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## Mark IV Capital applies for fire station permit

By Robert Perea

Mark IV Capital has submitted its application for a building permit for the fire station the company is required to build under its development agreement with the city for the Victory Logistics District.

Construction is expected to begin in September.

The fire station will be located on Stanley Drive, between Lowe's and Sherwin Williams.

Scott Barnes, Vice President of Entitlements for Mark IV Capital, said the fire station is a requirement of the company's development agreement with the city at the recommendation of previous North Lyon County Fire Protection District Chief Jason Nicholl. The agreement requires the foundation, flooring and perimeter walls to be constructed in order for Mark IV to get it's a Certificate of Occupancy for another building in the Victory Logistics District.

Barnes said at substantial completion, the company will then meet the requirement for a second Certificate of Occupancy.

"This was a requirement to the city to give them benefit, and they tied future development of the park to that benefit, so we're meeting that requirement," said Rick Nelson, Senior Vice President for Mark IV Capital. "That in the development agreement enables us to then go to the city and say that this company who's building this building, now has permission to go in and get their Certificate of Occupancy so they can actually utilize the building."

Nelson said said the building permit process takes about six weeks, so in order to meet their deadline for the first Certificate of Occupancy, they need to start construction in September.

"Six months from now, you'll see substantially the outline of the fire station with concrete footing and all that," he said. "As soon as the construction company gets the notice to proceed once we have the permitting, then we'll start. We'll go ahead and do a final map that outlines how that property looks, it will give it a property number, it will give it a street number."

Nelson said the fire station will have two bays in the front, some training area and a second story for living



A rendering shows what the new fire station would look like when completed. Photo courtesy of Mark IV Capital

quarters. The building permit application says the total square footage of the building is 11,894 square feet.

Because the North Lyon County Fire Protection District has said it does not have the personnel or the equipment to man the station, Barnes said Mark IV asked the city if it would

prefer some other type of building, rather than a fire station that will be unoccupied.

"We talked about building other buildings the community would use now, and they were kind of hot and cold about it," Barnes said.

## Behavior, Retention Top Issues

By Robert Perea

Lyon County School District staff reported a wide range of reasons they love working in the district, but student behavior and poor teacher retention were by far the most commonly cited concerns in a pair of surveys conducted by the district through their staff "Suggestion Box."

District employees cited the positive community and small-town feel, a sense of relationship in the schools, and appreciate the collaboration with local law enforcement, wellness hubs, and local tribes among their favorite things about working for the district. Staff members also like the supportive environment, such as internships, professional growth opportunities and the Grow Your Own program in which district employees can earn their teaching certificates.

However, student behavior and discipline was the most commonly cited concern with the district. Respondents said there is a lack of effective discipline, employees reported that teachers feel unsafe and unsupported, particularly with special education students exhibiting severe behaviors.

The District's Board of Trustees discussed the results of the survey during a June 4 workshop and said they will be bringing a couple of agenda items in the future to address those issues. To address those concerns, the Trustees discussed updating the district's Restorative Discipline Plan and using it consistently across all schools. Trustee Tom Hendrix said the board will also review the recently adopted cell phone policy, which is not working the way it was intended.

The Board began the workshop by hearing the results of the first question, "Why is LCSD a great place to work?" before digging into some of the more negative comments.

Trustee Sherry Parsons said the comments don't necessarily reflect the true opinions of teachers and staff because they fear reprisals for negative comments.

"The survey does not get down to the nuts and bolts of what's bothering the teachers," Parsons said. "They don't trust it."

Trustee James Whisler also said some teachers are afraid to share their true feelings.

"There's a lot of teachers that aren't

because there's not a relationship there, they're not seeing teachers held accountable, they're not seeing administrators held accountable for the things they do that they know they're not supposed to do," he said. "I'm grateful that so many positive things are out there, but we do need to look at the negatives and focus and fix them."

Hendrix said the point of the discussion was to narrow the responses down to things to be addressed.

"First we recognize a problem and then we look for a solution," he said.

Trustee Darin Farr said it's important for the district to share all of its positives and accomplishments. He said reaching out to the community is one way to start solving the district's problems.

"I really feel like we're not our own cheerleader, then other people in the community are going to talk for us as a school district, so we need to be highlighting our successes and reengaging with parents on a one on one level," he said. "The absenteeism, the behavioral problems, the test apathy, that all comes from what's happening in their homes and in their community and outside of the school, and it bleeds

into the school and we're left trying to pick up the pieces."

Regarding student behavior, a common theme among the staff responses regarding student behavior and discipline was a lack of effective discipline with lenient policies and insufficient consequences for disruptive or violent behavior.

"I don't think we can overestimate with the importance in dealing with student behavior and discipline," Trustee Elmer Bull said, referring back to exit interviews with teachers who were leaving the district. "Bad student behavior was the No. 2 reason people were separating from the schools behind retirements."

Bull said the District has 45 long term subs 31 critical needs positions because of unfilled teaching positions. "We have trouble getting people to come to work for us," he said.

In all, the District received hundreds of comments both positive and negative.

"What we really want to do tonight is validate to our staff that we hear their voice," Superintendent Tim Logan said.

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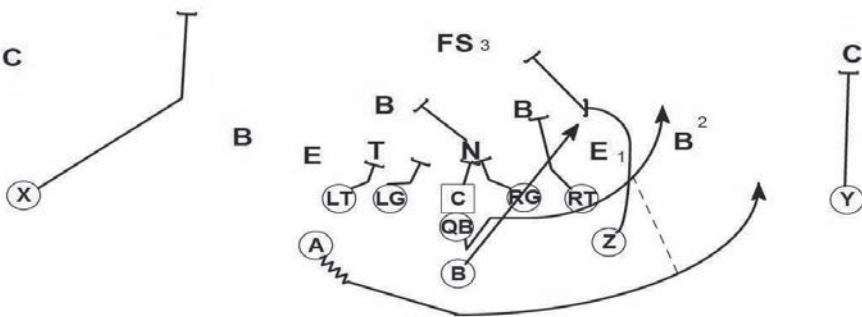
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



Ku Stevens’ story is worth repeating

The first time I saw Ku Stevens run was at a track meet in Fernley during his senior year in the spring of 2022. I had been taking pictures of field events, and one of the distance races was in progress as I walked toward the track.

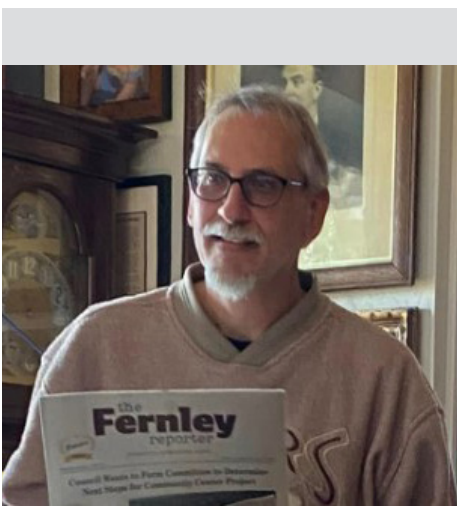
I noticed one kid, wearing the purple Yerington colors, who was half a lap away from the rest of the runners. I couldn’t tell at first glance if he was that far ahead or behind, but it was obvious really quickly that he was just that much faster than everyone else in the race.

I don’t remember whether it was the 3200 meters or the 1600, but he lapped the entire field well before the race was over. The first thing I did was ask a friend who coached track in Yerington: “Who is this distance runner for you guys?”

Once he told me it was Stevens, to say I knew who he was would be only in the barest terms. I knew who his parents were but didn’t know them well at all. I had interviewed his father Delmar once, several years earlier when Delmar became the Chairman of the Yerington Paiute Tribe, but that was my first time meeting him and all I knew about him was what he told me that day.

You might say Stevens has become pretty well-known since then. Athletically, he won state championships in track in the 800, 1600 and 3200 as well as in cross country. In the 2021-2022 school year he became the Gatorade state athlete of the year twice, for both cross country and track.

But it was his work in creating the Remembrance Run to honor his



ROBERT PEREA

great-grandfather Frank Quinn that earned Stevens the name recognition he has now. He’s been featured in many newspaper and magazine articles and on lots of podcasts, and he was profiled in the New York Times in 2021.

Now he’s the star of a new documentary, Remaining Native, that he and filmmaker Paige Bethmann hope to market nationally.

Two public screenings of the film were shown last weekend in Yerington. The film has been presented at several film festivals, including at the South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Festival in Austin, TX and has won several awards and it is very good.

I was generally aware of Quinn’s story through reading about Stevens and the Remembrance Run, and I knew he had earned a scholarship to run at the University of Oregon and is transferring to Washington State this fall.

But there was so much more I didn’t know that I learned from watching the

film.

My favorite things about being a reporter are shining a light on the things that people accomplish and sharing their stories with people who might not otherwise hear them.

Stevens’ story has already been well told, and Bethmann does a beautiful job of putting it on film.

Stevens has spent most of his young life running past the competition and is now running toward a fuller understanding of his legacy and of what it means to make history by honoring it.

It’s a story worth telling over and over again.

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Closest to hole #11: Christy Buford, 30’ 5”

FEATURES

Running to Remember

Documentary captures journey of Yerington runner and his “Remembrance Run” to honor his great-grandfather



Ku Stevens (blue shirt) poses with (from left to right) his father Delmar Stevens, Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairman Amber Torres, his mother Misty Stevens, filmmaker Paige Bethmann and Ariel Richardson after a screening of the documentary “Remaining Native” last Saturday at the Yerington Movie House. Photo by Robert Perea



Ku Stevens and filmmaker Paige Bethmann talk with visitors after the screening of the documentary “Remaining Native” last Saturday at the Yerington Movie House. Photo by Robert Perea

By Robert Perea

Early in the film “Remaining Native,” as the screen shows him running through the desert outside of Yerington, the voice of Ku Stevens is heard narrating what he thinks about while he’s running.

“Mostly,” he said, “I think about running for my life.”

That’s because that’s exactly what his great-grandfather, Frank Quinn, once did. At the age of 8, after being forcibly removed in the 1900s from his parents and his home on the Yerington Paiute Reservation, Quinn ran away three times from the Stewart Indian School in Carson City. The first two times, Quinn was caught and brought back to the boarding school, but on his third try, he ran 50 miles through the desert and the hills back to his home.

Running has never been just a sport for Stevens, who spent the past two years at the University of Oregon and has transferred for the upcoming year to Washington State University. Stevens won the 2A state cross country championship as a senior at Yerington High School in 2021, beating the time of the 5A state champion, Nathan Carlin, of Foothill High School in Las Vegas, by one second, making him the fastest cross country runner in the state.

His journey and achievements have been captured in the documentary “Remaining Native,” which was shown in two free public screenings last weekend at the Yerington Movie House. The documentary weaves the parallel stories of Stevens’ pursuit of a state championship and a college scholarship to run at the University of Oregon with the Remembrance Run

he created to honor and bring awareness to the plight of Quinn and Native American children all over the country who were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in boarding schools in attempts to assimilate them.

Stevens first learned of his great-grandfather’s harrowing story at age 11 when he played in a basketball tournament at Stewart. As he grew, so did his understanding of the history and trauma tied to boarding schools and the generational wounds they left. Stevens was already an avid runner, but hearing Quinn’s story lit a fire inside him to honor that legacy and shape his own.

Stevens organized the first Remembrance Run in 2021, from the Stewart Indian School to the Yerington Paiute Reservation. “Remaining Native” documents the second Remembrance Run in 2022, this time in the opposite direction from Yerington to Stewart, with runners bringing offerings from the tribe to the graves at Stewart.

The film shows the runners visiting a cemetery near the school.

“What kind of school has a cemetery?” one of them asks.

It’s a question none of them, or anyone else, can answer. But it’s a question that Stevens hopes the film will shine a light on and help people recognize the trauma that was inflicted on generations of Native Americans.

“You learn so much history in 88 minutes,” he said. “All that history took my life to learn. The fact that it can be balled up into something that is tangible, easily understandable and hopefully accessible when we get distribution, for the future generations they’ll be able to learn the weight and where that weight comes from with being Native

American in relation to generational trauma.”

The film has appeared in 16 festivals and won several awards. Stevens said they hope to sell distribution rights to ESPN, Hulu and Disney+. But for Stevens, filmmaking was a purposeful accident.

Filmmaker Paige Bethmann, a Haudenosaunee woman (Mohawk/Oneida) contacted Stevens after reading the story about the Remembrance Run and pitched the idea of making a documentary about it. Stevens didn’t hesitate to agree.

“I never had a need or a want for fame, but my aspirations have warranted it,” he said. “I have a pretty good way about things and seeing if they’ll benefit me in the long run, or if they’ll benefit the community in the long run.” Throughout the film, Stevens discusses his dream of running for the University of Oregon. But when he got to Oregon, he found out that even when dreams come true, they aren’t always what you imagined.

The coach who recruited Stevens was fired soon after he got there and he never hit it off with the new coach. “It was a lot of glitz and glamour. It could’ve been a better experience,” he said. “But I made lifelong friends.”

After two years at Oregon, Stevens is transferring this fall to Washington State—his second pick out of high school. He’s aiming high in his next chapter: to become an All-American in cross country—placing among the nation’s top 30 runners. Depending on the course, Stevens said he expects to need a time in the range of 28 minutes, 20 seconds in the 10K to have a chance.

In his sophomore year, he clocked 29:20 in the 10K, a minute off his

target time, which parallels his effort in the film to run the 3200 meters in less than 9 minutes in order to earn the interest of the Oregon coaches.

“It’s doable,” he said. “That’s not much in 10K.”

Stevens is majoring in fine arts and recently completed his minor in anthropology. His dream is to design clothing, and he’s coordinating community outreach for Nike’s Native-focused N7 division. And while he will always feel the ties to his homeland and his community, he believes he can do more to help them from afar.

“I want to do that nationally or at a state level to begin with, and then eventually get into politics, and start getting into the pen and paper of things, because that’s where real, concrete changes are.”

As lofty as his aspirations may be, living up to his own name may be the toughest challenge he faces. Stevens’ given name is Kutoven, which he said means “Bringing the light from the dark.” In the film, he says he doesn’t believe he has earned his name yet, but he said making the film is a step toward that goal.

“I like to relate it back to a quote that is like, ‘We’re always chasing the person we want to be 10 years down the line,’” he said. “Realistically, we’re never going to be that person, but it gives me something to strive for.” His aspirations are lofty, but Stevens takes them one mile at a time. “Anything I’ve ever set out to achieve, I’ve achieved,” he said. “I’m just going to continue putting myself in those situations where I can achieve.”

Fernley Performing Arts to compete in national talent competition

By Kerry Lyman

July has been a banner month for the Fernley Performing Arts studio, marching in Fernley’s 4th of July parade, performing at the Out-of-Town Park after the parade, and now preparing its senior dancers to compete in the Starbound National Talent Competition Finals at Bally’s Lake Tahoe early next week.

“The senior competition team will be attending Starbound Talent Competition in Tahoe July 20-23. The 23rd is the day most of our groups compete,” said Mirandy Lewis, the studio’s office manager.

Fernley Performing Arts has three dance competition teams, the mini team consisting of 5-8 year-olds, the junior team consisting of 9-12 year-olds and the senior team made up of 13-18 year-olds. The senior team advanced to the nationals after qualifying late last year in a regional competition, also held at Lake Tahoe, Lewis said.

Admission to next week’s dance competition at Bally’s is free, Lewis said, and it will also be live streamed on the internet. To view the live-stream event, log on to: <https://www.starbound.net/event/lake-tahoe-nv-national-finals-july-29-24-2025/>



Lewis said she is especially proud of their team’s success, since Fernley High School no longer fields a dance competition team.

Laken Boonlua, the teacher leading all the group’s competition teams, including the senior team competing at Tahoe next week, trained with New York’s Radio City Music Hall’s world famous Rockettes, ran her own dance studio for 17 years in Long Beach, CA and began choreographing her own dance routines at 10 years of age.

Fernley Performing Arts began about 10 years ago, operating part-time in another business location and began renting its own small space at 45 W. Cedar Street, Suite 130 for its growing

clientele about three years ago. But Lewis said the studio is quickly outgrowing its new space as well.

The studio now has about 250 students participating in dance and musical theater lessons, as well as teaching four musical instruments - the violin, guitar, drums and piano. Also offered are Mommy and Me classes for infants and toddlers and classes for home-schooled students, she said.

New classes begin September 2 and are offered six days a week at their current location. More information is available at [FernleyPerformingArts.com](https://www.FernleyPerformingArts.com).

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Lewis said they are looking for more space as their current lease has about a year left on it and though they tried to rent two spaces adjacent to their current location, their landlord will not let them knock down walls between the rental spaces to provide a larger performance area.

Classes cost \$55 a month, though there are some additional costs for costumes and such, Lewis said, also noting that all offered classes are for children only, except the Mommy and Me classes.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Battle Born Medevac now carrying blood on every flight

Staff Report

Battle Born Medevac announced earlier this month that it is now carrying blood on every flight, boosting survival chances for trauma patients.

Uncontrolled bleeding is one of the leading causes of preventable trauma death. Crews can now treat it by beginning transfusions at the scene and continue them during transport.

Battle Born Medevac is an air ambulance based in Yerington and the helicopter is stationed at South Lyon Medical Center. In June, North Lyon Fire approved an MOU with Battle Born Medevac for medical air transport for critical calls.

In May, Battle Born Medevac

announced a sponsorship in which SB Energy fully funded a membership for every resident of Lyon and Mineral counties for the next three years.

The company said that means any medically necessary air transport is fully covered with zero out-of-pocket costs, through May 31, 2029. That agreement does not apply to any other medical transport service.

The Battle Born Medevac helicopter at the scene of a recent call. Photo courtesy of Battle Born Medevac



## 46 students participating in Comstock Youth Works

Staff Report

This summer, 46 youths from high schools in Lyon County are participating in the annual Comstock Youth Works (CYW) program. Students have been connected with paid internships and they'll participate in career exploration field trips and life skills lessons such as banking basics.

The Comstock Youth Works program is sponsored by the Healthy Communities Coalition (HCC) of Lyon and Storey Counties. The program equips high school students with tools for personal growth and offers opportunities for hands on experience through summer job internships.

Participants take part in activities designed to enhance their employability, foster independence and prepare them for future success in the workforce.

Many local businesses partnered with HCC to host students for the summer.

Students work 15 hours a week with employers such as the Boys & Girls

Clubs, Pizza Factory, Lyon County libraries and senior centers among many others. In addition to gaining real world work experience, students participate in various college and career exploration field trips and fun outings that promote positive leisure activities.

On their first field trip of the summer, students made tie dye shirts, learned about banking from Greater Nevada Credit Union ahead of earning their first paychecks and learned about safe driving through a Zero Teen Fatalities presentation by the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

Students also participate in weekly enrichment lessons with HCC's safe school professionals, such as the evidence based Too Good for Drugs and Violence curriculum and Eating Smart Being Active classes that teach good nutrition, kitchen skills, the benefits of exercise and grocery shopping on a budget. HCC's Comstock Youth Works eight-week summer program empowers teens by providing essential support for developing life and job skills.

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Mashed Potatoes  
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Chantilly Fruit Cup

COMMUNITY

Cowboy Fast Draw championship to be held this weekend in Fallon

Staff Report

The Cowboy Fast Draw Association will be holding its Fastest Gun Alive: World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw July 16-20 at the Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon. Now in its 23rd year in Fallon, this thrilling indoor event invites more than 250 of the world’s fastest gunslingers to compete for the coveted title of “Fastest Gun Alive.”

Honoring the romance and legend of the Old West, the competition will showcase men, women, juniors, and youth as they go head-to-head in one of the most exciting western sports in the country. Competitors, some as young as 8 years old, have been rigorously trained in safety protocols and are sure to impress with their speed, precision, and sportsmanship.

Main competitions will take place Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The final showdown featuring the top 7 gunslingers will happen Sunday, July 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission and parking are free all weekend long.

Spectators even have the chance to take part in the action with a free Cowboy Fast Draw experience on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., allowing

folks of all ages to try their hand at the sport in a safe and controlled environment.

“This event is a true celebration of our heritage and the community that defines Fallon,” said Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford. “Every year, it’s an honor to welcome the Cowboy Fast Draw Association and all the talented participants from across the country. We invite everyone to come out and experience the excitement, tradition, and hospitality that make this championship so special.”

In addition to the high-stakes competition, guests can enjoy a variety of Western-themed food vendors, including BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, and more, as well as an indoor craft fair featuring holster makers, Western wear, artisan gifts, and local crafters. A classic car show will take place on Saturday, offering even more for families and fans to enjoy.

Event Information:  
Where: Rafter 3C Arena, Rafter 3C Events Complex  
When: July 16 to 20, 2025  
Entry: Admission & parking: Free



Competitors fire shots during the Cowboy Fast Draw competition. Photo Courtesy of Cowboy Fast Draw Association

Traditions in every step – Sacred Visions Powwow



Participants danced in their brightly colored fancy dress during Saturday’s grand entrance at last weekend’s Sacred Visions Pow-Wow held in Wadsworth. The event was sponsored by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Organization, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic and volunteers. All photos courtesy of Bucky Harjo.

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EDUCATION

New deputy superintendent officially begins work

By Robert Perea

Now that the 2024-25 school year has ended, the juggling act is over for new Lyon County School District Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stacey Griffin-Cooper.

Griffin-Cooper was named deputy superintendent earlier this year, replacing Dawn Huckaby, who retired effective at the end of the school year. Griffin-Cooper was the assistant superintendent for the Churchill County School District from 2023 to 2025, and has been working to get familiar with Lyon County while she was completing

the school year in Churchill County.

A resident of Fernley, Griffin-Cooper brings more than two decades of experience in education and district leadership. Prior to her most recent role, Griffin-Cooper served for more than a decade as a district administrator with Washoe County School District, where she led efforts to close achievement gaps, implement curriculum supports, and strengthen systems across multiple school sites. Her leadership emphasized data-driven decision-making, school turnaround strategies, and fostering collaborative partnerships.

Her career began in the classroom, and over the years she has served as a teacher-leader, small school principal, and executive director of secondary education in Ohio. Notable roles include serving with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Lima City Schools, and Mansfield City Schools, where she was recognized for her success in reducing disciplinary incidents and improving academic performance through systemic improvement strategies.

The first day for LCSD students for the 2025-26 school year is Tuesday, September 2.



School board approves earlier start dates starting in 2026

By Robert Perea

While Lyon County students will return to the classroom this year on Sept. 2, classes will begin earlier in subsequent years under a revised district policy.

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees approved the 2026-27 school year calendar at the June 24 meeting, which includes a start date

of August 20, 2026 and the last day of school on June 4, 2027.

In February, the Trustees updated the district's master calendar policy to include provisions that the first day of school would start prior to Labor Day each year, and include two full weeks, if possible, for Christmas vacation, one full week for Spring Break on either the last week of March or the first week of April, and a full week for

Thanksgiving Break.

A previous board policy had been adopted to start the school year after Labor Day. At that time, the board decided that many students don't come to school until after Labor Day, and that classrooms and buses were often too hot earlier in August.

Board of Trustees President Tom Hendrix said he's glad to see the start date in the new policy more closely

aligned with the other districts in Northern Nevada.

"I think that's important for the kids and the parents because of certain programs that start in the summer-time and I know there was concern about parents and kids missing out on those," he said.

BUSINESS

Yelp ranks Steve's Homemade Ice Cream best in Nevada

By Robert Perea

A list recently released by Yelp let the rest of the country in on a secret that everyone in Fernley has known for years – Steve's Homemade Ice Cream is the best ice cream shop in Nevada.

With National Ice Cream Day coming up on July 20, Steve's Homemade Ice Cream ranked No. 75 on the list of the 100 best ice cream shops in the United States released last week by Yelp. It was the only ice cream shop in Nevada to make the list. Yelp said the list was ranked using factors including the total volume and ratings of reviews.

"I have good Yelp reviews, so that probably has something to do with it," said owner Steve Cordes. "But yeah, it was a great feeling and a great surprise."

Cordes said he found out about the recognition when a customer showed him the list last week, and he later read a story about it in the Reno Gazette-Journal.

"Somebody from Yelp did call me out of the blue but they didn't really say too much about that," Cordes said. "And

I was too busy, I didn't have time."

This isn't the first time that Steve's Homemade Ice Cream, which opened in May 2008, has been recognized as the best ice cream shop in Nevada. Several years ago the shop was ranked No. 1 in Nevada on a list published by MSN. After that, Cordes put up a billboard on westbound Interstate 80 about two miles east of Exit 48.

"It says 'Voted Best' so obviously I can keep that up there," he said. "That's helped a lot too, drawing people in off I-80."

Cordes worked for an ice cream shop in Staten Island, NY for almost 20 years before moving to Fernley. His parents retired to Fernley in 2005, and he joined them a year later.

"I wanted to open my own place, but I didn't want to do it in New York," Cordes said.

He originally planned to open a shop in Reno, but after his mother suggested he open in Fernley instead, he began to look for locations.

"I just happened to luck out and fall into this location as they were building this building," he said. "It's great be-



Steve Cordes, owner of Steve's Homemade Ice Cream, which was ranked best in Nevada and No. 75 in the U.S. in a list released by Yelp. Photo by Robert Perea

cause you got the interstate, everybody who goes to Fallon has to drive right by here.

"Getting out of New York, moving here was by far and away the best move I ever made in my life," Cordes

added. I cannot be happier, and Fernley has been amazing. And not just Fernley, they come from all over."

Steve's is located at 1360 U.S. Hwy 95A, in the Raley's shopping center.

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LAW AND ORDER

Arrest made in Storey County horse abuse case

Staff Report

On July 12, the Storey County Sheriff’s Office served a warrant issued by the Virginia Township Justice Court on Sally Summers of Gold Hill. Deputies placed Summers under arrest pursuant to the warrant on 20 counts of animal abuse/neglect and one count of resisting a public officer. Summers was taken into custody and booked at the Storey County Detention Facility, with a total bail of \$20,640. This is still an active and ongoing investigation. Further charges are pending.

The sheriff’s office responded to a report of possible animal abuse on July 4. Deputies found 18 horses and burros in poor health and opened an investigation. The animals were removed on July 7 by the sheriff’s office and local animal rescue organizations, and received veterinary care and rehabilitation.



LOCAL COLUMN

Reflections of a Finance Pro - Advice

By Justin Thomas, CPA, Perfect Planning LLC - Financial Planning/ Life insurance/ Business Consultant

After being in the finance and accounting industry for 30 years I have seen many changes. In that time, I have seen first-hand the finance and investing world becoming a smaller and smaller place. It is amazing to hear all the great stories of the get rich quick dot com era, the heartbreak of the real estate collapse, the AI revolution, and countless other financial “times” that we have experienced. Boy, do I wish I had that crystal ball to foresee these happenings. One would be rich, a la “Back to the Future” with Biff Tannen and his 50 years of the Sports Almanac. But we all live in the real world where taking financial risks becomes a necessity. That is where financial planning comes in and plays a vital role in our financial well-being.

As I sit here listening to all the most recent tariff talks in the news over the past several months, it reminds me of an investment principle that should always be revisited. That principle is risk tolerance. Do you have what it takes to resist the urge to sell in a declining market? When you see your account balance dwindling, or when you fear that the world is coming to a halt, what do you do? Better yet, do you weather the storm for the long

run and and hope that the market will come back? Knowing oneself and how the emotional part plays into your investing plan determines a drastically different outcome. Whether you stick to your guns or if you run for the hills at the first sign of uncertainty tells one rather their risk adverse or not. Whatever your thought process is, if you run for the hills, you are LESS risk tolerant. If you can wait it out and keep a clear mind that the market will recover, that is someone with MORE risk tolerance. Which one are you?

Warren Buffet the “Oracle of Omaha” has a famous saying that, “we don’t have to be smarter than the rest. We have to be more disciplined than the rest.” This is the hallmark of a long-term investor’s approach, someone with a higher risk tolerance. You must stay disciplined and must tolerate risk knowing that in 2, 3 or 4 years investments will recover, and everything will be better in the long run. Case in point, the tariffs in April brought the market down around 10%. It is now mid-May with all that 10% gain recovered. So, what did you do panic and sell, hold for the long run or take on more risk? Your decision determines your risk tolerance. Financial planning takes a vital role and risk tolerance is one aspect of wise and prudent financial planning. If you want advice on what your risk toler-



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ance is but just don’t know where to start or just need some help, reach out! If you strive to determine your risk tolerance you too could be a perfect planner.

Justin Thomas is a CPA who is enjoying his retirement and ready to help you plan for yours. Give him a call at 703-296-6385



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LAW & ORDER

Arrest Report  
July 6 – July 13, 2025

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BRIGGS, WHITNEY TAWANNA Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$5,000.00 Charges: POSS DANG DRUG W/O P-SCRPT, (1ST/2ND); POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; FEL ARREST FUGITIVE FROM OTHER STATE/CMPL/ WARRANT	GREEN, RICHARD BERT Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,500.00 Charges: DISORDERLY CONDUCT; DESTROY PROP OF ANOTHER, \$250 - \$5K	MATHEWS, KEGAN RENE Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$25,640.00 Charges: ASSAULT, W/DW; POSS GUN UNDER INFL OF ALC/DRUG	RAMIREZ, ALEJANDRA LISSETT Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$835.00 Charges: DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC; CIVIL-BASIC SPEEDING VIOLATION - 11-15 MILES PER HOUR OVER POSTED SPEED LIMIT
BROOKS, CHARLETTE MARIAH Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: BATTERY ON PROTECTED PERS	HALE, JOHN JUSTIN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	MCCOY, RALPH GILBERT JR Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$5,740.00 Charges: RESIST PUB OFF; BATTERY ON PROTECTED PERS; CONTEMPT OF COURT	RAMIREZ, JESSE ALLEN Area of Arrest: Mound House Bail Amount: \$1,555.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); FAIL YIELD ROW W/ LEFT TURN IN I-SECT
BUHER, ALBERT WILLIAM Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,610.00 Charges: DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC; OWNER - PROOF OF INS REQ; DSPL FICTITIOUS VEH REG/PLATE/TITLE; OPER UNREG VEH/TRAILER/SEMI	HARRIS, MICHAEL DAMOND N Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	METZGER, THOMAS ALBERT JR Area of Arrest: Carson City Jail Bail Amount: None Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION COND OF SUSP SENT	REYES, GEORGE ANTHONY Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: SCHL EMP/VOL ENG IN SEX ACT W/PUPIL 16 OR OLDER OPEN/GROSS LEWDNESS (1ST)
DAVILA, MANDY PATRICIA Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$755.00 Charges: DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC; DSPL FICTITIOUS VEH REG/PLATE/TITLE	HELTON, JERAMEY ALAN Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$7,540.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency--Hold	MILLER, LILLY ANN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$76,140.00 Charges: CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, (1ST); DUI, (1ST)	SANDOVAL, JOSEPH RYAN Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,705.00 Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION
DEMPSEY, MICHAEL ROSS Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,640.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	HENDERSON, CORBIN JAMES Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	MUSGRAY, ALYSSA CYAN-MADISON Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: RESIST PUB OFF	SOBIERALSKI, DANNY G JR Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$3,500.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF
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FENNELL, COBI ALLEN Area of Arrest: WCSO Transfer Bail Amount: \$500.00 Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	JOHNSON, MATTHEW DAVID Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,495.00 Charges: USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; TRESPASS, NOT AMOUNTING TO BURGLARY	OROSCO, LUIS ALFREDO Area of Arrest: Wellington Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	WEIDNER, WILLIAM MATTHEW Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment
FOUNTAIN, KRISTIAN MICHAEL	LOMELI REYNAGA, YAHAIIRA NABIL Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST)	PEDERSEN, BRANDON JAMES Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$13,060.00	WOOTEN, CHARLES WAYNE JR Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST

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LOCAL COLUMNS

Food for Thought

Cherry Tomato Caprese Salad

By Sherry Perea

Beautiful to serve and oh so tasty this Cherry Tomato Caprese Salad is the perfect accompaniment to any summer meal. Sweet cherry tomatoes blend perfectly with the robust basil creating a sweet succulent salad that your friends and family will love.

Ingredients

- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cubed or mozzarella balls
- 1 (10 ounce) basket cherry tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons torn fresh basil leaves
- 1 ½ tablespoon olive oil
- 1 ½ tablespoon sweet balsamic vinegar
- salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

In a medium salad bowl toss together mozzarella cheese, cherry tomatoes and torn basil. Drizzle olive oil and sweet balsamic vinegar over ingredients in bowl and mix. Salt and pepper to taste.

Serves 4  
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*Sherry Perea has nearly 20 years’ experience managing restaurants and creating delicious menus. She enjoys sharing unique recipes with her family and friends and is excited to bring her love of food to the Fernley community.*

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SPORTS

Fernley Juniors win softball state championship

By Robert Perea

The Fernley Softball Junior Little League All-Stars dominated Henderson Little League in two games to win the Nevada State Championship and qualify for the West Region Championships.

Fernley defeated Henderson 15-1 on July 10 and 15-4 on July 11, both in four innings, to win the best-of-three series and claim the state title. Fernley will face Timberlake (ID) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in their opening game of the West Region Tournament in Tucson, AZ. The West Region is an 11-team tournament, after the team from Utah dropped out. It includes teams from Oregon, Hawaii, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Alaska and two from California.

In the first game Mia Espinoza drove in four runs with a pair of doubles, Nahla Burnitt tripled in two runs and Naveah Leija drove in two. Burnitt

pitched the first three innings with three strikeouts and one walk.

In the second game, Burnitt had two hits, scored three runs and drove in four, and also pitched three innings. Emma Collins and Lillianna Young each hit inside-the-park home runs. After Henderson scored three runs in the top of the first, Fernley answered with five in the bottom of the inning, then a triple by Burnitt, and back-to-back inside-the-park home run by Collins and Young put Fernley up 11-3.

“These girls are athletic, fast on the bases and one through seven can really hit the ball,” coach Tye Ward said. Most of the players also play on the Fernley Blaze travel team and all but two were on the team that won the district championship last year before losing in the state tournament.

“It’s just a great group of girls and it really helps that they’ve grown up playing together,” Ward said.

Junior Division roster: Cadence Al-



The Fernley Softball Little League Juniors Division won the 2025 State Championship over Henderson Little League and will play in the West Region Championships in Tucson, AZ starting Friday. Photo courtesy of Fernley Softball Little League

Fernley football hosting youth camp July 23-25

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School football coaching staff and players will be hosting their 2025 Youth Football Camp July 23-25.

The noncontact camp will address individual, group and team development with three days of practice from 6-8 p.m. at the Fernley High School football field. Flexible drill and technique sessions are designed to enhance individual skills and abilities, including competitive drills and activi-

ties for all age groups.

The cost is \$50 per player. Check in time each day is 5:30 p.m. All paperwork and payments should be turned into Fernley Youth Football League officials or at the day of the camp. The only equipment required is cleats and players should come with lots of energy.

For more information contact camp coordinator and Fernley High School head coach Anfernee Sloan at (775) 835-7608 or [asloan@lyoncsd.org](mailto:asloan@lyoncsd.org).



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- 3 days of practice at your discretion, in July (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>)
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**DATES:** July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm

**CHECK IN LOCATION:** Check In time is 5:30pm or upon arrival. Turn all required paperwork, and payment into FYFL officials at a Youth sign-up location or the day of the Camp at FHS!

**COST:** \$50 (Cash is acceptable. Make Checks / Money Orders Payable to FHS Football)

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**CAMP COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Precious Paws has lots of kittens looking for loving homes. This week we have pictures of Clod, Sparkler, Cloudy and one as of yet, unnamed, but too cute to not be included kitten. If you are looking to adopt a kitten or foster a cat or kitten, please contact Barbara at 775-575-0950. Leave a message and she will happily return your call and answer all your questions.

Precious Paws Society of NV | 1085 Aster Ln, Fernley, NV 89408 | 775-575-0950 | preciouspawssocietynv@gmail.com

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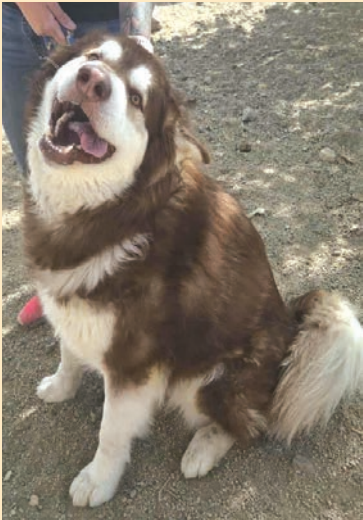


PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Titan our Dog of the Week

Meet our very handsome and photogenic dog of the week, Titan. Titan is a neutered, male, Alaskan Malamute. He has a beautiful coat of red, chestnut and cream. Tital is an affectionate dog and is also considered gentle, playful and protective. He is a natural dog model who loves to smile for the camera. If you would like to arrange a vist with Titan, please contact the Lyon County Animal Shelter at 775-577-5005. You can also visit the shelter at 3705 Highway 50 West in Silver Springs. The animal shelter services all of Lyon County, except Yerington. They have plenty of wonderful doggos to choose from, so please consider them if you are thinking of adopting. They all deserve loving homes.



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