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Abrahamson, McKinney lead FHS Class of 2025

By Robert Perea

A pair of students who are about to become first-generation college students ranked atop the Fernley High School Class of 2025, which will receive their diplomas at the graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday on the high school football field.

Valedictorian Carly Abrahamson and Salutatorian Keagen McKinney are also graduates of the Western Nevada Jump Start program, having received their associates degrees in May.

Valedictorian Carly Abrahamson
Carly Christine Abrahamson is the daughter of Tiffany and Dale Abrahamson. She is graduating with a weighted grade point average of 4.86. She received her Associates of Arts degree from WNC and plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno to pursue a degree in criminal justice before transferring to a law school and becoming a lawyer.

Abrahamson has attended Fernley schools since she started kindergarten, attending Cottonwood Elementary School, Fernley Intermediate, Silverland Middle School and Fernley High School.

At FHS she was involved in the Upward Bound Program, a program that helps prepare first-generation college students.

"Because my parents never went to college, I didn't know the pathway to get there and in Fernley, there isn't a college, so we don't have that exposure," she said. "They really help get you where you're going, especially

since I'm interested in law and all of that."
Abrahamson was also part of the academic team for four years and was a co-captain for three years.

She also volunteered in the community with things like Wreaths Across America and placing flags at the Veterans Cemetery for Memorial Day at the cemetery, along with the community service projects as part of Upward Bound.

Abrahamson said her motivation to succeed was from seeing her parents struggle and work 12-hour days on separate schedules.

"It just really pushed me to want to go to college and you hear college, you have to get those straight A's, you have to be the best and so that's really what fueled me," she said. "It's not like I was trying to be a valedictorian. But I was always working towards the goal of being the best I could with my grades."

Abrahamson said her favorite class at FHS was forensics, taught by Jody Ericksen.

"It's pretty much like crime scenes and to learn about fingerprints and DNA," Abrahamson said. "We even did labs, and she set up a fake crime scene and we ran fake DNA and fake blood tests and it was just really amazing."

Her other favorite was honors English her sophomore year with Nicole Nakashima. Most of the students in the class had also been in honors English together as freshmen, so Abrahamson said they were already comfortable together.

"And then the way she taught it, like, we did, we learned "The Telltale Heart"



Carly Abrahamson and Keagen McKinney
Photos courtesy of Carly Abrahamson and Keagen McKinney

poem and did a whole mock trial and we had the defense and the prosecution and the jury," Abrahamson said. "And we read "Life of Pi." She helped us through it all, but also gave us kind of a free reign of how you want to express yourself in the class."

Once she gets her law degree, Abrahamson said she's leaning to criminal justice law.

"I would more want to do like a defense of, you know, people who are maybe wrongfully convicted or something like that," she said. "I think our system has to be followed, but some areas could be improved, and I would love to be part of that improvement, to

make it more fair to everyone. Because when it's fair, then everyone's safe and treated equally. And I think that's how it should be."

Abrahamson has earned the Millennium Scholarship and a \$3,500 scholarship from UNR, but said most of the other scholarships she has applied for haven't been awarded yet.

Abrahamson said she would advise incoming freshmen that things are going to change within their four years of high school, so they need to give themselves the grace to change.

"Just really give yourself that grace

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NDOT Seeks Public Input on I-80 East Widening Project Environmental Assessment Open for Review Online and In-Person

Staff Report

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is inviting public feedback on its proposed plan to widen Interstate 80 between Vista Boulevard in Sparks and the USA Parkway interchange, one of the busiest stretches of freeway in northern Nevada.

A public hearing on the project's Environmental Assessment will be available both online and in person, offering residents across the region a chance to weigh in on the future of I-80.

Ways to Participate:

- Online Access: Visit I80EastNV.com anytime between June 9 and July 18 to review project documents and submit comments. The virtual hearing is available in both English and Spanish.
- In-Person Hearing: Attend an open house on Wednesday, June 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Rainbow Bend Community Clubhouse (500 Rue de la Blanc, Lockwood). A formal presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Submit Comments: Share input through the online platform, at the in-person meeting, by email at info@i80eastnv.com, or by mail-

ing comments to NDOT Project Manager Chris Kuhn at 1263 South Street, Carson City, NV 89712. The deadline is 5 p.m. on July 18.

Those needing accessibility support can contact NDOT Public Involvement Specialist Justin Hopkins at (702) 385-6509 or jhopkins@dot.nv.gov.

What's Proposed:

The preferred plan would expand I-80 from two to three lanes in each direction between Vista and USA Parkway, along with replacing select bridges, widening shoulders, and improving interchanges. NDOT says the goal is to

reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for the roughly 50,000 drivers who use the corridor daily.

Over the last decade, traffic volume in the area has increased by more than 70%. NDOT reports an average of 144 crashes per year on this stretch and estimates that the proposed improvements could reduce total crashes by about 20% compared to making no changes.

This hearing is part of the environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), following earlier public meetings held in 2023 and 2024.

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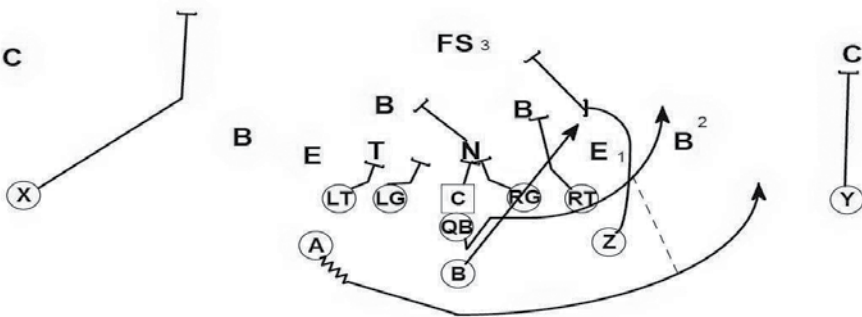
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



In memory of Marcia Smith

By Rober Perea

One of my favorite characters in fiction is Harry Bosch, the protagonist of the Michael Connely series of books about a Los Angeles Police department homicide investigator, who lives by the motto that “Everybody matters, or nobody matters.”

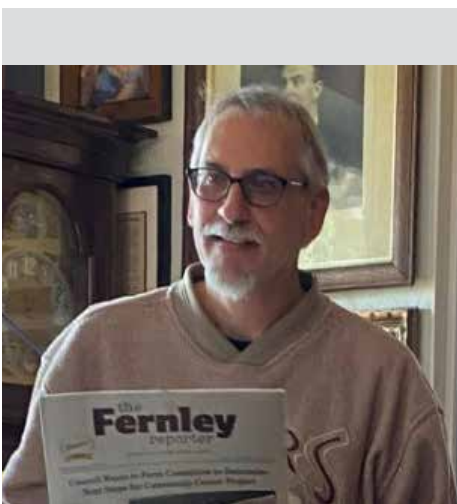
Nobody in my life has punctuated that belief for me more than Marcia Smith.

Especially in her later years, Marcia lived the kind of life that goes unnoticed, but it’s one that has made a profound impact on me.

I met Marcia in 2019. Her caregiver was my friend who was also my brother’s caregiver, and he asked me to fill in while he was on vacation. When he moved back home to Indiana in 2021, I became my brother’s caregiver, and as he gradually needed more and more help, that eventually became a full-time task. Even though he was allotted the maximum number of hours, it wasn’t enough to make a full-time job, so to make up the difference, I added Marcia as a client to at least get me to enough hours that I could get by.

Marcia was a two-time cancer survivor who also had a heart condition, and she was unable to use her legs. She hadn’t had a caregiver in more than a year since my friend had left, in large part because of her cantankerous personality and severe OCD. Two or three people the agency sent to help her had never gone back after the first day.

Marcia was at the same time one of the most maddening and most inspiring people I’ve ever known. Before she moved into the apartment she was living in, she had been in a nursing home for seven and a half years. You just don’t see people who go back to living independently after that long in a nursing home, and it’s due entirely to



ROBERT PEREA

her stubborn refusal to be institutionalized.

She was able to get herself into and out of an electric wheelchair, which she would ride into the alley twice a day to feed a colony of feral cats, spending all of what little money was left after paying her rent on cat food.

But I found humor in her personal quirks that irritated others to the point they refused to return.

“Honey, those hangars are too close together,” she’d tell me. “They need to be at least an inch apart so the shirts aren’t touching.”

She color coded her hangers with yarn to match each shirt or pair of pants, and each had its own specific hanger. She not only separated her socks by left and right foot, but she used purple nail polish to number each, so the pairs didn’t get mixed up.

On laundry days while the clothes were in the washer and dryer, she showed me her life story in pictures, her extensive stamp collection, the folder where she had listed alphabetically every song on the iPod a friend had given her. The same stories, every day for three years.

By now you’ve surely noticed I’m speaking of her in the past tense.

Last Dec. 18 I found her half on and half off her bed, and immediately knew she’d probably had a stroke. An ambulance took her to the hospital, where she stayed for about two weeks before being transferred back to a nursing home. I visited her a few times there, but when I went to see her on May 23, she was unconscious. I sat and talked to her for about an hour and wished her well on the next leg of her journey.

As I was leaving, the nurse told me she thought that was what Marcia was waiting for. Four hours later, I got the call that she had passed.

Marcia had no family in Reno, but she was an outgoing person who talked nonstop to the people she encountered on the bus on her daily trips to the grocery store, or out on the busy street where she went to feed the cats.

She lived a life that not many people took the time to show any interest in and probably not many even notice her absence. But she mattered to me, she deserves to be remembered, and I hope wherever she is she knows it.

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3rd Net: Linda Garrett, 77

Low Putts: Kathy Kennedy, 29

Closest to hole #7:
Kathy Kennedy, 29'

Closest to hole #11:
Loretta Bradley, 29' 2 1/2"

Chip-In #3: Jana Garner

FEATURES

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to find out who you are and realize other people need that grace, too, where you're all kind of going through it right now," she said. "So just remember, how hard it is for you, that's how hard it is for other people."

Salutatorian Keagen McKinney
Keagen Patrick McKinney is the grandson of Coyla and Kevin McKinney. He is graduating with a weighted grade point average of 4.78. He received his Associates of Science degree from WNC through Jump Start and plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin to pursue a bachelor's degree in geology then go to graduate school for paleontology and eventually get a PhD. McKinney also attended Fernley schools since kindergarten, attending Cottonwood Elementary School, Fernley Intermediate, Silverland Middle School and Fernley High School. McKinney said the Land Before Time and Jurassic Park movies got him interested in paleontology, the study of ancient life. "My grandma told me if I became a paleontologist, I could play with dino-

sours," he said. McKinney was in the Upward Bound program his last three years of high school, and he was on the swim team as a freshman and sophomore. "I spend a lot of time helping my grandparents out," he said. Last summer McKinney interned at the Bureau of Land Management as a wilderness intern in the Kanab Field office in Utah and went on paleontological dig with Dr. Alan Titus, one of the leading paleontologists on the West Coast. "That was a great experience," he said. "I wasn't old enough to apply directly to the paleontology intern position, but I was still able to get that opportunity through asking and just weaseling my way into that dig. The summer of his sophomore year he also interned at the National Park Service Pipe Springs National Monument near Fredonia, AZ. Pipe Springs is a fort built on top of a natural spring. McKinney helped build a replica trough that allowed water to flow through and worked on several restoration projects. McKinney said his favorite FHS class was the same honors English

class taught by Ms. Nakashima, but his overall favorite was his English class his junior year in Jump Start, bought by Curtis Kupferschmid. "He was open to all discussions," McKinney said. "You could argue with him, and he'd argue back. Not in a mean manner, but it was just a good class. English isn't even my favorite subject, but somehow both of my favorites are in English." Outside of school, McKinney said his hobbies are working out and photography. McKinney said he didn't start out doing well in school and was in special ed classes for a while, but between second and third grade he went from below average reading level to college reading level. He credits the turnaround to his second grade teacher, Miss Kay. "Miss Kay was a mean, mean strict woman," he said. "I don't think I'd quite be where I was without her. At the time I hated her because she was so mean, but looking back, she was mean out of caring." McKinney, who was raised by his grandparents, said making them proud is the motivation behind everything he

does. "They've given so much of their lives to raise me because my parents were unable to," he said. "The least I can do is make them proud." McKinney said they both are fighting cancer. His grandmother has leukemia and is on medication, while his grandfather has state four prostate cancer. "It's tough going to UT-Austin knowing that his time is limited, but I don't think he'd be very happy if I decided not to go to one of the biggest and best opportunities of my life," he said. McKinney initially struggled to think of what advice he might give younger students, but Abrahamson reminded him of the efforts he made to get his internships, and said his personality is to get out there. "I would say you as a person is very out there, like every teacher you've ever had," she said. "You wouldn't have done your internships if you didn't call and ask. I think that's real inspiration of you, you wanted something, and you went out there."



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Mental Health Awareness Month in Nevada is a time to push forward - not fall behind. Expanding access to care and encouraging open conversation is only part of the picture. The other piece is making sure future mental health treatments actually reach the patients who need them.

With the Trump Administration's recent Executive Order comes a lot of concern that innovation could be at risk. This order would base our drug prices on countries that use strict pricing models and often limit or delay access to modern therapies. If we copy those systems, it will be harder to bring future mental health treatments to patients in Nevada and across the country, as investments will be severely depleted.

Additionally, the Executive Order doesn't listen to the true concerns of patients. The biggest drivers of patient frustration aren't always visible. PBMs operate in the background, but their decisions shape what gets covered and how much it costs. Until that's addressed, no pricing reform will deliver the stability patients are looking for.

Nevada should focus on solutions that protect innovation and make care more stable for those who depend on it. That starts by moving past MFN and toward reforms to PBMs.

Sincerely,
Denise Abbey, LCSW, QMHP

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City reminds residents that door-to-door solicitors must be licensed

Staff Report

The City Clerk's Office is reminding Fernley residents that the city requires all potential solicitors to be background checked and licensed before operating in the city.

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Nevada Treasurer Conine approves student loan repayment for health care providers in rural communities

Staff Report

A new program is aiming to bolster medical services in rural and underserved urban communities, including Lyon County.

Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine announced last week that 67 health care providers have been approved to receive student loan repayment through the Nevada Health Equity & Loan Assistance (HEAL) Program.

The program offers up to \$120,000 in student loan repayment to providers who commit to serving in designated communities for at least five years. For 2025, the State Treasury has allocated an initial \$978,000 in repayments to providers including registered nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and social

workers.

"Too many Nevadans struggle to find access to quality, affordable health care, and we have a responsibility to put more health care professionals in communities that need them," Conine said in a statement. "With today's awards through the Nevada HEAL Program, we are attracting and retaining 67 providers in Nevada's most rural and underserved communities."

Recipients will practice in counties across the state, including two in Lyon County. Eligible participants must be Nevada residents, licensed to practice in the state, and commit to serving in an underserved community for at least five years.

Applications for the HEAL Program are expected to reopen in early 2026.



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OBITUARIES

Michael Woodley

August 17, 1946 - June 1, 2025

Michael (Mike) Stephen Woodley, of Springville, Utah, passed away on June 1, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was born on August 17, 1946, in Reading, Pennsylvania, to Robert and Eunice Woodley. His family moved to Virginia when he was two, later settling in Nevada.

At 17, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Army (Nevada National Guard) and was stationed in Aberdeen, Maryland. He earned a diploma in Automotive Repair and a Sharpshooter Badge. After his service he earned a certificate in construction training and specialized in concrete across multiple states. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Robert (Pops) & Eunice (Betty) Woodley; brother, Robert (Bob) Woodley; his son, Michael; his stepson, David; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Mike had four children, thirteen grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren. His son Michael Coen (deceased), and grandchildren: Raymond, Haley, Savanna, and Malena.

His daughter, Lanel Jasper, and her husband, Cliff, of Rio Linda, California, and grandchildren: Melissa, Brinda, and Jessica. His son, Maverik Woodley, and his wife, Rachael, of Arlington, Texas, grandchildren: Emma, Mat-talynn, and Luna. His son, Monty Woodley, and his wife, KyLee, are in Waco, Texas, with their children: KayDee, Monty II, and LillyAnn. Mike also had three stepsons: Terry, David (deceased), and Jimmy Keenan. Mike is survived by his sisters: Carol Norman, Barbara (Don) Hepler, Gretchen (George) Dini, Sandy (Don) Tibbals, Sherry (Mike) Ybarguen, and Shelia (Bryan) Masini.

A burial and military rites will be held on June 16 at 9:30 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) at the Northwest Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. A memorial service will follow at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 155 US-95 ALT, Fernley, NV 89408, with a luncheon afterward. To send condolences or flowers please contact SmithFamily-FuneralHomeFallon.com.



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Three deputies receive Meritorious Service Medals for efforts during kidnapping case

By Robert Perea

Three Lyon County Sheriff’s Office deputies were presented with Meritorious Service Medals for their efforts in apprehending the rescuing three youths who had been kidnapped and beaten. The medals were presented by Sheriff Brad Pope during the June 4 meeting of the Lyon County Commission.

On May 6, the deputies responded to the area of the 200 block of Johnson Lane in Fernley for what was initially dispatched as threats call. The reporting party said that her brother was receiving text threats from someone and that they were in the area trying to locate their brother. Deputies made contact with the reporting party, who was able to track the phone belonging to their juvenile brother. Near this time, Lyon County Dispatch began receiving phone calls from the juvenile’s phone, with the juvenile reporting he was in a basement with two other juveniles, and that the suspect had beaten them.

Upon arriving in the area of the phone’s ping, deputies made contact with the suspect, known to law enforcement as Guillermo Aboytes Saavedra, who was immediately detained. Shortly after that, deputies entered the backyard of the residence where Saavedra was initially contacted and where the juvenile’s phone was pinging, where they discovered the three boys held captive in the crawl space of the home. Two of the juveniles had received substantial injuries from Guillermo striking them repeatedly with a wooden rake handle and scythe. The juveniles reported that Guillermo had taken one of the juvenile’s phones, and threatened to kill him.

“I believe that had our deputies not acted in an extremely fast and timely manner using their investigative skills, that one or more of those juveniles would have been killed by the suspect,” Pope said.



Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Gabriel Santos, Deputy Stiles Sousa, and Deputy Joshua Lynch were presented Meritorious Service Medals for their efforts in rescuing three youths who had been kidnapped and beaten and apprehending the suspect. Photo courtesy of Lyon County

Arrest Report
June 1 – June 8, 2025

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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Arresting Agency: LCSO: 41 State: 8 Yerington Police Dept: 1 Tribal: 0	Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: VIOL DOM VIOLENCE TPO	MORALES MORALES, VICTOR MANUEL Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,610.00 Charges: CIVIL- FAIL TO YIELD FROM STOP OR YIELD SIGN OR YIELD AT CONTROLLED INTERSECTION; DUI, (1ST); OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH	STOP SIGN AT CB CONTROLLED INTERSECTION
ALDAMA, GASTON LEE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: Court Commitment	ERDEI, ALEXANDRIA JESSICA Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC FOR DUI	MUNOZ BALON, MARCOS ANTONIO Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,113.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold; DRIVE W/SUS DRV-LIC; OPER VEH W/EXPIRED REG/PLATES; DRIVE COMM VEH W/O COMM DRV-LIC/ PRMT	SMITH, LILLIAN FRANCES Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT; DOM BATTERY, 1ST
BRADEN, DOUGLAS JOHN JR Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: None Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF COND OF PAROLE	FLORES, TRE MARIANO Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,735.00 Charges: DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC; POSS/CONSUME MARIJ IN PUB PLACE/MARIJ STORE/VEH; OWNER - PROOF OF INS REQ	PARKS, DANIEL NATHAN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$16,000.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold	SMITH, MONTANA ROSE Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$10,280.00 Charges: VIOL DOM VIOLENCE TPO; RESIST PUB OFF
CASTRO, NICHOLAS TITAN Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: ASSAULT, W/DW	FOWLER, JAMES VINCENT III Area of Arrest: Wayne Brown Correction Facility Bail Amount: \$10,000.00 Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT; Assist Other Agency–Hold	PEACHER, RANDALL STUART Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$5,000.00 Charges: DESTROY PROP OF ANOTHER, \$250 - \$5K	STEINER, KEITH JOSEPH Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$60,225.00 Charges: DUI, (3RD)-E/WZ; BASIC SPEED - 21-30 MPH OVER POSTED LIMIT; LIC PLATES IMPROPERLY DISPLAYED; DRIVE W/REV DRV-LIC; OPEN ALC CONTAINER IN VEH
CAZARES MADRIGAL, RAFAEL Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$1,460.00 Charges: DRIVE W/O DRV-LIC; OPERATOR - PROOF OF INS REQ; CIVIL-FAIL TO MAINTAIN LANE/ IMPROPER LANE CHANGE/FAIL TO USE SIGNAL	FRETTER, DONOVAN JAMES Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$640.00 Charges: POSS GUN UNDER INFL OF ALC/DRUG	PILCHER, PAUL OWEN Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$3,640.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	STOUT, LAURA MARIA Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment
CHARTRAND, BRANDON COLE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$15,000.00 Charges: BATT DOM VIOL W/PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION	GARRARD, CLIFFTON ALLEN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	PIQUET, CHAD BRADY Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$3,420.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); DUTY UPON DAMAGING UNATTENDED VEH/ PROP; DRIVER/PAX FAIL TO RPT UNATTENDED VEH/PROP ACDNT	STRONG, JAMES BRADLEY Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST
DAQUILANTO, JESSICA LYNN Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	GRESHAM, JAMES ALLEN Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$10,920.00 Charges: USE/POSS DRUG-PARA; RESIST PUB OFF; THEFT, LT \$1200; POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; Court Commitment	PRENTICE, BRADLEY JERRY Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$755.00 Charges: DRIVE W/SUS DRV-LIC; DSPL FICTITIOUS VEH REG/PLATE/ TITLE	TURNER, TIMOTHY JOSEPH Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$30,000.00 Charges: OWN/POSS GUN BY PROHIBIT PERS; CARRY CONCEAL WEAPON W/O PRMT
DIRKSE, JOHN PAUL Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,890.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); CIVIL-FAIL TO DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROADWAY; CIVIL-DRIVE WITH UNSAFE TIRE OR TIRE WITH INSUFFICIENT TREAD DEPTH	HATCHER, BRIAN KEITH Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	SALAS, KENNETH RAFAEL Area of Arrest: Washoe County Transfer Bail Amount: \$1,000.00 Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, MISD CRIME	UPCHURCH, RUSSELL JAMES Area of Arrest: Stagecoach Bail Amount: \$30,000.00 Charges: ASSAULT, W/DW
DONNELLY, GENEVIEVE RENEE Area of Arrest: Washoe County Jail Bail Amount: None Charges: FEL ARREST FOR VIOL OF PROBATION/COND OF SUSP SENT (2 counts)	HAYES, DAWN KIMBERLY Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, KEVIN EMMANUEL Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$7,825.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; POSS SCH III-V C/S LT 28 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; FAIL MAINT LANE/IMPROPER LANE CHANGE, E/WZ; DSPL FICTITIOUS VEH REG/PLATE/TITLE; POSS/CONSUME MARIJ IN PUB PLACE/MARIJ STORE/VEH; DUI, (1ST); USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	WALKER, ALIA JOANN GEANINE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$26,140.00 Charges: CONSP BURGLARY; RESIST PUB OFF
DONOVAN, TRAVIS PAUL Area of Arrest: Lyon County Jail Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	HOLLIS, JAMES CLIFFORD JR Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: FTA AFTER BAIL, FELONY CRIME	SCOTT, ANNE MICHELLE Area of Arrest: Dayton Bail Amount: \$3,140.00 Charges: DOM BATTERY, 1ST	WEST, DAVID JAMES Area of Arrest: Washoe County Transfer Bail Amount: \$1,460.00 Charges: FTA ON TRAFFIC CITATION
DROZE, TODD ALAN Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$6,140.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF; USE/POSS DRUG-PARA	MARSH, IVAN CHRISTIAN Area of Arrest: Silver Springs Bail Amount: \$2,500.00 Charges: POSS SCH I, II C/S LT 14 GRAMS, 1ST OR 2ND OFF	SHIPLEY, PARIS ARTHUR Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$1,255.00 Charges: DUI, (1ST); FAIL TO OBEY	WHITAKER, LAVONNA JOY Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: USE/POSS DRUG-PARA
EBBERT, MARLINDA JEAN Area of Arrest: Lyon County Jail Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment	MARTINEZ, CHRIS GUADALUPE Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: None Charges: Court Commitment		WILSON, GABRIEL LEE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$27,280.00 Charges: RES BURG, 1ST OFF; BATTERY; HARASSMENT, (1ST)
ELIZARRARAZ, FELICIA MARYLEE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$8,500.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold	MASON, SETH PAIGE Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$1,140.00 Charges: RESIST PUB OFF		WILSON, JASON EDWARDS Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$25,000.00 Charges: CONSP BURGLARY
EMMERT, JEREMY DALE Area of Arrest: Dayton	MERRILL, WILLIAM THEODORE JR Area of Arrest: Fernley Bail Amount: \$2,585.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency–Hold		WOLD, ROBERT MICHAEL Area of Arrest: Yerington Bail Amount: \$4,272.65 Charges: CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Council approves severance agreement with Marchant

By Robert Perea

Former Fernley City Manager Ben Marchant will receive one year’s pay, COBRA health coverage for himself and his dependents for a year and the city will buy his remaining time to become fully vested in the Public Employees Retirement System of Nevada under the terms of a severance agreement approved by the City Council at its June 4 meeting.

Marchant offered to resign during a budget hearing on May 28, after Mayor Neal McIntyre vetoed a 3-2 council vote during a May 21 budget meeting to approve the city’s 2025-26 fiscal

year budget with the city manager’s position being defunded. At that meeting, the council members who voted to defund the city manager’s position, Albert Torres, Felicity Zoberski and Joe Mendoza, declined to say why they wanted to defund the position, saying only that they had been advised not to discuss the city manager’s character, conduct or competency.

But at the May 28 meeting, Torres and Zoberski outlined a litany of complaints about Marchant, accusing him of dishonesty, insubordination and lack of communication. Marchant denied those accusations against him, and while defending his character,

offered to resign if that was in the city’s best interest and was the only thing preventing the council from approving its budget. The council then went into recess for a legal brief, then after three hours of negotiations, returned to approve the budget with no further discussion.

Under the terms of the severance agreement, Marchant was placed on paid administrative leave from May 29 through June 5 and his last day of employment was June 5.

In the agreement, Marchant affirmed that he has not filed any claims, complaints or actions of any kind against the city in any court of law or

with any government agency and he, his heirs and any other representatives release the city from all claims that he may have or has ever had. The city agreed to direct all requests for references to the mayor or the current human resources director and the city shall provide only the dates of employment and job title.

If the city is prohibited from buying the PERS benefits that would make Marchant fully vested, the city would make a lump sum payment in that amount, subject to standard withholdings.

City delays action on Southwest Area Plan

By Robert Perea

For the second time, the Fernley City Council has had to hold off on adopting the Southwest Area Plan.

At last week’s meeting, the council voted to table the item until it’s June 18 meeting because all of the required notices were not properly sent out. Several residents who were to be notified instead received empty envelopes. In April, the council had remanded the plan back to the planning commission because of objections by a property owner controlling approximately 20

percent of the land area protested the plan’s adoption because the landowner’s property was being designated as open space, preventing any future development.

The packet for last week’s meeting included a letter from a representative of the developer that the new plan, which was approved 6-1 by the planning commission, aligns with their development vision.

The Southwest Area Plan encompasses approximately 11,800 acres generally located south of the Truckee Canal and west of U.S. 95A.

Shadow Lane Project



Robert Perea

Work on the Shadow Lane reconstruction project, which began in November, is winding down and expected to be complete by the end of this month. City Engineer Maria Paz Fernandez said Tuesday morning that most of the paving is complete the final lift of asphalt, or the top layer, was scheduled to for Tuesday. That left striping and signage installation, completion of

any remaining concrete work such as Americans with Disability Act accessibility ramps or driveways, and cleanup and punch list work to finish. The \$5.4 million project included the reconstruction of Shadow Lane between Farm District Rd. and U.S. 95A as well as the sewer and water line improvements, installation of curb, gutter and sidewalks and ADA accessibility improvements.

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City hopes to leverage private funds for downtown

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council approved a five-year agreement last Wednesday, committing \$25,000 a year toward the improvement of the city’s downtown area, in the hope that the city’s financial obligation under the agreement will leverage private funds toward the city’s downtown improvement goals.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and financial commitment between the city and the Fernley Downtown Corridor Association, doing business as Main Street Fernley, will enhance funding opportunities because a government entity must be on board in order to receive the majority of the funding available from the private sector, through the parent organi-

zation, Main Street USA, according to Councilman Albert Torres.

“If you want to see a very successful Main Street project, go to Gardnerville. The city down there has done an amazing job” with a similar public-private partnership project, Torres said.

The targeted improvement area extends along Main Street from the Union Pacific Railroad underpass on the west, to the Main Street roundabout in the east, and a portion of Highway U.S. 95A from the roundabout, north to the I-80 freeway.

Main Street Fernley was recognized this month as a 2025 affiliate program for meeting the performance standards set by Main Street America and Nevada Main Street last year. In November 2024, Main Street Fernley

received a \$25,000 grant from Nevada Main Street to construct a high visibility crosswalk this summer at Silver Lace Boulevard to connect with the Main Street Art Park.

It is anticipated the MOU will enhance facade improvements, grant programs, community events and other programs created by Main Street Fernley, according to a city staff report. The recently approved MOU and funding commitment continues the city’s relationship with Main Street Fernley that began in the 2022/2023 budget year when the city agreed to commit \$25,000 annually to the organization for downtown improvement, the staff report indicated.

According to the terms of the MOU, Main Street Fernley will provide the

city council with quarterly program updates and an annual report that will provide program data such as sources of funding, expenses and program participation.

In addition, the MOU requires Main Street Fernley to update its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies document every five years. The MOU may be extended upon mutual written agreement and will be reviewed annually to ensure it is fulfilling its purpose.

Either organization may terminate the agreement with 90 days written notice, without any penalties or liabilities.

County Commission considering changes to advisory board process

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Commission is considering a change to a county policy that requires advisory boards to make recommendations whenever those boards have a vacancy.

After lengthy discussion with arguments presented both for and against taking input from the advisory boards, the Commissioners voted to table the item and directed County Manager Andrew Haskin to bring back another version of the proposal that says the advisory board may make recommendations, rather than shall. The proposal presented to the Board was to remove that recommendation and give the sole responsibility of filling board vacancies to the County Commission.

Haskin said while it is county policy that advisory boards make recommendations before the commissioners make the final decision, it hasn’t been done in practice by the various citizen advisory boards within the county, with the exceptions of the Lyon County Fair Board and the Lyon County Library Board.

Former Lyon County Manager Jeff

Page said the current policy was put in place because citizen advisory boards formerly held their own elections to fill vacancies.

“It was an ugly era,” he said. “As time went on, all the other advisory boards except for the Lyon County Fair Board and the Library Board stopped sending in their recommendations.”

Commissioner Scott Keller argued against letting the advisory boards make recommendations.

“When you have a board pick their own board, you end up with like-minded people because they’re going to support people that only think like them,” he said.

Commissioner Tammy Hendrix, who originally requested the item, said she wants all the advisory boards to do things the same way.

“In the past we’ve had a hard time keeping enough people on different boards, and if we have to send the applications back to, say, a board of five that only has two, they can’t even vote on it,” she said.

Commissioner Rob Jacobson expressed concern about the perception that the commission doesn’t want

feedback from the public.

“I feel like we’re over governing, overstepping here a little bit, by telling them we don’t want their input,” he said.

Commissioner John Cassinelli said he believes it’s important to have the feedback from the advisory boards. Commissioner Dave Hockaday said he would support Keller’s recommendation to change the verbiage from “shall” to “may.”

Suzanne Prouty, who was recommended by the Library Board to fill its last vacancy, but was bypassed by the board, argued that candidates are carefully vetted by the Library Board and should remain allowed to do so.

“Taking that process away putting decisions directly in the hands of elected officials opens the door to politicizing something that up to now has been nonpartisan,” she said.

Library Trustee Nora Stevens said the Library Board is not an advisory board and shouldn’t be governed the same way as one. She pointed out that the Library Board is governed by NRS 370, which spells out its administrative duties of setting policy, planning, and

fiscally managing the library system.

Ilyssa Fogel, a former Lyon County Deputy District Attorney, said the Library Board has it’s own hiring and firing responsibilities and its own financial function. She also questioned the timing of the proposal and said it is a small step toward authoritarianism.

“I think it’s because we now have two vacant seats coming up,” she said. “It seems to me that it is the possibility that they might want to limit participation by political opponents. That’s kind of not okay.”

Jim DeChambeau, a former member of the Lyon County Fair Board, argued in favor of changing the policy to remove advisory board recommendations.

“Letting a board pick their own board members is sort of like letting a mouse guard the cheese,” he said.

With the majority of the Board seemingly in favor of changing the wording from “shall” to “may”, the Board voted to table the item and have Haskin bring it back for consideration with that wording change.

BUSINESS

All Points Bar & Grill celebrates grand opening



Aaron and Michelle Wilson accept a certificate from Fernley Chamber of Commerce President Shannon Ceresola after cutting the ribbon to mark the official grand opening of All Points Bar and Grill.

By Robert Perea

Aaron and Michelle Wilson have only heard stories of how the former Pizza Shack on Main St. was a hub of community activity. It's an atmosphere they hope to bring back, and they started in that direction with a weekend full of festivities to celebrate the grand opening of their All Points Bar & Grill in the

Pizza Shack building. After a month-long soft opening, All Points Bar & Grill celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the debut of their full menu last Friday. In addition, the celebration included a car show, live music, corn-hole and horseshoe tournaments and karaoke. "Even though we've been going for

a month with our soft opening, it's still a big deal to have a grand opening," Aaron Wilson said. The process to get the building up to current codes took several years of work by owners Michelle and Kim Barney, flowed by several months of preparation by the Wilsons, who had been operating All Points Grill on West Main Street. Wilson admitted to mo-

ments when he doubted the move to the new location would ever happen. "After 11 months of working and getting open, it's a relief, but at the same time, now the pressure is on," he said. "Now we've got to prove that we were worth all the hard work to get this place open."

Business Licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its June 4 meeting:

- Franzen-Hill Corp., Tulare, CA, General Engineering Contractor
- Venture Construction Company, Norcross, GA, General Contractor
- Vazquez Property Improvements LLC, Fernley, Handyman
- Water Works Plumbing LLC, Reno, Plumbing Contractor
- Rooted Reality Media, LLC, Fernley, Real Estate Photography
- FDS – Reno, NV LLC, Sparks, Pest Control Services
- Roper Buildings Nevada LLC, St. George, UT, Residential & Small Commercial Contractor

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council approves guidelines for Special Assessment Districts

By Kerry Lyman

Private property owners and developers may now initiate Special Assessment Districts (SADs) with the city to pay for public improvements under guidelines and procedures for SADs adopted by the Fernley City Council last Wednesday.

Such districts may be utilized under Nevada law to fund a variety of infrastructure and improvement projects, including streets, street lighting, utilities, curb, gutter and sidewalks, according to Lydia Altick, deputy city manager.

The guidelines adopted last week would not impose SADs on existing property owners, unless they request a SAD. “This process is just for private property owner requested” SADs, Altick said in response to a question from Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski.

It would be an entirely different “provisional process” for the city to propose imposing a SAD on existing property owners, she said.

Under the SAD process adopted last week, a proposed SAD is “formalized through a process that includes public hearings, protest opportunities and adoption of an ordinance by the city council, Altick said.

SAD assessments are not part of property tax payments, but are paid separately, only by property owners within the district who benefit from the improvements, with the assessments being proportional, based on each property owner’s benefit from the improvements, she said.

Once the cost of a project in a SAD is determined, the project is funded by the issuance of bonds and is repaid by annual property assessments within the district. SADs are a financial tool that

protects the city’s general fund because “the city has no liability in these bond issuances,” Altick said.

However, “the special assessments become a lien on the property and failure to pay can result in legal action, including foreclosure,” she said.

In addition, affected property owners, not the city, are responsible for all costs incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds, including engineering costs, project management, underwriters, the city’s financial consultants and bond counsel, city staff time, appraisals, environmental reviews and such, Altick said.

The adoption of owner-requested SAD procedures was prompted by developers who requested the city provide a financing mechanism for the construction of public infrastructure benefiting properties being developed for residential, commercial and industrial uses, according to the staff report on this item.

The process for requesting a SAD includes a pre-application meeting with city staff, submission of a petition signed by all owners of record in the proposed district, submittal of an application demonstrating full compliance with guidelines adopted with the city resolution creating the SAD process and the posting of financial security by the property owner(s) for all preliminary and non-reimbursable costs.

It is also required that all the improvements must be public in nature and constructed to city standards, only infrastructure ultimately owned or maintained by the city or another public entity may be financed and stand-alone district improvements must exceed \$10 million in bond issuance, with the bond term not to exceed 30 years.

VICTORY LOGISTICS

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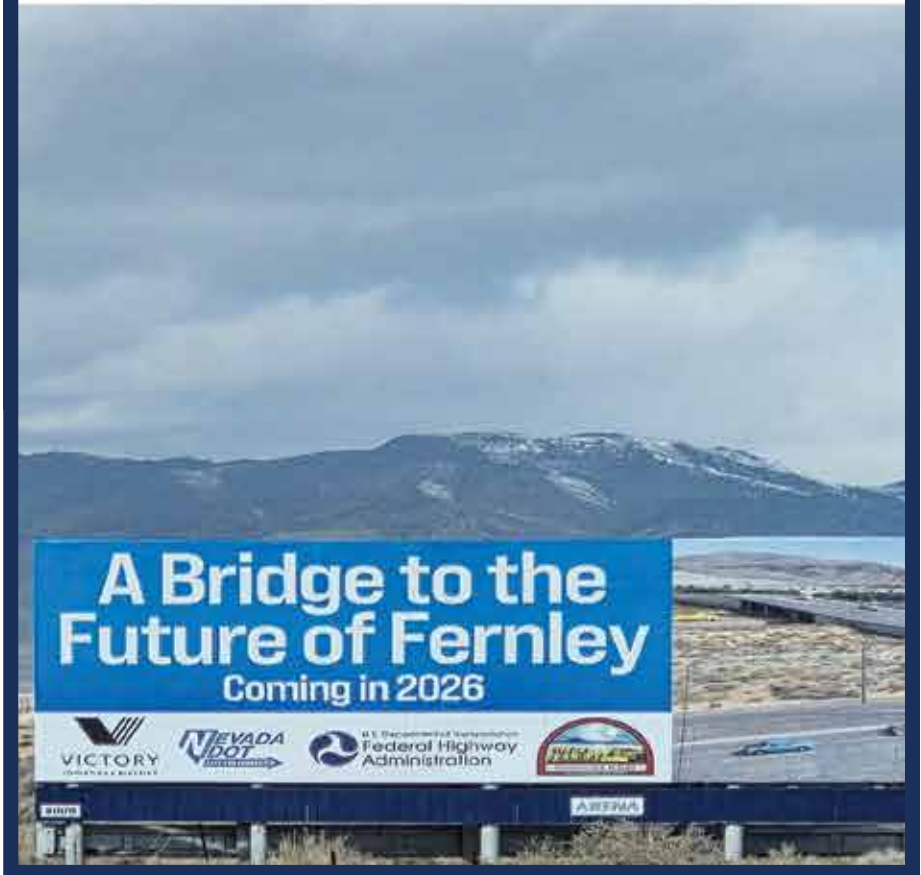
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EDUCATION

Fernley senior wins districtwide CTE/WBL Logo Design

Staff Report

Fernley High School senior Karma Guardado was the winner of a districtwide challenge to create a new logo to represent Career & Technical Education and Work-Based Learning across the Lyon County School District.

Guardado, a multimedia student in Jackie Kingston’s class, created a modern, bold logo that stood out among many submissions from CTE/WBL students throughout the district.

The logo will be used on merchandise, marketing materials, and more – symbolizing the pride and innovation in the district’s growing CTE and WBL programs.

Fernley High School senior Karma Guardado and teacher Jackie Kingston display the certificate Guardado received for winning a districtwide challenge to create a new logo to represent Career & Technical Education and Work-Based Learning across the Lyon County School District. Photo courtesy of Lyon County School District



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WNC Honoring Record Number of Jump Start Grads

Courtesy of WNC Public Relations

For the second straight year, Western Nevada College celebrated a record-tying 168 Jump Start graduates on May 19 in Carson City and May 21 in Fallon.

The Jump Start grads represent 10 high school, three academies and homes-school students. Since 2013, WNC has provided high school students in Nevada with the opportunity to earn up to an associate degree before earning their high school diploma.

“Congratulations to the 168 students in our Jump Start program – matching a record for WNC – and to their families for this outstanding accomplishment,” said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. “Our high school students are an essential part of the WNC community, and we’re proud to provide opportunities for them to get a head start on their college journey. We wish each of these students the very best as they continue to pursue their educational and career goals.”

WNC 2025 JUMP START GRADUATES

- Carson High School
- Jared Ashton, Suleiman Abdelhady, Noa Blann, Garrett Burton-Abbott, Michelle Escobar, Savanah Guzman, Roberto Juarez Razo, MacKenzie Leazer, McKenzie Merrell, Sofia Morrison, Elena Oliva, Abraham Ortega, Aria Ruiz, Ariel Salas, Anthony Strande, Sara Thetford, Jailey Tijerina
- Churchill County High School
- Nadia Basurto, Madison Gregory, Alexis Haggard, Megan Johnson, Alec Lecker, Adriana Lopez, Luis Lopez Pinuelas, Dru MacKay, Zoey McCorkle, Kailey Mineard, Drake Reid, Uriel Romero Montes, Blake Sanchez, Braden Sorensen, Kylan Sorensen, Mason Storm, Dallin West
- Dayton High School
- Noel Addington, Lucas Ashby, Carlos Ballesteros, Karissa Chavez-Shoemaker, Reese Cook, Sadi Denning, Allyson Duffy, Rhys Evans, Brynn Fowler, Grace Grahmann, Allison Hoffman, Sebastian Holsinger, Tru Lundeen, Noah Montero, Zachary Quick, Tenaya Reyes, Delaney Stanton, Kiera Windsor
- Douglas High School
- Laurel Benigno, Thomas Cook, Chloe Eaton, Anthony Nex, Cristian Valenzuela Gonzalez, Roslyn Grace Williams
- Homeschool
- Hunter Hoid, Washoe; Leif Morway, Washoe; Sophia Purvance, Stateline; Evan Shank, Churchill County
- Fernley High School
- Carly Abrahamson, Chloe Bassett, Katelyn Griffith, Braidyn Irwin, Bryson Jessop, Keagen Mckinney, Madison Rodriguez, Phillip Rosas, Rachel Skubinna
- Mater Academy
- Jose Angulo, Michael Araica, Jesus Bobadilla, Miguel Bolanos, Triston De La Torre-Carroll, Fatima Esparza Marguez, Edwin Espinoza Hurtado, Beyonce Felix, Jaquelyn Flores Chomo, Andrea Galvan Diaz, Andrew Garcia, Kamyla Gastelum Sevilla, Melanie Gonzalez, Daniel Granillo, Juliana Jimenez, Johann Leon-Gonzalez, Yesiena Lopez, Jennifer Lopez Lopez, Kevin Meneses Reyes, Noelia Molina, Dulce Munoz, Cyth Narayan, Sinai Olvera, Yeshua Ortiz, Jakari Parks, Roxana Paz Medina, Juliet Ramirez, Mia Ramos Saenz, Calvin Reber, Roberto Rivera Benitez, Melissa Rodriguez, Angela Tejeda Oropeza, Aaron Tena, Danny Trahan, Logan Werner, Naomi Wiggins
- Mineral County High School
- Virginia Pritchard
- Nevada Virtual Academy
- Amara Ashe, Stacey Crisp, Faith Drowanowski, T’maria Fisher, Amyliah Rios, Alexa Sprout-Gilbreath, Kylian Van Wynendaele
- Oasis Academy
- Sara Aguiar, Hailey Arends, Leah Bake, Zachary Budner, Aidan Bullock, LyLy Daigh, Kirsten Detomasi, Camille Frossard, Adam Gardner, Joshua Gusewelle, Kaylin Guthrie, Joshua Helm, Meagan Hix, Fenn Mackedon, Taylynn Maynez, Brock McCoy, Paola Moran Rodriguez, An Nguyen, Haley Ortega-Roman, Lorena Rios, Cory Todd, Troy Underwood, Clint Vaughn
- Silver Stage High School
- Vivian Booth, Kassandra Canales, Ethan Cleven, Julia Davis-Valdez, Caleb Diaz, Lucie Filippi, Elizabeth Ireland, Kaitlyn Louthan, Raven Smith, Erika Victorio, Timber Wood
- Smith Valley High School
- Cole Balda, Wyatt Wulfin
- Virginia City High School
- Grace Ammerman, Ava Farrell, Jake Hardy, Emma Joslin, Sophia Lopez-Linde, Keith Rasmussen, John Rees, Michael Rees, Elena Ruebusch, Savannagh Venables
- Yerington High School
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Thursday, August 14 Kids Night

- 4:00 p.m. Carnival until 10:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Silver State Livestock Show
- 5:30 p.m. Lions Club BMX Bike Race
Pig Scramble, Mutton Bustin,
Dare to be a Cowboy to follow
- 6:00 p.m. Horseshoe Contest

Friday, August 15

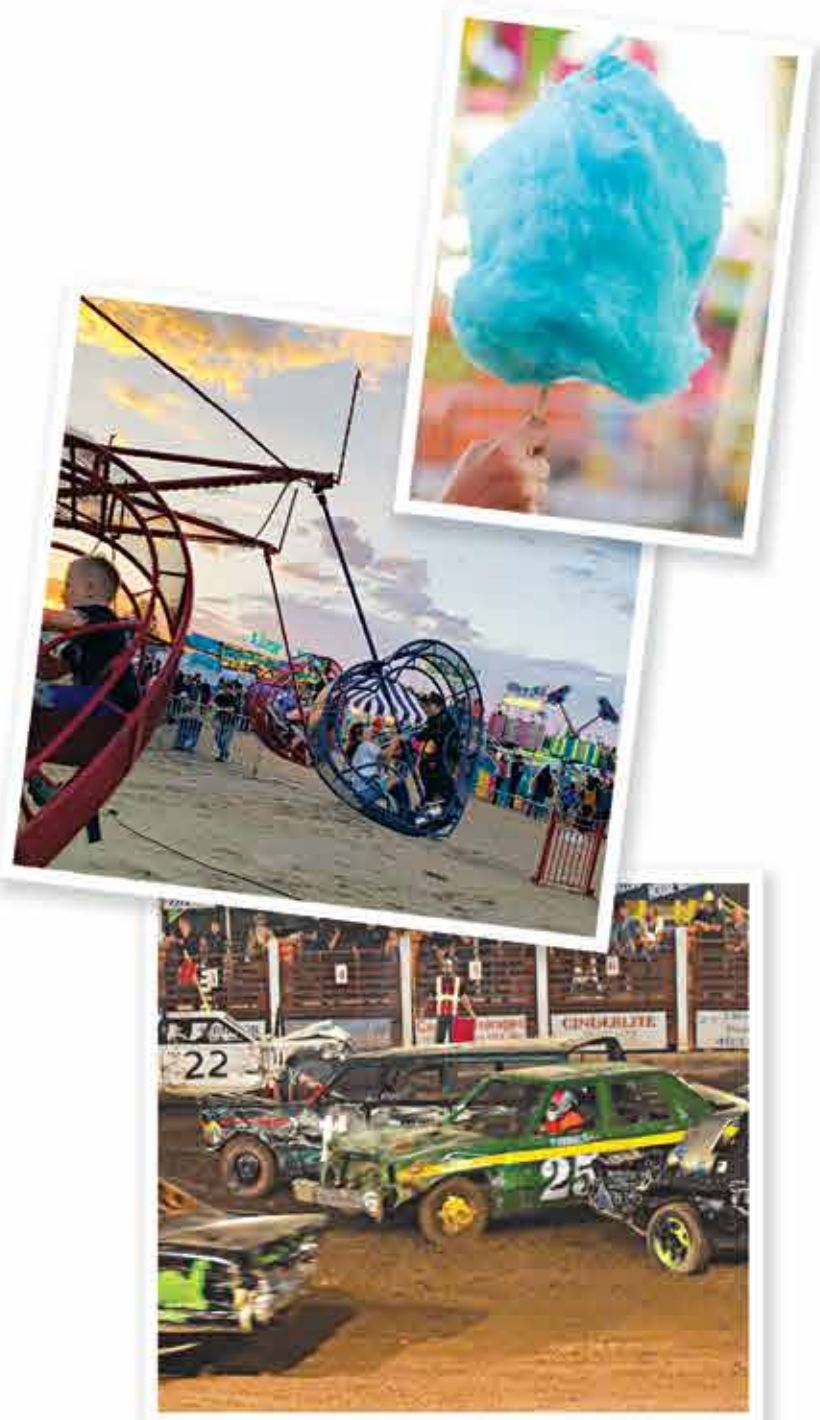
- 8:00 a.m. Silver State Livestock Show
- 4:00 p.m. Fair Opens
- 5:00 p.m. Carnival until 10:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Frog Jump
- 6:30 p.m. LL Productions Truck & Tractor Pull
- 9:00 p.m. Dancing Under the Stars
- 9:00 p.m. Hispanic Band

Saturday, August 16

- 8:00 a.m. Silver State Livestock Show
- 10:00 a.m. Main Street Fair and Rodeo Parade
- 10:00 a.m. Fair Opens
- 12:00 p.m. Four Star - CCPRA Rodeo
- 12:00 p.m. YHS Basketball Cornhole Tournament
- 1:00 p.m. Carnival until 11:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Littlest Cowboy / Cowgirl Contest
- 6:00 p.m. Yerington Fire Department Demo Derby
- 9:00 p.m. Dancing Under the Stars
- 9:00 p.m. Hispanic Band

Sunday, August 17

- 9:00 a.m. Livestock Buyer Sign up
- 9:00 a.m. Mud Volleybal
- 10:00 a.m. Fair Opens until 4:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Motorcross Barrel Racing
- 10:00 a.m. Painting Class
- 10:30 a.m. Silver State Youth Livestock Show
Buyer Lunch
- 11:00 a.m. Carnival until 2:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Silver State Youth Livestock Show
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SPORTS

McKnight leads 11 National Finals and Silver State qualifiers for Fernley Rodeo Club

By Robert Perea

Cade McKnight won the All-Around Cowboy title for the second consecutive year and leads a contingent of 11 rodeo athletes from Fernley Heading to National Finals or the Silver State Invitational rodeos.

Kylie Ann Behrendt, Ian Leavitt, Kade McKnight, Olivia Process and Kashlin Hill have each qualified for the National High School Finals Rodeo July 13-19 in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Kinley Behrendt, Ryleigh Coe, Jordan Process each qualified for the National Junior High Finals Rodeo June 22-28 in Des Moines, Iowa, while, Jenna Covers Up, Carmen Luque and Ellie Machado have qualified for the Silver State Invitational June 30-July 7 in Winnemucca.

McKnight totaled 1,069 points in the All-Around standings, while Jace Jepson of Pahrump was second with 964 points. In individual events, McKnight finished first in boys cutting, second in team roping, fourth in steer wrestling, and seventh in tie-down roping.

Leavitt was the only competitor in bareback riding.

Process finished third in the girls all-around competition, with 920.75 points, ranking behind Matti DeLong of Humboldt County, who had 1,121.50, and Quil Filippini of Eureka, who scored 1,112.75. In individual events,

she placed first in both girls cutting and goat tying, sixth in pole bending, sixth in reined cow horse, 10th in breakaway roping and 53rd in team roping.

Hill finished the season sixth in girls cutting, ninth in reined cow horse, 13th in goat tying, 14th in pole bending, 16th in barrel racing, 24th in breakaway roping and 65th in team roping. Behrendt was second in goat tying, 27th in breakaway roping and 48th in team roping.

Covers Up placed 21st in goat tying, 28th in breakaway roping, 31st in team roping and 42nd in pole bending. Luque placed 20th in goat tying, 24th in pole bending and 37th in barrel racing.

In the Junior High standings, Jordyn Process finished fifth in the girls All-Around standings, second in pole bending, fourth in barrel racing, eighth in ribbon roping and 12th in breakaway roping.

Kinley Behrendt was eighth in the All-Around standings and came in third in barrel racing, third in goat tying, 10th in pole bending, 15th in ribbon roping and 31st in team roping.

Ryliegh Coe was 12th All-Around, second in goat tying and seventh in breakaway roping, while Machado finished 15th All-Around, sixth in barrel racing, 18th in pole bending and 19th in goat tying.



From the top right, Ian Leavitt competes in bareback riding, Kade McKnight competes in calf roping and Olivia Process dismounts during a goat tying event. Photos courtesy of Monica Randolph

Above: Fernley's Kade McKnight Kylie Ann Behrendt are two of Fernley's five qualifiers for the National High School Finals Rodeo. Photos by Robert Perea

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