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County backs North Lyon Fire request for federal funding for new ladder truck

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Commission voted at its Feb. 19 meeting to approve a letter of support for the North Lyon County Fire Protection District's application for federal funding to purchase a replacement aerial ladder truck.

County Manager Andrew Haskin said the district reached out seeking the county's backing as it pursues federal assistance for the new apparatus. North Lyon Fire Battalion Chief Joe Mendoza told commissioners the district is seeking support to purchase the ladder truck for commercial and industrial exposures. He said district's current ladder truck has been out of service for four or five years.

Mendoza also requested that Commissioner Scott Keller speak with the Nevada Congressional delegation during his upcoming trip to Washington D.C.

"I'll definitely carry that to the senators and congressman," Keller said.

During an interview on Nov. 12, North Lyon Fire Chief Brian Bunn said the aerial ladder is used to elevate the



North Lyon County Fire Protection District during the Davis Fire, September, 2024. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire.

waterway and climb onto a roof or to a window to fight a fire or for rescue. He said the waterway is a pipe that is permanently affixed to the bottom of the ladder.

"So when we raise that ladder, the

hydraulics lift the ladder and then when we extend the ladder, that waterway extends with the ladder," Bunn said. "That is what's broken. The

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Candidate filing open March 2; counties preparing with mock election

By Robert Perea

With the filing period for non judicial offices in the 2026 election cycle running from March 2-13, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Lindberg said the state's county clerks will be preparing this week with a mock election, while prospective candidates can begin preparing their paperwork ahead of time through the state's Aurora filing system.

That online platform allows users to complete their forms in draft mode before printing and submitting them once filing opens.

According to the Nevada Secretary of State, candidates must already be registered to vote in the district or jurisdiction they seek to represent at the time they file. That is a new requirement established under AB491 in 2025. The last day to establish residency or voter registration to qualify for filing is Feb. 11. Filing packets, instructions and eligibility requirements are available on the Secretary of State's website under the 2026 elections section.

Lindberg also announced that all 17 Nevada counties were planning to participate in a statewide mock election this week in Carson City. The event is to test new voting equipment, updated procedures and security protocols that will be used in the 2026 election.

"We're all getting together to share processes with each other," Lindberg said. "It's open to the public, and legislators will be coming through on Thursday between 2 and 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come see the processes and meet with any of us."

Lindberg said the mock election will allow counties to run ballots through the new system, compare procedures and ensure consistency ahead of the primary and general elections.

Mayor exploring restructuring plan that would eliminate city manager position

By Robert Perea

Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre is exploring a major restructuring of the city's organizational chart that would eliminate the city manager position and instead create two new division-level leadership roles.

Under the concept that McIntyre said he has discussed individually with the City Council members, one division director would oversee development functions, including planning, building and engineering, while a second would oversee operations, such as public works, parks and recreation and utilities.

McIntyre said he has discussed the proposal with four of the five council members and was hoping to meet with the other this week.

"So what this does, it creates a more viable situation to where we line

up more with what a strong mayor form of government is supposed to be," McIntyre said. "So instead of being the city manager's budget, now it would become the mayor's budget. Everybody would report to me. I would report to counsel."

Last May, McIntyre vetoed the City Council's 3-2 vote to defund the city manager's position. During that discussion, then-City Manager Ben Marchant offered to resign if it would mean keeping the city manager's position in the budget. But after a lengthy recruitment process for a new city manager, the council interviewed two finalists at its Jan. 7 meeting and decided not to offer the job to either candidate.

McIntyre said the new structure would create clearer lines of authority and reduce the challenges cities often face in recruiting and retaining city

managers.

"Look at all the other cities, they go through city managers right and left, in a weak mayor form of government," he said. "And we're a strong mayor form of government with a city manager, which doesn't fit where we should be."

To move forward, the city would need to draft job descriptions for the new positions, revise the organizational chart and amend portions of the municipal code, including recent language the Council approved that requires the mayor to include council input in evaluation of the city manager. McIntyre said that would need to be rewritten to include the mayor's evaluations of the leaders of development and operations divisions.

McIntyre said he plans to bring a formal proposal to the council once the structure is fully developed.

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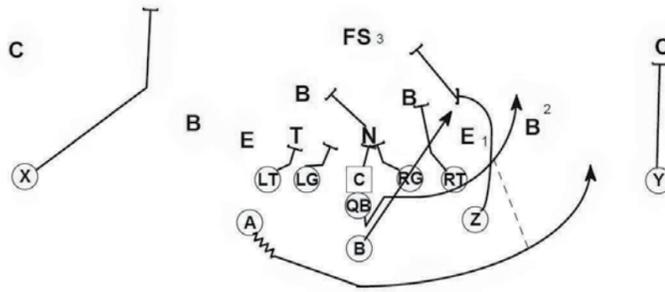
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The Inside Veer



One weekend, two unforgettable performances

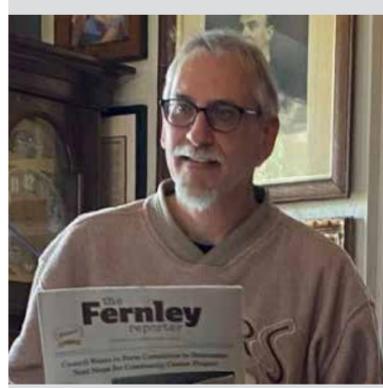
I don't know a single thing about figure skating, and I only know enough about basketball to recognize when it's good or bad. But you don't need any expertise at all to recognize joy when you see it, or to feel the sting when it goes the other way.

I didn't watch a second of the Olympics the past two weeks until the adrenaline of watching Friday's state semifinals kept me from sleeping that night. When I finally gave up trying, I opened my phone to watch some Olympic highlights and came across a headline about an "unforgettable performance" by some figure skater I'd never heard of.

I'm all about unforgettable performances, so I tapped the link, then sat mesmerized, rewatching that 4 minute, 35 second slip about eight times.

It's probably been three or four Olympics since the last time I watched figure skating, and I have no idea how to tell whether one skater is better than another. Pretty much every time I've ever seen someone make it through a routine without falling, I've been surprised whenever the score was less than a perfect 10.

Two seconds into the clip, before Liu even started gliding across the ice, her mouth creased into the beginning of a smile as she started to move. I knew right then I wasn't watching a sport I didn't understand, I was watching someone who looked like she couldn't wait to show the world what she had in her.



ROBERT PEREA

Then she demonstrated it like she'd been waiting to do it for her whole life.

I didn't know anything about her journey or what led to that moment, and I didn't care. I'm just grateful for whatever it was. My soul seemed to soar and glide the way she did across the ice, lifted by something I didn't understand, couldn't explain and don't need to.

Still feeling that way Saturday, I settled in to watch Fernley's attempt to win the 3A state basketball championship.

Unlike Liu, who I had never seen perform before, I have watched the boys on the Fernley team for their entire high school careers, in multiple sports. I've seen them win, lose and grow, and I watched their hearts break at this stage of the season three years in a row.

I wanted badly for those boys to feel the joy they've been chasing since before they were teenagers, not for me, but for them. They've more than earned a moment like that, but sports don't

hand out joy just because you've put in the work. Every time someone wins, it means someone else loses.

Every joyous winner leaves someone else in tears. For the fifth straight season, it was boys from Fernley carrying that weight in their chest, instead of the lightness they've chased for so long.

I don't need to understand how to perform whatever a triple axle is, or how to hedge a ball screen to know what joy looks like or what heartbreak feels like. I saw both this weekend, and that headline that prompted me to tap in the early hours of Saturday morning applies to both. Unforgettable performances.

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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FEATURES

How LCSD determines snow delays and cancellations

By Robert Perea

Snow days often spark debate in Lyon County. Some parents want earlier notifications, others want fewer cancellations or sometimes disagree with the School District's decisions to cancel school or delay the start of the school day, especially when there may only be snow in some parts of the county, and none in others.

To help clarify how those decisions are made, Lyon County School District Communications and Public Relations Officer Skyler Tremaine explained how the district determines whether conditions warrant a 2-hour delay or cancellation.

She said when inclement weather is anticipated, conversations typically begin the night before to make sure everyone is on the same page and alert.

Beginning around 3:30 to 4:00 a.m., the LCSD transportation supervisor contacts the transportation lead in each

attendance area. Together, they evaluate current conditions, forecasts, staffing, chain requirements, and any other factors heading into the morning. The transportation supervisor also reviews the Nevada 511 website to monitor road conditions across the region. After assessing conditions across all areas, the transportation supervisor reconnects with the area leads and then, by approximately 4:30 a.m., connects with the executive director of operations to determine next steps. If either the transportation supervisor or the executive director of operations believes a delay or cancellation is needed, they contact the superintendent and deputy superintendent for further discussion. If both agree that no action is needed, normal operations proceed.

"While many families would prefer we make a cancellation decision the evening before, however, we have to

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School bus driving in snowy wet conditions in northern Nevada. Photo courtesy of Allyson Ahlert.

County targeting April for reopening of Fernley Justice Complex



The remodel of the Stephan W. Lehman Justice Complex in Fernley is nearly complete. The project began in fall of 2024 and is expected to be finished in time to move back into the building in April. Photo by Kerry Lyman

By Robert Perea

With construction nearing completion on the Stephan W. Lehman Justice Complex, Lyon County Manager Andrew Haskin said at the Feb. 19 meeting of the Lyon County Commission that the target date to move back into the building is in April. "I'm pretty excited about that. That's a cool project," Haskin said.

Construction on the \$7 million project began in the fall of 2024. Last June, the Fernley City Council and Lyon County Commission each approved an interlocal agreement to consolidate the Fernley Municipal Court with the Canal Township Justice Court upon completion of the remodel.

Under that agreement, both the city and county will each be responsible for paying their own staff, but all employees will work on both municipal and justice court cases. The cases and revenues will be tracked and remitted to the city and county, respectively.

Both courts have been operating out of City Hall during construction, using the city council chambers as the courtroom.

Lyon County Facilities Director Doug Homestead said they are waiting until April 1 to move in to make sure the project is completely finished.

"I don't want to have contractors still working while the judge is trying to hold court," he said.

Saavedra sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility after five years

By Robert Perea

Guillermo Aboytes-Saavedra, the man accused of kidnapping and beating three youths last May, was sentenced on Feb. 23 to three concurrent terms of life in prison, with eligibility for parole after five years.

Saavedra pleaded guilty to three counts of first degree kidnapping in Third Judicial District Court on Oct. 20, when he admitted he kidnapped the three youths, beat two of them with a wooden handle and scratched the letter M into the hand of one of the boys, then detained them in the crawl space under a home on Johnson Ct.

During victim impact statements in Monday's hearing, two of the boys and several family members described how the boys are afraid to go outside for fear that something may happen to them again, have withdrawn from friends and activities because of their fear and the trauma from the incident and have had trouble sleeping. One described how being hugged now makes him flinch.

The Fernley Reporter is not naming the children, nor is it using the names of their parents, because that could help identify the children.

"I try to forget it, but I will never forget it," the boy said. "It will always be in the back of my mind."

The boys said they didn't know Saavedra and were just playing in the park when he approached them.

"It hurts, and it's painful," one of the boys said. "My shoulder was so swollen and beat. We were hurt in our butts and thighs. I wouldn't get up much due to the pain of the injuries on my back."

Another boy said the physical scars have gone away, but mentally they are still there.

"I woke up many late nights crying because I didn't know what to do," he said. "Having constant thoughts of, I could have done better during the situation. I couldn't look at myself for a month or two after having the same

negative thoughts and shame."

Each of the boys and family members said they would like to see Saavedra serve a long prison sentence, with some of them asking for a life sentence.

"I think someone who has hurt a child has no redemption after what they did," one of the boys said.

The mother of two of the boys described receiving six text messages from her son saying "911-911-911. He wants to kill me."

"Guillermo changed our lives because he took away two children and he returned two different children," she said.

Rosario Saavedra, the mother of Guillermo Saavedra, and his aunt Eva Saaavedra testified Guillermo Saavedra fell victim to drugs that changed his life. They testified that they were trying to get him help before the kidnapping incident.

"As a family, we feel saddened for what happened to these young men," Eva Saavedra said. "As a mother, I understand these mothers. But I know, in his sober mind he never would have hurt you guys."

Addressing the court, Saavedra said he wanted to sincerely apologize to the community and to the victims.

"I would never hurt them if I was in the right state of mind," he said. "Growing up, I have seen a lot of people hurt people on television or whatever, and I really didn't want to be that person. Now that I'm in that person's shoes, I really regret it."

Deputy District Attorney Brian Haslem asked the judge to sentence Saavedra to consecutive counts of 5 years to life on all three counts.

"Not only did he physically punish them, as the court heard through the testimony, they will likely be psychologically damaged for the rest of their lives," Haslem said. "This man does not deserve leniency for this."

Saavedra's attorney, Patrick Mansfield, asked the court for a defi-

nite term of 15 years for each count, with eligibility for parole after five years and for each count to be concurrent.

"He lives with himself daily on the regret of what he's caused, not only to himself and to the family, but more so to the victims," Mansfield says. "He understands the gravity of it."

In announcing the sentence, Aberasturi said he considered what he termed "the horrendous acts and the terrible results of those acts."

"I've been doing this a long time, and this is one of the most horrendous I've heard in 20 years," Aberasturi said. "You can blame it all on drugs, the boogeyman or whatever, but you knew what you were doing to those kids. And frankly, it was some really sick behavior."

Aberasturi told Saavedra he has a chance to turn his life around and will still be a young man if he gets out of prison on parole.

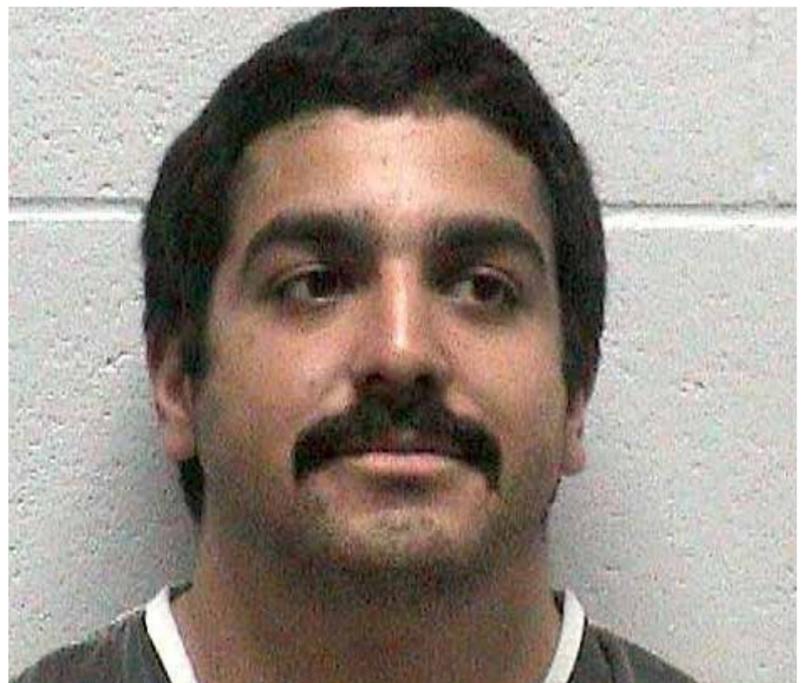
"But if you decide to go to prison and not take the opportunities they're going to offer you, then you'll be in there until you're an old man," he said.

The judge also encouraged the victims to realize they are stronger as they grow up and can overcome what happened to them.

"I hope you go that route and I hope you don't use it as an excuse not to reach your fulfillment of what you're supposed to be," he said. "You do have a future and you can overcome it."

Aberasturi also sentenced Saavedra to a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of 60 months on a separate charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Saavedra also pleaded guilty to that charge on October 20 in a case where he was accused of chasing a man with a knife.

He will receive credit for a total of 303 days of time served in the two cases.



Guillermo Aboytes-Saavedra, photo courtesy of LCSD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council approved code change to allow standalone gaming

By Kerry Lyman

Stand-alone gaming establishments of any size without a resort hotel and any number of slot machines are now allowed in Fernley, after the Fernley City Council approved the adoption of an ordinance on February 18 amending the city's development code.

Prior to the change, the code only allowed "non-restrictive gaming operations, which is a gaming establishment with more than 16 slot machines that include a resort hotel," according to

Assistant Planner Lisa Warner.

Existing stand-alone gaming uses like the Pioneer Crossing or the Nugget were "grandfathered" and allowed because they were approved prior to the imposition of the "non-restrictive" hotel requirement with at least 16 slot machines, a staff report noted.

"Developers have expressed frustration with the hotel component as well as the number of allowed slot machines," Warner said.

To make the code less restrictive, planning staff has removed the resort

hotel requirement as well as the number of slot machines and has removed all the "non-restrictive" text from the code.

"Applicants will now be able to apply for a stand-alone gaming establishment of any size without a resort hotel component," Warner said of the change.

The planning commission unanimously recommended approval of the code change on January 14 and the city council unanimously approved the code change on February 18.

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recognize that we live in Nevada and the weather is unpredictable to say the least," Tremaine said. "A storm forecast to hit overnight may stall, weaken, or shift entirely. Making the call too early risks canceling school unnecessarily, and we have to be mindful that closures come with a cost. We don't want to put families in a position to plan around a closure that wasn't needed or put the district in a position where we are forced to extend further into the summer to make up for lost instructional days."

One question that comes up often is why the entire district is delayed or canceled when one area may not have any snow at all. Tremaine said the reason is that many attendance areas rely on each other.

"We have teachers and staff who don't work in the area where they live, and we have students who attend schools outside of their home area," she said. "Because of that interconnection, in almost all cases we delay or cancel district-wide to ensure that everyone can safely get where they need to be."

When there is no snow on the ground in the morning but a storm is forecast throughout the day, Tremaine said that is also factored into the decision. She said the district has to consider whether conditions may deteriorate while buses are on afternoon routes, potentially stranding students or creating unsafe travel for staff and families heading home.

This was very similar to the delay issued last week.

"While no snow was forecast overnight, we knew the roads from the previous day's storm would still be hazardous, and allowing additional travel time was the safest course of action and that is why the decision to delay was made the night before," Tremaine said. "The safety of our students, staff, and families is always our top priority, and all decisions are made with that commitment in mind."

McIntyre announces bid for second term as Fernley mayor

By Robert Perea

Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre said he will seek a second term, announcing his re-election bid while highlighting staffing additions, organizational changes and development progress made as the highlights of his first four years in office.

McIntyre said the city has added 21 positions during his term, a move he believes has helped Fernley keep pace with growth and improve customer service. He pointed to new code enforcement officers, additional engineering staff, and the creation of a separate utilities division as key steps in streamlining planning and building processes.

"When I first got there, it was taking nine months to get plans reviewed

and approved," McIntyre said. "Now we've got it down to two to three months, which is a huge improvement."

Looking ahead, McIntyre said his top priority is expanding amenities for residents, including the planned 23 acre Mayor's Fishing Pond project off of Farm District Rd. The park is expected to include a stocked pond, sports courts, picnic areas and a walking path.

McIntyre, who has lived in Fernley for 66 years, said he wants to continue guiding the city through its next phase of growth.

"I've seen Fernley go from 500 people to more than 26,000," he said. "We have a lot of exciting things coming to Fernley and I just want to make sure that I'm there and see them."



Fernley Mayor Neal McIntyre, photo courtesy of the City of Fernley

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COMMUNITY

Second hearing for Chaparral Estates zone change set to consider revised plan

By Kerry Lyman

A public hearing will be conducted at the March 4 Fernley City Council for the second time regarding a proposed zone change for a 24.7-acre site that was continued last October due to safety concerns and other issues regarding an irrigation ditch that runs alongside the western boundary of the property.

The matter was continued in October to give the developer a chance to speak to nearby property owners and get their buy-in to solutions offered during the first public hearing regarding possibly piping the irrigation ditch and fencing surrounding the ditch.

“Having conducted meetings with concerned neighbors and other interested parties, the applicants have reached an agreeable solution for all consisting of a six-foot open-view iron fence,” according to a staff report

on the item presented at the second attempt at a first reading of the proposed zone change at the February 18 council meeting.

The proposed 102-lot Chaparral Estates subdivision is generally located between Farm District Road to the south, Langdon Street to the north, Winnie Lane on the west and Nevada Pacific Boulevard to the east. The proposed zone change would change the zoning from rural residential to single family residential with 6,000-square-foot lots.

During the first public hearing in October, there were some complaints from nearby rural residents regarding the smaller lot sizes being proposed, but most of the controversy centered around the irrigation ditch.

Concerns expressed included the safety of nearby children who might fall into the ditch and drown, access to the ditch in the case of a “blow out”

that may need to be repaired, and the responsibility to replace any private fencing that may be destroyed either by a blow out or by attempts to repair the damage.

Due to a reported high water flow in the ditch for 36 to 48 hours at a time, several opponents urged the city council to either deny the zone change or require the ditch to be piped. Councilman Albert Torres agreed with the safety concerns, saying the ditch has “one of the largest, highest water flow rates that we have that are still being used.”

Some discussion ensued about what size pipe would be needed. Planning Director Michelle Rambo said the size of the pipe could not be determined at that night’s council meeting, that it would require further study, but the council may impose a condition of approval that the ditch be piped.

Councilman Ryan Hanan said he may be even more concerned about a child getting into the pipe and drowning than a child falling into an open ditch. Public Works Director Barry Williams said any entrances to the pipe could be screened to prevent such an occurrence.

Derek Kirkland of Wood Rodgers Inc., representing the applicant, pointed out that in their proposal a locked gate would protect the ditch from intruders. “Right now, there is no gate, there’s nothing.” Anybody can access the ditch, he said.

Kirkland also said the applicant would be willing to add a condition to the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions that in the case there is a ditch blow out that affects any private fencing, it would be the homeowner’s responsibility to repair the fencing, and that neighbors would also be allowed access to the ditch for repairs.

County accepts \$185,434 Pennington Foundation grant for sheriff’s vehicles

By Robert Perea

At its Feb. 19 meeting, the Lyon County Commission accepted a \$185,434 grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation to help the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office purchase two fully equipped emergency response vehicles.

Lyon County Emergency Manager Taylor Allison said the sheriff’s office had previously applied for funding through several state programs, including the Nevada Commission of Off-Highway Vehicles and Homeland

Security grants, but was unsuccessful. The Pennington Foundation stepped in to fund the project in full.

“We truly do appreciate the efforts of Pennington and their investment in our community and its success in protecting our residents,” Allison said.

Commissioners said the foundation’s continued involvement in Lyon County, particularly its support for Boys & Girls Club facilities in Fernley and Silver Springs, warrants formal recognition from the county.

“It’s definitely a huge help for our

county all the way around,” said Commissioner John Cassinelli.

Allison said this is the first time the Pennington Foundation has provided funding directly through the county for a sheriff’s office project, though the foundation has supported other county related initiatives, including senior centers and youth facilities.

“Happy to recognize them formally in any way we can,” Allison said.

The commission approved the donation unanimously.

Letter to the Editor

FHS girls and boys Basketball teams

In victory and defeat “YOU DID FERNLEY PROUD!” Your talent is obvious and was so much fun to watch all season long. And your sportsmanship and poise under pressure were also showcased again and again. I’m sure I speak for the entire FHS athletic supporters when I say we’re so proud of you all. Thank you players, coaches, student body and officials for a fantastic basketball season!

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BUSINESS

City to allow relaxed standards for remote non-residential development

By Kerry Lyman

After hearing protests from one affected property owner, the Fernley City Council voted on February 18 to adopt amendments to the city's development code that will allow non-residential development under relaxed development standards on fringe properties at least a quarter mile from any city utilities and not located in any adopted area plan.

The update is intended to add some flexibility for non-residential developments that are in remote portions of the city, Senior Planner Alisa Johansson said.

"We are hoping this will attract some new business types to the city's outer limits," Johansson said during the first reading of the proposed ordinance on February 4.

The amendment will exempt non-residential uses in these remote areas of the city, located in GR, or general rural, and RR, or residential rural zoning areas, from the requirement that they connect to city water and wastewater systems, allowing them to use water wells and septic tanks.

However, wells would still have to meet accepted well head protection standards. In addition, the allowance of wells and septic tanks will be at the city's discretion for appropriateness in any given situation and they would have to meet the standards established by the Nevada Division of Water Resources, Johansson said.

These "unserved" areas would also be allowed relaxed requirements for landscaping, screening and street improvements, according to the staff report.

The amendment "does not encourage or authorize uses or densities that are not appropriate without public infrastructure connections," Johansson said. "So a big new subdivision out on the periphery of Fernley will not be

able to use this new provision."

Demetri Nikolakakis, representing Valutainer, LLC, a contractor storage yard off Speedway Road, complained about the proposed ordinance, saying that while it is of "good intent," it ultimately "perverts that intent and the sites will remain unbuildable as it creates new, more restrictive and exquisitely expensive requirements where none previously existed," referring to fencing requirements and the costs of asphalt for street improvements.

Planning Director Michele Rambo disputed Nikolakakis's complaints, saying that as of now, under current development standards, "he's required to do improvements to the street, which includes curb, gutter and sidewalk."

In addition, "his project would require fencing, landscaping, parking and a whole bunch of other things including connection to water and sewer" facilities, Rambo said.

Since "there is not any chance in the near future that water and sewer will be extended that far out, plus the fact that with the nature of the neighborhood, it doesn't make any sense to have him do curb, gutter and sidewalk on basically dirt roads," planning staff opted to create the development code amendment in order to bypass the waiver process, Rambo said.

Without the code amendment, Nikolakakis would require a waiver for parking, street improvements, water and sewer connections and many others, Rambo said. However, the code amendment would eliminate the need for the waivers and allow the city to approve the project "without having to go through these extra steps," she said.

"We gave him two choices. He could either file a waiver and pay the fee or he could wait for this code amendment," she added. "He decided to file the waiver and pay the fee."

Councilman Joe Mendoza asked if Nikolakakis would be required to

install fencing and asphalt under the code amendment. Rambo replied "no" and the council voted to approve the amendment.

At the first reading of the code change on February 4, Councilman Ryan Hanan questioned what happens to these remote properties when city development reaches these areas and they are no longer remote.

"We wrote the definition of unserved areas to be a moving target. So as the city grows, that infrastructure is also going to expand. Eventually, those remote portions of the city will no longer meet the unserved definition, so they would no longer be subject to the relaxed requirements," Johansson said.

When development reaches the formerly unserved areas, uses permitted under the relaxed standards would then be considered non-conforming and they would be required to comply with traditional development standards if they want to redevelop the property or make any major changes, Johansson said.

The definition for xeriscaping in the amendment is "the process of landscaping that significantly reduces or eliminates the need for irrigation," with the landscaping requirement for these remote sites to be xeriscaped to the "approval of the administrator, with native plants to be retained to the extent practicable."

Opaque screening is also required under the amendment along any street frontage and between non-residential and residential uses, and where use standards require screen fences or masonry walls, any opaque material acceptable to the administrator may be used.

Uses most likely to take advantage of the code amendment are those with low visitation and staffing levels, low utility needs and larger spatial needs, the staff report noted.

Meetings

Fernley City Council

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting March 4

Fernley Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting March 11

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

2nd Friday of even numbered months, 9:00 a.m.

City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Next meeting April 10

Lyon County Commission

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St. Yerington

Next meeting March 5

Lyon County Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St. Yerington

Next meeting March 10

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries

Next meeting March 24

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Locations rotate between each attendance area

Next meeting March 24

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month

195 E. Main St.

Next meeting March 19

Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District

3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

300 Cottonwood Lane

Next meeting March 21

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whole pipe is broken."

The fire district had previously stated that it would not approve plans for any new development that were more than 25,000 square feet or above two floors, because it didn't have the equipment required for an emergency at a building of that size. During that November interview, Bunn said that after conversations with Mayor Neal McIntyre in which the mayor agreed to pay for the repairs on the truck, the district lifted that moratorium.

However, Mendoza told the Commissioners that during the repairs of the ladder, mechanics found the truck also needs another \$60,000 worth of repairs.

"The truck at auction probably won't sell for more than \$30,000," Mendoza said. "And the need for a ladder truck to protect the northern part of the county is extremely important to us."

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Feb. 18 meeting:

Priest Companies LLC dba/BC Treasures, Reno, Toy tower reward program

The Collective Edit, Fernley, Online resale store

Nason's Scanning Service, LLC, Sparks, Concrete scanning and underground utility locating

Arcadis U.S., Inc., Highland Ranch, Contractor

Silver State Patio Covers, Reno, Contractor

Insight Telecom LLC, Orange, CA, Contractor

VQZ Electric LLC, Sparks, Electrical contractor

Western Tools LLC, Sparks, Mobile retail sales

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GOVERNMENT

Council approves survey contract for Phase I federal land conveyance

By Kerry Lyman

A contract with Wood Rodgers was approved by the Fernley City Council on February 18 to conduct a boundary survey of the eight parcels of federal land conveyed to the city by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) last June.

The conveyance of the eight parcels, totaling 2,166.86 acres, to the city last year was Phase I of an expected two phase federal land conveyance to the city of a total 9,779 acres of federal land to the city.

The effort began with the passage in late 2014 of the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3913), which included a section titled “Conveyance to the City of Fernley, NV,” and is commonly known as the Lands Bill, consisting of 23 parcels.

The remaining 15 parcels in the

Lands Bill, containing 7,612 acres, is anticipated to be conveyed at a later date following completion of baseline studies, environmental studies, surveys and concept layouts in compliance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, Acting City Manager Lydia Altick said last year shortly after the Phase I conveyance.

At this time, the phase I lands may only be used for recreation and public purposes. However, the city does have the option of requesting to buy the reversionary rights to the lands for fair market value. Under this process, the land may then be used for economic development purposes for the construction of housing, retail and industrial uses, Altick had said.

The city will probably only request reversionary rights to one or two of the eight parcels conveyed last year, with this process to probably take at

least a year because the federal government does the land appraisals and the city has no control over this process, she said last year.

The remaining six or seven parcels in the phase I conveyance may be used to expand the city’s parks, athletic fields, open space and trailheads. In addition, the city would like to relocate its rodeo grounds for more space and would “like to have our own animal services and not rely on Lyon County, which is down in Silver Springs,” Altick said following the conveyance.

At the February 18 council meeting, Councilwoman Felicity Zoberiski questioned the \$79,700 cost of the boundary survey, asking if that work was not performed prior to the conveyance, how environmental surveys and other earlier tasks could have been completed if Wood Rodgers did not know the boundaries.

Altick replied that Wood Rodgers had access to maps that provided general enough information to complete the earlier studies but that the boundaries had never been staked. In addition, according to a staff report on the item, “Over time, BLM monumentation may have been destroyed with adjacent development.”

Under the approved contract, Wood Rodgers’ services will include a “Record of Survey Plat showing the boundary determinations for each subject parcel, parcel dimensions, parcel areas, record dimensions, and the character of monuments set, as well as the approximate Nevada Department of Transportation and railroad right-of-ways that encumber the parcels, which will be graphically depicted,” according to the staff report.

Altick added that section corners also will be monumented.

NOTICES

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES ON PROPOSED 2028 EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin), formerly Paiute Pipeline Company, will conduct a series of public Open Houses to solicit input on the proposed **2028 Expansion Project**.

Great Basin will construct approximately 200 miles of new natural gas pipeline and one new compressor station to serve the requested incremental capacity and meet growing energy demand in northern Nevada with facilities to be constructed in Churchill, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe counties, Nevada.

Great Basin places a top priority on establishing and maintaining positive, long-term relationships with its neighbors and landowners in the area of its facilities and invites landowners, residents, local governments, and other stakeholders to attend an Open House meeting to learn about the **2028 Expansion Project**, review preliminary Project information, and share feedback with Project representatives.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff will be present to discuss the voluntary pre-filing process and how public input will be used in environmental and certificate review.

Further information may be found on the 2028 Expansion Project website <https://expansion2028.GreatBasinGTCprojects.com>

Community members and interested stakeholders are invited to attend the following Open House meetings:

County/State	Date	Location	Address	Time
Winnemucca Humboldt County, Nevada	March 2, 2026	Winnemucca Convention Center	50 West Winnemucca Blvd. Winnemucca, NV 89445	6:00 PM– 8:00 PM (PT)
Lovelock Pershing County, Nevada	March 3, 2026	Best Western SureStay Lovelock	1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419	6:00 PM– 8:00 PM (PT)
Fernley Lyon County, Nevada	March 4, 2026	Fernley Branch Library	575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408	5:00 PM– 7:00 PM (PT)
Reno Washoe County, Nevada	March 5, 2026	Aloft Hotel Reno	2015 Terminal Way Reno, NV 89502	6:00 PM– 8:00 PM (PT)

Comments may also be submitted by email in advance of the open house at: GreatBasin-2028Expansion@swgas.com or the Project toll free number (877) 428-1660.

Comments may also be submitted to FERC’s Office of Energy Projects via www.ferc.gov (Docket No. PF26-5) or mailed to:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 26-PT-0556 Dept. No. 2

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LYON

In the Matter of the Estate of JIMMIE GENE ALLEN, Deceased. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Verified Petition for Summary Administration of Estate, Appointment of Co-Administrators, Authority Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (NRS Chapter 143), and Issuance of Letters of Administration has been set for hearing before the above-entitled Court as follows:

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Third Judicial District Court
Lyon County Judge Leon A. Aberasturi

Department II

911 Harvey Way

Yerington, NV 89447

At said time and place, the Court will consider the Petition, including Petitioners’ request for full authority under Nevada’s Independent Administration of Estates Act (NRS 143.300–143.815). This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative or administrator will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. Independent administration authority will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.

Any person interested in the above-entitled estate may appear and be heard at the hearing, either in person or through counsel, and may file written opposition prior to the hearing in accordance with Nevada law and local rules.

This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by NRS 603A.040.

DATED February 6, 2026.
/s/ Hannah E. Winston, Attorneys
for Petitioners

Ad # 2607

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LAW AND ORDER

Arrest report

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Feb. 16 – 22, 2026

STEPHEN SAUNDERS – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$0, Charges: Misdemeanor arrest for probation violation
DALE INGRAHAM – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$5,500, Charges: Possess/Theft/Attempted theft of catalytic converter
RAYMOND KING – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$47,060, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, felony crime
ROBERT RICHARDSON – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$1,150, Charges: Drive w/suspended driver's license; Operator – proof of insurance required; Operate vehicle w/expired registration/plates
ROYCE KOCHAMPANASKEN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,000, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
JEFFREY ABBOTT – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$10,000, Charges: Grand larceny of motor vehicle, 1st offense
EZEQUIEL MENDOZA AYALA – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$11,140, Charges: DUI (1st); Possess controlled substance or paraphernalia by DOC prisoner; Possess Sch I, II C/S <14 grams, 1st or 2nd off

KRYSTAL MCGLOCKLIN – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$1,725, Charges: DUI (1st); Open alcohol container in vehicle; Display fictitious vehicle registration/plate/title; Failure to drive on right half of road
SHANNON LUEVANO – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$25,000, Charges: Residential burglary, 1st offense
ANDREW KUHA – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$2,910, Charges: Resist public officer; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Assist other agency—hold
CHRISTOPHER SIMMONS – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,465, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
MICHAEL COTA – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$27,780, Charges: Assist other agency—hold; Possess Schedule I, II C/S <14 grams, 1st or 2nd offense; Driver disobey peace officer, endangering other persons/property; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Convicted person fail to register with law enforcement within 48 hours
AMANDA HOLLAND – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
DANIEL MORSE – Area: LYSO, Bail

Amount: \$3,140, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
SHAWN WARREN – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$14,635, Charges: Resist public officer; Possess/consume marijuana in public place/marijuana store/vehicle; Fail to yield to emergency vehicle; Obtain/use personal ID of another to avoid/delay prosecution
JOSHUA MAY – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$4,129, Charges: DUI (1st); Drive w/suspended driver's license; Fail to obey stop sign at controlled intersection; Basic speed – 1–10 mph over limit; Assist other agency—hold (2 counts)
TYQUEL DANIEL – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$3,765, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime; Violate domestic violence TPO
ALANA KILIAN – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$1,495, Charges: Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Fail to yield to emergency vehicle
PATRICIA BLAKE – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$1,535, Charges: DUI (1st); Fail to drive on right half of road
CASEY WADMAN – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$4,780, Charges: Drive w/suspended driver's license; Use/

possess drug paraphernalia; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi
LARRY BEAVER – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$1,355, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
TAUNI CARNESECCA – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$8,560, Charges: Possess Schedule I, II controlled substance <14 grams, 3rd+ off; Resist public officer; Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Non resident drive when privilege suspended/revoked/canceled; Driver disobey peace officer
CHRISTOPHER WHATFORD – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$690,720, Charges: Pedestrian/rider fail travel on left side of road; Resist public officer, w/deadly weapon not firearm; Open/gross lewdness (1st); Indecent/obscene exposure (1st); Assault on protected person, w/deadly weapon; Intimidate public officers/others w/threat of force (1st); Unlawful act release excrement/fluid by prisoner in confinement
GUADALUPE WILBUR – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)
ANDREW WOLFORD – Area: Silver Springs, Bail Amount: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery, 1st

LCSO rolls out new Taser 10 devices

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office has spent much of the past month implementing a new generation of Taser devices, a transition Chief Deputy Mitch Brantingham described to the Fernley City Council as costly, time-consuming and unavoidable.

During his update to the council at its Feb. 18 meeting, Brantingham said LCSO is rolling out the Taser 10, the latest model produced by Axon Enterprise Inc., the company that controls nearly

the entire national market for conducted-energy weapons. Brantingham said Axon discontinues support for older models every five years, forcing agencies to upgrade whether they are ready or not.

"The unfortunate part about working with Axon is every five years, they shut down all of the old devices, they quit supporting them, and we get new technology that we're pretty much forced to have to do implementation of," he said.

The new devices are already in use in

Fernley. Brantingham said the Taser 10 does offer improvements over the previous model.

"It is a better system than what we were working with before. It does come with its advantages," he said. "The unfortunate part is we really just don't have an option."

While deputies worked through the Taser rollout, the Sheriff's Office also continued its winter training cycle, when all sworn staff complete their required POST certification, ensuring their credentials remain current.

The Sheriff's Office also sent several deputies to a major legal update conference in Carson City, which focused specifically on Ninth Circuit Court case law.

"A lot of that stuff centered around use of force, escalation and de-escalation tactics, and some of the national trends we're seeing there," Brantingham said.

He said the department tries to complete its training in the winter before warmer weather brings more community events and calls for law enforcement service.



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MAR. 3

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SPORTS

Repeat heartbreak for Vaqueros in State championship game

By Robert Perea

Just when it looked like the Fernley High School boys basketball team might finally have found the antidote to the bad luck that had haunted them in the State tournament the past four years, fate dealt them yet another cruel twist in last Saturday's 3A State championship game.

In a tense battle that had seven lead changes in the fourth quarter alone, The Meadows' Alex Hutchison hit an acrobatic reverse layup with 42 seconds left in the game that sealed the Mustangs' first state title since moving up to 3A with a 59-52 win and ended Fernley's hopes of winning its first since 1958.

It was the second consecutive loss in the state championship game for the Vaqueros, who were making their fifth consecutive appearance in the State tournament. Four of their losses in those five tournaments have come down to the final minute.

Saturday, the Vaqueros took the lead three times in the final 3 minutes, 15 seconds of the game, the last time at 52-51 on a basket by Bodie Parsons with 1:56 left in the game. But almost before Fernley could even get set on defense, The Meadows' Grant Moses drilled a 3-pointer with 1:40 left to put the Mustangs back on top 54-52.

After a Vaquero miss left them needing one more defensive stop to give themselves a chance to regain the lead, the Vaqueros had Hutchison surrounded on the baseline with the shot clock running down. But somehow, while in midair, he reached under the basket from the opposite side and flipped in a reverse layup that put The Meadows up 56-52 with 42 seconds left, and the Vaqueros were unable to answer. A free throw and a dunk just before the buzzer made the score look



Fernley's Bryce Dunagan-Stephens tries to dribble around The Meadows' Patrick Lewis during last Saturday's 3A State championship game. Photo by John Baker

far different than the game itself.

The Vaqueros entered the fourth quarter with a 36-31 lead, but the Meadows scored the first eight points of the quarter to move ahead 39-36. The Meadows eventually went up 47-41, but Fernley scored seven straight, all by Sheldon Jacobson, to go back on top, 48-47. Before that, the largest lead of the game had been 10-4 by the Meadows and the teams were separated by more than four points on only four occasions.

"In the fourth quarter, we had a difficult time getting around them," Fernley coach Cade Knutson said. "We faced that (kind of) defense in the pre-season, but not that level of athlete or size anytime recently."

After all the misfortune that flowed

them in their recent trips to State, the Vaqueros seemed to have shaken that off in Friday's 54-52 semifinal win over Virgin Valley.

The Vaqueros led 46-35 after Jacobson scored on a putback with 7:45 left in the game, but a 14-4 run pulled the Bulldogs within 50-49 with 2:16 left in the game.

Leading 54-52, the Vaqueros were called for a foul with 0.1 seconds on the clock.

Knutson couldn't help but flash back to 2023, when Somerset Losee banked in a 3-pointer at the buzzer to snatch a State title from the Vaqueros.

"In our heads, we've just had such bad luck from the basketball gods the last couple years," he said. "I'm just sitting there thinking something bad is

going to happen."

Instead, the Bulldogs missed both free throws, the second one intentionally in hopes of tipping in the rebound.

"We just had such phenomenal support from the community from our students, so as much as that call, we didn't agree with it, we knew that kid was going to have a heck of a time making two free throws in such an adverse environment," Knutson said. "That's the loudest that gym has ever been."

Michael Fitzgerald had given the Vaqueros that two-point lead with two free throws.

"I don't know if there's a person on the planet other than Steph Curry you want shooting a free throw in a pressure situation more than Michael Fitzgerald," Knutson said. "I mean, the dude has hit some incredibly pressure-packed free throws throughout his career."

The Vaqueros opened up their lead with a 7-0 run to end the third quarter, but like on Saturday, outside of that run and Virgin Valley's spurt to answer it, neither team led by more than five.

"Any time you're winning any sort of game in a state tournament, it's exhilarating, especially when they're close," Knutson said.

Even though they came up short in their quest for a state championship, the Vaqueros feel like they've proven to be the best public school team in the state in 3A. Four of their losses in their five consecutive state tournament appearances have come to private or charter schools from the Las Vegas area.

"There's no question," Knutson said. "We absolutely take pride in the fact that we are, and we have been for four years in a row the best public school 3A team in the state and we've proven it. I hope that our kids take pride in that."

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SPORTS

McCullar repeats, Pritchard three-peats as state champions

By Robert Perea

Fernley's Nathan Pritchard won his third consecutive state title and Riley McCullar claimed his second to lead the Vaqueros to a second place finish as a team at last weekend's 3A State Championships in Winnemucca.

In all, six of the nine Fernley boys and one of the three girls who qualified for the tournament won medals.

"The program wrestled really well and left it all on the mat," coach Jake McCullar said. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

Among the boys, Pritchard won his third consecutive state championship, beating Otis Ruth of Boulder City in

the 144-pound championship match by a 15-0 decision. McCullar won his second consecutive title by beating Hagen Robinson of Elko, 7-4, in the 175-pound championship match.

Pritchard said he was confident going into the state tournament because he had beaten most of the same opponents multiple times before.

"It was just more stressful, just getting the job done, not getting caught or anything like that," he said. "I never really had a tough match."

McCullar had lost to Robinson in the regional tournament the previous weekend.

"It was a super big upset. I was super bummed," McCullar said of that



Fernley's Nathan Pritchard tries to turn an opponent during the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Winnemucca last week.

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Fernley's Riley McCullar takes a moment of reflection during the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Winnemucca last week.

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regional loss to Robinson. "But I go to Gold Rush in Reno and I went ever day and I fixed what I did wrong and I was able to do the job winning the final. I was super excited to get it done."

Archie Mendez placed second at 106 pounds, Isaid Solis took second at 150 pounds and Jayse Jones came in second at 157 pounds, while Calvin Bacon was third in the 285-pound class.

As a team, Fernley scored 112 points to place second behind Lowry, which won the team championship with 154

points. Elko was third with 103 points.

Bronwynn Garrett led the girls by finishing in third place in the 100-pound class and became the third girl in program history to reach 50 wins for her career.

All of the girls teams competed in one division, with Fernley's total of 16.5 points placing 19th out of 45 teams that had a wrestler qualify for the meet.

"I just want to thank everyone for all the continued support," Jake McCullar said.

Cold spell costs Fernley girls in State semifinal loss

By Robert Perea



Fernley's Irene Brown throws a pass behind Virgin Valley's Mady Wright during last Friday's 3A State semifinal game in Fernley. Photo by John Baker

Going more than eight minutes without a basket put the Fernley High School girls basketball in a big hole in last Friday's 3A State semifinal game against Virgin Valley.

A fourth quarter comeback wasn't quite enough to climb out of it.

For the second consecutive season, the Vaqueros were unable to overcome a large deficit against Virgin Valley in the 3A State semifinals, falling short of reaching the state tournament with a 76-65 loss. The Vaqueros got back within eight late in the game after trailing by as much as 63-35 in the third quarter. Last year they lost 56-52 to the Bulldogs in the State semifinals after coming back from a 17-point deficit.

The Vaqueros ended the season with a 26-5 record.

"I couldn't be prouder what the girls accomplished this year and the effort they gave the second half being down by so many," Fernley coach Ralph Dunn said. "It's not the way we wanted our season to end, but what a season we had."

The game got away from the Vaqueros in the second quarter. After

a basket by Taylor Tollestrup tied the game with 3:42 left in the first quarter, the Vaqueros didn't make another basket until there was 2:59 left in the second quarter, a stretch of 8 minutes, 43 seconds. In between, they scored just three free throws, but didn't score at all for 6 minutes, 30 seconds.

By that time, Virgin Valley had built its lead to 34-14 and pushed that to 50-25 at halftime.

"We just had too many turnovers," Dunn said. "That's been haunting us all year long and not scoring for an 8-minute stretch also contributed to the loss."

Tollestrup scored 21 points for the Vaqueros, while Justice Martell-Artiaga added 19 and Zaelynn Wasson pitched in with 14.

Dunn also said the experience of playing at home was special.

"What a great tournament we hosted," he said. "It was a really nice atmosphere, and the gym was jammed packed both days. On behalf of the coaching staff and girls basketball teams, I would really like to thank the community for all the support they've shown for the program. It was so awesome."

Food for thought



Skillet Peach Crumble

By Sherry Perea

Enjoy this skillet peach crumble as a breakfast delight or a quick and indulgent desert with peaches and cinnamon meld together for a spicy, rich and fruity flavor, then balanced out with the creamy mascarpone topping. Tangy and sweet yet spicy and creamy, this recipe gives big taste when you're short on time.

Ingredients

- 4-6 Peeled and sliced peaches
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 Tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 Tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of ground cloves
- Pinch of nutmeg

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

Instructions

1. In a medium cast iron skillet melt butter.
2. Add peaches, sugar, cinnamon, ground cloves, nutmeg and vanilla extract to melted butter.
3. Bring to a simmer, then let simmer for about 5 minutes or until peaches are lightly cooked.
4. Add oatmeal topping and cook until topping is crisp.
5. Remove from heat and let cool.
6. Top with mascarpone topping and serve.

Oat Topping

- 1 Cup rolled oats
- 1/3 Cup brown sugar
- 1/4 Cup flour
- 2 Tbsp ground or finely chopped nuts of your choice
- 4 Tbsp butter

Instructions

1. In medium bowl mix oats, brown sugar, flour and nuts.
2. Cut butter into 4 pieces and mix into oat-flour mixture until it's crumbly.

Cream Topping

- 1 Cup mascarpone
- 1 Tsp Torani vanilla bean syrup (honey or maple syrup can be substituted if you prefer)
- 1/4 Tsp vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Add mascarpone to a small or medium sized bowl.
2. Add vanilla bean syrup and vanilla extract
3. Mix until syrup and vanilla is mixed in well and the texture is smooth.

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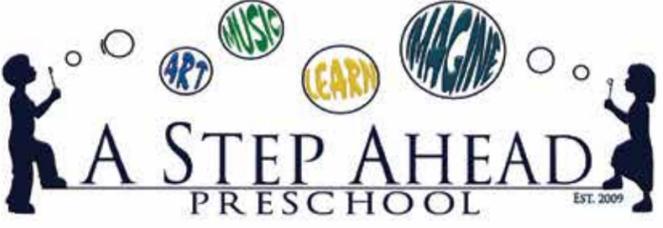
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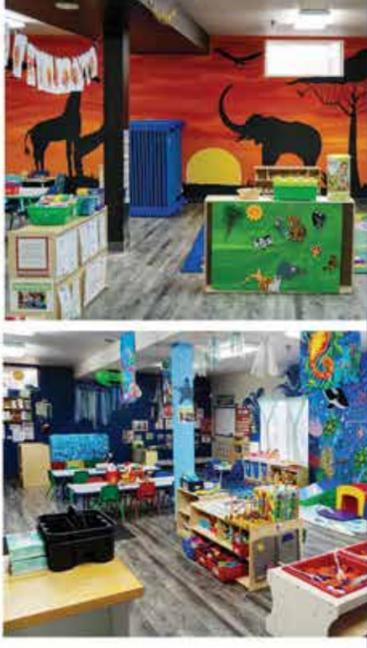
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