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Uhart named Trail Boss at Nevada Youth Range Camp

By Rachel Dahl

Pershing County High School junior earns trip to national range management meeting in Kansas.

Pershing County High School student Annie Uhart has earned one of the Nevada Youth Range Camp's highest honors, receiving the Trail Boss Award during the camp's closing ceremony at Berry Creek Campground near McGill.

Uhart, 16, will be a junior this fall. As the Trail Boss winner, she received a plaque and a trip to the Society for Range Management's national meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

At the national gathering, Uhart will join youth award recipients from other states and give a presentation about a range or public lands issue of her choosing.

"It's a pretty big honor," said Elizabeth Williams-McNeff Uhart, who shared news of the award.

The Trail Boss is selected by the Nevada Youth Range Camp staff based on a camper's performance and participation throughout the week. Campers complete a plant identification test, navigate a compass course, maintain a journal and work together on a group presentation. Staff members also consider each camper's attitude, leadership and overall participation.

Uhart was selected following a full week of activities focused on rangelands, wildlife, water, soil and natural resource management.

Campers participated in electrofishing with wildlife specialists to count and study fish, evaluated sagebrush habitat and learned



Annie Uhart displays the Trail Boss Award she received at Nevada Youth Range Camp. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Williams-Mcneff Uhart.

about careers connected to Nevada's public lands and natural resources.

The group also heard from farmer Dave Baker, who discussed the use of a hay steamer in agricultural operations. Other guest speakers represented the National Pony Express Ride, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited and natural resource internship programs.

The Nevada Youth Range Camp invites high school students from across the state to spend a week camping while learning about rangelands and the relationships between people, plants, livestock, wildlife, soil and water.

This year's camp was based in the Berry Creek Campground area northwest of McGill, providing campers with a hands-on setting for studying natural resources.

The program has been held since 1961 and has introduced hundreds of Nevada students to range science and resource management. Many former campers have gone on to manage natural resources for their families, communities or government agencies.

Throughout the week, instructors challenge students to examine resource management problems and develop practical solutions. Campers learn to identify range plants and study how those plants support livestock, wildlife and watersheds. They also examine the connections between soil and vegetation and learn about wildlife habitat conservation.

A local rancher traditionally leads campers on a ranch tour and discusses the business side of range management. Students also work in teams to develop and present a rangeland management plan and take part in

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Ranch Compensation and Highway Realignment Dominate IEC Meeting

By Rachel Dahl

Questions over compensation for ranchers affected by the Fallon Range Training Complex expansion and plans to relocate State Route 361 dominated the latest meeting of the Intergovernmental Executive Committee.

The IEC was established under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 and brings together the Navy, federal and state agencies, six neighboring counties,

and 17 tribes to share information and advise on the management of natural and cultural resources affected by the military land withdrawal.

Adrienne Snow, whose family operates the Lahontan grazing allotment, told committee members that the Navy's compensation offer does not reflect the full economic loss caused by the withdrawal of grazing land for the B-16 range.

She said her family has been involved in

the compensation process since 2016 and sold the cattle herd associated with the allotment this spring after paying to lease other grazing land and transport cattle to California last year.

The loss extends beyond annual forage, she said, because federal grazing permits are tied to a base ranch. The family developed its deeded ranch around access to the Lahontan allotment after obtaining the permit in the early 1980s.

Without the allotment, she said, the ranch property has less value, and the family has also lost cattle genetics developed over generations for Nevada's difficult range conditions.

She cited the Taylor Grazing Act, the National Defense Authorization Act, and federal agricultural risk management programs as the basis for requiring broader compensation.

According to figures presented to the committee, the Navy's recommended payment for 100 years of forage losses ranged from

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

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By Rachel Dahl

When we first started printing our weekly paper, The Fallon Post, on November 6, 2020, we thought it would be fun to document our evolution in a weekly column.

As I sat to jot down some thoughts, last minute of course before sending to print, the only thing that came to mind was the beginning of Star Trek when I was a kid... "Captain's Log, Stardate 74268.2..."

That week I wrote about how we stumbled around learning design and layout, learned to run the printer, figured

Mountain Bugle, and the Nevada Rancher to our group, splitting the old Great Basin Sun back into separate community papers, rather than one regional paper.

We are also in the process of combining our structure and bringing all these various publications, including the national, quarterly magazine RANGE magazine, under one parent organization - Range Media Company.

To be sure, we are doing everything we can to keep up with our online presence and evolve with all the modern ways of delivering news too. But we're sentimental of fools, and feel like the printed page, the paper in your hands over coffee

advantage of the postal permit that allows for legal notices and greater mailing efficiency. Each paper will be a local edition of the Sun, with part of the paper, Section B, as common statewide news included in each paper.

Don't worry, each community will still have its own local news, and we really want to hear from you when you see it, to let us know what you think.

We also want to make sure to thank our advertisers and subscribers - the ONLY way we can afford to do this is through their support, and so we hope you will support them with your business. Let them know when you stop at

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out how to get the papers mailed, and how much we appreciated all the support from the community as we worked to "Keep you Posted."

This week, as we officially add ownership of the Fernley Reporter to our plate, I'm once again, beyond grateful for the support we continue to receive to keep local news in print, both from the community and from this amazing team who all work so hard doing whatever it takes to pull this off.

For those of you new to Fallon Media Co., we recently added the Lovelock Review Miner, Humboldt Sun, Battle

in the morning, is still a luxury we may barely afford but cannot live without.

And so, we take the reins in Fernley - with a nod and a hug and a full-time spot creating the sports department with Tony Erquiaga, to our dear friend Robert Perea, who started this paper, online in 2016 and managed to keep it alive all this time. In November 2024, we worked with Robert in a loose agreement to get his paper in print, and now we are evolving into ownership, taking on the editorial and management decisions and responsibilities.

Next week, we will fold all five papers under the Great Basin Sun banner, taking

their place that you saw their ad in the paper. It really does help when they know their ad is working.

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FEATURES

Jeff Kearns' Calistoga Wagon Keeps History Rolling

By Peggy Jones

What began with a set of plans that caught his eye has become one of the most admired pieces in the Marzen House Museum.

Local woodworker Jeff Kearns didn't set out to create a museum piece.

"About 30 years ago, I saw a set of plans for it, and they intrigued me," he said.

That curiosity led him to build a replica of a Calistoga wagon, complete with hand-crafted oxen and working wheels. While visitors admire the finished wagon, Kearns said one of the biggest challenges was something most people never notice.

"Making the wheels round," he said with a laugh.

Each wheel is built from eight sections that must be cut at precisely the right angles.

"If they're not perfectly right, they don't work," he said.

The wagon isn't just for display. "You could tie a couple of dachshunds to it and put it in a parade down the street," Kearns joked.

One of his favorite parts of the project wasn't the wagon itself, but the team pulling it.

"Making the oxen was fun, especially the looks on their faces and positioning them to make them look like real animals," he said.

Like many artisans, Kearns isn't afraid to admit that mistakes happen along the way.



Jeff Kearns, left, stands with Darlene Moura beside the hand-crafted Calistoga wagon. Kearns built the wagon and donated it to the Frontier Days 2024 raffle. After winning it, Darlene later donated it to the Marzen House Museum, where it is now displayed in the Cowboy Room. Photo by Peggy Jones.



Frontier Days organizer Misty Moepono - Wood and her son, Kalani, stand by the buckboard bench Jeff Kearns made for Frontier Days 2025. They will raffle another of his benches this year. Photo by Peggy Jones.

"Of course they do," he said. "Then you throw that out. There's kindling that goes in the fireplace, and you start over."

The Calistoga wagon is only one example of Kearns' woodworking. He has also built canoes, rocking horses, buckboard benches

and many other pieces over the years.

His canoes are more than decorative.

"I make them to be used," he said. "It irritates me when people win them in a raffle and hang them up as a showpiece. They belong on the water."

Kearns, who serves as Pershing County

public administrator, has donated handcrafted pieces to the Frontier Days raffle for many years. The Calistoga wagon was one of those donations.

When Lovelock resident Darlene Moura won the wagon, Kearns wondered where such a large piece would end up.

"It's about 15 feet long when it's all together," he said. "Nobody has room for it."

He was pleased when she later donated it to the museum.

"I thought the museum was a great place to put it," he said.

Moura bought raffle tickets because she admired the wagon from the beginning.

"I really liked the wagon and oxen," she said. "That is why I bought raffle tickets."

She never expected to win.

"There was no chance that I would win. Besides, where would you put something that large?"

After winning the raffle, Moura asked family members where the wagon should go.

"I asked all members of my family. No one had a solution," she said.

Friends suggested donating it to the Marzen House Museum. After Moura showed Bonnie Skoglie photographs of the wagon, Skoglie immediately saw its potential.

"She accepted the donation," Moura said. "She immediately started having ideas for a display."

The museum transformed those ideas into the Cowboy Room's 40 Mile Desert display, where the wagon now has a permanent home.

Just south of present-day Lovelock, emigrants leaving the Carson Sink faced about 40 miles without a dependable source of water before reaching the Humboldt River near today's Lovelock. The crossing tested both people and their oxen, making Kearns' Calistoga wagon a fitting centerpiece for the exhibit.

"I commend the staff and volunteers of the

museum for the work they did," Moura said. "I encourage everyone to stop by and look at the Cowboy Room. In fact, go through all of the museum. You will be amazed."

For this year's Frontier Days raffle, Kearns expects to donate a buckboard bench, something he says fits easily into a garden, mud room or home.

"Buckboards were the pick up trucks of the day, used for most any light hauling jobs," he said.

When asked which piece he would most like future generations to remember him by, he didn't hesitate.

"One of my rocking horses."

His rocking horses have traveled much farther than Pershing County. Kearns said they've found homes throughout the United States and as far away as Argentina, Australia and Scotland, with many still bringing smiles to children here in Lovelock.

"I like building stuff for little kids," he said. "They get so much enjoyment out of it."


Whether it's a museum-quality wagon, a handcrafted canoe or a rocking horse loved by generations of children, Kearns' work reflects the same philosophy: build it well, build it to be used and build it to last.

Today, visitors admire not only Kearns' craftsmanship but also the generosity that brought the wagon to the museum. Jeff Kearns created it and donated it to the Frontier Days raffle. Darlene Moura later donated it to the museum so the entire community could enjoy it for years to come.

For more information about the Frontier Days raffle call Misty Moepono-Wood at 775-4421158.



Scan the QR code to visit the Marzen House Museum's Facebook page for museum news, exhibits and upcoming events.



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Murder Mystery Fundraiser Draws Laughs, Community Support



The Pershing Healthcare Foundation's recent murder mystery fundraiser brought an evening of laughter, good food and community participation to Kruz Road Winery.

The foundation thanked winery owner Val for providing the venue and hospitality, along with the volunteers who served as actors, actresses and hosts throughout the evening.

Guests joined in the storyline, interacted with the cast and worked to follow the clues as the mystery unfolded. Jeff Meyers created the scenario for the event, while Nicole with PicNix provided the food.

Foundation organizers said they appreciated the strong support from the community and everyone who helped make the evening a

success.

The foundation's next event will be the 10th annual Basque-Style Dinner and Auction on Aug. 8. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

Steve Evenson will serve as master of ceremonies. The evening will also feature auction items and beverages from Kruz Road Winery.

Nevada Army Guardsmen Activate for Nation's 250th Birthday

Courtesy Capt. Emerson Marcus

More than 100 Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers will be working in Washington, D.C. starting next week in support of public safety during events commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States.

The Soldiers will serve alongside the District of Columbia National Guard as part of our nation's semi quinquennial. Lasting through August, the effort is federally funded and Nevada's servicemembers supporting the celebration can be recalled anytime based on the needs of the state. This effort includes about three percent of the Nevada Army Na-

tional Guard's total force and will not interfere with response here in the state as Nevada Air trained and Army National Guard personnel remain ready.

The National Guard Bureau requested support from states nationwide to augment the District of Columbia National Guard during the historic celebration. Nevada Soldiers will join National Guard personnel from more than 20 other states around the country and assist during major public events associated with the nation's 250th birthday.

The effort highlights the Nevada National Guard's ability to rapidly provide skilled personnel in support of national requests while maintaining readiness at home.

Kiddie Parade to Celebrate 250 Years of America

Staff Report

Pershing County's youngest patriots are invited to put on their red, white and blue and take part in this year's Kiddie Parade on Friday, July 3.

"Celebrating 250 Years of America" is the theme for the 2026 parade, sponsored by the Pershing County 4-H Community Club and the Pershing County Cattlewomen.

Children ages 12 and younger are encouraged to dress as characters from America's past, present or future, decorate a small wagon or bicycle, or simply come dressed in their most patriotic colors. Participation is free, and all children are welcome.

Registration will begin at 9:40 a.m. at the Lovelock Depot, with the parade stepping off at 10 a.m. The route will travel from the Depot

to the Pershing County Courthouse Park.

Parents are encouraged to walk with younger children. Parade entries must be no larger than a child's red wagon or small bicycle, and live animals, including dogs, cats and ponies, will not be allowed.

At the courthouse, each participating child will receive a 50-cent piece and an Otter Pop from the Pershing County Cattlewomen. A free barbecue will also be provided for parade participants and those attending the celebration.

Organizers are encouraging families to let their imaginations run wild while celebrating America's 250th birthday and Pershing County's Independence Day traditions.

For more information, contact LeOnna Bianchi at 775-455-5975, Kristen Burr at 775-273-2923 or Amanda Burrows at 775-848-1296.



Upcoming Public Meetings

City of Lovelock City Council Meeting

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month
400 14th Street, Lovelock
Next meeting: July 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Central Nevada Health District

155 N. Taylor St., Suite 145, Fallon
Next meeting: July 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Pershing County Economic Development Authority

Meets the second Monday of each month
400 Main St., Lovelock

Pershing County Board of Commissioners

Meets the first & third Wednesday of each month
400 Main St., Lovelock
Next meeting: July 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Pershing County School Board

1150 Elmhurst Ave.
Next meeting: TBD

Library Board of Trustees

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Tuesday, July 7

- BBQ Chicken
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Wednesday, July 8

- Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Pears
Peach Cobbler

Thursday, July 9

- Hamburger
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COMMUNITY

Report Damaged Lovelock Highway Signs

Staff Report

Motorists approaching Lovelock have probably noticed that some of the community's highway signs are looking a little worse for wear.

The green signs directing Interstate 80 travelers toward downtown Lovelock have faded and peeled, leaving portions of the lettering difficult to read and creating a less-than-welcoming first impression for visitors entering town.

Local resident Cathie Bryant took the initiative to find out how residents can report the problem directly to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

NDOT maintains an online request form where residents can report damaged or deteriorating signs and upload photographs showing the problem. The form is available at:

<https://nvdot.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

After submitting the form, residents will receive an email from NDOT asking them to verify their email address. The report will not be completed until the verification link in that email has been clicked.

Bryant is encouraging residents who have noticed the signs to submit their own reports. Multiple reports may help make NDOT aware that replacing or repairing the signs is important to the community.

The signs serve as one of the first introductions travelers receive to Lovelock, directing visitors toward downtown businesses, restaurants and community attractions. Reporting the problem takes only a few minutes and may help give Lovelock's interstate entrance the attention it needs.



Photo caption

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a conservation project.

Camp instructors and counselors include specialists from the University of Nevada, Reno; Nevada State Parks; the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Forest Service; Nevada Division of Forestry; Nevada Division of Conservation Districts; Nevada Department of Wildlife; and other organizations.

The schedule runs from early morning until evening and combines instruction, field projects, meals, recreation and campfire programs. Activities can include fishing, hiking, swimming, volleyball, wildlife presentations and conservation workshops.

Uhart's selection as Trail Boss recognizes not only her knowledge and performance during the camp, but also the leadership, attitude and participation she demonstrated throughout the week.

Her next challenge will be selecting a Nevada range or public lands issue to research and present before fellow youth honorees at the national Society for Range Management meeting.

CITY OF LOVELOCK DISPOSAL SERVICES

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City Asks Residents to Help Keep Lovelock Weed-Free

Staff Report

The City of Lovelock is asking residents to help keep the community clean, safe and attractive by controlling weeds on private property before they become a larger problem.

Weeds are more than an eyesore, city officials said. They compete with desirable plants, provide habitat for pests, increase fire danger and can affect public health and property values. Weeds that are not removed before going to seed can also spread quickly to neighboring properties and other parts of the community.

The city's Public Works Department manages weeds on city-owned property, rights-of-way and other public areas throughout the year. That work includes regular inspections, mowing, herbicide treatments when appropri-

ate and responding to reports from residents.

However, city crews cannot address weeds growing on private property without help from property owners.

Residents can do their part by keeping yards and lots free of weeds, mowing or removing plants before they produce seed and disposing of weeds properly rather than dumping or burning them. The city also encourages residents to report areas of concern and speak with neighbors when weeds are beginning to spread.

"A clean, safe and beautiful Lovelock starts with all of us," the city said in its community notice.

Residents with questions or concerns may contact Lovelock City Hall at 775-273-2356 or visit cityoflovelock.com.

Calendar of Events:

Please send your community events and happenings to admin@LovelockReviewMiner.com by Monday at 5 p.m. The paper comes out on Thursdays.

June 8 - August 13

Nature in the Park | Ages 3-7
NevadaOutdoorSchool.org
10:00 a.m., Tuesdays at Lovelock City Park

June 15 - July 20

Summer Reading Program
Mondays 1 - 2 p.m. at Pershing County Library

July 2

Lovelock Day Camp | Ages 8-10
NevadaOutdoorSchool.org
9:00 a.m. at Lovelock City Park

July 3

Pershing County 4-H Kiddie Parade
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COMMUNITY

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COMPENSATION TIMELINE



2016

2026

- 2016: FRTC ANNOUNCED TO PUBLIC & RANCHERS NOTIFIED AT LARGE
- 2020: FRTC PUT ON HOLD
- 2022: SNOWS NOTIFIED THAT FRTC WAS NO LONGER ON HOLD WITH 2023 NDAA BEING SIGNED THAT DAY
- 2023: B16 RANCHERS ISSUED 2-YEAR NOTICE
- 2024 (NOV): B16 RANCHERS ISSUED OFFERS
- 2025 (FEB): SNOWS SUBMIT COUNTER TO NAVY
- 2025 (FEB): SEN. ROSEN OBTAINED COMMITMENT FROM SEC. PHELAN IN SENATE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE HEARING TO OFFER B16 RANCHERS MORE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION
- 2025 (OCT): NAVY SUBMITS LETTER STATING IT BELIEVES ORIGINAL VALUE IS CORRECT AND WE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL OFFER
- 2025 (NOV): SNOWS TAKE NO TURN OUT ON WHAT REMAINS OF LAHONTAN ALLOTMENT

Adrienne Snow made a presentation at the IEC meeting last week and showed the photo of her family, demonstrating how much time has gone by through the negotiations on their grazing allotment. 2026 photo from left to right: Jackson, Adrienne, Benton, Rostin, and Justin Snow.

approximately \$280,000 to \$435,000. She said the final offer equates to about \$14,000 per year before taxes.

By comparison, she said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's county-based forage valuation assigns a value of \$10.45 per acre to the Lahontan allotment. Applied to more than 78,000 acres, that would place the annual forage value at more than \$815,000.

She also said the Navy's offer did not account for legal and consulting costs, replacement feed, transportation, water improvements, changes in ranch value, or the cultural loss associated with ending a multigenerational ranching operation.

The family submitted a counteroffer in February 2025, but the Navy later responded that it was not persuaded that the original calculation was incorrect and issued a final offer in the same amount as its original proposal.

The Nevada Farm Bureau supported the ranchers' position during public comment. Executive Vice President Doug Busselman said compensation should account for the

seasonal role of an allotment, the value of forage and water rights, range improvements, and the effect on the long-term viability of the entire ranch.

The committee also received an update from the Nevada Department of Transportation on the planned realignment of State Route 361, which currently passes through land that will become part of the expanded B-17 range.

NDOT has completed the project's environmental assessment and identified a corridor east of the existing highway. The new alignment would be about 13 miles long and approximately one mile shorter than the section it replaces.

Officials said the new highway would maintain the connection between Gabbs, Middlegate, and Fallon while avoiding the expanded military range. The Navy will fund the project through the Federal Highway Administration, and NDOT will design, build, and maintain the road to state highway standards.

The project would require approximately

630 acres of new right-of-way, all on Bureau of Land Management property. No private land would be affected.

Environmental studies examined wildlife, cultural resources, mining sites, water flows, air quality, and the potential presence of naturally occurring asbestos. Officials said the alignment avoids identified historic and mining resources and would not significantly affect golden eagles, raptors, or burrowing owls.

The design will include culverts to preserve natural drainage and provide passage for wildlife, horseback riders, and off-highway vehicles. Wildlife and livestock fencing is also planned along the new alignment.

Final design is expected to take approximately 18 months, followed by 18 months to two years of construction. Officials cautioned that delays in transferring federal funding could affect the schedule.

The BLM reported that four vacant grazing allotments, Belleville, Fault, McBride, and Little Huntoon, are undergoing environmental

review and could be offered to eligible permittees this fall. Replacement forage is one option available to ranchers affected by the military expansion.

The public may comment on the preliminary environmental assessment for those allotments through July 22.

The Navy also reported progress on payments to mining claim holders affected by the range expansion. Twenty-eight claim holders with 181 claims were identified. Fifteen holders have accepted payment offers, including all affected holders in the Dixie Valley and B-16 areas and eight holders associated with B-17.

Thirteen B-17 claim holders, representing 104 claims, had not accepted the Navy's offers at the time of the meeting. Navy representatives said they would continue contacting those holders and reviewing additional documentation submitted in support of higher payments.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Library Board Reviews Summer Programs, Library Improvements

By Peggy Jones

Summer reading, library programs, staffing updates and facility improvements were among the topics discussed during the June 25 meeting of the Pershing County Library Board of Trustees.

Library Director Kameron Mitchell reported that Story Hour concluded its fiscal year 2026 season on June 2 with 217 participants, “way more than last year.”

Summer activities are also off to a strong start. Mitchell said two summer reading sessions have drawn a combined 25 children.

Three children participated in the library’s Dungeons & Dragons program, which he said is an ideal size for that activity.

Game Night attracted eight children and five adults, while Magic: The Gathering drew five children and three adults.

Mitchell also reported that the Friends of the Library recently voted to pursue 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, a step that would allow the organization to seek additional funding opportunities.

The library’s 3D printing program continues to grow. Since it began, 55 visitors have participated in demonstrations, and the library has completed 345 print projects using nearly 12 kilograms of filament.

Mitchell also updated the board on staffing changes. Blanca Christiansen will be promoted to full-time library technician effective Aug. 12. Until then, Mitchell said he is working an

extra day each week while training her to take on additional responsibilities.

Library staff recently completed training on Microsoft Excel and basic iPhone and iPad functions to better assist patrons.

Mitchell also reported ongoing air conditioning problems in the library’s front section. While the rear of the building remains comfortable, he said temperatures near the entrance, classroom and staff room have reached 85 to 86 degrees despite the system running throughout the day.

County Manager Kristin Gonzalez said she would speak with the county’s Buildings and Grounds Department about the issue.

The library recently switched to a new phone system after the county changed ser-

vice providers. Mitchell said callers will notice a different automated greeting while staff continue working through a few remaining setup issues.

Gonzalez also told the board that the county is updating its employee evaluation forms to provide clearer performance standards for county employees.

Looking ahead, Mitchell said the library expects to begin work this fall on its new five-year service plan, which must be submitted by the end of the year.

The library will be closed on July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

The board voted to move its next regular meeting from July 23 to July 16. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the library.

Marzen House Museum Board Moves Ahead on Advertising and Exhibits

By Peggy Jones

The Marzen House Museum Advisory Board accepted a \$15,000 Travel Nevada grant during its June 24 meeting, adding another boost to the museum’s ongoing efforts to advertise, improve exhibits and bring more visitors to Lovelock.

Wendy Nelsen reported that she had applied for \$25,000 and was awarded \$15,000. Board members said the money can be used for billboards, signs and other promotional needs. The grant will require a match, which board members said can likely be met through volunteer hours and other support already being provided.

Board members also discussed the remaining money from a Recreation Board grant. After approving a full-page ad in 101 Things to Do in Nevada, the museum has about \$1,400 remaining from that funding. The board voted to move forward with using the money to fund a professional kiosk or display to promote both the museum and other Pershing County businesses.

The museum’s billboard project is also moving ahead. Board Chair Bonnie Skoglie said the billboards are expected to be up around July 1. The billboards will display the museum’s website address so people who see them can visit the website to find more information about the museum.

The board also accepted a Spring Valley Mine Project kiosk and related contributions, pending final approval of the kiosk design. Skoglie said the project is connected to discoveries made during excavation work in Spring Valley, including Chinese gravesites and artifacts.

She said archaeologists found one intact grave containing the man’s skeletal remains, along with boots, buttons, a 1898 dime and a river rock inscribed with Chinese characters identifying his name and home village in China.

Mining officials hope to have the inscription translated so the man’s remains can eventually be returned to his homeland.

Skoglie said she looks forward to a future Chinese history display.

The board also approved sticker designs created by artist and museum volunteer Valerie Antus, a high school student. The designs included Marzen House themes, duck decoys, a ghost tour design and other museum-related artwork. Board members praised her style and approved using the designs as the museum continues developing a sticker collection.

Antus said she has been drawing since childhood and was inspired by linocut printing and other artists.

“I’ve been drawing for as long as I can really remember,” she said. “I’ve always loved it.” Museum projects also remain underway.

Board members discussed using county grant money wisely, with priorities including the railroad house, the three-sided shed and other outdoor improvements. The board also agreed that the museum should purchase four low-profile hydraulic jacks to help move and level buildings as more structures are added to the grounds.

Updates were also given on exterior paint work, the railroad house, future boardwalks and the building recently moved to the museum grounds for a future Marzenville display.

Museum Director Kelly Thompson said June was a strong month for visitors. The museum had 150 visitors, including 100 general museum visitors, 17 ghost tour visitors and 33 people connected to Lovelock Cave visits. The museum brought in \$1,042 for the month, including \$580 from ghost tours, \$362 in cash donations and \$100 in book sales.

The museum also continues to see online interest with more than 16,000 Google hits.

Thompson said the museum will begin tracking how visitors hear about the museum, including whether they come because of billboards, magazine ads, Wild Nevada, Lovelock Cave or other sources.

“That will be important for grants,” said Nelsen.

The board accepted several donations, including a photograph of Chief Winnemucca, a Nevada map, La Casita signs, antique porch lights, a barber-pole light, and a train sign related to the Big Boy engine visit.

The board also discussed future signs for the museum’s parade truck. Ideas included using the museum logo, address, phone number, website, hours and QR code.

The board will hold its next regular meeting at 4 p.m. on July 22 at the museum.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Museum Board Seeks Clarification After BLM Employee Contacts Marzen House

By Rachel Dahl

The Pershing County Marzen House Museum Advisory Board has asked the Bureau of Land Management to clarify the agency's role after a BLM archaeologist contacted museum officials regarding a display and cultural artifacts housed at the county-owned museum.

Museum board chairwoman Bonnie Skoglie said she later spoke with the manager of the BLM's Winnemucca District Office, Chris "John" Mitchell, who assured her that the federal agency has no jurisdiction over the operation of the Marzen House Museum.

According to Skoglie, the field office manager contacted her shortly after receiving a detailed letter from the museum board.

"We spent about 20 or 30 minutes going from A to Z about what happened and what occurred," Skoglie said. "He kept apologizing and said, 'The BLM has no jurisdiction over you.'"

The issue began after Benjamin Neuhold, an archaeologist with the BLM's Winnemucca District Office, emailed museum board member Frank Fisk about the museum's Lovelock Cave display.

In the email, Neuhold asked whether the museum had removed two artificial skeletons with red wigs and whether it was working with the Lovelock Paiute Tribe to revise the exhibit. Neuhold wrote that the BLM had been contacted by the Nevada State Museum

about the display and associated newspaper coverage. (See Humboldt Sun, January 21, 2026, "Marzen House Museum looks to Lovelock Paiute Tribe...")

Museum officials said Neuhold later visited the Marzen House and raised questions about the skeletons and Native American artifacts in the museum's collection.

In a letter to Mitchell, Skoglie said the museum board was concerned that a federal employee appeared to be involving the agency in matters concerning the operation of a county museum.

"We would appreciate any insight you can provide regarding why BLM employees believe it is their right to interfere with the operations of the Pershing County Museum," Skoglie wrote. "It is important for us to understand this situation, as the harassment directed at our museum needs to be addressed and stopped."

The letter included records concerning both the Lovelock Cave display and a separate dispute over artifacts donated to the museum.

The museum's display includes two approximately 7-foot artificial skeletons with red wigs. The figures are intended to represent the long-running local legend of red-haired giants associated with Lovelock Cave.

The museum board previously announced plans to replace the skeletons with new figures and to work with the Lovelock Paiute Tribe on how the display should be presented.

A June 2024 letter from Lovelock Paiute Tribal Chairman Alfred Happy said the tribe supported the museum's efforts to include tribal history and oral tradition.

"The story of the 'Red Headed Giants' is one of many stories handed down generation to generation by word of mouth," Happy wrote.

The letter also stated that the figures were artificial and not human remains.

"Documentation proves the skeletons on display are artificial, not actual human remains," Happy wrote.

Museum Director Kelly Thompson said the museum had already decided to replace the current display but had not yet removed the figures because the replacement exhibit was still being developed. According to Thompson, the tribe had been asked to approve the new figures and help guide the presentation.

Thompson said Neuhold's visit left her feeling that the museum was being pressured over a decision that had already been made.

"It was almost as if he intended to intimidate me to persuade me to comply with his wishes," Thompson wrote in a statement included with the board's letter.

The board's letter also describes a separate dispute involving Donna Cossette, who museum officials said had requested the return of artifacts associated with her grandmother, Helen Williams.

Museum records supplied with the letter

list several baskets, a rabbit-fur blanket, a cradle, a willow tray, a stirring stick and other materials as gifts donated by Williams to the museum.

The records show accession dates in December 2009 and describe the objects as donated items. A 1992 newspaper clipping included in the board's documentation also reported that Williams had donated a rabbit-fur blanket and other artifacts to the museum.

Skoglie wrote that the museum found no loan agreement covering the objects and had previously informed Cossette that the museum considered the materials part of its permanent collection.

According to the board's letter, museum officials were concerned that the dispute was raised again during Neuhold's visit and during museum activities connected with the Lovelock Cave anniversary.

The museum board's letter asks the BLM to explain whether the employee was acting in an official capacity and whether the agency had authorized his involvement.

The Marzen House Museum is operated by Pershing County with support from its advisory board and volunteers. The museum has said it intends to continue working with the Lovelock Paiute Tribe as it updates the Lovelock Cave exhibit.

The newspaper has requested comment from the BLM and has not had a response at press time.



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SPORTS

Little Spikers Camp Inspires Next Generation of Mustang Volleyball Players

By Peggy Jones

Young athletes recently spent three days sharpening their volleyball skills, making new friends and embracing a mindset of continuous improvement during this year's Little Spikers Volleyball Camp.

Now in its sixth year since Coach Monica Halverson launched the camp after coming to Lovelock in 2018, the annual event served girls entering grades 6 through 9, with Pershing County High School volleyball players helping coach and mentor the younger athletes.

The camp focused on the fundamentals of passing, setting, hitting, serving and game play while encouraging teamwork and confidence on and off the court.

This year's camp centered around the theme "Mustang Mentality," inspired by the late basketball legend Kobe Bryant's "Mamba Mentality."

"The summarized version is to be 1% better every time you step on the court," Halverson said. "Whether it is pushing yourself to do better, be a better teammate, or your overall attitude and drive for positive progression."

Halverson said each season's theme has a personal connection, and this year's message encourages athletes to strive for steady improvement every time they step on the court.

Coach Dara Moura, who coaches middle school volleyball alongside Halverson, helped lead the camp. Halverson said Moura's experience was especially valuable because the campers are mostly middle school students.

The camp also aimed to encourage more boys to give volleyball a try as boys volleyball continues to grow across Nevada.

"We were really trying to get boys to the camp because it is a growing sport in Nevada," Halverson said. "I hope to one day have a boys program in the spring at PCHS. I have to get interest from the younger boys to build something if they want to be participants."

Although no boys attended this year's camp, Halverson said she remains optimistic participation will grow in the future.

The three-day camp featured themed dress-up days to keep the atmosphere fun and energetic. Monday was "Basic Boot Camp," with campers wearing their camp T-shirts. Tuesday featured bright colors, tie-dye and Hawaiian attire, while Wednesday's camp-



Girls in grades 6 through 9 participate in Monica Halverson's Little Spikers Volleyball Camp with help from the high school players and Coach Dara Moura. Photo by Peggy Jones.

ers wore grade-level colors and showed off creative hairstyles. Each participant also took home a camp T-shirt designed by Halverson as a keepsake of the experience.

"Our camp was an overall success and so much fun," Halverson said. "The girls worked hard on the basic skills and game play. I'm so excited for the future of Mustang Volleyball, and I am fortunate to be a part of it."



Sixth grade volleyball player Aubrey Canchola listens attentively. Photo by Peggy Jones.



Pershing County High School junior Kelsey Collins keeps the ball in play while helping coach younger athletes at Little Spikers Volleyball Camp. Photo by Peggy Jones.



Monica Halverson smiles beside the Little Spikers Volleyball Camp sign before welcoming young athletes to the 2026 camp at Pershing County High School. Photo by Monica Halverson.

SPORTS

Lovelock All-Stars Finish Strong in Little League Season

By Peggy Jones

The Lovelock Little League 8-10 All-Stars closed out an impressive postseason with a third-place finish, giving the community another reason to celebrate the continued growth of its young baseball program.

Coached by Dustin Sullivan, Jared Jensen and Amanda Holland, the team battled through tournament play before concluding its season with an 8-5 loss to Winnemucca.

Although the season ended one game short of another opportunity to advance, league officials praised the players for their effort and development throughout the year.

“Achieving a top-three finish in our second season in Little League is a notable accomplishment,” the league said in a Facebook post. “We are delighted with the team’s efforts and anticipate a promising future for Lovelock Baseball.”

The Lovelock 10-12 All-Stars also completed their postseason under coaches Phillip Schmidt, Scott Hill and Carlos Salgado. While that team was eliminated from tournament play, league officials said the players showed significant growth throughout the season and credited both athletes and coaches for helping strengthen the Lovelock Little League program.

With another successful All-Star season in the books, Lovelock’s young players continue to build experience and lay the foundation for the future of Lovelock baseball.



The Lovelock League 8-10 All-Stars: Back row, from left, are assistant coach Jared Jensen, Romin McKinney, Max Gomez, Sawyer Cooney, Remington Sullivan, head coach Dustin Sullivan, Maan Grewal, Trace Nolan and assistant coach Amanda Holland. Front row, from left, are Connor Patrick, Jeremiah Hawkins, Michael Jensen, Isaac Canchola, Ryder Jones and Enzo Happy. Photo provided by Lovelock Little League.



The Lovelock League 10-12 All-Stars: Coaches back row: Scott Hill, Phillip Schmidt, Carlos Salgado. Back row - Julian Montes, Elijah Montes, Gavin Roberts, Lukas Baker, Titan Rhodes, Issac Salgado, Sebastian Pimentel, Adrian Montgomery. Front row: Michael Canchola, Tiago Rivas, Grayson Williams, Alex De Los Reyes. Photo provided by Lovelock Little League.



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 July 3, 10, 17, 2026

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Total Available Revenues	\$11,255,480	\$10,508,643	\$10,673,203
Total Expenditures	\$10,889,790	\$12,137,200	\$12,191,048
Ending Fund Balance	\$4,202,259	\$2,360,495	\$842,650

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lovelock, Nevada, will hold a public hearing to consider an application to amend the zoning of the below-described property and, if approved, adopt an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Lovelock accordingly.

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE:
 Assessor's Parcel Number: 001-241-11
 Location: 6th Street, Lovelock, Pershing County, Nevada

Legal Description: Parcel 3 of the Parcel Map for Dennis W. Smith, as filed in the office of the County Recorder of Pershing County, Nevada on April 7, 1998, as File No. 217765.

PROPOSED BILL NUMBER 276

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LOVELOCK LAND USE MAP ADOPTED PURSUANT TO LOVELOCK MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) TITLE 17 TO CHANGE THE REGULATORY LAND USE DISTRICT (ZONING) CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PERSHING COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 001-241-11 FROM SF (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PSF (PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES); AND, PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

RESULT OF PASSAGE: The regulatory land use district (zoning) classification of Pershing County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-241-11 located on 6th Street located near Pershing General Hospital in Lovelock, Nevada will change from SF (Single-Family Residential) to PSF (Public Services and Facilities) classification, thereby allowing all uses on such property which are permitted in the PSF (Public Services and Facilities) regulatory land use district classification.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Nevada.

Dated: June 24, 2026

{SEAL} /s/ Nicole Reitz

Nicole Reitz
 City Clerk

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Legal #7569
 City of Lovelock
 Notice of Deposit of Copies and Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Lovelock will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Nevada 89419, to consider possible adoption of an ordinance titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOVELOCK MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) CHAPTER 29, SECTIONS 29.800 THROUGH 29.915, TO UPDATE STATUTORY REFERENCES TO THE NEVADA REVISED STATUTES GOVERNING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; AMENDING THE AGE THRESHOLDS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH NEVADA REVISED STATUTES GOVERNING THE USE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS; AMENDING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Notice is hereby further given that copies of the Bill have been deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Nevada 89419, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Nicole Reitz, City Clerk, at (775) 273-2356 or nreitz@cityoflovelock.com.

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Legal #7568
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA
NOVEMBER 3, 2026
 In compliance with NRS 293.203, I, Lacey Donaldson, the Pershing County Clerk-Treasurer, hereby give notice that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The General Election will be a hybrid election. All active registered voters in Pershing County will be sent a mail ballot. If you wish to vote in-person you must appear at the polling location identified below during polling location hours.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

September 4, 2026: Deadline for Clerk's Office to receive mail ballot opt-out form, if you do not wish to receive a mail ballot.
 October 6, 2026: Standard close of postmarked mail or in-person voter registration.
 Oct 7 - Oct 20, 2026: Extended online voter registration or voter registration updates.
 Oct 20 - Nov 3, 2026: Online registrants must appear at the polling location during Early Voting or on Election Day to provide a valid Nevada Driver's License or Nevada Identification Card and proof of residency.

The following is a list of candidates and offices to which the candidates seek nomination or election:

- UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 2**
 Two year Term - Vote for One
 BENÍTEZ-THOMPSON, Teresa F. DEM
 CHAPMAN, Lynn IAP
 FLIPPO, David REP
- GOVERNOR**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 FORD, Aaron D. DEM
 HANSEN, Janine NP
 FORD, Danielle REP
 LOMBARDO, Joseph REP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 ANTHONY, Stavros REP
 HANSEN, Janine IAP
 JAUREGUI, Sandra DEM
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- SECRETARY OF STATE**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 AGUILAR, Francisco "Cisco" DEM
 BARNHILL, Brad Lee IAP
 KENNEDY, John T. LIB
 MARCHANT, Jim REP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- TREASURER**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 JOHNSON, Drew REP
 MATHIS-COLEMAN, Tya DEM
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- CONTROLLER**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 MAC DOUGALL, Michael DEM
 MATTHEWS, Andy REP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- ATTORNEY GENERAL**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 CANNIZZARO, Nicole Jeanette DEM
 GUZMAN FRALICK, Adriana REP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 14**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 HANSEN, Ira REP
- STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 32**
 Two Year Term - Vote for One
 HANSEN, Alexis M. REP
- ASSESSOR**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 HILL, Jennifer REP
- CLERK-TREASURER**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 BIANCHI, LeOnna D. NP
 DONALDSON, Lacey NP
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER - SEAT C**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 CRIM JR., Joe REP
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 EVENSON, Steve E. REP
 PENNEY, Derrick DEM
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 KEARNS, Jeffrey REP
- RECORDER-AUDITOR**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 HAMILTON, Melanie REP
- JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT B**
 Six Year Term - Vote for One
 PICKERING, Kristina NP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT D**
 Six Year Term - Vote for One
 HERNDON, Douglas NP
 NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES
- DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 11**
 Six Year Term - Vote for One
 SHIELDS, Bryce NP
- SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT C**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 MALAY, Paul NP
 PLUMMER, Cindy NP
- CITY COUNCIL, SEAT C**
 Four Year Term - Vote for One
 KUSSY, Kelly NP
 MALONE, Joanne M. NP
 MOEPONO-WOOD, Misty I. NP
 RUTHERFORD, Dale NP

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