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North Lyon Fire increasingly relying on air transport during peak traffic hours

By Robert Perea

With westbound traffic on Interstate 80 routinely backing up for several hours each afternoon, the North Lyon County Fire Protection District has begun relying on rotor aircraft to transport critical patients to Reno hospitals during the afternoon.

“If it’s between 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., we’re now electing to use rotor aircraft because we can get them there quicker than the four-hour round trip,” Fire Chief Brian Bunn said.

The district began using air transport more regularly about three months ago and has been averaging about one flight every three days, Bunn said. The decision to fly is based on patient condition, traffic conditions, and the ability to meet what

emergency responders call the “golden hour,” the critical window for treating traumatic injuries and severe medical conditions.

Even under ideal conditions, the drive to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno takes about 45 minutes, but Bunn said multiple times it took up to two hours for the district’s ambulance to get to Renown and four hours to make the round trip.

While even under ideal circumstances a helicopter would be called for a critical priority one call, where a patient is in immediate danger of dying, the district is now using air transport during times of heavy traffic for less critical priority two calls.

“We struggle, even if traffic is clear,

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North Lyon County Fire Protection District Chief Brian Bunn watches a helicopter from Battle Born Medevac land behind the fire station to transport a patient. The fire district is increasingly using air transport to Reno hospitals during times of heavy traffic on Interstate 80. Photo courtesy of North Lyon Fire

Nevada Marks National Rural Health Day *Local Leaders Push for Stronger Frontier Healthcare*

By Leanna Lehman

Nevada’s rural communities will join the national observance of National Rural Health Day on Thursday, Nov. 20, recognizing both the work being done and the challenges that still shape healthcare across one of the most rural states in the country. Created in 2011 by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the observance highlights the needs of the nearly 61 million Americans living outside major metropolitan areas, including residents in Nevada’s mining towns, farming regions and frontier counties.

Access to care remains a pressing issue in many of these communities. Long drives to medical offices, limited provider availability and strained local resources affect how residents seek and receive care. Routine medical needs often require a drive to Fallon or Fernley for those in outlying communities, and specialty care often means trips to Reno, Las Vegas, or into California. Winter weather, aging populations, heavy work demands in agriculture and mining, and a lack of transportation add to these challenges.

One of the most significant developments in recent years has been the creation of the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), headquartered in



National Rural Health Day, courtesy of National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

Fallon and serving Churchill, Mineral, Pershing, and Eureka counties. These counties partnered to develop a local public health structure designed around the state’s vast geography, limited services, and the need for decisions to be made close to home.

CNDH District Health Officer Dr. Tedd McDonald brings more than 27 years of medical experience to this work and has long been part of rural Nevada’s healthcare landscape. “I

served as Churchill County Health Officer for 13 years before becoming District Health Officer,” McDonald said. In Fallon, he practiced as an optometrist for 12 years and as an obstetrician-gynecologist. He also served as chief medical officer and medical director for Banner Churchill Hospital and Banner Rural Clinics. He later worked as chief medical officer and Community Health Officer for a Federally Qualified Health Center in

rural Oregon. CNHD, the first health district established in what is considered a frontier region of the state, was founded on the belief that local leaders best understood their residents’ needs. McDonald explained that the district received waivers from state service assessments, and member communities developed a work plan for environmental, epidemiological, clinical, and emergency planning services. The Nevada State Board of Health approved the plan in December 2022, and by July 2023, the district began delivering services directly to the public. “Its success has relied on open conversation, patience, and meeting people where they live and work,” McDonald said.

An integral part of the district’s long-term strategy is addressing the chronic shortage of primary-care physicians and specialists across rural Nevada. McDonald described a major collaborative effort to create a Rural Training Track family medicine residency program in Fallon. Renown Health, the University of Nevada School of Medicine’s Department of Rural Education, Banner Churchill Community Hospital, and Banner Rural Health Clinics all agreed to serve as

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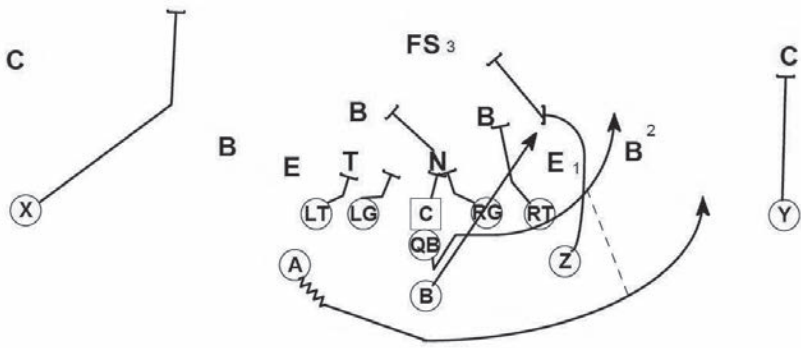
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Mile markers and rain

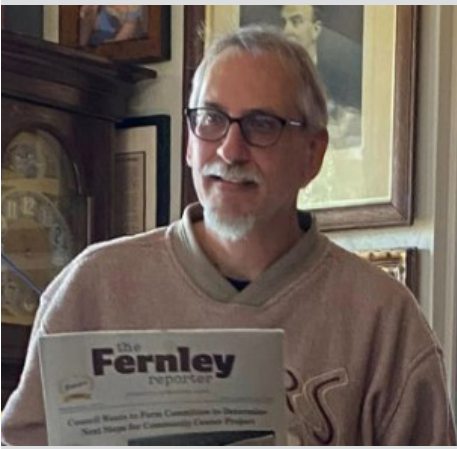
Driving south through Nevada, the road insists on its own rhythm. Long stretches of sagebrush and sand, punctuated by the occasional gas station or faded billboard, remind you that distance here is measured less in miles than in patience.

I made that trip south last Friday and back on Saturday night for Fallon's 3A state semifinal football game against Virgin Valley in Mesquite. Driving alone through Nevada gives you plenty of time to think. The miles stretch out like sentences in a long editorial, each one carrying you forward but leaving room for digression. I took Highway 6 out of Tonopah, then 375 and 93 through Rachel and Alamo before onto Interstate 15, a stretch I'd heard and read a lot about, but never been on.

I found myself counting not just the mile markers but the milestones of the past year. The Fernley Reporter's 52 issues, the city's preparations for its upcoming 25th annual celebration leading up to the Fourth of July, and of course, the game I was there to see.

And then, of course, it rained. A little bit on the way there, then a lot on the way home. There's a particular irony in watching drops streak across the windshield while driving through terrain that is supposed to be a place of dust and mirage, not puddles and wipers. Yet there I was, navigating slick pavement under a gray sky, reminded that even the most predictable landscapes can surprise you.

You pass through towns that don't make headlines but hold histories and folklore. I'd already passed the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel before I realized



ROBERT PEREA

what it was, even though I was looking for it. Being rural Nevada, when I saw the little white building off the right side of the road, I thought it was a brothel until I got a quick glimpse of the sign as I went by.

Stopping at the Sinclair station in Alamo on the way home, in the middle of a downpour, I got a glimpse of life in such an isolated place. A group of teenagers dressed for a rodeo was hanging out inside, while a young couple with a baby was buying a gallon of ice cream. I pictured a quiet night at home with a movie or two as a respite from a hard-working week.

I spent the night Friday at a friend's home in Overton before heading to Mesquite for the game on Saturday. Having been in the broadcast booth the past three seasons, it felt strange to be on the sideline with a camera and notebook. I hadn't forgotten how difficult it is to keep track of what's happening on the field when you're only seeing a slice of it through the camera lens, but I felt

a lot rustier than I expected. I also kept wondering throughout the game, how would Fernley do against Virgin Valley if it had been able to pull out the previous week's game against Fallon. I'm not sure they would have won, but they'd have had a chance. That's the lesson the road kept offering. In Nevada, the landscape doesn't promise victories, only miles. The desert is supposed to be predictable in its dryness, but the rain reminds you that you just have to keep driving.

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

America’s Field Trip

Nationwide Student Contest Celebrates 250 Years of Independence

By Lori Kaiser

America250, the official nonpartisan organization created by Congress to plan the nation’s Semi quincennial, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, has launched America’s Field Trip, a nationwide contest for students in grades 3 through 12.

The initiative invites young people across the country to reflect on what America means to them, with a chance to earn an unforgettable field trip to one of 16 historic or cultural landmarks, including Mount Rushmore, the National Archives Museum, the Kennedy Space Center, and Yellowstone National Park.

A total of 125 first-place winners, along with one chaperone each, will receive a fully funded educational excursion to a selected American site. The three-day, two-night trips will take place in July and August 2026.

Another 125 second-place honorees will receive a \$500 monetary award, and three educators will be recognized with \$1,000 each. All awardees will be notified in late April 2026.

Students must respond individually to the prompt “What does America mean to you?” through either artwork or a written submission. Acceptable for-

mat include physical artwork (uploaded as a high-resolution photo), digital artwork, or written responses. All work must be created independently; group submissions are not allowed.

For students under 18, entries must be submitted by a teacher, parent, or legal guardian using the official application portal at America250.org/FieldTrip/Application. Teachers submitting on behalf of a student must obtain written permission from a parent or guardian, which may be provided via email, text message, or the official permission-slip form.

Entries will be judged by a panel of current and former educators using the following criteria: Student Voice (50%), Clarity of Idea (25%), and Presentation (25%).

Key dates:

- Entry deadline: Monday, March 30, 2026, by 5 p.m. PT / 8 p.m. ET
- Notification of awardees: Late April 2026
- Field trips: July and August 2026

Full contest details, official rules, and resources—including submission guidelines, classroom activities, and Spanish-language materials—are available at America250.org/FieldTrip.

What is America 250?

Three national initiatives mark the 250th anniversary of independence

By Lori Kaiser

In 2016, Congress created the U.S. Semiquincennial Commission to plan the nation’s 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, signed July 4, 1776. Working along-side the commission, America250.org is leading efforts to shape what’s expected to be the largest anniversary observance in U.S. history.

The organization oversees three major initiatives:

Our American Story

A nationwide effort to preserve the voices of everyday Americans by collecting the largest-ever audiovisual archive of “unsung champions.” Anyone can nominate a living person whose story deserves to be recorded using a simple form at America250.org.

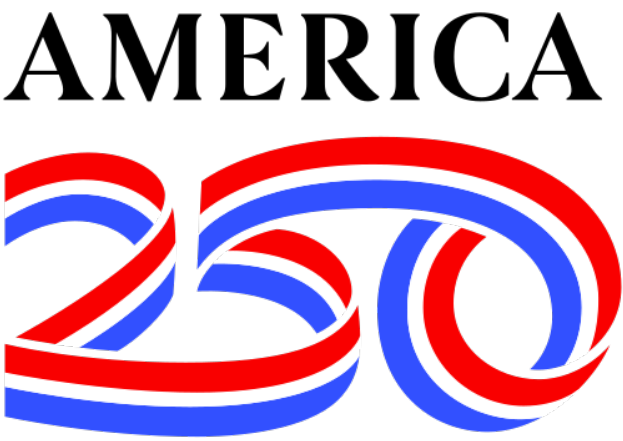
America’s Field Trip

A multi-year contest inviting students in grades 3–12 to respond to themed prompts for a chance to earn behind-the-scenes field trips to iconic sites such as Mount Rushmore, the National Archives Museum, the Kennedy Space Center, and Yellowstone National Park.

America Gives

A volunteerism campaign challenging businesses, schools, youth groups, and community organizations to increase service activities beginning January 1, 2026. The goal is to spark a nationwide culture of giving back that extends well beyond the anniversary year.

For more information on all three initiatives, visit America250.org.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Club of Fernley sponsoring
free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

By Robert Perea

The Rotary Club of Fernley will be serving the 14th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Wigwam from 1-3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

In addition, they will be making home deliveries from 1-2:30 p.m. for those who sign up to receive a dinner.

The event is put on completely by volunteers, and even though the venue will be the Wigwam, the dinner and desserts are all donated and prepared by volunteers. The dinner is open to all members of the community, regardless of income.

In addition, dinners will be delivered to home-bound residents who request it. Dinners will be delivered from 1-2:30 p.m. Deliveries can also be arranged by calling Roy Edgington at (775) 790-5655 or William Shattuck at (775) 671-7722.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare meals, pack them up for delivery

and to deliver the meals. It is preferred that meals be delivered by teams of two people.

Volunteers will help cook turkeys and side dishes, seat patrons as they arrive at the Wigwam, help serve meals and help clean up afterward. The Wigwam facility will be open only for the Thanksgiving dinner and its regular menu will not be available.

The Rotary Club is looking for donations of canned goods and other side dishes, as well as pies and desserts. The club is also asking for monetary donations to help pay for supplies and to help pay the additional cost of paying Wigwam staff for helping with this year's event.

"We want to thank Victor (Serna) and his staff at the Wigwam for stepping up," Edgington said.

To arrange a donation or volunteer to help, contact Roy at (775) 790-5655 or William at (775) 671-7722.



Boys & Girls Club Area Director Oscar Aguilar helps pack up deliveries for the 2024 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Photo by Robert Perea

LCSO gearing up for Shop with a Sheriff event



Staff Report

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is beginning preparations for the annual Shop with a Sheriff event.

Shop With a Sheriff allows under-privileged kids from around the county to Christmas shop with a deputy from the sheriff's office. This year's event will be held Dec. 13 at the Fernley Walmart, which has hosted the event every year since it began.

The program is funded entirely through donations and community sponsorships, including fundraisers hosted by the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Brad Pope said LCSO has established a charity account that funds all of the items given out at community events, including the Lyon County Fair, Fourth of July events, Halloween community events, Christmas events and Shop with a Sheriff.

For Shop with a Sheriff, the Sheriff's Office provides each child with \$300 and pairs that child with a deputy or other first responder to shop for Christmas presents for themselves and their families. Pope said the goal is to provide the program for 40 children from around the county, which requires them to raise \$12,000.

Donations can be made at any LCSO substation in the county. To participate in the program or submit a child's name for consideration, contact Jenna Dykes at the Lyon County Human Services Office at (775) 577-5009 or in person at the Lyon County Human Services Office at 620 Lake Street in Silver Springs.

Lyon County Sheriff's deputies and Volunteers in Policing participate in the 2024 Shop with a Sheriff event. Photo courtesy of Lyon County Sheriff's Office

Rural DMV offices move to appointment - only service

Staff Report

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles announced that its rural offices in Elko, Fallon, Mesquite, and Yerington are now operating by appointment only.

DMV Director Tonya Laney said the change follows the success of scheduled service in the state's larger metropolitan offices. "We are slowly shifting each rural office to appointment-only to ensure customers can plan

ahead, avoid long waits, and receive the same consistent level of service," Laney said.

Appointments can be made only one day in advance, a policy the DMV says helps prevent offices from becoming over-booked.

The agency is encouraging residents to plan early and schedule ahead, reminding customers not to wait until the last minute for available time slots.

Appointments can be made online at dmv.nv.gov.



Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles



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Carrots

Thursday, Nov. 27

– Center Closed
for Thanksgiving –

Friday, Nov. 28

– Center Closed
for Family Day –

NEWS

Fencing, landscaping work begins on Polaris Plaza

By Robert Perea

Since the first donation was made in 2020, Polaris Plaza has been imagined as a sort of a front porch to what has become the Fernley Community Response and Resource Center.

Work toward that vision took a big step forward last week with the beginning of fencing and landscaping on the area.

Polaris Industries donated \$100,000 to the Fernley Community Foundation in 2020, at the time the second biggest donation in the city's history, behind the \$3 million donated by the William Pennington Foundation to build the Fernley Senior Center.

Polaris Plaza is the space directly

east of the historic Fernley Depot on Main St. and north of the CRRC building on Lois Ln.

All Out Fencing installed the fencing on Nov. 7, and on Nov. 12, several Lowe's employees helped begin installing landscaping. Lowe's donated \$2,000 in materials for the landscaping. Walmart also donated \$5,000 to the Fernley Community Foundation for the project.

Fernley Community Foundation Board Member Tina Kostrzeski and Chairman Cody Wagner and Rotary Club of Fernley Past President William Shattuck also participated.

Wagner said they hope to have the work on the project completed by Spring 2026.



Fernley Community Foundation Board member Tina Kostrzeski (left) and Chairman Cody Wagner (right) were joined by Lowe's employees to start installing landscaping in Polaris Plaza. Photo courtesy of the Fernley Community Foundation

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educational sponsors, each bringing experience in rural medical education. Consultants assessed the financial model, teaching capacity, and resources needed to sustain the program. A Fallon Rural Family Medicine Residency Development Steering Committee was formed, and the program's first cohort is expected in 2026. McDonald said the residency represents a signif-

icant step toward building long-term, sustainable healthcare solutions for small communities.

The focus on rural healthcare comes as the state pursues support for its remote regions. On Nov. 3, Governor Joe Lombardo and the Nevada Health Authority submitted the state's application for up to \$200 million a year in federal funding through the Rural Health Transformation Program, a \$50 billion national initiative

created under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. If awarded, the funds would support projects such as improving chronic disease management, modernizing clinics and hospitals, expanding the use of technology, and strengthening the rural healthcare workforce, beginning in 2026.

Together, the state's application and the work underway in districts such as CNHD reflect a broader effort to improve care across rural

Nevada. Access to reliable, local healthcare remains central to economic stability and quality of life. National Rural Health Day recognizes both the challenges and the ongoing work of local health teams, public health officials, and community partners committed to serving rural Nevadans.

More information about National Rural Health Day is available at PowerOfRural.org.

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to meet that golden hour," Bunn said. "We get on scene, we have to evaluate the patient. Sometimes it's a load and go and we'll throw them in the car in five minutes and do most of it en route, because we're trying to get there in time."

In June, the fire district's Board of Directors approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Battle Born Medevac, which is based at South Lyon Medical Center in Yerington. Under the terms outlined in the MOU,

Battle Born Medevac will automatically launch their helicopter when North Lyon Fire is dispatched to critical priority one medical calls unless it is already on another call.

If Battle Born Medevac is not available, then Lyon County dispatch will call Care Flight or REACH Air Medical Services, which is stationed at Stellar Aviation at the Reno-Tahoe Airport.

There is no cost to Lyon County residents for air transport by Battle Born Medevac. In May, Battle Born Medevac announced a sponsorship in which SB Energy fully funded a mem-

bership for every resident of Lyon and Mineral counties for the next three years. The company said that means any medically necessary air transport is fully covered with zero out-of-pocket costs, through May 31, 2029. That agreement does not apply to any other medical transport service.

In most cases, the patient is transported from the call site back to the station to meet the helicopter. The district has put in a windsock to help pilots judge wind conditions on the ground, and when possible, North Lyon firefighters spray the ground

with water to keep the dust down.

"We try to bring them back here because it's a safer place to land, unless it's a really hot patient, then we'll park them right in the street," Bunn said.

The increased use of air transport comes at a cost for the fire district in the potential of lost revenue from ambulance transports, but Bunn said it is driven by urgency, not economics.

"We lose revenue by doing this, but as much as we need to be revenue driven to maintain operations, life comes before a dollar," he said.

Fernley Church Directory

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gbcfernley.org

Fernley First Baptist Church
485 E. Main Street

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
290 N. West Street

Living Faith Church
110 Center Street

Crosswinds Assembly of God
3015 Farm District Road

Calvary Chapel
875 Fremont Street

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625 Desert Shadows Lane

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Next meeting December 3
- Fernley Planning Commission**
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting December 10
- Fernley Senior Citizen
Advisory Committee**
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting December 12
- Lyon County Commission**
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting December 4
- Lyon County Planning Commission**
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting December 9
- Lyon County Library
Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting November 25
- Lyon County School District
Board of Trustees**
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting December 16
(3rd Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas Holiday)
- North Lyon County Fire Protection
District Board of Trustees**
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
195 E. Main St.
Next meeting December 11
- Fernley Swimming Pool General
Improvement District**
3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m.
Next meeting December 16

City of Fernley celebrates business expansion with ribbon cutting ceremonies



Grand re-opening of Bliss Beauty Boutique November 14th, 2025
Photo courtesy of City of Fernley



Mayor Neal McIntyre and Councilmembers Joe Mendoza and Ryan Hanan at the Panda Express ribbon cutting ceremony.
Photo courtesy of City of Fernley

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GOVERNMENT

NDOT, Nevada State Police and partners promote Crash Responder Safety Week

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The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Nevada State Police, and partner agencies are reminding drivers to slow down and move over for traffic incident responders during national Crash Responder Safety Week, Nov. 17–21.

The safety campaign is part of a national effort to raise awareness of the dangers faced by traffic incident responders and the importance of Nevada’s “Move Over” law. The law requires drivers to slow down, proceed with caution, and move over when possible when approaching emergency response vehicles, NDOT vehicles, tow trucks, and other vehicles displaying flashing lights on Nevada roadsides.

“Every day, responders risk their lives to help others on our roadways,” NDOT Director Kristina Swallow said. “We ask all drivers to do their part to keep responders safe by slowing down and moving over.”

Traffic incidents are a leading cause of death for emergency responders nationwide. According to the Emergency Responder Safety Institute, a responder is struck and killed approximately every 30 days while helping at a roadside incident.

To honor responders lost in the line of duty, NDOT has placed memorial signs on Nevada highways for Trooper Alberto Felix and Sgt. Michael Abbate, who were killed in a roadside crash in 2023.

Crash Responder Safety Week also highlights the role of NDOT’s Traffic Management Center, which helps monitor and respond to incidents on Nevada roads. The center coordinates



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with law enforcement, fire departments, and tow operators to quickly clear crashes and reduce secondary incidents.

NDOT encourages drivers to:

- Stay alert and avoid distractions
- Slow down when approaching flashing lights
- Move over one lane when safe to do so
- Follow posted speed limits and traffic signs

For more information on Crash Responder Safety Week and Nevada’s Move Over law, visit www.dot.nv.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 25CV468655

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Jason Donald Burnett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Jason Donald Burnett Proposed name: Jason Donald McCullah

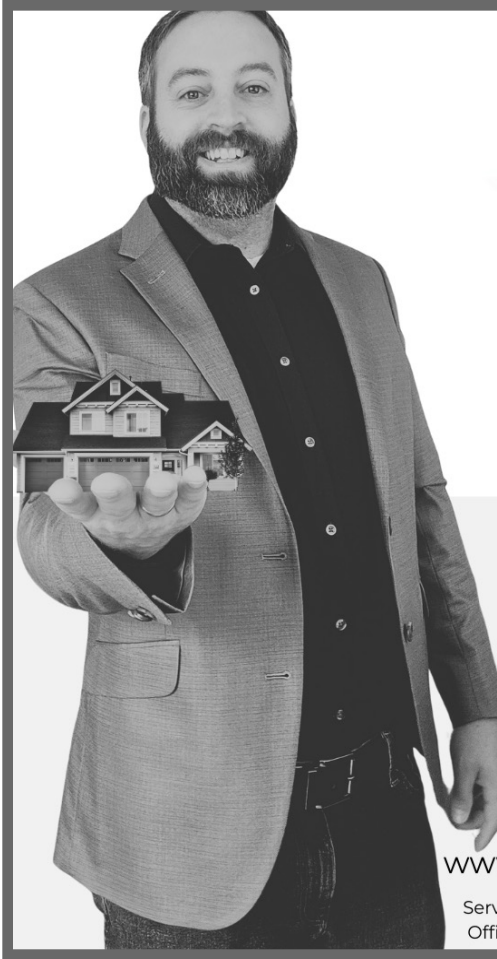
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: DEC. 16, 2025 Time: 8:45 a.m. Dept: Room: Probate. The address of the court is: Santa Clara Superior Court 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation.

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Reckless Driving – Disregard Personal/Property Safety (1st); Resist Public Officer

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ANDREW ROBERTS – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$69,820.00, Charges: Criminal Contempt (3 counts); Resist Public Officer

AMBER BAKER – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$6,100.00, Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation (2 counts)

NATHAN CONWAY – Area: LYSO, Bail Amount: \$4,075.00, Charges: DUI (2nd); Drive with Suspended Driver's License; Assist Other Agency – Hold; Rear License Plate Lamp Violation

DONNA MORENO – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$755.00, Charges: Drive with Revoked Driver's License; Civil – Rear License Plate Lamp Violation

JAMES GOCHNAUER – Area: Mason Valley, Bail Amount: \$150,000.00, Charges: Child Abuse or Neglect (1st)

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JIMMY KILLAM – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$11,140.00, Charges: Grand Larceny of Motor Vehicle (1st Offense); Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia

ALEC KERN – Area: Dayton, Bail Amount: \$755.00, Charges: Non-Resident Drive When Privilege Suspended/Revoked/Cancelled; Resident with Non-NV Driver's License

KEIAYLA LEE – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: Resist Public Officer

ETHAN JONTE – Area: Fernley, Bail Amount: \$1,140.00, Charges: DUI (1st)

Lau battery case sent back to Fernley Municipal Court



Fernley Municipal Court

By Robert Perea

During the pretrial hearing for the battery charge against Fernley City Councilman Stan Lau in Walker River Justice Court scheduled for Nov. 13, the case was referred back to Fernley Municipal Court.

The original arraignment hearing on Sept. 15 was vacated and the case was transferred from Fernley Municipal Court to

Walker River Justice Court.

Lau appeared for arraignment in Walker River Justice Court on Sept. 17, where Justice of the Peace Pete Spinuzzi entered a plea of not guilty on Lau's behalf and set a pretrial hearing. However, at the Nov. 13 pretrial hearing, it was determined that the case does not meet the requirements for transfer and the case was sent back to Fernley Municipal Court.

A hearing date in Fernley Municipal Court has not yet been scheduled.

Lau is charged with misdemeanor battery and destroying or injuring personal property of another stemming from an altercation with a construction worker on Aug. 18. Lau was arrested on a citizen's arrest after a construction worker said Lau knocked his sunglasses off his face and then punched him.

Sentencing for Aboytes Saavedra set Feb. 23 in kidnapping, assault cases

By Robert Perea

Sentencing has been set for Feb. 23 for the man charged with kidnapping and beating three youths last May.

Guillermo Aboytes Saavedra pleaded guilty to three counts of first degree kidnapping in Third Judicial District Court on Oct. 20. At the same hearing, Guillermo Aboytes Saavedra also pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in a separate case.

At that hearing, District Court Judge Leon Aberasturi said he would order a pre-sentence investigation and then have his staff contact Saavedra's attorneys, Patrick Mansfield and Massey Mayo, as well as the district attorney's office, to set a sentencing date.

Saavedra was arrested May 6 after Lyon County Sheriff's deputies received a call from someone who

said her brother had texted her that someone was threatening to kill him. Deputies pinged the youth's phone and eventually found three youths in the crawl space of a house on Johnson Ct.

LCSO said the youths had been playing on the swings at the park located off Cory Way when Saavedra approached and threatened them. They charged that he then forced them to walk to the home on Johnson Ct., where he beat them before forcing them into the crawl space.

At the Oct. 20 arraignment hearing, Aberasturi read the allegations against Saavedra listed in each count and asked Saavedra if he committed the acts described. Saavedra 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 the

home on Johnson Ct.

In the assault case, Saavedra was arrested Jan. 28. Court documents allege that he attempted to use physical force against another person and intentionally placed that person in reasonable apprehension of immediate bodily harm by chasing him with a knife. In pleading guilty, Saavedra admitted to that charge.

For the kidnapping charges, Saavedra faces possible sentences of life in prison with the possibility of parole after five years, or a definite term of 15 years with the possibility of parole after five years. The assault with a deadly weapon charge carries a sentence of a minimum of one year to maximum of six years in prison and a fine up to maximum of \$5,000. Aberasturi told Saavedra the sentences could be imposed either consecutively or concurrently.



Guillermo Aboytes Saavedra
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SPORTS

Fernley boys return senior-heavy roster in quest for State title

By Robert Perea

After losing in the 3A State Championship game last year, the Fernley High School boys basketball team has nine seniors returning to take another run

at a state title. The Vaqueros return four starters from last year's team, including the two best players in the league in Sheldon Jacobson and Bryce Stephens. Jacobson was the Northern 3A East MVP



Fernley's Bryce Stephens, shown here taking a shot in a game against Hug last season, is one of nine players returning from last year's team that reached the 3A State Championship game. Photo by Robert Perea

last season, averaging 15.6 points, 6.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game, while Stephens averaged 15.2 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists. They're joined by returning starters Michael Fitzgerald and Bodie Parsons, along with fellow seniors Andrew Peterson, Joey Machado, Nolan Berreman, Skyler Ledesma-James and Leland Ketelaar. The newcomers, Vance Swindlehurst, who played in four varsity games last year, Jonas Adams and Kenan Foster all played on the JV team last season. "When you return so many guys, in some ways it feels like picking up where we left off," coach Cade Knutson said. "The nice part about this year is lot of stuff we will do, our guys already know." Fitzgerald and Berreman contribute outside shooting and Knutson said they are both one year bigger and stronger. Ketelaar played over the summer on the same with Stephens and Jacobson and Knutson said he's taken massive step in his development. Ledesma-James finished last season strong, and Knutson expects him to have a big year, while Parsons brings a physical presence inside. The Vaqueros held tryouts last Saturday, then began practice in earnest this week. They open the season at Reno High on Nov. 29. The nonleague schedule includes difficult games against Reno, Bishop Manogue and Spanish Springs, the Legacy Classic in Las Vegas starting Dec. 4 that includes Southern 4A and 5A powers like leg-

acy, Sierra Vista, Mojave and Rancho. Over Christmas Break, the Vaqueros will play in the Torrey Pines Classic in San Diego, which features 100 teams in five divisions. "We're trying to be more process oriented not outcome oriented," Knutson said. "I'd rather lose to Rancho, Mojave or Bishop Manogue by 20 than beat a 2A team by 35. Which one is going to make you better?" One big change this year is the addition of a 35-second shot clock, which will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound. Knutson doesn't expect it to affect the Vaqueros much offensively, but he said it presents some opportunities defensively. "I don't think we would have had any shot clock violations last year, if we did it would have been less than five," he said. "Coaching is going to matter, the ability to get a quality shot late in the clock, and we can be unique defensively how we attack now." Knutson said the first week and a half of practice will be instilling what the Vaqueros want to do offensively and defensively, and from then on practices will be more focused on preparing for upcoming opponents. With a deep and experienced roster, Knutson said he expects everyone on the team to be improved from last year and multiple players capable of stepping up to make a difference game to game. "Our motto is 'Sometimes You, Sometimes Me, Always Together,'" Knutson said.

Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Texas French Toast

Golden, buttery and delicious, Texas French toast is a tasty way to start your morning. With just a touch of crispiness and wrapped in warm cinnamon flavor, Texas French Toast is perfect topped with peaches, strawberries or blueberries, or simply served with warm butter and drizzled in your favorite syrup.

Ingredients

- 2/3 Cup milk
- 1 Egg
- 1/8 Cup sugar
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 Teaspoons cinnamon
- 6-8 Slices Texas Toast

Instructions

1. Warm a non-stick griddle or buttered cast iron pan.
2. Combine milk, eggs, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon in a bowl and whisk until combined.
3. Quickly dunk each slice of Texas toast into the batter mixture until both sides are coated
4. Fry over medium-low heat about 5 minutes per side, until golden brown and slightly crispy.
5. Top with fruit as desired or enjoy with butter and your favorite syrup.

Enjoy!



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

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SPORTS

Vaqueros expect to stay in the mix atop Northern 3A

By Robert Perea

With six players returning, including four starters back from last season, the Fernley High School girls basketball team enters the season with the expectation of being one of the top teams in the Northern 3A.

All six of those returners saw regular playing time last season, led by Taylor Tollestrup, who was second in the Northern 3A East in both scoring and rebounding and first in blocked shots. Tollestrup averaged 17.6 points, 9.9 rebounds and 4.9 blocks last season, and her height and athletic ability caused matchup problems for every team the Vaqueros faced.

Tollestrup received first team All-League and All-State honors. She's joined by Justice Martell-Artiaga, who was first team All-League and Laura Rosales, who received All-League honorable mention last year. Also returning are Irene Brown, Sophie Mossner and Tatiana Velazquez.

"We should be very competitive in our league," coach Ralph Dunn said.

Dunn pegged Fallon, which won the regional title last season and returns most of its key players, as the league favorite.

Dunn said he is interested to see how the new 35-second shot clock, which will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound, will impact the game.

"We always got up shots fairly fast, so not sure if that plays a factor in our game, maybe just in the closing seconds," he said. "We will have to adjust defensively as coaches, and we will have to pay more attention to the clock or be more aware of it."

"Conditioning will be a big factor at the beginning of the season, something we will work on," Dunn added.

The Vaqueros open the season Dec. 1 with a home game against Reed starting a busy first week. They will play the new Debbie Smith CTE Academy on Dec. 2 and play in a tournament in Spanish Springs Dec. 4-6. They also have nonleague games against Damonte Ranch, Galena and play in a tournament at Hug before starting league play Jan. 2.



Fernley's Taylor Tollestrup, shown putting up a shot against Pyramid Lake last season, leads six returning players for the Fernley High School girls basketball team. Photo by Robert Perea

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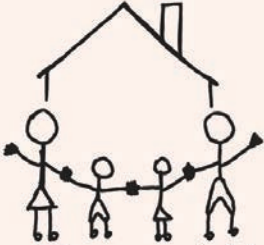


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