the Tahoe Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center.

Lane reductions are expected to continue through the end of the year.

Short sections of USA Parkway will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Interstate 80 and southern Electric Avenue. Most of the lane reductions will take place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly Sunday evenings through Friday mornings. Weekend lane reductions will also periodically take place between 7 p.m. Fridays and 4 a.m. Mondays for marathon paving weekends, primarily in October and early November.

NDOT said individual areas of road work will be scheduled to avoid the busiest travel times and reduce traffic

impacts as much as possible, but drivers should allow extra travel time and expect delays.

Motorists should also anticipate brief intersection closures of Waltham

Way and Electric Avenue intersections at USA Parkway, with nearby, marked detours available.

The project schedule is subject to change without notice, based on

weather and other factors.

NDOT says Traffic has increased on this section of USA Parkway from 6,500 vehicles daily in 2014 to 24,000 vehicles daily in 2024.



Photo courtesy Nevada Department of Transportation

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO:

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A poster for 'Spooktacular 2025' featuring a haunted house, a full moon, and a zombie. The text reads: 'SPOOKTACULAR 2025 AT CITY HALL FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2025 FROM 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM'. Below this, it says 'Come join us for our indoor trick-or-treating, our outdoor trunk-or-treating, the graveyard, spooky hallway and more!' and '595 Silverlace Blvd, Fernley NV 89408'. There is a small logo for the City of Fernley at the bottom left.

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COMMUNITY

Letter to the editor
The Charlie Kirk Government Complex

Dear Editor,

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners voted 5-0 at their September 18 meeting to name the planned Dayton Government Complex building the Charles J. Kirk Government Complex. This was an improper and unwarranted action, and I'm urging all of you to contact the Commissioners and persuade them to reconsider.

- The Commissioners violated the Nevada Open Meeting Law, and a complaint has been filed with the Attorney General to that effect. The meeting agenda, as written, was not a clear and complete description of what the Commissioners discussed and the action they took. The agenda mentioned only a general discussion of "potential names and possible selection of a name." It did not state the actual name(s) to be discussed and acted upon. This is a violation because, going by the agenda and as many of you now realize, the public had no way of knowing the Board would consider and ultimately name the building after Charlie Kirk.
- While the general public was unaware of any plan to name the building after Charlie Kirk at the Commission meeting, a select group of County residents was obviously informed in advance of the effort. At least half a dozen people were ready with prepared statements in support of Mr. Kirk once the appropriate motion was made. One individual even had enough time to gather 130 signatures on a supporting petition. The deceptive agenda item and the apparent coordination between at least one Commissioner and certain individuals gave the impression that there was widespread support for naming the building after Mr. Kirk. In reality, the general public was kept uninformed and consequently uninvolved, while supporters were rallied behind the scenes to show up for the meeting.
- The commissioners ignored, without explanation, recommendations from the Dayton, Mound House, and Silver City advisory boards that the building be called simply the Dayton Government Complex or be named after significant local figures, such as the Walmsey family, distinguished by a long history and/or service and commitment to Lyon County.
- The Commissioners ignored the recommendation of the County Manager that Mr. Kirk did not meet the criteria listed in County policy for naming county facilities, parks, cemeteries, open space and drainages and in order to proceed the Board should first change the policy.
- The Commissioners' action mirrors the ill-fated attempt in 2021 to change the name of Old Dayton Valley Road to Pres. Trump Way. In this case, under a vague agenda item to "rename a street," the exact names involved were only revealed at the last minute. Citing a potential Open Meeting Law violation, the issue was put off to the next meeting and, with an agenda properly informing the public, died.
- In memorializing Mr. Kirk, the Commissioners acted to please a particular and vocal segment of the partisan political spectrum. They have singled out for distinction someone who lacked any direct impact, connection, or relationship to Lyon County aside from taking political stands that some County residents support. The Commissioners failed in their duty to govern on behalf of all the County's residents, whose taxes will pay for the building and who do not necessarily share a positive opinion of Mr. Kirk. But whether one agrees or disagrees with his politics, Mr. Kirk was clearly a controversial, provocative, and at times divisive media figure—and we need not be reminded of this every time we enter the future Government Complex to conduct County business.

I urge everyone to contact the Commissioners and request that they revisit this issue, under a proper agenda item which includes a complete list of options and names for consideration and bearing in mind that their decision must stand the test of time and be a source of pride for everyone in Lyon County.

Erich Obermayr
Silver City

Trustees begin process to fill vacant seat

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees voted on Sept. 23 to begin the process to fill the vacant District 6 seat created by the resignation of Trustee Bridget Peterson.

Peterson submitted her resignation effective Sept. 1. Peterson has served on the board for 11 years. She was appointed to the board in March of 2014 after the resignation of Theo McCormick, then she was re-elected in 2014, 2018 and 2022.

The action by the Trustees allows the district to begin advertising for applications for the position. State law requires the district to advertise the position in the newspaper for two weeks. The notice and the information for how to apply is also posted on the district's website at lyoncsd.org.

The Board will interview candidates and choose a person to fill the seat at its next meeting on Oct. 28. Under the advice of the district's legal counsel, the Trustees also voted to move that meeting to Sutro Elementary School, which is the only school located in District 6.

The person chosen to fill the seat will serve until the next election and that seat will be on the ballot for the 2026 general election.

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BUSINESS

Mayors Tedford and McIntyre talk housing, growth, and infrastructure with area Realtors

By Rachel Dahl

Two mayors who grew up in the communities they lead, Ken Tedford of Fallon and Neil McIntyre of Fernley, sat down with local Realtors recently to compare notes on growth, housing, and what's next for the region.

Speaking at a Realtors Association luncheon in Fallon, the pair outlined how their cities are built to make decisions and how that affects everything from housing approvals to road projects.

Mayor Ken Tedford reminded the crowd that Fallon is one of Nevada's six general-law cities and operates under a strong-mayor form of government that dates back to 1908.

"The mayor is the chief executive officer," Tedford said. "I don't legislate and I don't vote, our council does that, but day-to-day operations begin and end with me."

Fallon's footprint is compact, about four square miles with roughly 9,300 residents in the city and 26,000 countywide. The city also runs an unusual suite of municipal services: electric, water, sewer, solid waste and landfill, plus the municipal airport. Tedford said that "one hallway" services helps residents and developers get answers quickly. He's created a standing development group made up of the city attorneys, engineering, public works, and the mayor's office to meet with applicants and resolve issues early.

Fernley, by contrast, spans 168 square miles and uses a non-voting mayor system with a five-member council. "I only vote to break a tie, which is rare," Mayor Neil McIntyre said. Fernley's growth, he added, makes coordination essential: "There's so much happening at once. We're working to keep it organized, efficient, and attractive—and still keep our small-town feel."

Both mayors said demand outpaces supply.

Tedford said the city is actively meeting with developers and is especially focused on housing near Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, where the Navy has pushed for more single-family and multifamily options. Some annexed subdivisions are entitled but stalled, he said, largely due to interest rates and project financing.

Fernley has a large pipeline already entitled. "Right now, we have about

3,500 lots permitted and approved by council that haven't been built," McIntyre said. Within city engineering, another 1,400 single-family units and 592 multifamily units sit ready to go as market conditions improve, he added. National builders have shown interest, but timelines have shifted with rates.

Both mayors pointed out to attendees the Nevada Rural Housing programs that can help first-time buyers with down-payment assistance and interest-rate options, noting that some lenders and buyers overlook the program because of the extra paperwork.

In Fallon, the city's southeast business park is filling after years of groundwork. Recent additions include an Amazon distribution facility and Bay Tech. The Dairy Farmers of America plant continues to anchor the park. Tedford credited a long-running, city-county development partnership, now the Churchill Fallon Economic Development association, led by Executive Director Jim Barbee, with recruiting employers and pursuing new hotel projects to support events at the Rafter 3C Arena.

Fernley's pitch centers on logistics and industry access: Interstate 80, U.S. 50, U.S. 95, and a mainline rail connection. McIntyre said interest from datacenter and lithium "loop" firms has grown alongside regional mining activity. The goal, he said, is to land employers that "hire locally and make it hard to leave," allowing more Fernley residents, an estimated 65 to 70% of whom commute to work.

Traffic and connectivity drew plenty of questions. McIntyre said Fernley is advancing a bypass to connect I-80 to U.S. 50 near Victory Logistics, a project awarded a major federal grant several years ago but now facing higher construction costs. The city is also pursuing improvements on Main Street including benches, landscaping, art installations and updated development codes requiring sidewalks and paths in new projects.

The Fernley roundabout remains a sore spot at peak hours. McIntyre said long-term fixes could include the bypass diverting trucks and, someday, an elevated "flyover" if funding appears.

In Fallon, Tedford said the city has spent years adding and repairing sidewalks and trails from the Lower Mills Park loop to paths through the business park to improve everyday walkability. The city continues to coor-

Meetings

Fernley City Council

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

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting October 15

Fernley Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting October 8

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

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

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting October 10

Lyon County Commission

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.

Lyon County Administrative Complex

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Next meeting October 16

Lyon County Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.

Lyon County Administrative Complex

27 S. Main St. Yerington

Next meeting October 14

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.

Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries

Next meeting October 28

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Locations rotate between each attendance area

Next meeting October 28

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month

195 E. Main St.

Next meeting October 9 or 16

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District

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

Next meeting October 21

dinate with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on state-route segments through town.

Both mayors said federal funding that flows through agencies can be slow to arrive, complicating local budgets as costs escalate. Tedford noted congressionally directed dollars ("earmarks") awarded as far back as 2021 that have yet to be released by federal agencies. McIntyre shared a similar experience: a \$25 million federal award for the Fernley bypass now falls short as the estimate has climbed.

Both cities continue to work with regional partners; Fernley coordinates with the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) on water and sewer funding and economic planning and Fallon engages through local economic-development groups and with Churchill County on shared priorities.

Asked how they hope their cities will be remembered a decade from now, both leaders emphasized measured growth and quality of life.

"I want Fallon to be known for consistent, well-planned growth, always 20 to 30 years ahead on utilities without burdening residents," Tedford said.

McIntyre's vision for Fernley: "Organized, efficient, sustainable. Keep the small-town feel, add recreation and entertainment, and make Fernley a place where people live, work and play."

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ue in B-17/Dixie Valley; two offers have been made on B-16 grazing payments and permit modifications; mining-claim payment initiation is underway for B-16, B-17 and B-20; and environmental work tied to new fencing and range improvements at B-16 is nearly complete. A final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for B-16 range infrastructure is expected in October.

An integrated schedule shows related tasks—private land deals, grazing compensation, cultural surveys, and road/pipeline work—staggered across B-16, B-17, B-20 and Dixie Valley, with construction windows dependent on NDAA and military construction funding and coordination with BLM, NDOT, BOR and others.

BLM said proposed grazing decisions went out July 31 for two allotments affected by B-16: Lahontan would drop from 1,151 AUMs to 637 AUMs, and Horse Mountain from 3,000 AUMs to 2,884 AUMs. Full land-health assessments and fully processed permits are planned for FY29.

Cadastral work remains on schedule for B-16: surveys in Sectors 1–5 and 7–8 are complete and filed; Simpson Road (Sector 9) will file before Sept. 30; and the Sand Canyon (Sector 10) administrative survey awaits a finalized right-of-way. Federal-authority surveys and field investigations are underway for B-17 and B-20, including a B-20 township survey in progress.

- Two high-interest road projects moved forward:
- State Route 361 realignment (B-17): Under an MOU with FHWA and NDOT, alternatives to route SR-361 around the expanded withdrawal area have been developed; CA

- Group/NDOT baseline studies will feed a preliminary EA.
- Sand Canyon Road (B-16): BLM leads NEPA with BOR as co-lead to realign a segment and close a portion to general traffic. The EA will consider road width, surfacing, stream crossings, and alignments so NEPA can proceed prior to final design.
- BLM also outlined Section 2907 land exchanges and public-purpose conveyances in Churchill County (fire station, wastewater expansion, gravel pits/rock quarries, recreation) and the broader “checkerboard resolution” effort to consolidate mixed ownership patterns.
- The Navy’s Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) draft has completed stakeholder review (BLM, USFWS, BOR, NDOW, DCNR, and tribal partners). The Navy will meet with agencies and tribes to address comments, then begin the INRMP’s EA this fall, which includes a public review period.

A Wildland Fire Management Plan draft is expected out for stakeholder review in October. Partnering with the USGS Fire Science Team, the Navy is modeling fire risk and proposing fuel breaks on the expanded ranges; the fire working group reconvenes Sept. 25. Implementation on historic ranges continues, with aerial herbicide trials on B-17 and planned pre-emergent treatments this fall.

A multi-year sage-grouse noise study with USGS and NDOW has finished Year-2 field work. Fall trapping is underway to equip birds with GPS/radio tags for Year-3. Full funding is expected in FY26 via the Navy and DOD’s SERDP program.

Cultural-resource inventory is extensive. At B-20, about 87,147 acres have been inventoried, documenting 572

cultural properties—primarily pre-contact sites—most along the range edges; another 13,000 acres will be inventoried by a second contractor. At B-17, roughly 200,000 acres have been inventoried with Native American monitors embedded; remaining inventories will be completed by tribal crews. Consultation on B-16 fencing effects is complete.

Tribal engagement includes a final draft Programmatic Agreement circulated for signatures, a draft cultural survey work plan for B-17/B-20 that elevates tribal-led data collection, and planned meetings on INRMP comments. The B-16 infrastructure EA remains on track for an October FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact).

During public comment, two mineral stakeholders raised concerns about compensation for mining claims within the expansion footprint, citing fair-market considerations and reimbursement for fees and past work. They asked the Navy to correct records, meet with claimants, and resolve missing payments before statutory deadlines. (Comments summarized from the IEC transcript.)

For Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing and Eureka counties and neighboring tribal nations, the modernization process affects local communities through ranching schedules and AUMs, where roads run (SR-361, Sand Canyon, Lone Tree), how public access changes with new fencing, how wildfire risk is reduced, and how cultural places are identified and protected. The IEC is the public forum to track those moving parts, weigh trade-offs, and keep local governments, landowners, and tribes at the table.

The IEC will poll members for an early-December meeting date, with details posted to the IEC page on the FRTC Modernization website along with slide decks and minutes.

- IEC — Intergovernmental Executive Committee
- FRTC — Fallon Range Training Complex.
- NDAA — National Defense Authorization Act.
- NAS Fallon — Naval Air Station Fallon.
- BLM — Bureau of Land Management.
- NDOT — Nevada Department of Transportation.
- BOR — U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- FHWA — Federal Highway Administration.
- EA — Environmental Assessment.
- FONSI — Finding of No Significant Impact (explain the first time).
- INRMP — Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.
- USFWS — U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- DCNR — Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- NDOW — Nevada Department of Wildlife.
- USGS — U.S. Geological Survey.
- SERDP — Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (DOD).
- AUM — Animal Unit Month (grazing measure).

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MICHAEL DEMPSEY – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,000.00, Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail, Misdemeanor
DANIEL BONNIE – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$12,550.00, Charges: Civil Custody for Alcohol Abuse Endangering Self/Others; Intoxicated Pedestrian/Animal Rider on Road (2 counts); Assault on Protected Person (2 counts)
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Sheriff offers tips to avoid Internet scams

By Robert Perea

Lyon County Sheriff's Office

As internet scams surge across the region, the Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope is urging residents to take proactive steps to protect themselves from online fraud.

In his Message of the Week for Sept. 26, Pope said scammers are constantly evolving their tactics to exploit unsuspecting victims. With daily life becoming increasingly digital, the risks are rising, and so is the urgency to stay informed.

“As the public becomes educated, scammers are thwarted, and they look for other methods to scam honest people out of their money,” Pope wrote.

Pope said nearly all fraud calls the Sheriff's Office responds to originate online, and they hope that by sharing safety tips, more residents will be equipped to protect their personal information and finances.

One of Pope's recommendations is to limit the amount of personal information shared online. Potential employers or customers don't need to know your relationship status or home address, only your expertise and how to contact you. Privacy settings on web browsers, mobile devices and social media platforms should be enabled and kept active, even if they're difficult to locate.

Safe browsing habits are also essential. Cybercriminals often use lurid content to lure users into clicking malicious links. Officials advise avoiding suspicious websites and resisting the urge to explore dubious content.

Public Wi-Fi networks pose an-

other risk. When accessing sensitive information in public, users should wait for a secure connection or use a virtual private network (VPN), which encrypts data and shields it from outside monitoring.

Downloading apps from untrusted sources can also expose devices to malware. Pope recommends downloading only from reputable sites and avoiding anything that looks suspicious.

Passwords remain a weak point in internet security. Pope urged residents to choose strong, complex passwords with at least 15 characters, mixing letters, numbers and symbols. Password manager software can help users keep track of multiple logins.

When shopping online, users should verify that the site is secure before entering payment information. Secure sites typically begin with “https” and may display a padlock icon in the browser.

Pope also cautions against over-sharing on social media and beware of fake social media profiles.

“As InfoWorld reports, fake social media profiles are a popular way for hackers to cozy up to unwary Web users and pick their cyber pockets, Pope said. “Be as cautious and sensible in your online social life as you are in your in-person social life.”

Finally, keeping antivirus software and operating systems up to date is critical. While no security software can block every threat, updates provide a vital layer of protection against evolving malware.

“Please follow these safety tips and protect yourself and your hard-earned money from scammers,” Pope said.



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SPORTS

Fernley runners show improvement in Truckee meet



Fernley's Corbyn Gillespie runs during the Truckee Invitational on Sept. 27

By Robert Perea

Several Fernley runners showed dramatic improvement over last year as the Fernley High School cross country team faced its largest meet and the fastest competition of the year last week in Truckee.

A total of 23 schools fielded full boys teams, and 17 schools had full girls teams with 194 boys and 145 girls running in the varsity races at the Truckee Invitational, held at the Ponderosa Golf Course.

Fernley's top performance was by Joe Perkins, who finished 32nd in the varsity boys race with a time of 18:00. He beat his time from last year by 4 seconds, when he finished 25th on the same course

Cael Wilson finished 55th with a time of 18:41, improving from 20:32 and 96th place last year. Freshman Zachary Petersen finished 57th in 18:45, Alex Mergell came in 105th with a time of 20:14, Skyler Ledesma-James finished 112th in 20:36 and beat last year's time by 1:07, while Bodie Parsons was 131st with his time of 21:15.

The boys team compiled 320 team

points to place 12th out of 23 teams.

The girls team did not have five runners in the varsity race, so they didn't place as a team.

Corbyn Gillespie finished 82nd in a time of 24:15, shaving 12 seconds off last year's time. Wynter Angus beat her time from last year by 1:10, finished 112th in 26:56. Regan Scott finished 122nd in 28:02 and Jojo Cardinal posted a time of 28:28 to place 126th.

This week, the Vaqueros will run on Saturday at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Cross Country Invitational hosted by Spanish Springs at Golden Eagle Park in Sparks. The first race begins at 9 a.m.



Girls soccer suffers pair of 1-0 defeats

By Robert Perea

A pair of tense battles turned into heartbreaking losses for the Fernley High School girls soccer team last weekend.

The Vaqueros battled both Spring Creek and Elko on near even terms, but lost 1-0 to Spring Creek last Friday, then 1-0 to Elko on Saturday.

The Vaqueros are now 0-3 in the Northern 3A East despite having allowed only four goals. They are 4-9 overall.

This week the Vaqueros will host Fallon at noon Saturday.

Boys soccer

The Vaqueros lost 5-0 at Spring Creek on Sept. 26 and 3-1 at Lowry on Sept. 27.

No stats were available for the loss in Spring Creek. At Lowry, Leland Ketelaar scored Fernley's goal.

The Vaqueros fell to 0-3-1 in the Northern 3A East and 0-9-3 overall.

This week they are scheduled to play at Fallon at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

Food for Thought

BySherry Perea

Tomato Pie

This mouthwatering pie is a tomato lover's dream, perfect as a side dish or stand-alone vegetarian meal. The basil is savory and sweet, with a hint of peppery goodness. When paired with fresh tomatoes and garlic, you have a bold and scrumptious dish that you'll want to eat over and over again. Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1 9-inch pie pastry
- 4 Medium to large tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 2 Teaspoons salt
- 3 Cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ Cup fresh basil, chopped
- ½ Cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ Cup mix shredded parmesan and mozzarella cheeses (I used Kraft Italian blend that also has Romano and Asiago cheeses)
- ¼ Cup mayonnaise

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees, press pie pastry into a 9-inch pie pan, and prick the bottom and sides with a fork.
2. Bake pie crust until it is lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees.
3. Lightly blot tomatoes with a paper towel to remove excess juice then arrange half of the tomatoes in a layer over the bottom of the cooled crust overlapping the tomato slices, sprinkle with half each of the garlic, basil, cheddar, parmesan and mozzarella, layer once more then spread mayonnaise over the top and you're ready to bake.
4. Bake until cheese is melted and bubbling, about 25-30 minutes. Cool, slice and serve.

Makes about 6 servings

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SPORTS

Onside kicks spur turnaround in Vaqueros win at Truckee

By Robert Perea

After a first half where his offense couldn't get going and his defense couldn't get a stop, Fernley High School football coach Anfernee Sloan only needed a couple of minutes at halftime to make his point.

Then something he saw on his iPad ended up turning the game completely around.

The Vaqueros successfully recovered an onside kick to open the second half, then another after they converted the first one into a touchdown, eventually scoring 25 consecutive points on their way to a 38-29 win in Truckee last Saturday night.

It was a complete reversal from the first half, especially defensively, when Truckee scored on its first three possessions and only failed on the fourth one because a pass went off the fingertips of a wide open receiver in the end zone on the last play of the half.

"I think that one right there, that's a big one, seeding wise, for the future, for the program as a whole, because now they know," Sloan said. "That's a lot of grit. That's not something that us coaches are telling them to do, that's just a program, that's a healthy culture that we have of kids that want to play hard and play a full 48 minutes."

Barely five minutes after the first half ended, the Vaqueros were already on the field to warm up for the second half. So, what changes did Sloan and the rest of the coaching staff make at halftime?

"Believe it or not, we didn't change anything," Sloan said. "We had a 'come to Jesus' meeting up there, and I told them, 'I'm going to say this with a calm



Fernley's Xavier Phillips blocks Truckee's Logan Kane while Keeshawn Love carries the ball during last Saturday's game in Truckee. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography

demeanor, you guys got five minutes to figure it out.' We didn't change anything that we did that second half besides the fact that I just needed them to clean up what we were doing."

While his team was warming up for the second half, Sloan took a quick peek at some plays from the first half on his iPad and noticed a Truckee blocker leaving his spot early on Fernley's kickoffs.

Looking for something to spark his team, Sloan decided to try an onside kick right to the spot where that player had been leaving early. Sure enough, it happened again, and the Vaqueros recovered the ball at the Truckee 48-yard line.

Seven inside runs by Keeshawn Love, plus an offside penalty on Truckee resulted in Love's 9-yard touchdown, and when Bryce Stephens ran in the two-point conversion, the game was tied, and the Vaqueros were alive.

And live.

Sloan then decided that it worked so well the first time, it was worth trying again.

"After we scored, I was like, I think that kid doesn't think we'll do it again," Sloan said. "We went right back at him, and it worked out in our favor."

The Vaqueros again recovered the ball at the Truckee 48. This time it took five runs by Love and two by Stephens, plus another offsides penalty on Truckee. Loved scored from three yards out, Noah Spencer kicked the extra point, and the Vaqueros had turned a 21-13 deficit to a 28-21 lead without Truckee even touching the ball.

Fernley's next kickoff was a short popup that landed behind the blockers and in front of the returners, resulting in a scramble that Truckee recovered at its own 21-yard line. On 4th-and-4, the Wolverines went for it on their own 27-yard line, and the Vaqueros stopped

them two yards short. That set up a 47-yard field goal by Spencer that made it 31-21. It was the fourth field goal of 43 yards or longer Spencer has made in the past three weeks.

Fernley got another fourth down stop on Truckee's next possession, and Stephens added to the lead with a 42-yard touchdown run, making it 38-21.

Rylan Lauter drew Truckee within 38-29 with a 16-yard touchdown run with 7:55 left in the game, but the Vaqueros ran 13 plays that ate up the entire clock before taking a knee to end it.

"That's the second time we've had to dig ourselves out of a hole in the second half," Sloan said, referring to the first game of the season at Douglas. "They played to win and that, to me, is a scary thing. You got a team that's not willing to quit, especially one that's just going to grind it out and break it."

Truckee's offense cut right through the Vaqueros in the first half. On their first possession, the Wolverines started at the Fernley 38-yard line and scored in six plays, on a 1-yard run by Lauter.

The Vaqueros answered with a 54-yard run by Riley McCullar to tie the game 7-7.

Truckee's second drive went 75 yards in five plays, and the third was 65 yards in six plays plus a roughing the passer penalty on Fernley.

In between, the Vaqueros had a 12-yard drive that went 80 yards for a 2-yard touchdown run by McCullar.

Truckee had the chance to go up two scores before the half, but on the last play of the second quarter from Fernley's 3-yard line, quarterback Sam Kuntz's pass went off the fingertips of a wide-open receiver right under the goalpost.

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schools are open campuses, meaning students can leave campus during lunch, and that students need their phone if they leave campus in case of an emergency.

"We don't have a facility big enough to keep a closed campus," he said. "If I'm going to keep every student here for lunch, I'm going to have to go to a schedule that has three or four lunches in order to get the numbers down to where they'll fit in the lunchroom."

Hendrix requested that the district's high school administrators study the policy enforced at Silverland Middle School, where students sign a contract acknowledging that they cannot use their cell phone during school. Silverland Dean of Students Shaun McMackin said he has gone from taking away cell phones from several times a day to just a couple times so far this year.

When Hendrix asked Cross if he would be willing to implement the K-8 policy that phones had to be kept out of sight from the start of the school day until the end, Cross argued that there are legitimate uses for cell phones in high school.

"I don't know if you are aware, but we actually purchase apps that students use on their cell phones and they're used in certain classes in a purposeful manner," Cross responded.

He added that high school teachers are allowed to use their discretion.

"And we support our teachers here," he said. "I have some teachers that have policies that say, 'If I see it, it's mine, I'm taking it.' That's fine, we'll support that. I have teachers that say, 'you can use it when I tell you it's okay to use it,' and I have teachers that encourage the use of cell phones."

As examples, he said students in weight training use their phones to track their progress, they use them

in photography classes and they use them in classes that require scientific calculators.

"We've got a lot of kids doing work-based learning courses now. That's how they report their hours," Cross said. "There are just so many ways that they are used. I think we should be teaching kids to use them appropriately."

Hendrix said his aim is to get the phones out of the hands of students during instructional time, between classes and during lunch, so they interact with their peers.

Cross said when students use their phones at lunch, they're often playing games with their peers.

"When I do see kids on phones, I see kids playing games where they're interacting with each other playing the same game at a table," he said. "They're talking, they're having a good time."

Fernley High Student Body President, Jackson Hohnholz, said the

board should consider what all the parents, teachers and administrators were saying.

"Personally, I don't think that this policy is reasonable whatsoever, and everyone has showed you guys that tonight," he said.

School Resource Officer Melody Holland said the policy needs to be age-appropriate and pointed out that she watched some of the Trustees look at their phones during the discussion.

"We're all adults, we all have cell phones, and yet all of us would end up in APEP tomorrow if this was our policy," she said.

Following the discussion, Hendrix asked Cross and Mattice to look at the way Silverland is implementing the district policy and see if they would agree with implementing it at the high school level. His motion to table the item to the Oct. 28 meeting passed 6-0.

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