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North Lyon Fire working on agreement to base medical helicopter in Fernley

By Robert Perea

The North Lyon County Fire Protection District is working on an agreement with Battle Born Medevac to base a medical helicopter at its Main Street Station 61, a move district officials say would significantly reduce transport times for critical patients.

At a March 30 meeting, Fire Chief Brian Bunn told the board the district is developing a public-private agreement to establish an air medical transport base behind the station. He said worsening traffic on Interstate 80 between Fernley and Reno as well as long waits for mutual aid helicopters are delaying care for patients who need rapid transport.

"This is a tool to help get our critical patients to definitive care in a timely manner, and not sit in traffic for two to three hours just trying to get to a facility," he said.

Bunn said the plan includes a helipad with radio-frequency controlled lighting that can be turned on during a helicopter's approach or departure. Contractors, city officials



A Battle Born Medevac helicopter arrives to assist North Lyon Fire with a medical transport. The fire district and Battle Born Medevac are working on an agreement to base a helicopter at the Main Street Fire Station 61. Photo courtesy of Battle Born Medevac

and the Battle Born Medevac CEO were scheduled to conduct a site visit to determine placement. Bunn emphasized that an agreement would come back to the board before anything is finalized.

The proposed agreement was scheduled to be considered by the

board on April 9, but the item was tabled because the district had not yet received complete legal review of the agreement.

Bunn said the district was still waiting on legal opinions but asked the board to consider a special meeting so Battle Born Medevac could

begin hiring staff if the agreement is approved.

"I'd actually like to get it done sooner than later," he said. "They would have to onboard three more nurses, three more paramedics, and they need some time frame to do that because we'd be looking at firing this thing up June 1st."

Bunn said having a helicopter based in Fernley would dramatically shorten response and transport times.

"It doesn't fix our overarching problem of staffing, but when we have those critical patients, instead of waiting 30 minutes to 60 minutes for a helicopter, they're spooled up and we get them to Renown in a seven minute flight," he said

Board member Jay Rodriguez said the addition would be a major step for the community.

"I think it'll be really cool when that day comes to Fernley," he said. "Having a helicopter is going to be amazing."

The board tabled the item as requested and scheduled a special meeting for April 27 at 6 p.m.

Judge allows Fernley City Council to proceed with corrective agenda item in Lau expulsion case

By Robert Perea

Third Judicial District Court Judge Leon Aberasturi ruled Monday that the Fernley City Council may move forward with a corrected agenda item that was scheduled for Wednesday's meeting related to former Councilman Stan Lau's expulsion, denying Lau's emergency request to block the item.

The city placed the item on the April 15 agenda to take what it described as "corrective action" under Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The council voted on March 4 to adopt a resolution to permanently expel Lau, but the agenda for that meeting did not list expulsion as a possible action, although the resolution did.

On March 24, Lau filed motions for a preliminary injunction and a temporary restraining order arguing the council violated Nevada's Open Meeting Law by

approving the resolution to expel him because the agenda item did not list expulsion as a possible action.

Aberasturi granted the injunction on March 26, ruling that Lau would face "immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage" if the city moved ahead with declaring his seat vacant and filling it before the matter could be heard.

On April 9, the city posted the agenda for the April 15 meeting, which included an agenda item to consider "possible corrective action to adopt Resolution 26 002," the same resolution it approved on March 4, with the date updated to reflect the new meeting.

On April 10, Lau filed an emergency motion for supplemental temporary restraining order to stop the council from considering the April 15 agenda item and asking for sanctions against the city if the court approved the motion.

However, after hearing arguments

from attorneys for both sides during a hearing on April 13, Aberasturi denied Lau's request for an emergency order.

Attorney Jeffrey Dickerson, representing Lau, argued that the city's April 15 agenda item did not properly identify what was being corrected, making the notice inadequate under the Open Meeting Law.

"We know because we're well apprised of the history of the situation that expulsion, but a member of the public, looking at that agenda item, would have no idea what is being corrected," Dickerson said. "The notice of what is going to be corrected is meaningless if that's not made clear."

He also argued that re adopting Resolution 26 002 would improperly "re expel" Lau and constitute prospective action barred by the temporary restraining order. Dickerson said the city triggered a statutory obligation to

fill the seat by declaring it vacant, and therefore any further action on the resolution is prospective and prohibited.

Dickerson also argued that the city missed the 30 day deadline for corrective action because NRS 241.0365 measures the period from the date of the violation, not from the date the item is agendized. He urged the court not to follow the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, calling it non-binding guidance and arguing that its interpretation of the statute is unreasonable.

Attorney Sean Lancaster, one of three attorneys representing the city at Monday's hearing, argued that the April 15 agenda item did meet the statutory requirement because NRS 241.0365 only requires the agenda to identify the action as "for corrective action." He said

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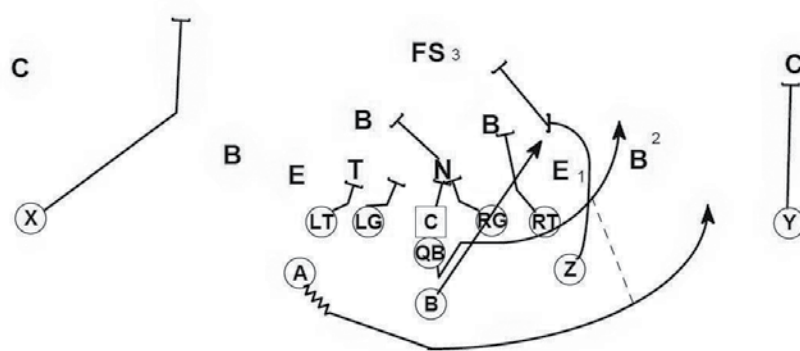
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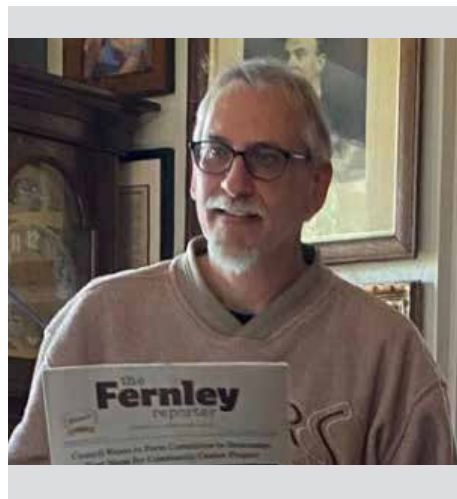
A small quake and a startled cat

The first earthquake I ever felt wasn't even the one that did the damage. It was an aftershock, and I happened to be visiting relatives in Firebaugh, CA, about 50 miles from where a big quake had leveled downtown Coalinga in 1983.

More than 5,000 aftershocks were recorded over the next three months. One morning at the breakfast table, my mom's cousin was describing how often they hit, and mentioned that one was happening right then. It was small enough that you had to be paying attention to notice it. It felt more like a stereo vibrating the floor than anything shaking the house.

I was reminded of that Monday night when I felt my desk chair start to move. At first it was just a mild shake, the kind you almost talk yourself out of noticing, and then it picked up enough that there was no mistaking it. A moment later, a stack of papers flew off a shelf and landed on the arm of the chair where my cat Vaquero was sleeping. He jumped straight in the air out of fright, then glared at me as if I'd thrown them at him.

It's been mostly just he and I home alone for the past few months since my dog died, and he probably spent more of his time with the dog than I did. He was a stray who adopted us about a year and a half ago, and he appears to dislike being alone. When I'm working, he stays in the chair next to my desk



ROBERT PEREA

except for when he wanders off for a nibble or to use his box, but then he's right back. And because we spend so much time alone together, I've gotten used to talking to him. Surprisingly, unlike most cats, he's very reactive when I speak.

So when he glared at me after the stack of papers disrupted his nap, I knew he thought I had done it. As I picked the stack up from the floor and put it back on the shelf, I told Vaquero, "If I was going to do something, I would have squirted you with water, not thrown papers at you." It may have been my imagination that he understood, but there was no imagining the change in his demeanor. I'm not delusional enough to think he knew what I was saying, but he was clearly calmed by either my voice or my tone.

Living in the southern California high desert for three years in my late

teens, I got used to earthquakes, to the point that I actually enjoyed the sensation, as long as I knew it wasn't strong enough to knock walls down on me.

I realized pretty quickly this one wasn't going to do that, but Vaquero didn't. Something startled him, and I was the only thing nearby, so I was the obvious culprit.

Eventually the room felt still again, and not more than two or three minutes later, he was sound asleep, just like nothing had happened.

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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1st Gross: Jana Garner, 92
2nd Gross: Maria Garrett, 102
1st Net: Terry Richter, 69
2nd Net: Cheryl Grukowski, 74
3rd Net: Nancy Newton, 75
4th Net: Kathy Kennedy, 75

Purple Tees:
1st Gross: Verl Ely, 104
2nd Gross: Lois Thiel, 108
1st Net: Sandi Sewchok, 85
2nd Net: Val Montgomery, 85
Low Putts: Jana Garner, 27
Closest to hole #7: Nancy Newton, 2'
Closest to hole #11: Sharie Miller, 23'

Birdies: Kathy Kennedy, #5, Nancy Newton, #7; Rita Hanifen, #15; Jana Garner, #16

Chip-Ins: Kathy Kennedy, #5, Rita Hanifen, #15

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FEATURES

Lyon County assessing infrastructure after earthquake near Silver Springs

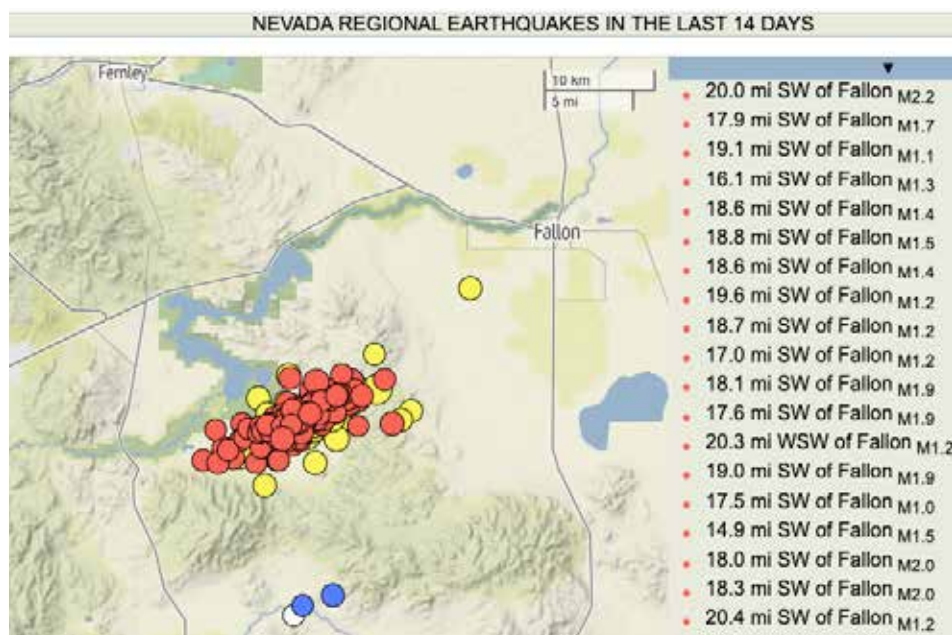
By Robert Perea

Lyon County crews began assessing roads, utilities and other critical infrastructure after a preliminary 5.5 to 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck near Silver Springs Monday evening, with officials reporting no major damage but launching precautionary inspections across the county.

The quake, centered just southeast of Lahontan Reservoir, was widely felt in Silver Springs, Fallon, Fernley and surrounding areas. Residents as far away as Sparks, Spanish Springs, Sun Valley, Carson City, Reno and Lake Tahoe also reported light shaking.

Lyon County Emergency Management activated coordination efforts with local public safety agencies, utilities, school districts and healthcare facilities shortly after the quake. As of Monday night, no major damage had been reported to critical infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, transportation systems or utility services.

"Out of an abundance of caution," the county said, response crews would



At least 120 aftershocks were recorded in the hours following the main quake. Photo courtesy the Nevada Seismological Laboratory.

conduct detailed damage assessments over the next several days to check roads, bridges, water systems and other essential services for issues that may not be immediately visible.

The county also advised residents to inspect their homes for damage such as gas leaks and broken utilities or structural issues that may also not be immediately noticed.

The United States Geological Survey initially measured the quake at magnitude 5.5, while the Nevada Seismological Laboratory (NSL) reported a preliminary 5.5 as well, with some automated systems listing it as high as 5.7. Early magnitudes often shift as more seismic data is analyzed.

The quake occurred at a shallow depth of about 5.6 miles (13 km), contributing to the widespread reports of shaking.

The main quake was followed by a burst of seismic activity. As of Tuesday morning NSL reported hundreds of aftershocks in close proximity east of the southern end of Lahontan Reservoir. Earthquake Track also indicated as many as 25 quakes in the Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock and Silver Springs areas in the 24 hours preceding the larger event.

Monitoring agencies are continuing to refine magnitude estimates and gather reports from across the region. Lyon County officials said they will release updates as assessment teams complete their evaluations.

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the alleged violation concerns the agenda language, not the resolution itself, and that the city corrected the notice issue by adding the word "expel" to the new agenda item.

He told the court the resolution being brought back is identical to the one adopted March 4 except for the date, which was updated to reflect the April 15 meeting. Lancaster said this is the proper way to take corrective action when the alleged violation is the wording of the agenda, not the substance of the resolution.

On the timing issue, Lancaster ar-

gued that the statute is ambiguous and that the Attorney General's interpretation, starting the 30 day period when the public body receives notice of an alleged violation, is reasonable. He said the city is acting in good faith, both with regard to the court's orders and guidance from the attorney general's office.

"The status quo remains the same, whether the new agenda item is passed or not," he said. "The state of affairs right now is that Mr. Lau has been expelled, the seat is vacant but no appointment has been made, and we understand that your TRO entered on March 27 remains in place. The city council

cannot appoint a replacement."

In his ruling, Aberasturi said the statute governing corrective action is ambiguous and does not clearly require the 30 day period to run from the date of the violation. He also said courts may look to the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual for guidance and that interpreting the statute as Dickerson urged would "frustrate the purpose" of encouraging public bodies to correct alleged violations.

Aberasturi said he found the April 15 agenda item sufficiently clear and said he saw no Open Meeting Law problem with the council attempting corrective action. But, he added, that does not

remove the Open Meeting Law allegations regarding the March 4 meeting that were made in Lau's original motions for the injunction and restraining order.

"What I see this doing is, if they correctively do it, all they've done is remove the attorney general from possibly seeking criminal penalties under NRS Chapter 241," he said. "It doesn't remove the allegations that there was, because I haven't decided that yet."

The council was scheduled to consider the corrected agenda item at Wednesday's meeting. The hearing on Lau's preliminary injunction request is now set for May 1.

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The Boys and Girls Club held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Fernley Early Learning Center on April 14



A group of children from the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley scooped shovels full of dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Early Learning Center as ELC Area Director Angela Nolan and Pre-K teacher Shannon Facque look on. The ELC will be built as Phase II of the Community Resource and Response Center. Photo by Rachel Dahl



A prepared dirt mound stands in front of construction equipment before the start of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Early Learning Center. Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley

FRW hosting candidate forum at April 21 meeting

Staff Report

The Fernley Republican Women (FRW) will be hosting a series of candidate forums during its regular monthly meetings. This month they will host Republican candidates for Lyon County Commission Districts 2 and 5, and School Board Trustee Districts 2, 4 and 6. Attendees are invited to submit questions for candidates in writing or via email prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Fernley Senior Center on April 21. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend but RSVPs are requested by emailing katiebaker25@gmail.com.



Fernley Community Events

APR. 18

TABLE TENNIS
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fernley Branch Library
575 Silver Lace Blvd
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BINGO NIGHT hosted by
Animal Rescue Group of
Northern Nevada - ARGONN
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Fernley Senior Center
105 Lois Ln.

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Boys and Girls Club
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APR. 18 (continued)

LIVE COMEDY - \$20
Alan Bromwell
7:00 p.m.
Frontier Fun Center
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APR. 19

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APR. 21

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APR. 23

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TRIVIA (21+)
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FERNLEY PUBLIC MARKET
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Senior Center
105 Lois Lane

APR. 24

KARAOKE PARTY (21+)
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APR. 25

TABLE TENNIS
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Thursday, Apr. 23

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Friday, Apr. 24

Chicken Gumbo
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Colorful Salad
Honey Dressing
Chantilly Fruit Cup

OBITUARY

Ronald Lee McKay

Ronald Lee McKay went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 19, 2026.

Ronald was born on Sept. 10, 1939, in Kankakee, Ill. to Robert McKay and Jewel Murphy. He was a Vietnam veteran serving in the United States Navy and retired in January 1979 as a CPO-HMC. After his service, he continued to work in military service as an industrial hygienist for the Navy, including at NAS Fallon, until he retired in

2003. Ron married Frances L. Detloff on Jan. 2, 1968. He was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Samuel and his stepmother Edith Niblock. He is survived by his wife Fran; sons Mark, Christopher and Patrick; grandchildren Christopher, Kelsey, Caiden, Cammie and

Sullivan; step-grandchildren Jordin Soule, Jackson Miller and Madison Miller; and six great-grandchildren. A service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 17 at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, followed by a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. at the Ranch at Desert Lakes golf course.



COMMUNITY

Fernley FFA team wins First High Team at FFA State Contest

Staff Report

The Fernley High School Livestock Evaluation Team won both the First High Team and Individual awards at the 97th Nevada FFA State Convention in Reno.

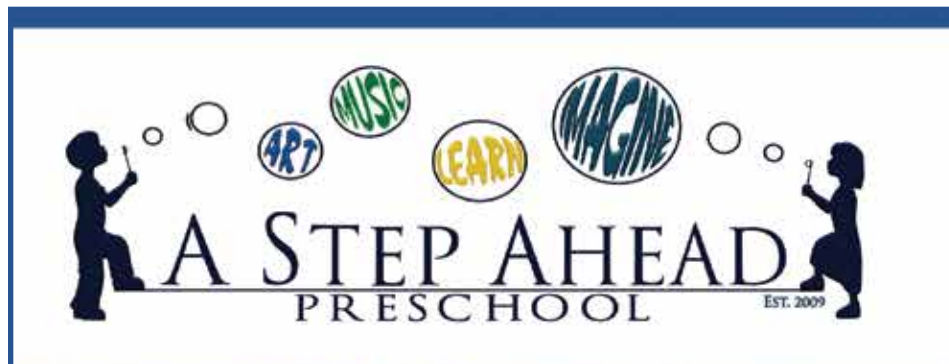
The team of Dylan Veihland, Arianna Walker, Jayde Thomas and Ainsley Blackorby won First High Team, while Blackorby won First High Individual and Walker was the Second High Individual.

Fernley also had teams competing in Milk Quality and Products, Horse Evaluation and Floriculture.

In addition to the competition, members participated in workshops like meat cutting, range Olympics and drones.



The Fernley High School Livestock Evaluation Team won First High Team at the Nevada FFA state contest last week. Pictured are Dylan Veihland, Arianna Walker, Jayde Thomas and Ainsley Blackorby. Photo courtesy of Fernley High School



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BUSINESS

Fernley approves \$876K contract for 20-year facilities plan

By Kerry Lyman

Despite concerns about the cost, the Fernley City Council on April 1 approved an \$876,036 contract to develop a facilities master plan for the planning, programming and financing improvements to all of the city's public facilities for the next 20 years.

Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, LTD (TSK) will lead the effort, serving as the main consultant leading overall project management, and Kimley-Horn (KH) will assist TSK with all non-architectural services, according to a staff report on the item.

The scope of work in the contract is to prepare a comprehensive evaluation and long-range planning effort covering all major city-owned facilities, including city hall, the chamber of commerce, the Community Response and Resource Center,

the historic Fernley-Lassen Train Depot, the shop and fleet yard on Cottonwood Lane and other public works and utility department buildings, the staff report said.

Cody Wagner, chairman of the Fernley Community Foundation, first raised the cost issue during public comment, saying though he understands the need to plan, with this amount of money he would prefer that the city would actually do some things rather than plan for things.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberiski said she had some of the same concerns about the cost when the item came up for consideration.

Bill Denis of TSK responded by saying such a plan is "a really important tool" for a city experiencing the kind of growth that Fernley is experiencing. It shows "how the city can meet the demands of its growth over five,

10 or 20 years without overextending yourselves economically," he said.

Public Works Director Barry Williams said the city is in the position it is in today because of a lack of planning, with the city having outgrown its maintenance facilities 10 years ago and now outgrowing city hall as well.

He said having a plan means not having to defer maintenance or come up with large sums of money because the city did not plan for certain maintenance or expansion activities.

Councilman Joe Mendoza asked that if the city has to expand city hall, why not spend the \$800,000 on expanding city hall rather than planning to do it.

Williams said that to expand city hall, the city needs to know what to expand, whether the public works department, the planning department, or maybe even a new department that

might be considered.

"This gives us a high level view of what to look for and what to expect in the future," Williams said.

TSK Architects will assess existing facility conditions, space adequacy and operational efficiency, identify deficiencies and project future needs based on population and staffing growth over 5-, 10- and 20-year horizons, according to the staff report.

The work includes developing conceptual improvement options, cost estimates, phased implementation strategies and evaluation of potential funding sources. The facilities master plan is expected to be completed and adopted by this December, the staff report said.

The council approved the facilities master plan contract with TSK in a 3-1 vote, with Mendoza opposed.

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its April 1 meeting:

- 775 Preservation Services LLC, Fernley
- Atwell, LLC, Southfield, MI
- Backflow and Foilage Pros, LLC, Sparks
- Books Dunn Right LLC, Fernley
- Border States Industries, Inc., Fargo ND
- Braemar Construction LLC, Elko
- CBG Midwest, LLC, Winston-Salem, NC
- Crave LLC & Associates, Sun Valley NV
- D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS
- Di Amante Nails, LLC, Fernley NV
- Honey Don't List Cleaning & More LLC, Fernley
- Laxalt Law Group, Ltd., Reno
- Matrix Design Group, Inc., Denver, CO
- MJP Fabrication and Mechanical Services, Fernley
- Prayers and Petals LLC, Fernley
- Shane Duitsman, Fernley
- Summit Overhead Door, Sparks
- Texas Republic Signs, Houston, TX
- The Wandering Page NV, Fernley
- Titan Plumbing, LLC, Reno
- Tori Nicholas, Fernley
- Victory Glass LLC, Reno

Grant for mayor's fishing pond approved by city council

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council at its April 1 meeting approved a \$100,000 grant application to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to help fund the mayor's proposed fishing pond park off of Farm District Road.

The city is seeking the grant through NDOW's Wildlife Heritage Program, which provides funding for projects that benefit Nevada wildlife. The proposed fishing pond park will benefit wildlife by supporting trout, sport fish, geese, ducks and others, according to the city staff report.

In a March 26 budget planning session, Michele Rambo, planning director, requested \$500,000 in funding to complete Phase I of the park project in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, hoping to complete the first phase by next spring.

In that meeting, she said the entire Phase I costs would be about \$650,000, with \$500,000 coming from the city budget next year, about \$72,000 in savings from the already allocated \$100,000 for the park's design and \$100,000 from the NDOW grant.

There would also be an unknown

amount of volunteer time, materials and equipment by the local construction community to help lower costs, she said.

The first phase of the project would consist of creation of the pond, a parking area, walkways to get to the pond and restrooms, Rambo said.

The preliminary design submitted to NDOW for the park shows the completed park with several horseshoe pits, pickle ball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, beach volleyball courts, a section for archery, a picnic/party pavilion, restrooms, a small park and 132 parking spaces.

Council approves contract for cemetery master plan

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a \$120,000 contract with the Slone Consulting Group at its April 1 meeting for preparation of a master plan for the Fernley Desert Memorial Garden Cemetery to outline the future development, maintenance and preservation of the city's cemetery.

In January 2025, the council pro-

vided city staff with direction on what initiatives would best serve the city to pursue this fiscal year in accordance with the 2021-2016 Strategic Plan. A City of Fernley Cemetery Master Plan would fulfill several of those goals, including meeting the needs and expectations of the community and managing sustainable growth, according to a city staff report.

The master plan will examine

things such as aesthetic maintenance and improvements to the cemetery as well as future expansion through capital improvement planning, the staff report said.

Funding for the preparation of the City of Fernley Cemetery Master Plan will come from funds already approved for this fiscal year and is expected to be completed by December, according to the staff report.

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GOVERNMENT

Council approves application for funding for water main extension along U.S. 50A

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council unanimously approved a funding application at its April 1 meeting to help pay for a proposed water-main extension and looping project along U.S. Highway 50A intended to improve water availability and reliability east of Nevada Pacific Parkway.

The high priority project in the city's water master plan and capital improvement plan is expected to cost \$3.5 million next fiscal year and another \$2.6 million in fiscal year 2027-28.

The city is seeking low-cost financing or grants from the Nevada State Revolving Fund (SRF) to help fund the project, according to an earlier staff report from the utilities department.

The proposed project would extend a water main along Highway 50A from Nevada Pacific Parkway to Julia Lane at the golf course in the Desert Lakes subdivision.

All development east of Nevada Pacific Parkway is currently served by a water main along Farm District Road. That line is considered a "dead end" main, meaning water can only

flow in one direction with no circulation. This could cause water quality problems with water stagnating in the line if it is not consumed rapidly enough, the staff report noted.

The line can be flushed to dispose of stagnant water and bring fresh water into the system, but flushing is described as "a costly expense of labor and wasted water." In addition, if a dead-end water main needs to be shut down for repairs, users downstream from the repairs will lose water service until the main is repaired and put back online, according to the report.

Meetings

Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 6

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 13

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting May 8

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 May 7

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 May 12

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 April 28

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 April 28

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting May 14

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
300 Cottonwood Lane
Next meeting April 21

CUP requirement removed for multi-family mixed-use development in commercial districts

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the city's land use table at its April 1 meeting that will allow multi-family and mixed use developments by right in the city's commercial districts.

The change was prompted by a recent change in state law. Such development is already allowed in commercial zoning districts, subject to the issuance of a conditional use permit (CUP). However, the amendment would remove CUP requirement in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB)

241, recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, which took effect last October, according to a city staff report.

AB 241 provides that multi-family and mixed-use developments, meaning development of commercial and multi-family uses in the same project, typically with commercial uses on the ground floor, would be allowed by right on properties zoned for commercial use, according to the staff report.

The amendment would remove the CUP requirement in the city's Neighborhood Commercial (C1),

General Commercial (C2) and Tourist Commercial (TC) zoning districts, the staff report noted.

The bill also declares any state or local regulations in conflict with the provisions of AB 241 to be void.

The only comment during the public hearing on the matter came from Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, who expressed some concern about noise complaints from residents in a mixed use development, such as maybe an apartment over a bar or something similar, asking that future residents in such a development be made aware of that possibility.

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RYAN SEILHYMER – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$48,480, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of conditions of parole; Assist other agency–hold; Conspiracy to elude, evade or fail to stop on sign; Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Possession of burglary tools; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Resist public officer
JUAN LEYVA – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$3,640, Charges: Manufacture/import/possess/use dangerous weapon, 1st offense; Use/possess drug paraphernalia
MICHELLE MOSLEY – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, (1st)
LEWIS ADAMSON – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$5,995, Charges: Possession of burglary tools; Motorcycle/moped headlamps illumination violation; Driving with suspended driver's license; Resist public officer; Use/possess drug paraphernalia
FREDERICK PANKE – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$4,780, Charges: DUI, (1st); False statement to/obstruct public officer; Destroy property of another \$250–\$5,000
AARON HON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
COURTNEY SAMMONS – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$9,780, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Distribution of controlled substance exam content; Use/possess drug paraphernalia
ADAM REIGLE – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
GABRIELLA MORAN – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$54,700, Charges: Escape by felony prisoner; Prevent/dissuade reporting crime causing prosecution/

arrest; Battery on protected person; Domestic battery, 1st offense; Resist public officer; Assault
JAMES PITCHER – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$4,780, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Possession of hypodermic device
JESSE VASQUEZ – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$495, Charges: Assist other agency–hold
ALEXANDRIA ERDEI – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$3,140, Charges: Violation of domestic violence EPO, 1st offense
LAUREN RAGSDALE – Area: Silver Springs, Bail amount: \$1,140, Charges: DUI, (1st)
KODIE WILSON – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$1,275, Charges: DUI, (1st); Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use of signal
BRIAN DICK – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$1,500, Charges: Driving with revoked driver's license; Driving with suspended driver's license; Failure to obey traffic laws
ROBERT ROBINSON – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$69,280, Charges: Grand larceny of motor vehicle, 1st offense; Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Driving with suspended driver license
JOURDYN DENNIS – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$2,445, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation; Assist other agency–hold
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JOCELYN LUNA ZAVALA – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$21,760, Charges: DUI, (3rd); Fail to yield at stop/yield sign or controlled intersection; Fail to wear safety belt/shoulder harness; driving with revoked driver's license; Proof of insurance required; Open alcohol container in vehicle
GABRIEL SANCHES – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$445, Charges: Assist other agency–hold
RODNEY NICKELL – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$1,440, Charges: DUI, (1st); Basic speeding 1–10 mph over limit; Open alcohol container in vehicle
ROBERT BASS – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$12,160, Charges: Obtain/use personal ID of another to avoid/delay prosecution; Driving without driver's license; Operating unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Proof of insurance required; Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence; Assist other agency–hold
RANDY DOTSON – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$5,000, Charges: Obtain/possess credit/debit card without cardholder's consent
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KANAAN BOWMAN – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$15,000, Charges: Violation of stalking/harassment EPO
NICOLE SEEGMILLER – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$3,640, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Use/possess drug paraphernalia
HUNTER SMITH – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st offense

CHRISTOPHER WAGNER – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$4,130, Charges: DUI, 1st offense; Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use of signal; Open alcohol container in vehicle; Unlawful act by prisoner regarding bodily fluids
RONALD SCOTT – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$40,500, Charges: Discharge gun within structure/vehicle in prohibited area; Own/possess gun by prohibited person
MARIAH TAGGART – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st offense
CHARLES SIMONS – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$4,510, Charges: Possession of schedule I/II controlled substance less than 14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Driving with suspended driver's license; Operating unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; Fail to obey stop sign
TRAVIS SELF – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$4,265, Charges: DUI, (2nd); Possession of gun under influence of alcohol/drugs; Driving without driver's license; Operating vehicle with expired registration/plates; Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use of signal; Open alcohol container in vehicle; Fail to wear safety belt/shoulder harness
RAYMOND MANNING – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$2,135, Charges: DUI, (1st); Open alcohol container in vehicle; Minor in possession of alcohol in public
REMEDIOS HILARIO – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$1,900, Charges: DUI, (1st); Driver disobey peace officer; Basic speed 11–15 mph over posted limit
SETH OSBORNE – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment

LCSO K9 apprehends suspect after Storey County pursuit

By Robert Perea

A Lyon County Sheriff's Office K9 helped apprehend a stolen-vehicle suspect on April 11 after Storey County deputies pursued the man from Interstate 80 into the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, according to the Storey County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies in Storey County were alerted at about 11:11 a.m. to a stolen

vehicle out of Washoe County traveling near I 80 and Lockwood. Dispatch advised the driver was also a suspect in a domestic battery case and might be armed.

A Storey County deputy spotted the vehicle heading east on I 80 and exiting near Patrick before continuing onto Waltham Way in TRIC. The deputy attempted a traffic stop, and the vehicle initially pulled over. When the deputy



A Lyon County Sheriff's Office K9 help apprehend a man in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center after a pursuit by Storey County deputies on April 11. Photo courtesy of Storey County Sheriff's Office



A Storey County Sheriff's Office K9, Chino was presented with a ballistic vest generously donated by Battle Born Offroad Club that was funded by Jiffy Lube and Elite Truck.. Photo courtesy of Storey County Sheriff's Office

ordered the driver to get out, he refused and sped away, deputies said.

The deputy pursued as the driver fled south on USA Parkway at a high rate of speed, running multiple traffic lights and driving recklessly. The suspect then left the roadway and entered private property, ramming through two locked gates.

Deputies lost sight of the vehicle on an unpaved road. Nevada Highway Patrol and the Lyon County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. The vehicle was found about a half mile from its last known location, and deputies soon spotted the driver walking nearby.

Deputies gave several commands for the man to stop and show his hands. He refused and ran, still not displaying his hands. Because he was reported to be possibly armed and continued to ignore

commands, LCSO deployed a K9 to apprehend him.

The driver, identified as Earl Houlden, 41, of Sun Valley, was taken into custody. He was medically evaluated and cleared before being booked into the Storey County Detention Facility on charges of: resist public officer (misdemeanor); two counts of driver evade, elude or fail to stop on signal of peace officer, endangering other person or property (felonies); reckless driving with disregard for the safety of persons or property (misdemeanor); destroy or injure real or personal property of another, value \$5,000 or greater (felony); destroy or injure real or personal property of another, value \$250 or greater but less than \$5,000 (gross misdemeanor); and trespass, not amounting to burglary (misdemeanor).




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SPORTS

Vaqueros face defining two-week push in playoff race

By Robert Perea

Sitting in third place with six games remaining in the regular season against the two teams ahead of them, the time is now for the Fernley High School Vaqueros to find out how high they can climb.

Coach Thomas Chapin said he likes where his team is trending, even with plenty still to tighten up, after the Vaqueros swept a three-game series from Sparks last week and have won 10 games in a row and 13 of 14 since getting swept in their first league series in Dayton. A tougher stretch now awaits, and Chapin said it will give his team a clear picture of where it stands heading into the postseason.

The Vaqueros are scheduled to host Spring Creek for a single game at 3 p.m. Friday and a doubleheader at 11 a.m. Saturday. Next week they finish the regular season with three games in Elko.

"Heading into playing Spring Creek, we know they're going to be tough," he said. "But if we play our game and play it clean, I think our nine guys can beat anyone's nine guys. It'll be good for us to get two tough series before playoffs to get ourselves ready."

Last week the Vaqueros swept

Sparks, winning 15-3 on Friday and 22-0 and 14-3 in a doubleheader on Saturday.

"There's only so much you get out of playing teams that aren't very good, so our focus was our controllables," Chapin said. "We can't control what pitcher we see, what strikes are called, but we can control our effort, intent, and attention."

Nikko Pryor and Riley McCullar remained hot at the plate. Pryor had four hits and drove in six runs Friday and finished with eight hits and 11 RBI for the weekend, while McCullar drove in eight runs with eight hits in the three games. Spencer Pryor and Vance Swindlehurst also had big weekends at the plate.

"Overall we played well," Chapin said. "There are plenty of things we need to do better but I'm happy with the way the boys are playing."

After going into last weekend intent on leaving no doubt against a struggling opponent, the focus changes now for the Vaqueros.

"My message to the players this week is batten down the hatches," Chapin said. "We've got to clean up and tighten up the little things and give ourselves the best chance to win."



Fernley's Nikko Pryor delivers a pitch during a game earlier this season.
Photo by Robert Perea

Sweep of Spring Creek moved Vaqueros into second place

By Robert Perea

With a sweep of last week's three-game series against Spring Creek, the Fernley High School softball team took sole possession of second place. Now the Vaqueros have six games left to try to keep it.

Fernley beat Spring Creek 14-2 last Friday, and 10-0 and 8-1 in a doubleheader on Saturday to improve to 6-3 in the Northern 3A East. The Vaqueros had been tied with Elko and Fallon at 3-3 before last weekend, but Fallon beat Elko in two of three games. Fallon is now 5-4, with Elko 4-5. Lowry leads the league at 8-1 after sweeping Dayton last weekend.

Lowry beat Fernley twice in the first league series of the season, so the Buckaroos would win the tiebreaker if they finish with the same league record.

"If we keep doing what we're supposed to do and someone else can beat them, great," coach Diane Chapin said. "If we can stay in the two seed, that's also nice because you get the bye into regionals and end up on the other side (of the bracket). It's not a bad place to be as a two."

In last Friday's game, pitcher Janessa Robinson held Spring Creek to two runs on three hits.

"She grew great, kept them off balance and hit her spots," Chapin said. "They didn't get anything consecutively."

Taylor Tollestrup went 4-for-4 with a two-run home run and drove in four runs.

In Saturday's first game the Spartans opted to pitch around Tollestrup, and she walked three times and was hit by a pitch.

Bella Leija and Emma Collins were

the beneficiaries, with runners on base each time they came to the plate. Leija had two hits and drove in three runs, and Collins drove in four runs with a pair of doubles.

"Others stepping in and hit the ball," Chapin said. "We didn't have a ton of hits, but we had a ton of baserunners because we were getting on base by walks."

Emma masters pitched a shutout, allowing two hits with five strikeouts and five walks.

In the second game Saturday, a run-scoring double was the biggest blow as the Vaqueros scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning. In the third inning, the Vaqueros were primed to blow the game wide open with the bases loaded and Tollestrup coming up, but the Spartans elected to intentionally walk her and force in a run rather. Fernley led 4-0 into

the sixth inning, where Tollestrup hit a home run to lead off the inning, Rodriguez tripled in a run and the Vaqueros scored twice more on a passed ball and a fielder's choice.

This week the Vaqueros are scheduled to play in Dayton, with a single game Friday at 3 p.m. and a doubleheader Saturday starting at 11 a.m. Dayton is 2-7 in league play, but all three of its losses against Lowry last week were 1- or 2- run games and one was in extra innings, and pitcher LaSade Conti is one of the best in the league, leading the league with 93 strikeouts.

"You know you're going to face what's her probably two out of three games, if not all three," Chapin said. "So we'll just have to be ready to come out and hit the velocity and hopefully keep our defense doing what they've been doing."



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Food for Thought

Dr. Graham's "Berried" Treasure

By Justin Miller

You probably know them from s'mores and fruit pie crusts, but did you know the Graham Cracker was one of America's first health foods? The name comes from the inventor of Graham Flour - The Reverend Dr. Sylvester Graham. It was invented in 1837 to promote good health and temperance. Though it may be hard to imagine the humble Graham Cracker as anything other than a partner to some of America's favorite desserts, this week you are going to learn how Graham Crackers can make breakfast great again.

Dried berries and crushed Graham crackers make standard overnight oats an event, instead of a sacrifice for the sake of health or frugality, but the money department is where this recipe really shines.

It costs \$0.35 a serving. If you hit the Starbucks drive-thru for oatmeal five times a week you're spending (at least) \$25 on a mediocre breakfast. By switching to Dr. Graham's "Berried" Treasure you're cutting that cost to just \$1.75 a week, for better oatmeal with no added sugar or "funny stuff."

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Make it in a mason jar for maximum efficiency. Start with the dried berries and "bury" them under the oats, then add milk and flavoring. The dried berries will naturally sweeten the oatmeal. Any type of dried berry will do (I prefer the Great Value brand Dried Berries & Golden Raisins mix). Wait until just before eating to add the crushed Graham crackers.

Ingredients

- 1 wide-mouth mason jar
- 1/3 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 tbsp dried berries
- 1 tbsp crushed graham cracker (for topping)
- 1/8 tsp vanilla extract
- Cinnamon to taste

Directions:

1. Place dried berries in bottom of jar.
2. Add oats on top of berries
3. Add milk.
4. Add cinnamon and vanilla
5. Cover and place in refrigerator overnight (~7 hours)
6. Top with Graham crumbs just before eating

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