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## Mark IV Capital moves forward with rail spur, fire station construction



Scrapers line up at the Victory Logistics District site as crews continue grading work for Mark IV Capital's rail spur project. Photo by Robert Perea

By Robert Perea

After more than a year of grading and underground drainage and utility work at the Victory Logistics District, Mark IV Capital has begun the above-ground construction phase of the rail spur into the project. Dirt work also began Feb. 2 on the new fire station Mark IV is required to build as part of its development agreement with the city.

Crews began working on the rail route earlier this month, using scrapers and rollers to shape and compact the path that will carry about 5,000 linear feet of new track. As part of the preparation, crews mixed dry cement into the soil and sprayed it with water to harden the subgrade.

The spur will include a pickup track, a drop-off track and a runner that will connect to the original trans-

continental rail line at the southern edge of the Victory Logistics District, roughly across from Banner Health on U.S. 50A.

The above-ground work follows more than a year of underground preparation across the southern portion of the district, where crews raised low areas out of the floodplain, installed storm drainage and buried utilities needed to support rail, roads and

future buildings. Some of the major drainage lines now sit roughly 20 feet below the finished grade.

Sub-ballast installation was scheduled to be Monday, followed by ballast and rail installation through August. Hensley said the spur represents an estimated \$20 million investment and will give future tenants a

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## One person and pet displaced after apartment fire

Staff Report

A kitchen fire displaced one resident and a pet early Monday morning after North Lyon Fire units responded to a structure fire in the 600 block of Silver Lace Boulevard.

Crews were dispatched at about 5:01 a.m. and arrived to find smoke coming from an apartment, the fire department said. Before firefighters arrived, Lyon County Sheriff's deputies helped the occupant out of the apartment.

The fire started in the kitchen and extended into the attic space, causing moderate damage. No responders were injured. The resident and one pet were displaced.

## School Board reviews District Performance Plan ahead of state deadline

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County School District Board of Trustees was scheduled Tuesday to consider final approval of the District Performance Plan, which must be submitted to the Nevada Department of Education by April 15. The plan includes districtwide SMART goals, Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time bound targets required under the state accountability system.

Trustees spent much of a March 10 workshop refining those goals and discussing how state requirements shape what the district can realistically commit to each year. They settled on three goals focused on student growth and achievement and reducing chronic absenteeism.

Deputy Superintendent Stacey Cooper told trustees the state requires both School Performance Plans and a District Performance Plan, and that in-

dividual schools will add supplemental goals once the district goals are finalized.

"We want to make sure our goals are achievable on an annual basis," she said, noting that school plans are due to the state in August.

Cooper explained that Nevada law requires every public school to identify its own specific goals each year, along with action steps and an evidence based intervention designed to improve student outcomes and close achievement gaps. She said the district must develop SMART goals that also include equitable objectives aimed at increasing student proficiency. Schools must outline the action steps they will take over the coming academic year, embed monitoring and evaluation throughout the process, and incorporate those goals into their School Performance Plans.

She added that the state expects schools to set small, attainable goals that

demonstrate measurable growth each year over a three-year period.

Trustee Tom Hendrix said the district must show measurable improvement each year but cautioned that last year's goals were misunderstood. Last year's District Performance Plan included eight goals, but trustees received pushback from administrators who said the goals took away each school's autonomy to address its own students' needs.

"We erred because the goals were based on district percentage but did not explain well enough that each school had to meet them," he said. "I'm a proponent of setting goals high and doing the best you can, but if you don't achieve them, it kicks you down."

Hendrix agreed that setting goals too high can backfire under the state's rating system.

"It's not on what we have achieved,

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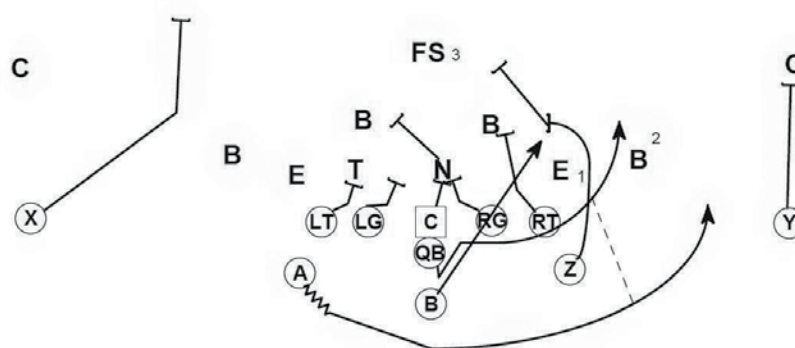
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# The Inside Veer



## Getting lost in the weeds, and fine with it

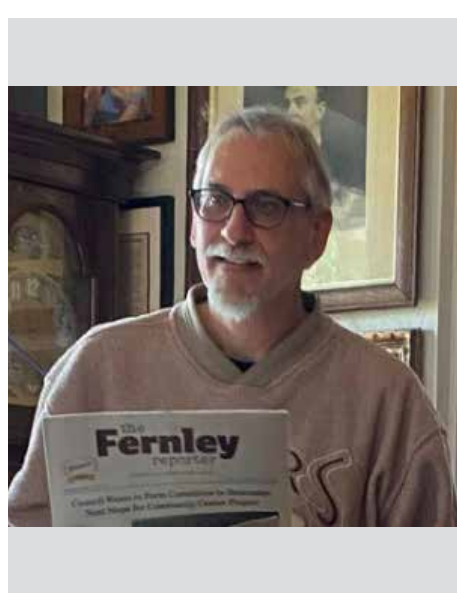
Since my dog Harry died a few months ago, I haven't been in the back yard much. He was the one who ran that space, not me, and the quiet back there without him feels wrong. So when I went out there last Tuesday, I noticed the weeds had taken full advantage of my absence. They weren't subtle about it either.

The quiet felt too loud, so I put in my earbuds, turned on an audiobook and went to work. The voice in my ears filled just enough of the space to make the yard feel less hollow, and the weeds gave me something simple to do with my hands. After pulling just a few, I was already encouraged by my progress, so my original idea to take it 20 or 30 minutes at a time turned into an hour.

A cleared patch here, a straightened edge there and suddenly it started to look a little less neglected. I wasn't trying to fix the whole yard at once, but I just kept working, one stubborn root at a time, until the audiobook reached a chapter break and I'd already filled my trash can twice.

Somewhere in that hour, the yard stopped feeling like a place I'd been avoiding and more like a place I could step into again. Not because it was perfect, because it wasn't even close, but because I'd finally done something about it.

It's a rare kind of relief just moving from one weed to the next with-



ROBERT PEREA

out having to solve anything. No editing, no rewriting, no wondering if this verb or that adjective works better.

At first I thought the voice of the narrator on the audiobook was irritating and almost quit, but soon it actually seemed perfect for the story. Eventually it matched the work. The same pace, the same lack of urgency. Just one sentence after another, one weed after the other, both moving forward without asking much of me.

It felt good to let my mind idle like that, to let the yard, and the voice in my ears, set the terms instead of the clock on the wall reminding me that my deadline is fast approaching.

There aren't enough moments like that in a day when you can just do the next small thing without

thinking about what comes after. Writing never works that way, and life itself rarely does.

But for that hour, the yard let me step out of all that. I didn't need to be clever or efficient or ahead of schedule. I just needed to keep pulling.

By the time I stood up and brushed the dirt off my knees, I realized I felt steadier than when I'd started, despite the protestations coming from my lower back.

The yard still needs plenty of work, but that's progress, and for now, progress is enough.

*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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**Game: Blind Nine**  
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chosen by clubhouse

- 1st: Loretta Bradley, 30
- 2nd: Shane Miller, 35
- 3rd: Nancy Newton, 35
- 4th: Jana Garner, 37
- 5th: Ava Case, 37

- Birdies:** Terry Richter, #4
- Closest to Hole #7:** Patty Liljeberg, 13'5"
- Closest to Hole #11:** Linda Garrett, 35'2"
- Closest to hole #14:** Patty Liljeberg, 13'7"

**Low Putts:**

- Linda Garrett & Nancy Newton, 32
- Chip-Ins:** Patty Liljeberg, #14;  
Terry Richter, #18

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# FEATURES

## WNC to begin offering classes in Fernley, marking first local instruction in more than a decade

By Robert Perea

Western Nevada College will begin offering in-person classes in Fernley next month, establishing a small but meaningful presence inside the Victory Logistics District as the city's industrial growth accelerates and employers continue asking whether the region can supply a trained workforce.

The first class, Basic Electricity (ELM 110), will run April 6 to May 16 inside Mark IV Capital's office building on Nevada Pacific Parkway. It will be paired with WNC's mobile advanced-manufacturing lab, a fully equipped training trailer that can be staged inside the building's warehouse space.

WNC President Dr. Kyle Dalpe said the move reflects both long-standing plans and the timing created by Fernley's recent momentum.

"I've kind of watched this history unfold," he said. "There's this new impetus or this new kind of momentum moving now in Fernley, where we always thought Fernley would be a great feeder, a great place to have people live and then work in the industrial complex, but now we're seeing the industry build up."

WNC previously offered classes in Fernley at various sites, including the high school and a conference room at City Hall. The recession and later the pandemic pushed most instruction back to Carson City, Fallon, or online. High school dual-credit remained strong, but adult enrollment never returned.

Dalpe said the college has spent years



Western Nevada College commencement ceremony, class of 2025. Photo courtesy of WNC.

trying to re-establish a presence. Before the pandemic, WNC evaluated property, but "it just wasn't penciling out" and the college wasn't sure which side of town would become the long-term hub.

"If we had bought on the south side of town and all of a sudden Mark IV shows up on the north side, then it's like, wow, we're on the wrong side," he said.

Victory Logistics District now includes occupied buildings, newly built structures awaiting tenants, and undeveloped pads. The full build-out could take 10 to 15 years, and each new tenant brings different workforce needs. Dalpe said WNC is already tracking those de-

velopments.

"We've got boots on the ground up there," he said, referring to shared office space with the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. Economic development groups often call WNC with early-stage inquiries from companies considering relocation.

"Sometimes we don't even know who they are," he said. "We give information because it's all speculative, but just to say, you know, we can ramp up this program or we can ramp up that program."

WNC serves about 4,000 students across six counties, including Lyon

County. Fernley is the only major population center in the service area without a physical WNC presence. Dalpe said the city has reached a point where local instruction becomes viable.

Fernley is kind of in a situation where there's a critical mass of students," he said. "I'm hoping someday we could get to something where we've got our own facility, and we have our own building where we can offer even more classes."

Without local instruction, Dalpe said distance is a real barrier for some students. He noted that in Yerington, "it's an hour and 15 minutes to the Carson campus, maybe an hour and a half if you get stuck behind a rig or an RV. That's three hours round trip for one class time."

Students want to learn where they live, he said. "If we could put something out there, then that makes sense."

Advanced manufacturing, automation, and battery-recycling programs are a natural fit.

"We've created a battery-recycling program," Dalpe said. "It's also things like there's always a need for welding. There's always a need for CDL drivers."

And the curriculum is already built. "It's not like, hey, we've got to start from scratch," he said. "We're not building a rocket science program."

The first class will use Mark IV's front conference room for lectures and WNC's mobile advanced-manufacturing lab for hands-on work. The lab, a large trailer outfitted with PLC trainers, automation

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## InFERNo: Stoking the fires of possibility

By Jaimie Daniels

This Friday marks the beginning of an all-new festival of fire and music, a monumental undertaking by the Fernley ACES (Art Culture Event Squad) to bring something big and new to Fernley.

The idea was originally sparked out of disdain for our local prickly tumbleweeds. From there, the fires of inspiration were stoked to create InFERNo. The soundtrack consists of metal, bold sounds to set the tone for the festival. The ACES set the stage with headliner Drowning Pool, an internationally known and touring band with a platinum hit song, Bodies, and band lineup consisting of 8 other metal and hard rock bands. Add in some wild entertainment like a car smash/rage room, armored fighters, metal and fire sculptures, six tumbleweed bonfires, fire dancers and more, it's set to be something unlike anything you've seen before. Participants are also encouraged to dress the part—with a desert wasteland/apocalypse feel.

To grow a small spark into a giant bonfire, the process of planning and creating a new festival is no easy feat. The all-volunteer crew of the nonprofit Fernley ACES took on the task with enthusiasm and optimism. With several years of experience in planning events like the M3 festival, this was a leap into something somewhat familiar, but also much bigger in scale than anything before. The learning curve was sharp and unforgiving, muddling the crew in a sea of new permits and requirements that not only came with lots of paperwork, but also a lot of unexpected expenses.

The cost of putting on an event like this is impressively large. The festival has ballooned into 6 digits, a huge lift for a small nonprofit. Obvious expenses like a big-name band and professional stage aside, there are tons of hidden or unexpected expenses. Things like bathroom rentals, permits, fire/EMS crews, security, more permits, supplies, and much more.

The costs are not only monetary, but it takes more volunteer hours than



North Lyon Fire Department monitored a tumbleweed test burn. Photo Courtesy of ACES, Art Culture Event Squad.

you'd probably expect: meetings with various permitting agencies (everything from the health department, NDOT, fire department, Sherriff, to the county itself and more), planning meetings amongst the crew, site meetings to plan the layout and show vari-

ous involved parties the space, creating advertising campaigns and materials to spread the word, putting out physical flyers all throughout the area, building needed items, creating signage,

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## Easter egg hunts return to Fernley and Fallon first weekend of April



3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 2025. Photo courtesy of the Biggest Little Radio 101.3 FM.

Staff Report

Residents of Fernley and Fallon will have several opportunities to celebrate Easter this year, with community egg hunts and family activities scheduled in both cities in early April.

In Fernley, The Biggest Little Radio

101.3 FM will host its 4th annual community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, at Out of Town Park. The event is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. and will include egg hunts for different age groups, as well as a special-needs hunt later in the afternoon. Participants are encouraged to bring their own baskets.

Also on April 4, Living Stones Church will host a free community egg hunt at Green Valley Park from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will include activities for children and families in addition to the egg hunt.

In Fallon, the Fallon Lions Club plans to hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 5, at Laura Mills Park. The long-running event typically draws large crowds and features hundreds of eggs for children to collect. The hunt is expected to begin at about 1 p.m.

The Churchill County Aquatic Center will also host its popular underwater Easter egg hunt on Friday, April 3. The event allows children to collect plastic eggs from the swimming pool, with different sessions organized by age group and swimming ability.

Additional small egg hunts hosted by churches, schools, and community organizations are also expected throughout the week leading up to Easter.

Easter Sunday will be observed on April 5 this year.

### Easter events in Fernley and Fallon

Friday, April 3

**Underwater Easter Egg Hunt**  
3:45 p.m. (sessions by age group)  
Churchill County Aquatic Center, Fallon  
Hosted by Churchill County Parks and Recreation.

Saturday, April 4

**Living Stones Community Egg Hunt**  
10:00 a.m. – noon  
Green Valley Park  
1395 Ricci Lane, Fernley  
Hosted by Living Stones Church.

**4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Out of Town Park, Fernley  
Annual city egg hunt with multiple age groups and a special-needs hunt.

Sunday, April 5

**Fallon Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt**  
1:00 p.m.  
Laura Mills Park, Fallon  
Annual community egg hunt hosted by the Fallon Lions Club. Children should arrive early.

## Lyon County Democrats to hold convention Saturday

Staff Report

The Lyon County Democratic Party will hold its 2026 county convention this Saturday, March 28, at Silver Stage High School.

The convention begins at 10 a.m.

in the school's multipurpose room at 3755 W. Spruce Avenue. Lunch will be provided.

Delegates to the Nevada State Democratic Convention, scheduled for June 13 in Las Vegas, will be selected during the county convention. Lyon

County is allotted six delegates and one alternate. Those interested must submit a Delegate Intent Form.

Participants will also review and approve the 2026 Lyon County platform and are encouraged to bring suggested updates to the 2024 platform.



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Wednesday, Apr. 1

Pizza Casserole  
Whole Wheat Roll  
Seasoned Lima Beans  
Green Salad  
Ranch Dressing  
100% Juice  
Ice Cream

Thursday, Apr. 2

Baked Fish Fillet  
French Baked Potatoes  
Creamy Coleslaw  
Garden Salad  
Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Strawberries

Friday, Apr. 3

**\*\*Easter Lunch\*\***  
Baked Ham  
Creamy Mustard Sauce  
Baked Yams  
Roasted Carrots  
Whole Wheat Roll  
Orange Fluff

COMMUNITY

# Fernley riders collect points in multiple events at Fernley High School/JR High Rodeo



Fernley Rodeo Club, 2026

By Robert Perea

Members of the Fernley High School rode team earned points in several events at the Fernley High School/JR High Rodeo on March 14-15, led by strong performances from Kashlin Hill and Jordyn Process.

In barrel racing, Ellie Machado delivered Fernley's top finish, winning both go rounds on the way to 26 total points. Machado posted times of 17.988 and 17.905 for a 35.893 average.

Hill picked up a pair of top four finishes in the girls cutting, placing second with scores of 67.0 and 73.0 for a 140.0 average and 24.5 points. Process added a fourth place finish, scoring 68.0 and 70.0 for a 138.0 average and 21.75 points.

Hill also placed second in goat

tying, earning 25 points after runs of 8.490 and 9.150 for a 17.640 average.

In pole bending, Hill finished fourth with a 47.279 average and 16 points, while Process placed ninth, earning nine points after a strong second go and average.

Hill added another runner up finish in reined cow horse, scoring 144.5 and 150.5 for a 295.0 average and 26 points.

Fernley also picked up points in the rifle shoot, where Kaelynn Frisk placed seventh with 155 points in the first go, and Omar Adame finished eighth with a 135 point first round.

Hill closed out her weekend with an eight point effort in team roping, earning seven points in the first go and one on the average.

# Fernley Chamber presents annual awards at Celebrating Success Gala

By Robert Perea

The Fernley Chamber of Commerce celebrated the successes of the Chamber and its members with its Celebrating Success Gala on March 21, honoring the business, nonprofits and individuals who helped shape the community in 2025.

Chamber President Michelle Barney and Past President Shannon Ceresola presented this year's awards, recognizing both new faces and long-standing contributors to Fernley's business community.

Tillie's & Crew Sourdough was the winner of the Newcomer Award, All Points Grill was named the Best Fernley-Owned Business, Burke Roofing was presented with the Best Business Award. The Fern 45 was named Best Non-Profit for its annual efforts benefitting veterans in need.

Oscar Aguilar, the Area Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Award for his work supporting local youth. The presentations closed with the President's Award, presented to Wendy Fagundes for her dedication to the Chamber and the broader Fernley community through her participation in a variety of local committees and community events.



Casey Walsh, Shane Mull, Kelly Walsh, Shari Walsh and Kelsey Kibbe of the Fern 45 accepted the Non-Profit of the Year Award. Photos by Robert Perea



Kim and Michelle Barney accepted the Newcomer Award on behalf of Tillie's & Crew Sourdough.



Kim and Michelle Barney presented the award for Best Fernley-Owned Business to Aaron and Michelle Wilson of All Points Grill.



Boys & Girls Club Area Director Oscar Aguilar accepts the Distinguished Citizen Award from Chamber President Michelle Barney.



Bill Burke and Bill Sanchez of Burke Roofing received the Best Business Award



Fernley Chamber of Commerce Past President Shannon Ceresola (left) and 2026 President Michelle Barney (right) present the President's Award to Wendy Fagundes.

# BUSINESS

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 28  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
1740 N. Nevada Pacific Parkway,  
Suite 100

Displays will cover:

- North Fernley Plan
- Power and utility systems
- Site infrastructure and drainage
- Nevada Pacific Parkway
- Rail spur project
- Fire station project

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major efficiency advantage. “When you’re pushing something on rail, it’s really easy,” he said. “Your fuel efficiency is 100 times better.” A potential extension of the spur north toward a future transload facility, roughly three miles, will depend on tenant demand and the pace of development within the district, Hensley said. Separate from the rail project, Mark IV has also begun construction of the new fire station required under its development agreement with the city.

After dirt work began Feb. 2, crews graded the site, excavated for footings and began forming them. Footings were expected to be poured starting this week, with a slab in place by the end of March. The station is scheduled for completion next January. Mark IV Capital will host an open house this Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include staffed displays covering the North Fernley Plan, power and utility systems, site infrastructure, Nevada Pacific Parkway, the rail spur and the fire station project.

## Meetings

- Fernley City Council**  
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting April 1
- Fernley Planning Commission**  
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting April 8
- Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**  
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting April 10
- Lyon County Commission**  
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.  
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington  
Next meeting April 2
- Lyon County Planning Commission**  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.  
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington  
Next meeting April 14
- Lyon County Library Board of Trustees**  
4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.  
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries  
Next meeting April 28
- Lyon County School District Board of Trustees**  
4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
Locations rotate between each attendance area  
Next meeting April 28
- North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees**  
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month  
195 E. Main St.  
Next meeting April 9
- Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District**  
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.  
300 Cottonwood Lane  
Next meeting April 21

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it’s what we have achieved in relationship to the goal that we have set,” he said.

Trustee Darin Farr said the district had “way too broad” a set of goals last year and needed to scale back.

“We’ve got to look at what we can measure this year and base it on that,” he said. “We are making progress in areas. It may not be what we set it for last year, but we are making progress.”

Cooper said the proposed goals were “lofty enough, but realistic, palatable and achievable for a one year benchmark.”

During the March 10 workshop, trustees discussed three districtwide SMART goals for the 2026–27 school year:

Smart Goal #1: Ninth and 10th grade students will demonstrate a median growth percentile of 50 percent or greater from fall to spring on the NWEA MAP assessment in reading and math.

Smart Goal #2: For grades K–8, the district will increase the percentage of students demonstrating typical growth in reading and math by 2.5 percent from the end of the 2025–26 school year to the end of the 2026–27 school year.

Smart Goal #3: The district will reduce chronic absenteeism by 2.5 percent from the 2025–26 school year to the 2026–27 school year.

Farr said he realized while attending a parent engagement event at Fernley Elementary School that many families

do not realize how tardies affect absenteeism rates.

“Three tardies equals one day of absence,” he said. “If you were to just take tardies out of it, our chronic absentee number would probably cut in half across every school in the district.”

Administrators also discussed complications with putting too much weight on assessments at the high school level. Superintendent Tim Logan said he wants to maintain academic assessment without limiting students’ career pathways.

“I don’t want to stop a welding kid from going down the welding path and an ag kid from going down the ag path,” he said. “I still want to assess common core subject areas, but I don’t want to restrict a kid from going down a path that’s going to lead to their future.”

Executive Director of Data and Professional Development Damon Etter said MAP data can still be useful at the student level but said the growth percentile can be a better indicator than the growth score.

“You can often look at growth percentile of each individual student and then you can see who our lowest growth percentiles are and start to target intervention,” he said. “Sometimes it could just be like if you know the kid, they just didn’t care that day and you don’t need to intervene. They’re doing great academically. But sometimes you could also see that they’re low and they’ve been consistently low, so then you might want to intervene.”

Superintendent Tim Logan emphasized that the district supports accountability but wants goals that reflect reality.

“We’re not afraid of accountability,” he said. “We just want to make sure it’s attainable and it’s actually the goal that we want.”

One of the goals from last year’s DPP the Trustees agreed to remove was to increase the graduation rate from 88.7% to 89.7% by the end of the 2025–26 school year. The district’s graduation rate actually decreased to 85.73%, but Executive Director of Education Services Jim Gianotti told the Trustees in November that much of the decrease was attributable to students who transferred into the district’s adult education program. He said students going into adult ed are considered nongraduates by the state and count against the district, but not against the individual schools.

Cooper and Logan told the Board the high schools will address graduation rates in their School Performance Plans.

“That won’t go away just because we’re focusing on something else,” Logan said. “I promise you, our high school principals are doing everything to get kids across the stage.”

The final District Performance Plan was scheduled for board consideration Tuesday so it can be uploaded to the state platform before the April 15 deadline.

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# GOVERNMENT

## TCID Begins Water Season with Annual Water Users' Meetings

By Rachel Dahl

The Truckee Carson Irrigation District has officially begun ramping up for the 2026 irrigation season, with water orders already coming in and deliveries expected to start moving through the system in the coming days.

At last week's water users meetings held both in Fernley and Fallon, TCID staff confirmed that orders are being accepted and activity is picking up across both the Carson and Truckee divisions. Early counts show more than 200 orders already submitted as irrigators prepare for the start of the season.

Crews are beginning the physical work of getting water moving, including flushing canals and starting to fill reservoirs. Initial flows are expected to begin immediately, with water distributed through the canal network as conditions allow.

The start of deliveries follows the

district's decision earlier this month to set a 100% water allocation for the season, despite concerns about how water supply will unfold.

As previously reported, current water conditions are being shaped by an unusual winter pattern. Early snowmelt and warm temperatures have pushed runoff ahead of schedule, meaning flows appear strong now but are expected to drop off earlier than normal, potentially by early summer.

That dynamic is already shaping how the district approaches operations this spring, moving water efficiently early while keeping a close eye on how quickly supplies decline.

During the meeting, water users raised ongoing concerns about delivery timing and system efficiency. Ernie Schank noted inconsistent delivery times and asked whether more coordinated scheduling could reduce waste and improve overall use of available water.

District staff acknowledged those challenges, saying they continue working to balance user requests with system limitations. While irrigators can request preferred delivery times, TCID emphasized that it cannot always accommodate individual schedules due to operational constraints.

Efficiency also remains a concern under the federal Newlands Project contract, which includes performance benchmarks tied to water use. Manager Ben Shawcroft said TCID is currently below the threshold needed to receive efficiency credits but is evaluating ways to improve performance moving forward.

One of the biggest changes on the horizon is a long-overdue upgrade to the district's water ordering and accounting system. TCID announced it is preparing to roll out a new online platform that will allow users to

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## NOTICES

### NOTICE OF GENERALELECTION

#### for Division 6

To be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
Truckee-Carson Irrigation District  
Churchill County  
State of Nevada

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District ("District") will be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April 2026 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m., Pacific Standard Time, at the polling place herein specified. At such general election, the Director for Division 6 will be elected.

The District shall constitute one precinct for the April 7, 2026 General Election. The outside boundary of the precinct shall be the outside boundary of the division of the District designated to vote at that particular precinct. The division and polling place for the precinct shall be:

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equipment, and portable suitcase trainers, can be parked inside the building's warehouse through a roll-up door. Dalpe said the mobile lab allows WNC to start immediately.

"It's a way to bring stuff out there without having to scale up a new lab right away," he said.

Enrollment promotion is just beginning as WNC finalizes its MOU with Mark IV.

"We're going to start recruiting right away," Dalpe said. "Hopefully we can get enough momentum on it."

WNC plans to add additional courses in the fall, including Basic Electricity, Introduction to PLCs, Manufacturing Production Technology, Fundamentals of Manufacturing and Automation I and Fundamentals of Manufacturing and Automation II. CDL training is also likely.

"That's another one that's probably

going to be offered out there because there's a ton of logistics," Dalpe said.

Because Victory Logistics District will continue evolving for more than a decade, WNC is preparing to adapt as new industries arrive.

"It all depends on what it is," Dalpe said. HVAC, for example, would require more equipment, but "if it's a big need, then we can do it." Data-center needs are more straightforward.

"The computer piece we already have," Dalpe said. "It is just like a classroom of laptops and maybe some server racks."

As new businesses bring new needs and workers are looking for retraining and career shifts, Dalpe said WNC will be prepared.

"We're ready to pivot," Dalpe said.

"We're ready to do what we need to do."

Even large programs are possible if the need is real.

"If somebody all of a sudden said, Fernley's grown up so much, we need a

nursing program out there, that would be like, okay, now we've got to put up another nursing program," he said.

Dalpe said the workforce shortage in some fields is enormous.

"If all of the community colleges put all of their students in advanced manufacturing in one bucket, we probably still could not meet the need," he said. "We're behind on the need, just like housing is behind on housing and roads are behind on roads."

That's why he sees Fernley as WNC's "next big market."

"I'm hoping someday we could get to something where we've got our own facility," he said

For now, the partnership gives WNC a way to start small and grow with the community.

"We're going to see where it goes," Dalpe said. "I'm feeling pretty good about it."



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## LAW AND ORDER

## Arrest report

All information for the arrest report is provided by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and is considered by law to be public information.  
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Mar. 16 – Mar. 22, 2026

**RONALD SMITH** – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment  
**JOSEPH SCHWAB** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$3,130, Charges: DUI (2nd); Open alcohol container in vehicle; Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use signal  
**CHARLES HAKALA** – Area: Silver Springs, Bail amount: \$675, Charges: Assist other agency – hold  
**TROY NELSON** – Area: Silver Springs  
 Bail amount: \$93,420, Charges: Driver disobey peace officer, endangering other persons or property; Possession of schedule I or II controlled substance less than 14 grams, third or subsequent offense; Destroy or conceal evidence; Disregard for safety of persons or property; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia  
**SARA JOHNSTON** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$2,600, Charges: Criminal contempt – failure to obey court order  
**CHRISTOPHER KELLY** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$8,140, Charges: Prevent or dissuade reporting a crime/causing prosecution or arrest; Domestic battery (1st)  
**MICHAEL MARINKOVICH** – Area: Silver Springs, Bail amount: \$26,000,

Charges: Assault with a deadly weapon; Resist public officer  
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**DREW SEITZ** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery (1st)  
**DENISE DUNMORE** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$1,140, Charges: Resist public officer  
**KODY JUDD** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$64,280, Charges: Kidnapping (2nd degree); Child abuse or neglect (1st); Domestic battery (1st); Contribute to delinquency or neglect of a minor  
**JACOBE CORTNER** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$5,000, Charges: Criminal contempt – failure to obey court order  
**ISACC ALBARRAN** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$9,280, Charges: Domestic battery (1st); Torture, injure, abandon or starve animal (1st); Prevent or dissuade reporting a

crime/causing prosecution or arrest  
**SERGIO GARCIA FRIAS** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$515, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation  
**MARK DAVIS** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$1,500, Charges: Criminal contempt; Felony arrest – fugitive from other state/comply with warrant  
**BRANDEE PASSEY** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$3,640, Charges: Indecent or obscene exposure (1st); Resist public officer; Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence  
**EDWARD WILSON** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$20,000, Charges: Domestic battery by strangulation; Unlawful act regarding excretion or fluid by prisoner in confinement  
**GREG ROLLER** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Murder (1st degree) – with deadly weapon; Discharge gun or other weapon where persons might be endangered  
**JOSHUA PELLERIN** – Area: Dayton, Bail amount: \$1,155, Charges: Drive with suspended driver's license; Failure to appear on traffic citation  
**ALISSA HENDERSON** – Area: Mason Valley, Bail amount: \$27,500, Charges: Assault with a deadly weapon; Allow child abuse or neglect (endangerment) (1st)

**KODY RANKIN** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$1,140, Charges: Convicted person fail to register with law enforcement within 48 hours  
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**JOSHUA BEKMAN** – Area: LYSO, Bail amount: \$0, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of conditions of parole  
**RAUL CAMARENA GUTIERREZ** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$1,915, Charges: DUI (1st); Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use signal; Drive without driver's license  
**JUSTON BIRCH** – Area: Fernley, Bail amount: \$2,910, Charges: DUI (2nd); Basic speed – 11–15 mph over posted limit; Fail to maintain lane/improper lane change/use signal  
**DAWNA EBEL** – Area: Mound House, Bail amount: \$70,090, Charges: Battery by prisoner/parole and probation; Assault on protected person by prisoner/parole and probation; Intoxicated pedestrian or animal rider on roadway

## LCSO says sworn employee placed on administrative leave amid Sparks Police investigation

Staff Report

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office has placed a sworn employee on administrative leave after the Sparks Police Department opened a criminal investigation involving the deputy, Sheriff Brad Pope said Thursday.

Pope said Sparks police contacted him at about 7:04 p.m. on March 19 regarding the investigation. After being notified, members of the Sheriff's Office command staff contacted the employee and immediately placed them on administrative leave pending the outcome of the case.

Pope said Nevada's Peace Officer Bill of Rights, outlined in NRS Chapter 289, requires strict confidentiality during investigations into officer misconduct. Because of those provisions, he said he cannot release additional information related to the internal investigation.

To avoid interfering with the criminal investigation, Pope said any further information will come from the Sparks Police Department.

The Sheriff's Office will fully cooperate with Sparks police as the case proceeds, he said. Sparks Police had not released any information on the case as of this week's newspaper deadline.

## Silver Springs man arrested March 17 after pursuit

Staff Report

A Silver Springs man was arrested on March 17 after leading deputies on a lengthy vehicle pursuit, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office said deputies attempted to stop a reckless driver at about 1:45 p.m. in the area of Idaho Street and U.S. Highway 95A. The driver failed to yield and fled, prompting a pursuit that wound through Silver Springs.

Deputies from the Central, Western and Northern command areas responded to assist, along with members of the Investigations Division. During the chase, the driver forced vehicles off the roadway and nearly caused several high

speed collisions, deputies said.

The suspect eventually stopped and ran from the vehicle. Deputies established a perimeter and located him a short time later in the 7500 block of Sycamore Street. He was identified as Troy Nelson, 40, of Silver Springs.

After Nelson was taken into custody, LCSO K9 Kilo was deployed to conduct an exterior sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the presence of controlled substances. A search of the vehicle uncovered suspected methamphetamine.

Nelson was booked into the Lyon County Jail on charges of reckless driving, felony eluding a peace officer, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), destruction of evidence



Troy Nelson of Silver Springs. Photo courtesy of LCSO.

and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$31,140.

The case remains under investigation.

## Dayton man charged with murder after March 19 shooting

Staff Report

A Dayton man was arrested on a murder charge after a shooting late March 19 at a home in the 400 block of Sheep Camp Drive in Dayton.

Greg Kevin Roller, a 60-year-old resident of Dayton, was charged with one count of murder with the use of a deadly weapon and one count of discharging a firearm where others may be endangered. He is being held without bail.

Lyon County Dispatch received a 911 call at 10:48 p.m. on March 19 reporting that a person had been shot.

Responding deputies found a man in the roadway with a gunshot wound. Deputies began life saving measures until Central Lyon Fire personnel arrived and assumed care. Battle Born Medevac also responded, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

A suspect was detained at the scene and later identified by the Sheriff's Office as Roller.

The case remains active, and awith information is urged to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 775 577 5206 or detective@lyon county.org, referencing case number 26LY01131.



Greg Kevin Roller of Dayton. Photo courtesy of LCSO.

ed and located the suspect vehicle, and troopers with the Nevada State Police Highway Patrol Division responded to assist.

Because of the nature of the incident, the Nevada State Police Investigation Division (NDI) was requested and is leading the investigation.

Preliminary findings indicate the suspect, identified as Clancey

Harry of Nixon, discharged a firearm multiple times during the confrontation. The victim's vehicle, occupied only by the driver, was struck by gunfire at least twice. The driver was not injured.

Harry was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Washoe County Jail. He faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm from

a vehicle and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

There are no outstanding suspects, and investigators say there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The investigation remains active. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Nevada State Police Investigation Division at 775 684 7428.

## Nixon man arrested after road rage shooting on I-80

Staff Report

A road rage shooting on Interstate 80 on March 21 ended with a suspect in custody and no reported injuries, according to the Nevada State Police.

The shooting was reported at about 5:04 a.m. on eastbound I 80 west of USA Parkway. The Storey County Sheriff's Office respond-

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SPORTS

# Baseball: Vaqueros take two of three from Fallon



Fallon's Dustin Stritenberger dives safely into second base while Fernley's Alex Juliot waits for the throw during last Friday's game in Fernley. Photo by Robert Perea

By Robert Perea

One anxious moment after another confronted the Fernley Vaqueros in the third game of their series last Saturday against Fallon. One swing of the bat by Sidney Clarke gave the Vaqueros some relief.

Clark singled home Brodie Jones with the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning as the Vaqueros pulled out a 10-9 win to take two of the three games in the series.

The Vaqueros are now 5-4 in the Northern 3A after getting swept in their opening league series at Dayton. The Vaqueros have responded from that sweep by winning five of six against the two teams that played in the regional championship game last season.

"I think that's a big props to our guys for kind of the way they reapproach practice and they show up with a purpose every day," coach Thomas Chapin said. "When we play our clean brand of

baseball, we're the best team I think in the league, but if we don't play that kind of baseball anybody can beat you."

After a 10-1 Fernley win in the first game of the series Friday and an 11-1 Fallon win in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Vaqueros jumped to an 8-2 lead after two innings in the finale. Riley McCullar and Brodie Jones had run-scoring singles in a four-run first inning. In the second inning, Nikko Pryor drove in two runs with a triple, then scored on a double by Spencer Pryor. Matthew Bigrigg then singled to score Spencer Pryor for the 8-2 lead.

Fallon scored three runs in the third inning, then with Fernley up 9-5, the Greenwave scored four times in the top of the seventh to force extra innings.

Both teams had their chances to win in extra innings. The Vaqueros loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the eighth, but Fallon turned a line drive by Spencer Pryor into a double play to help escape the jam.

The Greenwave loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the 10th,

but Riley McCullar struck out the final batter.

The Vaqueros put one runner on base on a hit batter in the bottom of the 10th, and Fallon had a batter reach the same way in the top of the 11th, but both teams came up empty.

In the 11th, singles by Jones and Bigrigg set up a sacrifice bunt by Jayse Jones to move the runners to second and third, then Clarke delivered his game-winning hit.

"In all honesty my stomach was on the floor for about all four of those innings," Chapin said. "It's always fun to play extra-inning baseball but it turns the nerves up a little bit."

Friday, the Vaqueros took advantage of five Fallon errors and a strong pitching performance by Nikko Pryor to claim the win. McCullar had three hits, including a triple, scored two runs and drove in two. Alex Juliot and Vance Swindlehurst both scored three runs.

Fallon put up 11 runs on 14 hits in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, while Zack Adams held Fernley to three hits.

# Fernley boys finish second, girls place sixth at Fallon Elks Invitational

By Robert Perea

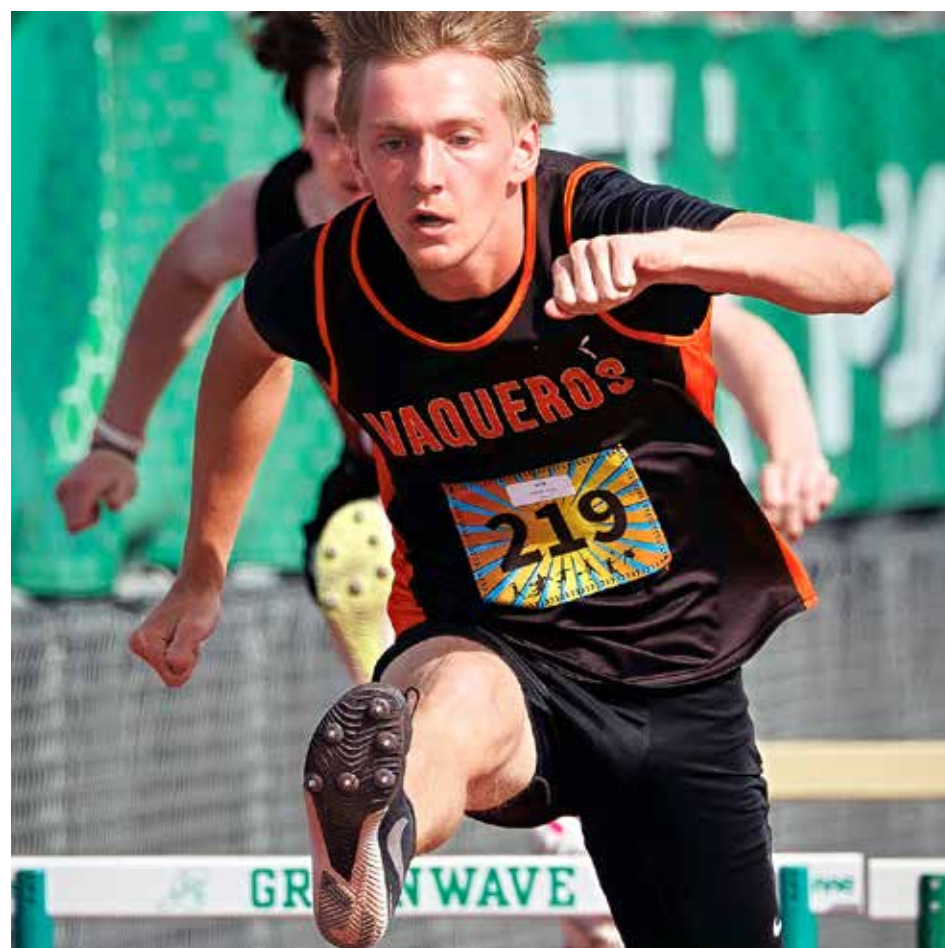
The Fernley boys placed second and the girls finished sixth at last Saturday's Fallon Elks Invitational, a meet that drew strong fields from across the Northern 3A. Spring Creek

won the boys team title with 147 points, followed by Fernley with 125 and North Valleys with 75. Lowry won the girls meet with 138.5 points, ahead of Elko (89.5) and Tahoe Truckee (84).

Fernley's boys collected a string of top finishes on the track. Joe Perkins



Blessing Mhondo and Faith Mhondo make the handoff during the 4x200 relay at the Fallon Elks Invitational last Saturday. Photo by Ron Perkins.



Fernley's Andrew Peterson placed second in the 110-meter hurdles in the Fallon Elks Invitational last Saturday. Photo by Ron Perkins

won the 400 meters in 53.96 and added a victory in the 1600 in 4:41.47. Alex Mergell placed fourth in the 1600 and second in the 3200 in 11:14.09, while Cael Wilson finished fifth in the 800 and third in the 3200.

In the sprints, Bryce Dunagan Stephens took fifth in the 200, and Larry Kipkorir placed 11th in the 100. Fernley also earned strong relay results, highlighted by a win in the 4x400 with Michael Fitzgerald, Elijah Perez, Bodie Parsons and Perkins in 3:40.31. The Vaqueros finished fifth in the 4x100 and eighth in the 4x200.

Fernley added major points in the field events. Kole Miller placed second in the shot put at 44 05.5 and fifth in the discus, while Bodie Parsons finished second in the discus at 132 07. Wyatt McGinnis added a fourth place finish in the discus, and Dunagan Stephens placed fourth in the long

jump at 20 04.

On the girls side, Angel Pochop led Fernley with a win in the discus at 101 08 and a second place finish in the shot put at 31 05. Faith Mhondo placed second in the 300 hurdles and 10th in the 200 meters, while Blessing Mhondo finished eighth in the 400.

Fernley also earned a third place finish in the 4x400 relay with Asia Christopher, Blessing Mhondo, Alyssa Gromelski and Bronwynn Garrett, and a sixth place finish in the 4x100.

Garrett added a seventh place finish in the 1600, and Reese Johnson placed ninth in the triple jump and 11th in the 100 hurdles.

This week the Vaqueros are scheduled to compete Friday and Saturday in the Reed Reno Running Company Invitational, formerly called the Reed Rotary invitational.



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## SPORTS

# Softball: Vaqueros open league play after 7 consecutive shutout wins

By Robert Perea

With a pair of 15-0 wins last weekend, the Vaqueros made it through the crossover portion of their schedule without giving up a run to a team from the Northern 3A West Division. This week, they will begin to see how they stack up against the rest of the Northern 3A East.

The Vaqueros host Lowry in a three-game series with a single game at 3 p.m. Friday and a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Saturday. Each of the Northern 3A East teams play their first league game this week, and all six of them went undefeated in crossover games against teams from the West.

Fernley did it with six shutouts, running their streak to seven consecutive games without allowing a run.

Fernley beat the Debbie Smith CTE Academy 15-0 on Friday then beat Wooster 15-0 on Saturday.

Friday, it was Emma Masters in the

pitcher's circle. She went four innings with 10 strikeouts, one walk and allowed one hit.

The Vaqueros had 15 hits as a team. Jaessa Robinson and Bella Leija both got two hits. Leija also drove in three runs, while Masters, Ximena Rodriguez and Taylor Tollestrup all drove in two. Lauren Smith scored three runs and both Rodriguez and Leija crossed the plate twice.

Saturday it was Robinson's turn in the circle. She also allowed only one hit, with six strikeouts and no walks in three innings.

Masters hit a two-run home run and Tollestrup hit a grand slam to lead the attack at the plate. Smith, Robinson and Tollestrup all had three hits.

Offensively we had a slow start against Debbie Smith, but made the necessary adjustments to finish the game with good at-bats," coach Diane Chapin said. "Saturday we hit good throughout the lineup."



Fernley's Emma Masters delivers a pitch in last Saturday's game against Debbie Smith CTE Academy. Photo by Robert Perea

# Fernley swimmers record multiple top 30 finishes at Aqua 5 meet

By Robert Perea

Fernley High School swimmers posted several top 30 finishes across multiple events at the Aqua 5 meet at Moana Springs Community Aquatic and Fitness Center in Reno on March 14., highlighted by strong showings in freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke races.

Swimmers from 13 schools competed in the same five events, with individual rankings determined by

the combined total of each athlete's finals times.

In the girls 100 yard freestyle, senior Rylie Pearson placed 28th. Pearson also competed in the 100 yard butterfly, finishing 32nd, followed by Holly Vanden Brink in 54th and Riley Schultz in 64th.

Fernley had six swimmers in the boys 50 yard freestyle. Senior Matthew Walker Coghlan led the group with a 22nd place finish, while Jayden Scripilliti placed

14th and Darius Carney was 15th. Demery Aldredge finished 24th, Alexander Terso placed 27th and Isaid Solis was 31st.

In the girls 50 yard freestyle, freshman Lily Morrow finished 24th, followed by Alondra Estrada Gutierrez in 25th, Elaina Vanden Brink in 27th, Victoria Pleth in 28th and Abbie Ledoux in 32nd.

Aldredge and Carney also turned in strong results in the boys 50 yard breaststroke, placing 10th and 11th.

In the girls 50 yard backstroke, Elaina Vanden Brink recorded Fernley's top finish, placing 26th. Morrow finished 28th, Estrada Gutierrez was 31st, Pleth placed 33rd and Selene Yang finished 34th. Ledoux added a 30th place finish.

In the boys 50 yard backstroke, Scripilliti placed 16th, Carney was 20th, Terso finished 25th, Aldredge placed 33rd and Matthew McDowell was 34th.

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creating and ordering merch, actually setting up, cleaning up, and running the festival in between, coordinating with vendors, and so much more. This amounts to hundreds and even thousands of volunteer hours.

Community support is so important in launching an event like this through participation, purchase of tickets and merchandise, volunteering, sponsorships (see our website for new options!), donations, and simply by spreading the word. This kind of event has huge potential to make a big impact on our city through tourism and recognition in the way that Night in the Country has impacted Yerington,

and this proof of concept first year is a great step in that direction. This first year has challenges in getting the word out and getting people to come, or even to believe that we really do have Drowning Pool performing in Fernley.

Another hope is that through an event like this, the ACES can support more free community events without leaning so heavily on the city and local businesses to support them. As we grow this event, ticket sales have the potential to cover existing events and ease the burden, allowing businesses to support more of the nonprofits and amazing causes in our area, but the ACES can't do it without some help along the way. If the ACES can create something like this with a small crew,

imagine what we can do together!

The ACES would like to thank the City of Fernley and the FCTA for their support, All In Graphix for their partnership on the merch, Lyon County Fire for their support and for the fun with the test burn last weekend, Vet Mech Arms for donating a flame-thrower (which you can win!), Waste Management, Desert Pigs, Fern45, the Reno-Fernley Raceway, and our community partners for their participation in our Cash Caps promo: The Silver Spur Saloon, All Points Grill, Fire Forno, The Canal Wine Lounge, and McHoppers Brew Co.

The community is invited to drop off their dry tumbleweeds (no branches, trash, yard waste, weeds, or green

plants) at the Reno-Fernley Raceway on Friday March 27th from 10am-3pm if you'd like to contribute to the six tumbleweed bonfires that will burn Saturday night.

Camping passes are available so you can get the full InFERNo experience including fire walking on Friday the 27th and the afterparty on Saturday the 28th. Metal Morning Yoga will be offered Saturday and Sunday mornings to stretch those muscles before and after all the fun, too.

Tickets and information can be found at [fernleyaces.net/InFERNo](http://fernleyaces.net/InFERNo). Tickets will also be available at the door.

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place orders, track deliveries, and monitor account balances in real time.

The system will replace an aging database that has been in use for decades. Once launched, each

water user will have an individual login, with access to all of their water rights and account information. The district expects the platform to be available within the next month and is encouraging users to sign up and move away from paper notices.

In addition to operational updates,

TCID also announced the general election of the TCID will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the district office to elect Directors for Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Candidates are Wade Workman, Michael Olsen, Eric Olsen, Abrahm Schank, and Lester deBraga.

For now, the focus remains on getting water on the ground.

While early conditions have allowed for a full allocation year, the message from both district officials and federal water managers has been consistent: this will be a season to watch closely.

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**Summit Church**  
Silverland Middle School

**Grace Baptist Church**  
460 W. Main Street, Suite 108  
[gbcfernley.org](http://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**  
[www.facebook.com/JOYchurchFernley](http://www.facebook.com/JOYchurchFernley)

**St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church**  
625 Desert Shadows Lane

**Fernley Free Methodist Church**  
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