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## Roundabout tops list of concerns presented in corridor study

By Robert Perea

The most common complaint offered during any conversation about traffic in Fernley is about the roundabout. The same goes for a poll conducted by the engineering firm Wood Rodgers as part of the Fernley Corridor Action Plan Study, being jointly conducted by the city of Fernley and the Nevada Department of Transportation, and during a workshop held Aug. 7 at the Fernley Senior Center to hear community feedback on the corridor study.

Representatives of Wood Rodgers were on hand to gather feedback from the community at the workshop, which Wood Rodgers Community Outreach Manager Kyle Kubovchik said will be compiled and presented at a community meeting sometime this winter.

Some residents attending the workshop were disappointed that no representatives of NDOT were at the meeting and that there was no presentation on the project. Instead, representatives of Wood Rodgers, which is conducting the study on behalf of NDOT, milled around the room talking with residents who came with questions or suggestions, compiling many of them on sticky notes.

“Next time we’ll be talking about it,” Kubovchik said.

As of the time of the Aug. 7 meeting, Kubovchik said there were a little

more than 210 responses to the survey, which will remain open at Fernley.woodpolls.com until at least the end of next week.

“The next step is we’ll take all the feedback we got in the survey, we’ll summarize it, sift through it all, and all these little comments that people mark on here – those all get documented,” Kubovchik said. “And then we add that to analysis that we’re doing of existing problems, safety and traffic and those things, and then start identifying our long list of issues that we need to address and start developing solutions for them.”

The Fernley Corridor Action Plan is studying three of the main traffic corridors in the city – Main Street from Exit 46 to Exit 48, including the roundabout; Farm District Road from the roundabout to the intersection of U.S. 50A; and U.S. 95A from Main Street to Royal Oaks Drive.

Kubovchik said after the feedback is presented, the next step is to come back to the public with an initial set of alternatives for each of the corridors in the study. That could include everything from speed limits to traffic signals.

“It’s mostly going to focus on infrastructure projects that could then get programmed, and then try to seek funding based on a prioritized list,” he said. “So, if it’s as simple as maybe



The Fernley roundabout is the top traffic concern of many Fernley residents. Photo courtesy of Nevada Department of Transportation

changing some phasing at a signal or speed limits, we identify those early actions too.”

Aside from the fact that the roundabout exists at all, Kubovchik said queuing is the biggest issue the survey has revealed.

“One of the issues you have here is you have a lot of left turns,” he said. “Anytime you have a vehicle make a left turn through a roundabout, it increases the saturation of that roundabout.”

Fernley Senior Planner Alisa Johansson said the most specific problem with the roundabout is north-south traffic not allowing east-west traffic to

get through.

“The way the roundabout was designed, the number of lanes and also we believe potentially the radius could contribute to certain lanes of traffic not naturally having gaps in it, which would allow the other vehicles to enter the roundabout,” she said. “One of the things I’ve observed is that if you are going north-south, there could sometimes be an unbroken line of cars that goes through that doesn’t allow the east-west folks to break into that line.”

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## Sheriff refutes Justice Department label of Nevada as sanctuary state

By Robert Perea

During his weekly social media message posted Aug. 8, Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope refuted Nevada’s inclusion on a list of sanctuary states.

On Aug. 5, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published a list of states, cities and counties it identified as having policies, laws or regulations that impede enforcement of federal immigration laws. In April, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing the DOJ to publish a list of jurisdictions it identified as “sanctuary jurisdictions.” Nevada was identified as one of 12 states, the District of Columbia, four counties and 18 cities as sanctuary jurisdictions.

Pope said his experience partnering with nearly every law enforcement agency in Nevada has been that this is not the case, and he stated that Lyon County is not a sanctuary county.

“During my tenure as sheriff, and

regardless of what party is in office in Washington, D.C., the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office has always partnered with our federal agencies,” Pope wrote. “These partnerships include assisting with immigration enforcement, drug enforcement, gang enforcement, child porn and exploitation enforcement, human trafficking enforcement, and burglary/robbery investigations.

“The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office commitment to upholding the law and assisting our law enforcement partners, federal or state, will not waiver or change with the political winds,” he added.

Pope said Attorney General Aaron Ford has published model immigration policies, mandated by the Nevada Legislature, providing recommendations for state and local entities. Pope said the attorney general states this is only a model and not a mandate.

An excerpt from the model immigration policy law states:

“[LEA] will not perform or support the functions of a federal immigration agent or otherwise engage in immigration enforcement activities, whether on its own accord, pursuant to informal arrangements, or under an agreement made pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) if such agreement violates state or local law or policy.

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b. [LEA] personnel will not participate in any immigration enforcement activities except in an officer safety capacity, such as traffic control, if preapproved by [LEA sheriff, chief of police, or agency head].”

Pope said the Lyon County Sheriff’s

Office operates opposite of this model policy.

“I have issued a standard order that our deputies and detention facility will support federal immigration officers in any operation within Lyon County,” Pope said. “The detention facility cooperates with federal immigration authorities in accordance with the law when placing immigration holds on those who are incarcerated within our jail. As recently as Aug. 5, immigration authorities took custody of a validated gang member who was in the country illegally and incarcerated in our jail on burglary charges.”

The attorney general’s model immigration policy is available at: <https://ag.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/agnv.gov/Content/Issues/OAG%20Model%20Immigration%20Policies%20-%202.24.25.pdf>

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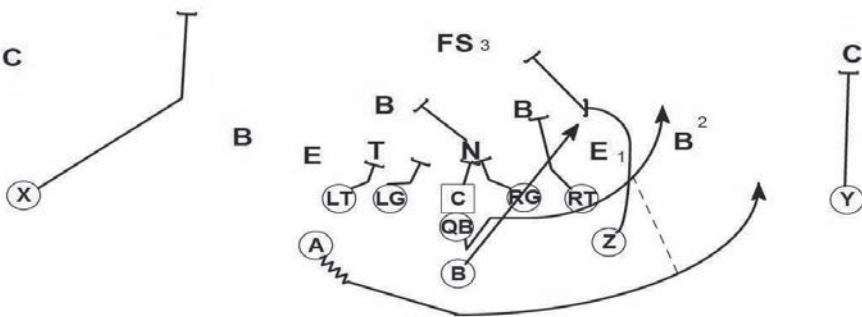
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Inside Veer



The labor of love

I was talking on the phone a few nights ago to a friend who recently started a new job. While I was asking him how he likes it so far, he turned the tables on me.

What do you like about what you do, he asked me.

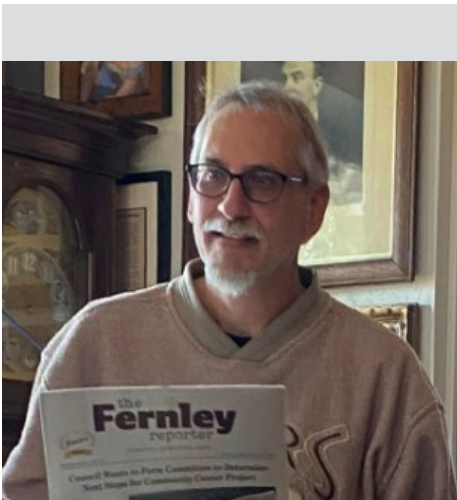
Where do I start with that? I love my job.

As a person who loves to read and write, I have a close, personal relationship with words and meaning. Former Indiana basketball coach, Bobby Knight once famously responded to a column by Andy Rooney criticizing the University for not firing him, by saying “All of us learned to write in second grade. Most of us go on to greater things.”

I beg to differ.

All of us may have learned the physical act of writing, of scratching letters on a piece of paper in some order that forms a sentence. But that, in itself, is not writing.

What I love is the craft of writing. The slight variation in the meaning of two similar words and choosing which one precisely means what I’m trying to say. The way a sentence clicks into place when you find the right words.



ROBERT PEREA

What I love is that writing structure isn’t just technical, it’s emotional. It’s how I make sense of the world. Every time I transcribe a voice, or refine a lede, I feel like I’m honoring somebody’s story, even if it’s just a small one.

I love my job because it lets me be myself—methodical, reflective, quietly passionate. It lets me find meaning in the mundane and beauty in the structure. And in a world that often feels too loud, it gives me a place to listen.

Unfortunately, too many of the stories I write don’t afford me the time to do all of that. I usually end up writing somewhere between 15 and 20 stories a week, so maybe a third of those

give me the chance to craft the story, instead of just pour a stream of details onto the page.

That actually makes me appreciate even more the times that I can take my time on a story and try different verbs, adjectives or adverbs for the one that means just what I want to say. When the story breathes a little. When the writing feels less like a task and more like a conversation.

That’s what I love. Not just the job, but the quiet labor of it. The part that lingers long after the deadline passes.

Robert Perea has covered news and sports in Northern Nevada since 1993. He has published The Fernley Reporter online since 2016, loves music, is a sucker for the pets who have adopted him, and is thrilled to be printing the Reporter.

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2nd Net: Bonnie MacQuarrie, 73

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Closest to hole #7:  
Cheryl Beye, 9’4”  
Closest to hole #11:  
Linda Garrett, 12”

FEATURES

Emergency personnel team up for National Night Out

Staff Report

Representatives of several local emergency agencies participated in Fernley's National Night Out on August 5 at the Out of Town Park.

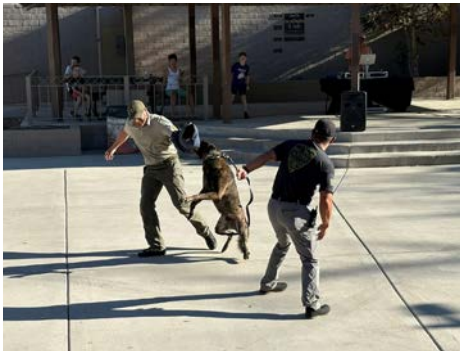
The event was packed with several activities, including tours of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office SWAT vehicle, a fire truck from North Lyon Fire and a helicopter from Battle Born Medevac and a Battle of the Badges blood drive. Several vendors offered informational booths and attendees were treated to K9 demonstrations, a dance performance by dancers from Fernley Performing Arts and got the chance to meet sheriff's deputies and firefighters.

National Night Out is an annual event held across the United States that aims to promote police and community partnership.



Above: One of the North Lyon Fire Department's fire trucks at the National Night Out at the Out of Town Park on August 5. Above right: Lyon County Sheriff's Office deputies handed out prizes, and right: K9 Demonstration: A Lyon County Sheriff's Office K9 demonstrates his prowess.

Photos courtesy of Lyon County Sheriff's Office.



Fire, Sheriff's departments conduct training

By Robert Perea

North Lyon Fire and the Lyon County Sheriff's Office SWAT team held training exercises on Saturday, Aug. 2, capped off with a live fire of an old building on Mission Way.

The fire district conducted weeklong training exercises focused on different aspects of firefighting, including vertical ventilation, overhaul operations, wall breaching and live fire.

Vertical ventilation involves cutting holes in the roof of a structure to allow heat and smoke to escape and make fire conditions and visibility better inside the structure. Overhaul operations include training on how to find hotspots in the ceiling and walls after

the main fire is extinguished. In the wall-breaching training, the firefighters worked on how to force themselves through a wall in situations where firefighter survival means needing to leave the room or structure in case of an emergency.

A building that used to house a church at 1320 Mission Way was donated to the fire district for the opportunity to train using a real structure. In the live fire drill, new and senior firefighters worked on learning the stages of fire growth, how to read smoke and the behavior of fire.

In addition to the fire training, members of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office SWAT team performed a variety of drills.



North Lyon Fire held training exercises on August 2, capped off with a live fire in an old building that was donated to the department for training purposes. Photo by Becki Howlett

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COMMUNITY

Searchers recover body of teen drowning victim at Lahontan Reservoir

By Robert Perea

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Office said the body of a teen who drowned at Lahontan Reservoir was found at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 10.

Deputies were called to the lake at 4:56 p.m. Saturday, August 9 for a report of a person in the lake who was calling for help and disappeared under the water. Sheriff’s Office personnel arrived in the area, confirmed the report was legitimate and immediately began a search.

Deputies and Search and Rescue personnel were unable to locate the person after searching into the night. Deputies remained on scene throughout the night Saturday and the day on Sunday before finding the body in the

channel area near Fisherman’s Point. The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Churchill County Sheriff’s Office and Nevada Division of State Parks assisted in the search.

The sheriff’s office said the name and further details will not be released out of respect for the family’s privacy, however, a Go Fund Me posted by the family named the deceased as Alex Cole Espinoza III.

Investigators found no indication of foul play and the death has preliminarily been determined to be accidental.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Lyon County Sheriff’s Office Communications Center at 775-463-6620 and ask to speak with Sergeant McDaniel.

Driver suffering medical incident killed in Main St. crash

Staff Report

A driver who apparently suffered a medical event died after the SUV he was driving crashed into a house near the intersection of Main Street and 6th Street on Monday afternoon.

The Nevada Highway Patrol responded to the crash at approximately 12:58 p.m. The preliminary investigation indicates that a SUV was traveling eastbound on Main St. The SUV ran off the right shoulder and struck several signs. The SUV then came to a stop striking a house.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel. Witnesses said it appeared that he experienced a medical event. A female passenger was transported to a hospital with unknown injuries.



Emergency vehicles block the intersection of Main and 6th streets where a man was killed, and a woman was injured in a crash on August 11.

Photo courtesy of Nevada State Police.

Continued from front - ROUNDABOUT...

Kubovchik said they have taken extensive drone footage of traffic in the roundabout and are studying it to identify causes for the problems.

“Roundabouts are very unique. They work very well when they work very well – way better than the signals,” he said. “But when they don’t, they’re a little bit harder to figure out what these issues are.”

One problem, Kubovchik said, is that it seems like Fernley has grown faster than the roundabout was designed for.

Johansson said that’s a problem every municipality faces.

“You’re planning for the future, but the future is changing as you’re trying to plan for it because growth and change is happening in real time,” she said. “If you really want to effectively manage growth in a community, you have to take the time to do those planning efforts first. And because those planning efforts take time, you’re inherently always just a little bit

behind the eight ball, and particularly with roadway infrastructures, because we are a car-dependent culture.”

As the study progresses into determining solutions for the problems that are identified, Kubovchik said those potential solutions will be based on future land uses, future densities, population and future roadway connections.

“We’ll look at what would it take today, based on existing conditions, to make the roundabout operate better, and then we’ll look in the future and identify what it would take in the future, estimating 2050 volumes,” he said. “And if it just can’t in the future, well, then they need to build a better mousetrap, and we’ll help identify what that mousetrap looks like.”

Kubovchik said the overall study schedule is 15 months and began about two months ago.

“But the city’s very focused on getting this done quickly so they can start pursuing solutions, so we’re going to see what we can do to compress that schedule,” he said.



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BUSINESS

Mark IV updates Chamber members on Victory project

By Robert Perea

The extension of Nevada Pacific Parkway, master planning of the North Fernley project and the development of the Center of Excellence are currently the major areas of focus for Mark IV Capital, representatives of the company told members of the Fernley Chamber of Commerce at its quarterly luncheon on Aug. 6.

Mark IV Capital Vice President of Entitlements Scott Barnes told the crowd of about 70 people at the meeting, held at the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, that master planning for the North Fernley area is just getting underway. He said the company is working with the University of Nevada, Reno, and Western Nevada College to bring workforce development through the Center of Excellence, and that construction on Nevada Pacific Parkway will begin in 2026.

Barnes said the Nevada Pacific Parkway project will include reconstructing the entire stretch of the existing road from Interstate 80 to its current dead end just south of Newlands Drive, in addition to the extension of the road to connect with U.S. 50. He said Mark IV has to purchase some right-of-way along the existing road in order to straighten it.

“It meanders a little bit, it changes width and it does a bunch of other things,” he said. “We expect to be under construction on that in 2026 and we want to have that done right around the end of 2027 or first part of 2028 because a lot of our users are asking about that connection.”

In addition to the 2,600 acres it owns in the Victory Logistics District south of I-80, Barnes said the company owns another 1,600-plus acres north of I-80. He said planning for the North Area project is just beginning, but it

Fernley,” Barnes said. “When we kick that off in September, we’re going to have a number of public meetings because we’re going to involve the public in the planning of this.”

Barnes said the questions they get

“What we do know from a lot of the studies, more than 65 percent of the working population in Fernley leaves Fernley every day and then comes back,” he said. “We recognize, through our conversations with our users, we may not have the training level that they need. So, we’re bringing in the educational systems to provide training.”

Barnes said Mark IV will be providing space for free for the first few years to get the Center of Excellence up and running. He said programs are being developed with UNR and WNC to provide the specific types of training that companies coming to the industrial park need.

He said the company partners with SkillUp in other states to provide vocational and technical training, but hasn’t yet gotten to that point with the Victory project.

To date, Mark IV has spent about \$400 million on the Victory Logistics District, and Jackson Grout, the company’s vice president of asset management, said the ultimate economic impact will be in the billions.

“And that’s obviously a pretty detailed calculation that isn’t just looking at straight cash in and out. It’s looking at the overall impact of job creation and job retention,” he said.

Grout said that doesn’t include North Fernley.

“That’s something that we haven’t even really begun running the numbers on, but overall I’d say it should have a major shift in the economic landscape,” he said.



Mark IV Capital Vice President of Entitlements Scott Barnes speaks at the Fernley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon on August 6 at the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center. Photo by Robert Perea.

includes a combination of residential, commercial, institutional and other uses, including new schools and a hospital.

“We’re planning this far in the future, so it’s going to change that area of

from prospective buyers or tenants are where the workforce will come from and where it will live.

To answer the first half of that question, he said the Center of Excellence has become a major area of focus.

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its August 6 meeting:

- Truckee Meadows Property Maintenance, Sparks, Painting contractor
- No BS, Fernley, Handyman
- Green Lands 1 LLC, dba/Greenlands Construction Materials, Fernley, Sales of construction materials
- Apple Valley Insulation, Reno, Insulation and weather stripping contractor
- Rain and Shine Cleaning Services LLC, Fernley, Residential and commercial cleaning services

- Designers Landscapes LLC, Carson City, Landscape/Concrete/Masonry contractor
- Carniceria El Pariente, LLC dba/Taco El Agave, Fernley, Mobile food vendor
- Ananta USA Inc., Fresno, CA, Engineering services
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GOVERNMENT

Council approves agreement for Safe Routes to School study

By Robert Perea

At the Aug. 6 meeting, the Fernley City Council approved an interlocal agreement with the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission to complete a Safe Routes to School planning study.

The purpose of the agreement is to set the terms for the city and Carson City RTC to utilize the Safe Routes to School program to complete an action plan for the schools within the city. The agreement says the city’s match for the plan shall not exceed \$5,000 unless the city’s project manager authorizes a higher amount in writing.

On June 12, 2024, the RTC approved an agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Western Nevada SRTS Program to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and

active lifestyle from an early age; and facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

The staff report provided to the council for the meeting states that city staff believe this program will identify specific safety issues for each school and prioritize short- and long-term recommendations for infrastructure improvements. The SRTS Program will develop GIS improvement maps for each school studied and within a two-mile radius. Maps will include existing school campus travel patterns, crossing guard locations, existing sidewalks, trails, multi-use paths and other bike paths, bicycle and pedestrian traffic patterns, and high pedestrian/bicycle crash locations.

The Carson City Public Works Department’s Transportation Division staff will provide project management for the SRTS Program and will work closely with the city’s project manager.



Cars pass the entrance to Fernley High School on U.S. 95A. The Safe Routes to School study aims to identify options to make walking and bicycling to school safe. Photo by Robert Perea

Council approves repairs to water treatment plant

By Kerry Lyman

The city’s water treatment plant will get significant upgrades to fix a chemical leak this winter after the city council voted Aug. 6 to upgrade the plant’s caustic soda and compressed air system and provide system redundancy.

“Caustic soda is a hazardous chemical used for pH adjustment” that tends to leak when pipelines reach the end of their lifespan, which is typically about 15 years, said Dylan Carey, a civil engineer with Keller Associates.

As a result, pipelines in Fernley’s 16-year-old water treatment facility are leaking the chemical, “which is hazardous to touch,” Carey told the

council while showing a photo of an in-ground chemical vault in the water treatment plant’s yard, where a couple of rungs of a metal ladder leading into the vault had been eroded away by the chemical.

According to the report by Keller Associates provided to the council, “the caustic soda system is currently offline due to extensive leaks and failing components.” But, to include future surface water intake to the treatment plant, as is anticipated, “there is a need to improve the pH adjustment and reliability of the micro-filtration process,” Carey said.

The proposal brought before the council by Keller Associates includes replacing all leaking pipes and adding a

second air receiver and a third air compressor for reliability. The work would be done in the winter, when demand at the water treatment plant is lower.

Carey said an extra air compressor is needed because when surface water treatment is added to the plant’s capacity, demand may exceed what the current compressors are able to provide. He said redundancy is also necessary for flexibility during downtime when it is necessary to complete repairs on any compressor or tank.

“This is the only water treatment facility in Fernley, so it is critical that it remain operational,” Carey said. Responding to Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski’s question of how this unbudgeted item would be funded, Seong

Kim, the city’s utilities manager, said there is \$4 million in the city’s fund for water treatment improvement projects that can be used.

The city staff report on this item also noted this project had been moved to the top of the city’s Capital Improvement Project list. Following the presentation, the council unanimously approved a contract with Keller Associates for \$807,100 for the design, preparation of bid documents and construction of the improvements to the city’s water treatment plant.

Meetings

Fernley City Council  
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting August 20

Fernley Planning Commission  
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting September 10

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee  
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.  
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.  
Next meeting October 10

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 August 21

Lyon County Planning Commission  
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.  
Lyon County Administrative Complex  
27 S. Main St. Yerington  
Next meeting September 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 August 26

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees  
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.  
Locations rotate between each attendance area  
Next meeting August 26

North Lyon County Fire Protection District Board of Trustees  
2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month  
195 E. Main St.  
Next meeting August 21

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# LAW AND ORDER

# Man at homeless camp charged with stealing from job site

*By Robert Perea*

A man was arrested in a homeless encampment north of Fernley on Aug. 1 and charged with stealing from a nearby job site, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Donald Ray Ford was arrested on multiple charges after deputies responded to a report of suspicious circumstances. The reporting party said homeless people were starting unattended fires, using their company forklift, and that items were missing from their job site for a second time.

Deputies were dispatched at 7:32

a.m. and responded, along with firefighters from North Lyon Fire to a location approximately two miles north of 480 Truck Inn Way along the pole line. They found an unattended fire about 1.8 miles off the road, which firefighters quickly extinguished. The deputies entered a homeless encampment to ask who started the fire. As they entered the camp, they reported finding a box of what appeared to be brand-new copper conduits approximately 10 yards from a motor home, as well as a tan bag with tools inside that had a picture of a lineman on the outside of the bag.

They also found a hand-washing

station, similar to job site rentals, in the middle of the camp.

Deputies identified the camp as belonging to Donald Ford. Another unattended fire was burning less than 20 yards from the motor home they said belonged to Ford.

A witness told the deputies the copper pieces they saw were solid yellow brass, not copper, and worth about \$50 each. The deputies also found two forklift batteries, similar to ones reported missing in June, with the copper stripped out of the cables. They also found drug paraphernalia and a rifle next to the door of the motor home.

The deputies obtained a search warrant and found Ford hiding in the rear of the motor home. Ford was arrested on charges of possession of stolen property, conspiracy to commit arson, grand larceny, being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm, being a habitual criminal, disposing of garbage or sewage, failing to register as an ex-felon, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a public officer, and destroying or concealing evidence. His bail was set at \$316,440.

# Lyon County K9 Borys retires

*By Robert Perea*

After eight years of dedicated service, Lyon County Sheriff's K-9 officer Borys is retiring.

The Sheriff's Office announced Borys' retirement on July 31. Borys has served since July 2017 alongside his handler, Sgt. Wayne Hawley.

“Over the course of his distinguished career, K-9 Borys has been an indispensable member of our team — protecting citizens, assisting deputies, and exemplifying the unwavering loyalty and dedication of a true working dog,” LCSO Commander Jeffrey Miller wrote in the statement announcing the retirement. “From his very first deployment, K-9 Borys demonstrated an exceptional drive to serve. His keen nose and tireless work ethic helped

remove dangerous narcotics from our streets, locate suspects who sought to flee from justice, and assist in countless investigations.”

Miller said these accomplishments only tell part of Borys' story. "His true legacy lies in his steadfast devotion to duty and the strong bond he formed with his handler, fellow deputies, and the community he served," Miller said.

Beyond his crime-fighting abilities, K-9 Borys became a beloved ambassador for the Sheriff's Office. He attended countless school demonstrations, community events and public safety presentations, leaving a lasting impression wherever he went. Miller said with his calm demeanor and gentle presence, he bridged the gap between law enforcement and the public, reminding



## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

Third Judicial District Court, Lyon  
County, Nevada, Case number 25-  
CV-0822

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from Carol Sandra Crow to Carol Sandra Nordseth.

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this notice.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2025

/s/Carol Sandra Crow

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Borys will remain with Sgt. Hawley and his family, where he will continue to be surrounded by the people who love him most.

"Now, after eight years of duty, K-9 Borys will trade his patrol vest for a well-deserved spot on the couch, enjoying a life of rest, treats and leisurely walks," Miller said. "As he begins this new chapter, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office extends its deepest gratitude to K-9 Borys for his exemplary service. He will forever be remembered not only as an exceptional K-9 officer but also as a much-loved member of our law enforcement family – and, above all, as a very good boy."

Miller ended his statement with a farewell message to Borys: "On behalf of the men and women of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, and the citizens of Lyon County, thank you, Borys. Your watch is complete — you've earned your rest."



*Above left: Lyon County Sheriff's K9 Borys and his handler Sgt. Wayne Hawley visit a local school, above: Lyon County Sheriff's K9 Borys is retiring after 8 years of service, above: Lyon County Sheriff's K9 Borys and his handler Sgt. Wayne Hawley check school lockers for narcotics. Photos courtesy of Lyon County Sheriff's Office.*



LAW & ORDER

Arrest Report  
August 4 - August 10

All information for the arrest report is provided by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and is considered by law to be public information.  
All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

JASON KETELAAR  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$455,000.00  
Charges: Domestic Battery with Deadly Weapon Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm; Violation of Probation; Battery with Use of Deadly Weapon Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm; Duty to Stop at Scene of Accident

RYAN LARUE  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$5,920.00  
Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

JORDAN HEARNE-STOLTZ  
Area of Arrest: Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Bail Amount: \$0.00  
Charges: Court Commitment

CODY WHITE  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$3,640.00  
Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear After Bail – Felony; Criminal Contempt

DARIN RIGGIN  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$0.00  
Charges: Court Commitment

EARL JONES  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$0.00  
Charges: Felony Arrest for Violation of Parole Conditions

JAMES POND  
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs  
Bail Amount: \$730.00  
Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail – Misdemeanor

NATHAN PERRIGAN  
Area of Arrest: Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Bail Amount: \$1,175.00

Charges: Assist Other Agency – Hold

MICHAEL MORENO  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$8,140.00  
Charges: Domestic Battery (1st Offense); Prevent/Dissuade Reporting Crime or Causing Prosecution/Arrest

JOSHUA SERIER  
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs  
Bail Amount: \$22,280.00  
Charges: Battery – Domestic Violence with Prior Felony Conviction; Resist Public Officer; Court Commitment

COLLEEN SPOHR  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$30,000.00  
Charges: Domestic Battery with Use of Deadly Weapon

COLE FARRINGTON  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$1,755.00  
Charges: Driving with Suspended Driver's License; Improper Display of License Plates; Assist Other Agency – Hold

JOSHUA COHEN  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$640.00  
Charges: Driving with Revoked Driver's License

WILLIAM DUNN  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$15,000.00  
Charges: Violation of Stalking/Harassment Emergency Protective Order (2 counts)

CAIB TETREAULT  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$11,305.00  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation (2 counts); Obtain/Use Personal ID of Another to Avoid/Delay Prosecution

JANELLE PIERCE  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$8,725.00  
Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II

Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense) (2 counts); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Driving Without Driver's License

IVAN LEYVA ROMERO  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$1,370.00  
Charges: DUI (1st Offense); Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle; Failure to Drive on Right Half of Road

DANIEL HUNTER  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$4,895.00  
Charges: Display Fictitious Vehicle Registration/Plate/Title; Owner – Proof of Insurance Required; Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

THEODORE HAMEL  
Area of Arrest: Silver Springs  
Bail Amount: \$32,500.00  
Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon; Disregard for Safety of Persons/Property; Discharge Gun/Weapon Where Person Might Be Endangered; Criminal Contempt – Failure to Obey Court Order

TAWNIE POIRIER  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$2,000.00  
Charges: Attempt to Prevent/Dissuade Reporting Crime or Causing Prosecution/Arrest; Criminal Contempt

DEBRA NEWTON  
Area of Arrest: Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Bail Amount: \$25,000.00  
Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon

DANNA BEGLEY  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$5,000.00  
Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Possession of Hypodermic Device

ALIZABETH ANDERSON  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$950.00  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Traffic Citation

JOSEPH HYMAN  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$4,280.00  
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Temporary Protective Order; False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer

JOSHUA BURRSTON  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$0.00  
Charges: Failure to Appear After Bail – Felony

FRANK TURPEN  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$11,200.00  
Charges: False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer; Dispose of Garbage/Sewage (1st Offense); Carry Concealed Weapon Without Permit; Torture/Injure/Abandon/Starve Animal (1st Offense); Harassment (1st Offense); Stalking (1st Offense); Obscene/Threatening/Annoying Phone Call

OLIVER JOHNSON  
Area of Arrest: Mason Valley  
Bail Amount: \$43,390.00  
Charges: Reckless Driving, Disregard for Safety of Persons/Property (1st Offense); Possession of Schedule III–V Controlled Substance <28g (1st or 2nd Offense); Own/Possess Gun by Prohibited Person

SHERRY MCCULLOUGH  
Area of Arrest: Dayton  
Bail Amount: \$6,920.00  
Charges: Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance <14g (1st or 2nd Offense); Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Assist Other Agency – Hold

RADEUNDA HYMAN  
Area of Arrest: Fernley  
Bail Amount: \$6,920.00  
Charges: Assault; Resist Public Officer

Fernley Church Directory

Summit Church  
Silverland Middle School

Living Faith Church  
110 Center Street

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
625 Desert Shadows Lane

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

Crosswinds Assembly of God  
3015 Farm District Road

Fernley Free Methodist Church  
100 N. West Street

Fernley First Baptist Church  
485 E. Main Street

Calvary Chapel  
875 Fremont Street

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
155 Hwy 95A South

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church  
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SPORTS

Vaqueros open football season Friday at Douglas

By Robert Perea

For the past three years, it's been one bad break here and one mistake there that has kept Fernley from breaking through to the top of the Northern 3A. With a large group of seniors who are now in their third and fourth years on the varsity team, the Vaqueros feel ready to take that leap.

"I think (this team) has got what it takes this year," senior captain Riley McCullar said. "We're a good group. Everyone's training hard during off-season conditioning, everyone's doing their job in practice."

The Vaqueros will open the season Friday night at Douglas but got their first taste of competition at a scrimmage at North Valleys on Aug. 8. The Vaqueros faced Bishop Manogue, North Valleys, Carson and Fallon and came away feeling like they more than held their own against all four opponents.

"I think this league doesn't know what's about to hit them," McCullar said.

Having lost in the first round of the playoffs the last two seasons, senior captain Keeshawn Love said the team is ready to go deeper into the playoffs this year.

"There's obviously little, small things that we've got to clean up, but other than that, I think we're ready to compete," he said.

Coach Anfernee Sloan said he was happy with the team's performance on both sides of the ball during last Friday's scrimmage, but said the team needs to tackle better and clean up some assignment errors on defense.

"Outside of that, I love the way we play up front," he said. "I think we're a lot more physical. We moved the football very well and we scored, and we looked like we were in midseason form just now."

The Vaqueros will need to be close to midseason form early this season. They open the season this week against a Douglas team that beat them 16-13 last year, and then host Bishop Union (Calif.) next Friday, a team that beat them 41-12 last season.

Douglas is led by returning all-5A Division II running back and defensive back Zachary Jackson, who ran for more than 1,400 yards last year and caught 26 passes for 338 yards, scoring



A Fernley running back tries to break away from a North Valleys tackler during a scrimmage on August 8 at North Valleys. Photo by Robert Perea

a total of 20 touchdowns.

The Vaqueros return most of their offensive production from last season. Love ran for 1,992 yards and 19 touchdowns, and McCullar added 640 yards and six touchdowns on the ground. Five of the six players who caught at least one pass last season are back, along with quarterback Bryce Stephens, who ran for 633 yards and 11 touchdowns and threw for 865 yards and nine touchdowns.

For the first time in the last three years, the Vaqueros also return most of their linemen.

Sloan hopes that's a recipe for his team to take a big step forward. He said the players had a productive year in the weight room since last season ended and are bigger, faster and stronger than the team that ended last year with a 36-25 loss to Spring Creek in the first round of the playoffs.

"Again, the weight room shows its true colors," Sloan said. "We're over here running guys over. We are physically there."

The players say they are mentally there, as well.

"We lost twice in the first round of the playoffs, so we hate that feeling," said senior captain Joey Machado. "We're going to win this year."



Fernley freshman quarterback Elijah Devold scrambles away from North Valleys defenders during a scrimmage on August 8 at North Valleys. Photo by Robert Perea



Fernley quarterback Bryce Stephens looks to pass against Carson during a scrimmage on August 8 at North Valleys. Photo by Robert Perea

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