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Thousands turn out for 4th of July celebration

By Rachel Dahl

Patriotism, pancake syrup, and pig grease were all in generous supply as thousands of residents and visitors filled Main Street and the Out of Town Park for Fernley's annual Fourth of July celebration last Friday.

More than 60 entries paraded through downtown, a colorful mix of classic cars, costumed kids, and spirited displays, starting from the U.S. 95A intersection and heading down to 7th Street. Many floats and groups continued on to the park, where about 50 vendors offered everything from BBQ and lemonade to handmade goods and civic info. Families settled in for a full day of fun, from bounce houses and horseshoes to the highly anticipated greased pig scramble.

"It was just a big party to celebrate America's independence, and we were thrilled with the turnout," said Robert Perea, president of the Fernley 4th of July Committee.

Mayor Neal McIntyre welcomed the crowd with a heartfelt nod to Fernley's small-town spirit.

"As your Mayor, I couldn't be proud-

er to stand here today, surrounded by the heart and soul of our town – you, our amazing community," he said. "From the Masons' Pancake Breakfast early this morning to the parade down Main Street, to that last explosion of fireworks lighting up the sky later tonight, this event is a shining example of what makes our town so special."

McIntyre reminded everyone that Independence Day is about more than fireworks and funnel cake.

"To all the families, the kids with painted faces, the neighbors catching up over a cold beverage, the veterans we honored, and every single person who waved the flag or sang along to the music – thank you," he said. "You bring the spirit of Independence Day to life!"

New additions this year included a Thursday night Battle of the Bands, won by First Five Elements, and the beloved Battle of the Badges greased pig contest, where North Lyon Firefighters Cody Ingram and Trevor Curtis claimed victory, ending a two-year streak by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Other highlights included a watermelon eating contest, a dunk tank, a



Members of the Great Basin Gun Hawks ride on a float in the 4th of July Parade. Photo by Robert Perea.

Diving for Dollars game for kids, and plenty of water slides to beat the July heat.

This was the first time Fernley's Fourth was expanded to a two-day event – a step toward an even bigger celebration next year, which will mark

the City of Fernley's 25th anniversary of incorporation on July 1.

"I hope everyone who came this year enjoyed themselves and makes plans to come back next year," Perea said.

Mayor addresses council member absences

By Robert Perea

While conducting roll call for the July 2 City Council meeting, Mayor Neal McIntyre went through the list of missed meetings by City Council members so far this year and recommended that the council members read the city's resolutions and municipal codes regarding attendance at council meetings.

During the roll call, McIntyre noted that Councilman Joe Mendoza was absent. He then read Resolution 17-010, which provides the rules of decorum relating to public input and council member conduct. He referenced item 2B of that resolution, which stipulates that the mayor shall "decide all questions of order and decorum, subject, however, to an appeal of said decision forthwith by a member of the City Council, in which event a majority vote of the Council Members in attendance shall govern and conclusively determine such question of order or deco-

rum."

McIntyre then read from Section 2.08.03 of the city's Municipal Code, the rules and procedures of council. Section 2.08.03, subsection (g) states that Council members will have three paid personal absences during a one-year period, starting January 1 of each year. "Personal absence" is defined as excused and not applicable to council approved absences for bereavement and/or illness.

A council member missing three consecutive and unexcused council meetings, not including any personal absences, and excused absences, as defined in the city personnel policies, shall constitute neglect or refusal to discharge the duties of a council member. Absent appeal, the council member's office shall be deemed vacant at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

A council member missing four unexcused council meetings between January 1 and December 31, not including any personal absences or excused

absences, shall constitute neglect or refusal to discharge the duties of a council member. Absent appeal, the council member's office shall be deemed vacant at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

McIntyre then went through the list of absences so far this year by all five council members. He said Councilman Ryan Hanan had an excused absence on February 13, but City Clerk Kim Swanson corrected him to say that Hanan attended that meeting via Zoom because he was sick.

McIntyre said Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski had an excused absence on June 18, and that is her only absence in the 18 meetings so far this year. McIntyre said Councilman Stan Lau missed the February 13th due to an excused absence, and Councilman Albert Torres missed a special meeting on May 7th, an excused absence.

McIntyre said Mendoza has attended three meetings by Zoom and had excused absences on January 9 and

April 2 and an unexcused absence on May 7. McIntyre said because Mendoza already has three absences, that made his absence on July 2 unexcused.

City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen said excused absences include attendance of funerals for close family members, illnesses and any times where a council member is required to sequester because of disease or illness.

"So, I just wanted council to be advised of that, and I would strongly suggest that council read our resolutions as far as attending our meetings up here on the dais," McIntyre said.

I truly believe even though you're on Zoom that you're not really fully engaged in a meeting because you might have some other thing that takes your mind off what you're really doing. You really don't get the effect of sitting up here on the dais and listening to the presentations and listening to the people talk."

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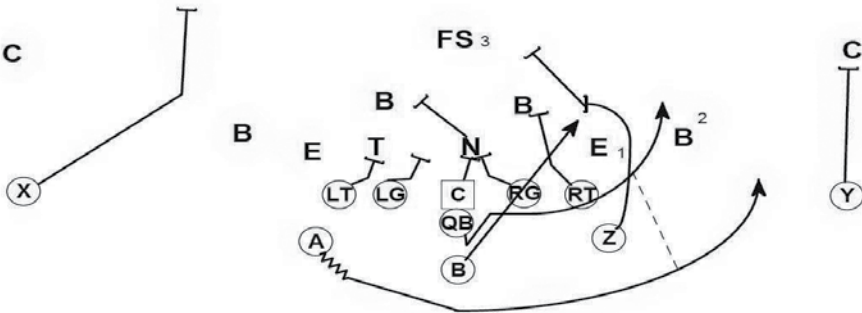
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



A Dance to Remember

Among the crowd for this year’s Battle of the Bands at the Out of Town Park, a single moment rose above the music, the lights, and the cheers—a moment of pure, joyful magic.

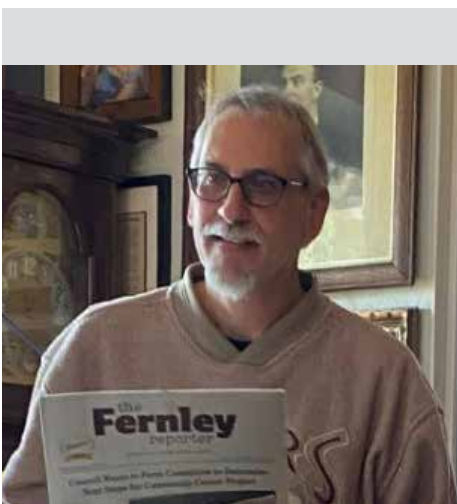
Partway through the event, a woman using a white cane walked into the venue with her husband. Surrounded by the vibrant energy of the evening, she stood quietly near the edge of the crowd, taking in the first few performances with a calm, attentive presence. And then something beautiful happened.

Moved by the music and the atmosphere, her husband gently escorted her to the center of the concrete dance area. As the last band of the night, Leeteville Junction, launched into their set, the couple began to dance. What followed was nothing short of extraordinary—she twirled, laughed, and beamed with radiant joy, spinning to the rhythm with the freedom and abandon of someone completely immersed in the moment. She may not have seen the stage, but she felt every note, and it showed. Her joy became the joy of the entire crowd.

She was smiling, laughing, just glowing. It reminded all of us what this event is really about, connection, joy, and community.

The Fernley 4th of July Committee is proud to host events that don’t just entertain but bring people together. That single dance reminded us why we do this. Moments like that make every ounce of effort worth it.

Planning the 4th of July celebration is a 12-month endeavor, and we do it with an all-volunteer committee of seven members. But really, we’ve only had seven members for the past three months. For most of the previous two years, we’ve had as few as five. We also have a handful of invaluable volunteers. Two of them organize the parade and do an absolutely phenomenal job. We have another volunteer who isn’t on board but helps with admin-



ROBERT PEREA

istrative things and is also absolutely essential. This year, volunteers from Crosswinds Church stepped up to run the Free Kids Zone and they already have ideas to make it better next year.

But truthfully, like just about every other organization that puts on public events, we need more help. Our seven member board is divided into 33 separate committees that handle individual aspects of the preparation for the event, and 21 of those “committees” are just one person. Some of those are more complicated than others, but they all take a tremendous amount of time.

The Fernley 4th of July is also not a function of the City of Fernley, although the event would not happen without the city’s support. We receive grant money from the Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority and the Lyon County Room Tax Board to pay for advertising, and the amount of money we receive from them determines how much we spend on advertising. Also, for the last several years, the city has paid a little more than half of the cost of the fireworks, although this year, the City Council approved Mayor Neal McIntyre’s request to fund the entire cost of the fireworks, which was \$30,000.

If the cost of the fireworks increases next year, we will need to either raise more money, or have a shorter fireworks show.

Most of our donations come from business sponsors, but the truth is, every organization in Fernley that puts on an event is knocking on the same doors asking for money. In essence, we’re all competing for the same pool of money.

If you attended this year’s event and came away with ideas that could make it even better, and ideas for how to how to get those things done, then we could definitely use your help. It was two new members who took our idea of hosting a Battle of the Bands this year and made it happen.

Watching that woman dance last Thursday evening made the whole year’s work worthwhile. Let’s see how we can work together to make more beautiful moments like that next year.

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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2nd Net: Bonnie MacQuarrie, 84

Low Putts: Juneil Key, 30

Closest to hole #7:
Kathy Kennedy, 22'8"

Closest to hole 11:
Kathy Kennedy, 59" 5"

Chip-Ins:
Bonnie MacQuarrie, #2;
Lois Thiel, #8;
Kathy Kennedy, #12

FEATURES

Happy Independence Day!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Park improvements expected to be complete by end of July

By Kerry Lyman

An asphalt walking path and several improvements to the Main Street Art Park were purchased prior to July 1 in order to spend federal block grant funds that would have expired on June 30, Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick told the city council last Wednesday.

The asphalt walking path is already completed, along with some water and electrical lines being placed to serve future improvements that will be installed later this summer, Altick said.

Future improvements purchased with the block grant funds include three archways across the pedestrian path, six benches, three self-watering planters and six self-watering planters with attached benches. One planter was also purchased to be used across the street at the train depot. Altick

said she anticipated the planters and benches will be installed in the next two to four weeks.

Also expected to be installed before the end of July are an art park sign at the eastern edge of the park, a 10-foot metal sculpture of a flower bouquet and two 5-foot metal sculptures of flowers and insects, made by Twisted Steel. A 9-foot metal flower bouquet and three 5-foot sculptures of flowers and insects were also purchased for installation across the street at the train depot, Altick said.

All the planned benches and planters will be made of concrete that will look like wood. Also planned is an 8-foot by 8-foot tree planter donated by Trex, she said.

The city, Fernley ACES and Main Street Fernley are all looking to secure funding for future improvements to the art park, Altick said.



The walking path in the Main Street Art Park has been completed, and artwork by Twisted Steel is expected to be installed this month.
Photo by Kerry Lyman

Fernley Author Shares Quiet Faith

Staff Report

In a world filled with distractions and restlessness, Divine Whispers by Fernley author Eva Price offers readers something unique. It is not a guidebook nor a checklist of answers; instead, it is a heartfelt narrative that allows readers to pause and listen to the voice of God. Since its release, the book has resonated with people from all walks of life, offering comfort to those seeking peace, clarity, and a renewed sense of faith. Many readers have already requested a sequel to this inspiring story.

This book does not dictate beliefs; instead, it fosters an environment where readers can remember what faith feels like when it is not imposed.

Each chapter offers spiritual reflections and personal insights conveyed in a calm, steady voice. There is no pressure to perform or to be perfect. The only invitation is to show up with honesty and an open heart. Divine Whispers encourages readers to find God not just in churches or

ceremonies but in the quiet moments of everyday life. The writing is sincere and approachable, grounded in scripture yet presented in a lighthearted manner. Many readers describe the book as a private conversation between themselves and God—one that meets them wherever they are on their journey.

Price is an accountant by profession with an MBA and a bachelor's degree in accounting. She was an active member of Toastmasters International from 2015 to 2019, during which she earned back-to-back recognition as both Area Director and Division Director of the Year between 2016 and 2018. Her dedication ultimately led her to achieve the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), the highest honor within the organization. Alongside her professional life, Eva has found joy in exploring ancient ruins with her husband. Their travels have taken them through the jungles of Cambodia and to the mountaintops of Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia. These experiences have helped ground her in

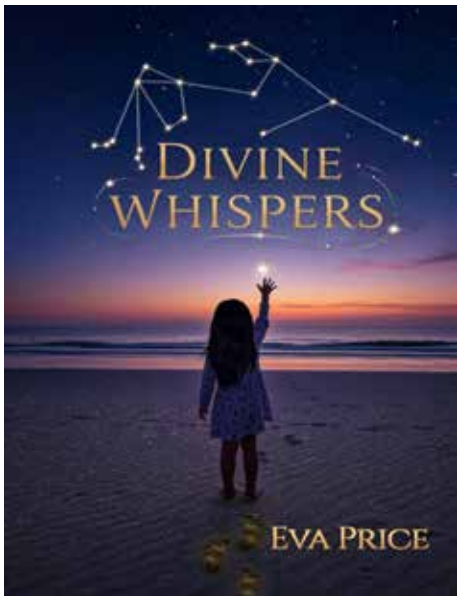
faith and deepen her spiritual journey, which she now shares through her writing.

She has been a Fernley resident since 2021 and is planning to host a book signing in Fernley.

Price's reflections stem from her own experiences with faith and life's uncertainties. She does not write from a place of having all the answers; she writes from the path itself, where questions, grief, healing, and gratitude often coexist. This relatability is what makes the book resonate; it is crafted for those who are still searching and finding their way.

Readers have begun sharing how Divine Whispers has inspired them, helping them find calm during difficult times and rekindling their desire to connect with God in a more personal and loving manner. The book does not preach; it tells a story and reminds us that even when the world feels overwhelming, God is still speaking and is in control.

Divine Whispers is now available in



both digital and print formats through Parker Publishers and all major retailers. For review requests, speaking engagements, or media inquiries, contact Parker Publishers at press@parkerpublishers.com.

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COMMUNITY

Council approves contract to complete design for ELC

By Kerry Lyman

Last Wednesday the Fernley City Council voted to extend the contract with the TSK architectural firm to complete construction documents for the Early Learning Center (ELC), or phase II of the Community Resource and Response Center (CRRC).

There was \$361,348 remaining in TSK's CRRC budget as of May 31, and with TSK invoices for June and July an-

ticipated to be less than \$60,000, there should be more than enough in the remaining budget to cover the \$258,590 time and materials budget with TSK for completion of the construction documents for the ELC, according to Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick.

The city council had earlier approved for TSK to move forward with 50 percent construction documents for the ELC. The newly approved contract extension with TSK will bring the

construction documents for the ELC to 100 percent, Altick said.

As shown on the already completed floor plans for the ELC, there will be four classrooms, one for infants, one for toddlers, one for 2- to 3-year-olds and one for 4- and 5-year-olds, as well as a reception area, office, a small kitchen, a laundry room and restrooms, she said.

Essentially, this means the savings from TSK's budget for the CRRC will

pay for the completion of the construction documents for the ELC, said Mayor Neal McIntyre.

It is anticipated completion of the construction documents for the ELC will take about 9 weeks. There is no funding at this time for construction of the ELC, but if there was, it would probably take a little less than a year and a half to complete construction of the ELC, Altick said.

Boys & Girls Club donates playground equipment

By Kerry Lyman

The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley is donating playground equipment, a 20-foot by 20-foot metal shade structure, two picnic tables, two benches and artificial turf to the city of Fernley for use just outside the city's Community Resource and Response Center (CRRC), according to Lydia Altick, deputy city manager.

During a presentation to the city council last Wednesday, Altick said the donated items will be located in a currently vacant area just west of the large artificial turf "event lawn" currently in place between the train depot and the CRRC, separated by a sidewalk. Adjacent to and north of the playground area will be a 900-square-foot concrete pad for placement of the shade structure, and just west of that area will be a 1,050-square-foot area of decomposed granite and trees, she said.



A rendering of the playground equipment being donated by the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows for the new Community Response and Resource Center. Courtesy of City of Fernley

Adjacent to and south of the shade structure will be the site for the playground equipment with underlying artificial turf, she said. Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski questioned what would be directly under the artificial turf, saying her daughters play on athletic fields made of artificial turf and

find it to be "crazy hot" under direct sun.

Zoberski asked if the legend on the plans for the event lawn indicating "artificial turf ProGreen CoolPlay" means the turf on the event lawn and the playground will not be as hot as what her daughters are used to playing on.

"I believe so. This is a newer project and I'm sure that all newer projects have that built in," Altick said. Mayor Neal McIntyre said he thought the substance underlying the artificial turf at the high school is ground up rubber and he thought the underlying substance for artificial turf at the CRRC might be cork, "which is a whole lot cooler."

"I believe you're right," Altick said. Zoberski also wondered if the playground equipment would be available to the public, and not just the Boys and Girls Club. Altick said the playground should be available to the public after club hours and on weekends.

Altick also reported to the council the permanent stage that had been planned for the vacant lot where the playground will now be sited has been removed from the plans. However, the Boys and Girls Club has indicated they have a portable stage they would also be willing to donate.

She said the portable stage could be placed on the wide concrete sidewalk on the east side of the 13,000-square-foot event lawn to host events and concerts held on the event lawn. The city is anticipating the official grand opening of the CRRC will be during the last week of August, Altick added.

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GOVERNMENT

Partial Court Consolidation Approved

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Commission on July 3 approved an agreement that had previously been approved by the Fernley City Council to partially consolidate the Fernley Municipal Court and the Fernley Justice Court.

Under the agreement, the two courts will both be housed in the Justice Court building when the remodel is completed later this year. The city will continue to provide space for both

courts until the remodel is complete. Comptroller Josh Foli said the Justice Court will save funding by replacing a vacant administrator position with a court clerk position by utilizing the city's court administrator to supervise the Court employees.

“We still keep the staff separate as far as payroll is concerned,” Foli said. The city and the county will still have the same number of employees and those employees will be paid by each entity, but all employees will work on

both municipal and justice court cases. The cases and revenues will be tracked and remitted to the city and the county, respectively. Foli said there will be some additional costs for software licensing, but that is anticipated to be paid out of the restricted court fees and not the county's general fund.

The county will pay \$834 per month to the city for these increased responsibilities. Foli said over time, this should save costs as staffing will not need to be increased due to the economies of

combining the staff of the two courts. The Commission also approved a one-year contract with Mansfield & Mayo Law Firm, PLLC for public defender services in the Fernley Municipal Court for \$120,000.

Foli told the Commission that state law requires the county to contract for public defender services, but the county gets reimbursed by the city.

City approves revised contract for federal land conveyance

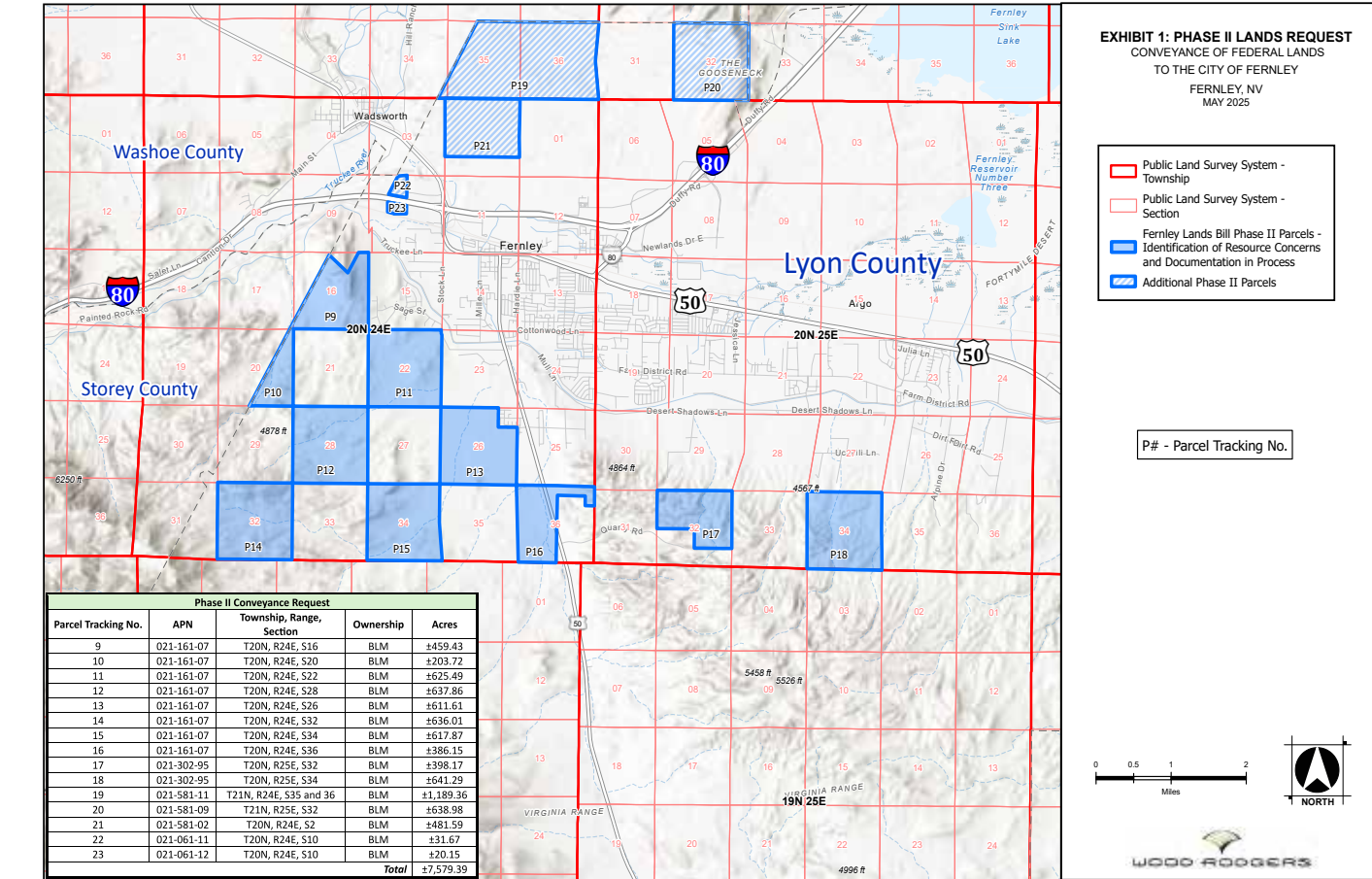
By Kerry Lyman

Following the Phase I conveyance of 2,166 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land to the City of Fernley on June 6, the city council approved a revised contract to complete the conveyance of an additional 7,612 acres of BLM land to the city last Wednesday.

The \$183,458 Phase II contract with Wood Rogers, a national consulting firm performing baseline studies, environmental reviews, surveys and concept layouts for the conveyance of BLM lands, is expected to extend over about three years, according to Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick.

As a result, Altick said there is no need to amend the city's recently adopted budget because as of April 30, there is \$88,343 remaining in the existing Wood Rogers contract, which expired on June 30. That should leave enough in the remaining budget to cover any Wood Rogers expenses due this fiscal year, Altick said.

In April, the city council approved combining the 15 federal parcels in Phases II and III of the land conveyance into one phase, Phase II, after learning BLM de-



termined such an action would not delay the Phase II land conveyance and would require only one environmental review rather than two if the phases were conveyed separately.

The new Wood Rogers contract is a “not to exceed” time and materials contract. Of the eight BLM parcels containing 2,166 acres conveyed to

the city early last month, Altick said earlier that probably only one or two of the parcels will be used for economic development, with the other parcels used for recreation and public purposes such as expanding the city's parks and athletic fields, possible relocation of the rodeo grounds to a larger site, open space and trailheads.

In order for the former BLM lands to be used for economic development such as housing, retail and other private uses, the city must purchase the reversionary rights from the federal government for fair market value, Altick said.

Commissioners approve reimbursement agreement for evaluation of GID for NNIC

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Commission approved a reimbursement agreement with NV-Reno Industrial LLC, North-Lyon LLC, and Ramsey LLC to reimburse the county for the costs of outside legal and engineering review for the evaluation and possible initia-

tion and formation of the North Lyon County Power District.

At its previous meeting on June 18, the Commission agreed to consider the formation of a general improvement district to bring power to the Northern Nevada Industrial Center (NNIC), a 20,000 acre industrial development along USA Parkway north of Silver

Springs.

Under the agreement, the developer, NV-Reno Industrial LLC, will reimburse the county for reasonable costs associated with outside legal and engineering review for the evaluation and possible initiation and formation of the North Lyon County Power District. The county will hire the neces-

sary outside legal counsel and engineering services it deems necessary to perform proper due diligence on the formation and operation of the North Lyon County Power District. Developer shall promptly reimburse the county for reasonable costs it incurs, not to exceed \$20,000.

Titus laments unsuccessful bills

By Christy Lattin

While State Senator Robin Titus was successful in getting several bills passed this legislative session, she remains disappointed in those that didn't make it out of committees and died.

A medical doctor by trade, she is passionate about public health and co-sponsored two bills that would have established a social worker apprentice program and a nursing apprentice program. She said the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services will continue the search for funding for the nursing apprentice program, and some of the successfully passed bills will assist with educating and recruiting social workers in the state.

Titus was also unsuccessful in establishing a task force to research Nevada's reliance on California energy, specifically fuel (SB505). She said currently 90% of the fuel in Nevada comes from California. The U.S. Energy Information Administration shows there are 13 operating refineries in California, down from 40 refineries in 1983.

Titus said SB505 was “hugely popular” but it didn't get a hearing. However, Governor Joe Lombardo told her she didn't need a successful bill

to establish a blue-ribbon task force and asked his staff to assist her in that effort. Titus is now setting up meetings with representatives in Texas, Arizona and Utah to explore options for getting fuel to Nevada.

“How do we get away from being dependent on the California refineries,” she asked.

One of the successfully passed bills, SB108, adds more funds to the Account for the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting program. Titus said this bill – which can affect Lahontan Reservoir and Carson River – is a longstanding bill with \$250,000 in the account to be used for grants to clear river channels from flooding. Her bill will increase that account fund to \$500,000.

She said sometimes the grants were awarded but lengthy project delays kept the funding tied up, sometimes for years like in the case of the Cave Lake earthen dam that needed repairs. Having more funds available will lead to more projects, and possibly the chance for applicants to pursue federal grants with matching funds. Titus said sometimes the federal grants are a ten-to-one match, so securing funds from the Nevada account could really help

fund large projects.

Two bills that would have specifically benefitted small northern Nevada towns were shut down. SB232 sought funding to construct a community center in Virginia City, and AB388 would have provided funds to build an elementary school in White Pine County.

Titus explained there is a north-south rivalry at the legislature, and the members who control the money are the “Clark County folks” who often deny a work session in committee.

pproximately 68% of the Nevada legislators hail from Clark County. Of the 605 bills that passed the legislature, Gov. Lombardo vetoed 87. He also vetoed 75 bills during the 2023 session, for a total of 162 vetoes during his first term alone. The previous record was set by former Gov. Brian Sandoval who vetoed 97 bills during his two terms over four legislative sessions.

Titus was voted as the Senate Minority Leader in January 2024 by the Senate Republican Caucus after Heidi Gansert announced she wouldn't run for a third term. Leadership positions are typically voted on again after elections, and Titus was re-elected as minority leader following the November 2024 election.



“They chose to keep me as the leader after the November election, and hopefully they choose to keep me again because I'm running for reelection next year,” she said. “We're going to work hard, and I feel strongly that the Republicans can be in the majority next election. To that end, that's what I'm working for.”

When asked what she's going to do in the off-season, she answered “Politics!” After a short vacation, she plans to attend several leadership conferences and start recruiting Republican candidates for the 2026 election. Titus still serves as the Lyon County Health Officer and works with the Lyon County School District.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Case for an Animal Shelter in Fernley

By John Mueller

As Fernley continues to grow, so do the needs of its residents—both human and animal. One community need that remains critical is the expansion and modernization of local animal shelter services.

Fernley Animal Services, a division of the City of Fernley led by Animal Service Program Manager RanDee Gahr, handles impounded pets, lost-and-found cases, adoptions, and provides vital services such as spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and microchipping. But without an animal shelter of its own, Fernley Animal Services partners with Lyon County Animal Services in Silver Springs for extended animal control and sheltering support—particularly for stray dogs.

Fernley Animal Services has handled an average of more than 400 cases per year over the past five years, but handled more than 500 cases in 2024, and the caseload shows no signs of slowing down. But the Lyon County Animal Shelter in Silver Springs, which serves the entire county, except for the City of Yerington, only has 44 kennels. While these resources form the foundation of local animal care, Fernley still lacks a purpose-built, full-capacity, modern shelter facility—one that reflects the city’s rapid growth and aligns with best practices for community-based animal care.

Fernley Animal Control works diligently within its current capacity, but the city’s expanding population—now exceeding 25,000 residents—puts pressure on the system. Support also comes from nonprofit organizations like Animal Rescue Group of Northern Nevada, which focuses heavily on rescuing and rehoming cats, and Precious Paws Society of Nevada, which helps with lost and found animals, assists pet owners in need, and provides broader advocacy for pet welfare.

However, none of these organizations operate a standalone, comprehensive shelter facility. As a result, Fernley faces persistent challenges, including limited housing for surrendered or stray animals requiring transport to Silver Springs or beyond.

A modern animal shelter would not duplicate existing efforts—it would enhance, strengthen, and centralize them. In presenting her ideas for a shelter in Fernley, Gahr said that housing animals in Fernley that are picked up or surrendered in Fernley can help reunite them with their owners more quickly, and it can help Fernley Animal Services support educated and responsible pet ownership.

She said such a facility also needs the ability to house cats. The Lyon County shelter does not accept cats except in situations of protected custody, such as when an owner dies or is hospitalized, or if they are seized due cruelty or neglect. That leaves the care of cats up to the volunteer rescue groups, but that because an issue in trying to care for sick or injured cats and can’t be placed for adoption.

- The benefits of a local animal shelter include:
1. Public Safety - Stray animals can create traffic hazards or pose risks through bites or aggressive behavior. A local shelter improves response time and containment, protecting both residents and pets.
 2. Public Health - Vaccination, sterilization, and disease prevention services help curb rabies, parasites, and zoonotic disease transmission. A centralized facility ensures broader community access.
 3. Lost & Found - Having a single, trusted location where residents can reunite with lost pets—or adopt new companions—builds public trust and keeps more animals safe.
 4. Community Engagement - An expanded shelter can serve as an educational hub with volunteer opportunities, student programs, and therapy pet outreach—building a culture of compassion.
 5. Support for Families in Crisis - During difficult life transitions—job loss, eviction, illness—a shelter offers temporary support and humane alternatives to pet abandonment.

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Pyramid Lake Tribe Hosts Pow-Wow This Weekend



Wadsworth George Family - Reno Sparks Indian Colony.
Photo by Victoria Crystal.

Staff Report

The 14th annual Sacred Visions Pow-Wow will be held this weekend at the Big Bend Ranch in Wadsworth. Admission is free.

The pow-wow will open Friday at 6 a.m. with a Sunrise Ceremony. The grand entry is scheduled for 7 p.m., with additional grand entries on Saturday at noon and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at noon.

The Duck Valley Singers from Owyhee, NV will be the host drummers, the master of ceremonies is Gary Watson from Ft. Hall, ID, and the arena director is Art Martinez from Carson City.

The event will feature Native American crafts, a buckskin contest, drum contest (with a monetary prize!), and a royalty contest. This event is sponsored by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Organization, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic and volunteers.

VICTORY LOGISTICS

Moving Fernley Forward

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GOVERNMENT

Assemblyman Greg Koenig reflects on legislative session

By Christy Lattin

State Assemblyman Greg Koenig is proud of his record during the recently wrapped 83rd Nevada legislative session. He introduced ten bills into session, and all ten were heard on the legislative floor – something few legislators achieve. Ultimately five of his bills were passed into law. He added that this session saw Republican lawmakers introduce a record number of bills.

One of the bills Koenig is most proud of is AB326, a bill relating to trauma center designations. He said hospitals in Nevada are ranked at certain levels regarding their ability to treat trauma patients; Las Vegas has one Level 1 hospital, all the hospitals in Reno are Level 2, and other centers are Level 3. Rural hospitals didn't have a trauma treatment level designation, but Koenig's bill allowed those hospitals to be considered Level 4, a new designation. He said by allowing the smaller hospitals to be labeled as qualified treatment centers they are eligible for additional funding for training, equipment and staffing. This bill will aid the hospitals in Fallon, Hawthorne and Lovelock.

Koenig is also pleased his bill regarding mobile meat processing passed both houses unanimously. The

bill, AB251, instructs the State Quarantine Officer to establish regulations for the operation of a mobile commercial slaughter unit. He said prior to this bill, many private meat producers – especially those living in remote central Nevada – had limited access to processing facilities (slaughterhouses). This bill removes the requirement that a "custom processing establishment" be a fixed facility. Mobile commercial meat and poultry processing units are now regulated the same as any slaughterhouse. This bill does not apply to those selling meat wholesale, but will apply to individuals raising meat for their family's personal consumption.

Bill AB193 allows victims of domestic violence to receive a copy of all the law enforcement reports related to their situation. Koenig said existing law allowed victims of sexual assault access to the police reports, and it was common sense to allow domestic violence victims the same rights. Law enforcement agencies must furnish the requested report within one month.

One of Koenig's disappointments was AB84 – this bill said that if a county road construction project was put out to bid two times but didn't receive any bids, the project could be performed by the county road department. If a job is estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000,

existing law allows local highway commissioners to determine if county employees can perform that job; AB84 would have raised that project cost amount up to \$547,570. Koenig said "the unions killed" AB84. When the bill was read on the Assembly floor, about 30 people from the unions showed up to protest it, including people from the teachers and culinary unions alongside construction union members. Koenig said the unions wield a lot of power, and that union personnel from Las Vegas often squash bills that would have provided opportunities for small towns.

Koenig, who will run for re-election in 2026, sits on three committees – Education, Health & Human Services, and Ways & Means. The Nevada Independent reported that during the 2025 session, Koenig voted with the Democratic majority against his Republican colleagues 12 times – the highest among Republican Assemblymembers. However, Koenig defends his record by saying he never voted against the Republican caucus if they had an opinion on a bill. But if the caucus didn't offer an opinion, Koenig used "common sense" to determine how he would vote.

Koenig was the only Republican to vote in favor of designating July as Muslim American Heritage Month.



While the bill passed both houses, it was ultimately vetoed by the governor. Koenig said there was no fiscal impact and offered a chance for more education on the religion. He said he voted similarly for a Jewish American heritage month bill.

"People realize they can work with me," Koenig said. Because the Democrats controlled both houses of the legislature and which bills were heard, he was selective in which bills he presented. "A partisan bill doesn't have a chance," he said.

BUSINESS

New Business Licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its July 2 meeting:

Freedom Plumbing LLC, Reno, Plumbing & Heating Contractor

TEDco Construction, LLC, Reno, Carpentry Contractor

His Plumbing Inc., Reno, Plumbing Contractor

Joshua's Heating & Air INC., Sparks, HVAC Contractor

Silver State Excavation LLC, Minden, Excavation/Grading/Drain Contractor

John Longo Construction Company Inc., Reno, General Engineering Contractor

All Four Seasons Roofing, Dayton, Roofing Contractor

Miller Diesel Repair LLC, Fernley, Mobile Mechanic

Wild One Custom LLC, Fernley, Hobby/Crafter

Mountain View Montessori LLC, Fernley, Home Child Care

B.S.L. Electric Corp., Lovelock, Electrical Contractor

Plumbing NV LLC, Reno, Plumbing Contractor

Paramount Craftsman Services, Reno, Air Conditioning Contractor

Interwest Consulting Group Inc., Loveland, CO, Engineering Services

Montrose Glass, LLC, Elko, Glass Contractor

Amigo Electric LLC, Sparks, Electrical Contractor

Stonelake Masonry, Inc., Elk Grove, CA, Masonry Contractor

Summer Green Landscaping LLC, Fernley, Lawn Care & Tree Service

Western Oilfields Supply Company, Bakersfield, CA, Equipment Rentals

Carol S LLC, Fernley, Pilot Car Service

Pye-Barker Fire & Safety LLC, Reno, Fire & Alarm Contractor

Alpine Roofing Co., Sparks, Roofing Contractor

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LAW & ORDER

Arrest Report

June 29 – July 6, 2025

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Arresting Agency:
Lyon County Sheriff's Office: 34
State of Nevada: 5
Tribal: 0
Yerington Police Department: 2

APASAN, JEFFREY
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: \$3,140.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST)

BECKNELL, LARRY
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: None
Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT

BLAS-NAUYOKS, JASON
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$6,640.00
Charges: VIOL DOM VIOLENCE TPO; POSS SCH I,II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF

BROOKS, CHARLETTE
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,500.00
Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

CANNON, WILLIAM
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$2,500.00
Charges: POSS SCH I,II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF

COOK, SAMANTHA
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$27,525.00
Charges: DUI, (2ND); DUTY TO STOP AT ACDNT W/ATTENED VEH/PROP DAMAGE; OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH; RECKLESS DRIVING DISREGARD SAFETY, (1ST)- E/WZ; BATTERY BY PRSNR/PNP; INTIMIDATE PUB OFF/OTHERS

CORRAL, ANDRES
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$2,500.00
Charges: INDECENT/OBSCENE EXPOSURE, (1ST); CIVIL- FAIL TO MAINTAIN LANE/IMPROPER LANE CHANGE/FAIL TO USE SIGNAL; OPERATOR- PROOF OF INS REQ

DEL RIO, COURTNEY
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: \$305.00
Charges: DRIVE W/O DRV-LIC

EMMONS, NICHOLAS
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$15,635.00
Charges: POSS/MFG/DISPOSE SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE/SHOTGUN; TRESPASS, NOT AMOUNTING TO BURGLARY; RESIST PUB OFF; FALSE STMT TO/OBSTRUCT PUB OFF

EMMONS, TONI
Area of Arrest: Dayton

Bail Amount: \$7,500.00
Charges: TRESPASS, NOT AMOUNTING TO BURGLARY; OWN/POSS GUN BY PROHIBIT PERS; BATTERY ON PROTECTED PERS; RESIST PUB OFF; FALSE STMT TO/OBSTRUCT PUB OFF

FIGUEROA, DONIA
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs
Bail Amount: \$6,495.00
Charges: OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; DESTROY/CONCEAL EVIDENCE; POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF

FONSECA-RAMIREZ, LUCIO
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs
Bail Amount: \$3,945.00
Charges: DRIVE W/O DRV-LIC; INTIMIDATE PUB OFF/OTHERS W/TOF, (1ST); DUI, (1ST)

GLEASON, JOSHUA
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,925.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST); FAIL DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROAD; FAIL WEAR SAFETY BELT/SHOULDER HARNESS; DRINK ALC WHILE DRIVING/PHYS CTRL OF MOTOR VEH

GORT, DAVID
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,140.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST)

GREEN, RICHARD
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: \$2,280.00
Charges: RESIST PUB OFF; LITTERING IN PARK

HENDRIX, JACOB
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$1,000.00
Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME; CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

HETZLER, JACOB
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$3,755.00
Charges: OPER UNREG VEH/TRAILER/SEMI; DESTROY/CONCEAL EVIDENCE; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA

HINKLEY, JENNIFER
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$250.00
Charges: RESIST PUB OFF; INDECENT/OBSCENE EXPOSURE, (1ST)

HIPOLITO, EULALIO
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$4,000.00
Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME, Assist Other Agency-- Hold

JOHNSON, AMBER
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: None

Charges: Assist Other Agency--Hold; DUI, (2ND); BASIC SPEED - 11-20 OVER POSTED LIMIT; DRIVE W/SUS DRV-LIC

JOHNSON, APRIL
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$3,140.00
Charges: DRIVE W/SUS DRV-LIC; POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF

JOHNSON, HAROLD
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: None
Charges: FEL ARRST FUGITIVE FROM OTHER STATE/CMPL/WARRANT

KAEFER, NICOLE
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: None
Charges: FEL ARRST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT

KIMBEL, KAMEO
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$582.00
Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

MARKSTEIN, JASON
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$1,635.00
Charges: DRIVER DISOBEY PEACE OFF; NON RES DRIVE WHEN PRIVILEG SUS/REV/CANX; POSS/CONSUME MARIJ IN PUB PLACE/MARIJ STORE VEH

MARTINELLI, BRANDI
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,255.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST); DRIVER FTO RED TRAFFIC LIGHT

MOVIUS, BRANT
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: None
Charges: FEL ARRST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT; CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

MYERS, MICHAEL
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs
Bail Amount: \$8,140.00
Charges: DISREGARD FOR SAFETY OF PERS/PROP; DISCHG GUN/OTHER WEAPON WHERE PERS MIGHT BE ENDANG; DESTROY/CONCEAL EVIDENCE; UNLAW DISCHARGE OF FIREARM

PASILLAS, CHRISTY
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: \$6,340.00
Charges: POSS SCH I,II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME

RIGGIN, DARIN
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$1,000.00
Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME

ROSALES, NIKKI
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: None
Charges: Court Commitment

ROSEBUSH, GARY
Area of Arrest: Yerington
Bail Amount: None
Charges: CONSP PROHIB ACT VIOL SEX OFNDR REGISTRATION

SAMPSON, LORI
Area of Arrest: Mound House
Bail Amount: \$1,410.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST); FAIL DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROAD; FAIL MAINT LANE/IMPROPER LANE CHG/USE SIGNAL

SEKULO, MELANIE
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$515.00
Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION

SOUTHARD, BRANDON
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$27,500.00
Charges: POSS DANG DRUG W/O P-SCRPT, (1ST/2ND); FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT; POSS SCH III-V C/S LT 28 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; BATTERY BY PRSNR/PNP

TERRANOVA, RONALD
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs
Bail Amount: \$6,915.00
Charges: POSS SCH I,II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; DESTROY/CONCEAL EVIDENCE; OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; DRIVE W/O DRV-LIC; DSPL FICTITIOUS VEH REG/PLATE/TITLE

THOMAS, OCTAVIA
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$10,000.00
Charges: DOM BATTERY BY STRANGULATION

TROIANIELLO, COLE
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$4,280.00
Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST; BATTERY

VALENZUELA, RICKY
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$490.00
Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

WILSON, KATIE
Area of Arrest: Dayton
Bail Amount: \$600.00
Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION

WOOTEN, CHARLES
Area of Arrest: Fernley
Bail Amount: \$1,555.00
Charges: DUI, (1ST); UNSAFE TURN, IMPROPER POSITION/METHOD AT I-SECT

Fernley Church Directory

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Silverland Middle School

Grace Baptist Church
460 W. Main Street, Suite 108
gbcfernley.org

Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
290 N. West Street

Living Faith Church
110 Center Street

Crosswinds Assembly of God
3015 Farm District Road

Calvary Chapel
875 Fremont Street

Joy! Alliance Fellowship
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St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
625 Desert Shadows Lane

Fernley Free Methodist Church
100 N. West Street

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FAITH

Law-Gospel Parenting

Imagine the following parenting situation. You've told your child to pick up his toys. Your child refuses to obey you. He is being disobedient. Perhaps this situation isn't too hard to imagine. How should parents respond biblically?

The distinction between law and gospel is essential in understanding how parents should proceed. Michael Horton provides a helpful definition of law and gospel when he writes:

“Everything in the Bible that reveals God's moral expectations is law and everything in the Bible that reveals God's saving purposes and acts is gospel.”[1]

God's law shows us what is good, right, and true. God expects perfect, perpetual obedience to his law. This standard reveals that we are not good, right, and true. We have all rebelled against a holy God who, because he is good, hates sins. This standard reveals that we deserve infinite punishment for rebelling against an infinitely good God.

God's law points us to our need for a savior. We not only need our guilt removed, but we need an earned righteousness. Gospel is the good news of God accomplishing salvation for sinners. God the Son took on humanity. He earned all righteousness and died the death that his sinful people deserve.

Those who rest in Christ's finished work have their sin forgiven, Christ's righteousness credited to them, and the full favor of God upon them.

Both law and gospel are essential. Both are revealed by God in his Word. Both have a purpose. Law and gospel work together. However, it is important to note that law and gospel are different. What God requires (law) is not the same as what God provides (gospel).

How might the law-gospel distinction be utilized by parents when their child is being disobedient?

1. Show the child in what way they have broken God's law. Get to the heart root of his sin. Is he disobeying? coveting? being idolatrous? etc.
2. Choose the response needed to help correct the sin. Does he just need a verbal correction? Does he need something taken away? Does he need a more serious consequence? Give him consequences as needed (especially for explicit rebellion) to show him the seriousness of breaking God's law. Without consequences, he, like we, will be tempted to view sin lightly.
3. Explain how this sin shows him his need for Christ and his finished work. Without Christ, he is guilty before God and in need of a perfect record of righteousness. Christ alone is sufficient to pay the debt of his sin; Christ alone has a perfect record of righteousness.
4. Encourage him to rest in Christ

and his finished work.

Law and gospel are both essential. If we only teach our kids law, they will have no hope. If we only teach our kids gospel, they will not see their need for it. As parents, we want our children to be united to Christ through faith. As such, let us sow the seeds of law and gospel diligently and pray that God would cause the increase in our family. Every rebellious action of our children provides an opportunity to apply the law and gospel to them. Ultimately, our children do not need behavior modification, they need new life in Christ.

[1] Michael Horton, Christless Christianity (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2008), 109.

Stephen Duarte is a husband, father of four, pastor, and a sinner saved by God's grace alone.

LOCAL COLUMNS

Food for Thought

Pesto Pasta Salad

By Sherry Perea

The bold flavor of the pesto makes this salad anything but ordinary. Pesto pasta salad is always a crowd pleaser and perfect for serving at your summer barbecues and gatherings. The pesto flavor gives this salad a more robust flavor than typical pasta salads and it's quick and easy to make.

Ingredients

- 1 Package (16 ounce) of your favorite pasta (I use Barilla Ditalini)
- 1 Cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 Hard-boiled eggs chopped
- 1 Cup Mayonnaise
- 4 Tablespoons pesto sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 Cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 Cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/4 Cup grated Asiago cheese

Instructions

1. Boil then drain and rinse pasta.
2. In a large bowl combine cooked pasta with chopped red onion and chopped boiled eggs.
3. Add mayonnaise and pesto sauce to pasta and mix all ingredients together.
4. Add cheeses and mix.
5. Salt and pepper to taste.

Makes about 8, 1 cup servings -- Enjoy!



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.

LEGALS

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/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

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SPORTS

Cumming transfers to Coppin St.

By Robert Perea

After two years at the University of Nevada, Fernley High School graduate Jake Cumming has transferred to Coppin State University in Maryland for his junior season.

Cumming, a righthanded pitcher, announced on June 2 that he was entering the transfer portal, after completing his sophomore season in May. Cumming pitched in nine games for the Wolf Pack this season, with a 1-1 record, posting an earned run average of 14.73 with six strikeouts in a total of 11 innings.

As a freshman he pitched in eight games for a total of 14 2/3 innings with 17 strikeouts and posted an ERA of 8.59.

When he graduated from Fernley in 2023, Cumming said he considered himself a raw talent who was looking for the chance to develop under the tutelage of specialized college pitching coaches. Cumming said that has definitely been the case, with his velocity up to 96 miles per hour and sitting consistently 93-95. He said he's also developed a couple of new pitches and throws a lot more strikes.

"I've definitely developed a lot," he said. "Overall, I've gotten so much

better."

Cumming said he came into the past year expecting to pitch more than he did.

"But it just didn't work out that way, and at the end of the year just kind of came to the decision that it was time to move on and go somewhere better for myself," he said.

Cumming is pitching this summer for the Port Angeles (Wash.) Lefties of the West Coast League, where he is the team's closer and has thrown 20 2/3 innings so far, and leads the team with 25 strikeouts. He has a 1-3 record and two saves with a 4.79 ERA.

"I want to get close to 30 innings before I leave, and there's an All-Star game on July 16th, which as of right now it's looking like I'm on the top watchlist to make it," he said.

Cumming said the Lefties roster is made of a mix of players from all levels of college baseball, from NAIA to NCAA Division I, but other teams in the league have only Division I players, so the competition is very strong. "The West Coast League is a very strong league," he said.

Coppin State plays in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Cumming said he was attracted to Coppin State because of the coaches. Head coach



Jake Cumming throws a pitch for the Port Angeles Lefties, where he is playing this summer for the third consecutive season. Photo Courtesy of Jake Cumming

Sherman Reed played professional baseball for 10 years in independent leagues. Pitching coach Wayne Franklin pitched seven seasons in Major League Baseball for the Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers, San Francisco Giants, New York Yankees, and Atlanta Braves.

"They reached out to me off one of my Twitter posts this summer and then gave me the offer and I felt like it was the best decision for me," Cumming said. "The head coach is an ex-pro guy, the pitching coach played in the pros, so they definitely know their stuff."

Football camp kicks off busy summer for Vaqueros

By Robert Perea

With the official beginning of practice fast approaching on August 1 and the first game of the season close behind August 13, the Fernley High School football team is already in high gear.

The Vaqueros hosted their annual football camp June 23-25 conducted by Eastern Oregon University head coach Tim Camp and his staff and are now holding summer workouts leading up to the beginning of practice.

And for the first time in his four years as head coach, Anfernee Sloan has more returning seniors than underclassmen. Most of those seniors are also in their third or fourth year on varsity, giving Sloan the type of veteran group that he's never had as a head coach.

"The last three years, we graduat-

ed on average about 13 to 14 seniors," Sloan said. "Last year, I carried 39 guys on the roster, the biggest roster I've carried, and I graduated eight seniors. This year, I've got over 20 seniors." The Vaqueros had almost 70 players participating in this year's camp, and have averaged about 80 during their offseason workouts and weightlifting program. Sloan expects to have close to 100 by the time practice starts.

Because last year's JV team was made up of mostly freshmen, Sloan also expects to have an experienced JV team with enough players that the Vaqueros will have a freshman team this fall. With so many players in the program returning, Sloan said the camp showed him that the Vaqueros are farther along than they have been at any time during his tenure.

"Initially, I thought we might have

to kind of revert back to step 8 to kind of just refresh, but I think we might be on step C," he said. "I think we might be a little bit further ahead than what we kind of thought we were mentally, which is a really good thing, which means we can play faster, we can get more done."

For the last three years, opposing coaches have consistently told Sloan that his team has a chance to be pretty good when his freshmen and sophomores become juniors and seniors, and now most of them are, Sloan said he's excited to see what they can do.

"I do think we got a really good football team this year next year, and not even just football team, varsity-wise, but football program, from the top to the bottom," Sloan said. "It just makes it a really competitive atmosphere."

Because Camp and his staff focus on

teaching fundamental skills, Sloan said his focus in this year's camp was to get more work for the younger players. "I've been telling the coaches, I'm not going to put much stress on the older guys, because it's like, what do they need to prove to me?" Sloan said. "I know those guys can play football." Like his seniors, Sloan also feels like he has grown as a coach entering his fourth year.

"I'm just so much more relaxed," Sloan said. "My second year, I thought I had all the answers, you know? I learned my lesson that year, and my third year, I reflected on year one and two. It's like, I don't have to sit here and reinvent the wheel now, you know? It's just, we're there."

Fernley Rodeo Club Shines at Nationals

Behrendt's 16th place finish leads Fernley Rodeo Club at National Junior High Finals Rodeo

By Robert Perea

Kinley Behrendt placed 16th in barrel racing to lead the contingent of four members of the Fernley Rodeo Club at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo held June 22-28 in Des Moines, IA.

Behrendt posted a score of 46.007 to place 16th out of 190 competi-

tors.

Fernley's Elie Machado scored 31.446 to place 54th in the same event.

In ribbon roping, Jordyn Process and her partner Clayton Hiibel of Fallon posted an average of 36.21 to place 41st out of 116 teams. Process also placed 172nd out of 185 competitors in pole bending with a score of 25.185

Ryliegh Coe placed 54th out of 174 qualifiers in girls goat tying with a score of 26.35.

Fernley will also have five representatives, Kylie Ann Behrendt,

Ian Leavitt, Kade McKnight, Olivia Process and Kashlin Hill, in the National High School Finals Rodeo, which begins Sunday in Rock Springs, WY.



Kylie Ann Behrendt will be one of five members of the Fernley High School rodeo club to compete starting this weekend at the National High School Finals Rodeo. Photo courtesy of Monica Randolph.

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