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Governor Lombardo Kicks Off Re-election Campaign with Rural Tour

Includes Stops in Fallon, Lovelock, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, and Elko

By Rachel Dahl

Governor Joe Lombardo kicked off his 2026 re-election campaign last week with a tour through rural Nevada, making stops in Fallon, Lovelock, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, and Elko. The governor, joined by Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald and State Comptroller Andy Matthews, spoke to residents gathered in Lovelock about the importance of rural voices, voter engagement, and continued economic diversification across the state.

Lombardo told the crowd he makes frequent trips to rural Nevada as part of his commitment to represent the entire state, not just the population centers of Clark and Washoe counties.

"One thing I pride myself on is traveling across the state to understand what's going on in all corners of Nevada," Lombardo said. "The rural environment supports the state in totality, not just the urban centers. That's why meetings like this are so important."

The governor said his administration's priorities remain focused on diversifying Nevada's economy beyond gaming, improving education outcomes, and addressing housing and workforce challenges in rural areas.

"When I first ran, I promised to expand opportunities in mining, agriculture, livestock, transportation, logistics, and manufacturing,"



District Attorney Bryce Shields, Police Chief Mike Mancebo, Sheriff Jerry Allen, with Governor Joe Lombardo. Photo by Rahcel Dahl.

Lombardo said. "In the past three years, we've brought \$5 billion in new investment to the state. Gaming doesn't carry our economy the way it used to so we've changed that mindset."

Lombardo also highlighted education gains during his term, noting that Nevada has climbed from the bottom of national rankings.

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Lovelock Fire Department Invites Community to '50s-Themed Dinner and Dance

Event Aims to Boost Membership and Celebrate Local Volunteers

By Rachel Dahl

The Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department is throwing open its doors and the jukebox for a 1950s-themed dinner and dance on Friday, Oct. 11, as part of its continuing effort to recruit new members and celebrate the service of current volunteers.

The event will be held at the Lovelock firehouse, with the block closed to traffic for the evening. Community members are encouraged to come dressed in their best poodle skirts, leather jackets, and retro style.

Firefighter Marty Nolan told Pershing County Commissioners that the department, now at about 14 active members, has been "pretty busy" lately with local fires and storm responses — and hopes the event will draw attention to the vital role of volunteer firefighting in Pershing County.

"We've been chasing lightning starts and keeping busy," Jones said. "This dinner is a chance to relax a little, meet the community, and hopefully bring a few new faces into the department." Residents interested in volunteering or learning more about the department can speak with firefighters at the event or contact the City of Lovelock.

The Oct. 11 gathering will include dinner, music, and dancing on the blocked-off street in front of the firehouse. Proceeds and donations will help support department operations and equipment needs.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Making Friends

By Rachel Dahl

Two years ago, when it was still only me and Clio and the bunnies at the Boyer Bunny Ranch, it became apparent we had a mouse problem in the garage. The search for a cat to assist was begun in earnest at about the same time that Garrett's mom, Joyce passed away. She had two cats that Garrett and Allison had to find an home for so I gladly volunteered.

Trouble was, although they lived in the house, there was no catching them. The story of how they showed up in my garage with a huge water dispenser and a bigger food dispenser, and an even bigger litter box is a story for Allison to tell. Suffice it to say soon there were no mice in my garage.

But it was six months before I ever saw said mousers. To say they were wild was an understatement. The only evidence of the existence of the elusive hunters was a full litter box once a week and the dead carcass of lizards and small birds scattered near the back door of the garage.

One day, about a year after their arrival, I left that garage door open when I went to town and coming home in the dark allowed the headlights to illuminate the inside of the garage long enough to see the quick flash of a large black cat dash back behind the Christmas decorations. It was several months later when digging for something related to fixing a chicken pen that out of the corner of my eye the flash of beautiful long, Siamese cat hair darting behind a shelf confirmed the other cat was still with us.

Last summer when Hector and Mikey came to help with the mice in the bunny shed, they seemed to convince the garage cats that life at the Bunny Ranch wasn't so bad and there were several more sightings of the elusive ones as they ventured out across the

yard from time to time.

With this new batch of rescue kittens that came this summer, Buckley and Samuel, Ernest and Jack, the entire place has become their domain. They've brought together the shed mousers and the garage mousers with their antics as they leap from tree to roof to chicken pen and race across the yard, roll through the grass and take ownership of choice perches in the garage. Every morning as I feed the kittens near the front door of the house, the garage cats come sit in front of the garage politely waiting for me to take their food to their dish under the work table.

This morning, the black cat forgot himself and came right up to me as I leaned in to pour his food and I could hear him purring. As easy as possible my reach extended to scratch behind his ears, and he stopped and let me give him a good little pet. Of course, his nervous friend took one look at that from the shadows and turned tail and fled into the dark recesses. But I'm going to get her too, you watch.

So, as we slowly make friends of the work cats, and protect the peacocks from the biggest coyote you've ever seen, a story for next week, we'll always be right here...
...Keeping you Posted.

__ Dach

Rachel Dahl is a sixth-generation Nevadan who owns Fallon Media Co. and prints The Fernley Reporter, The Fallon Post, and now The Pershing Post, local community newspapers focused on providing "An Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert." She also publishes an online, rural news site called the Silver State Chronicle. She raises chickens and English Angora rabbits, spinning their wool into yarn. In her spare time, she is learning to knit.

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Community members meet with Governor Lombardo at Temptations last week. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

"We've moved from 48th and 49th up to 42nd," he said. "It may not sound like much, but turning a battleship takes time and we're moving in the right direction."

He also touched on his background in law enforcement and emphasized continued efforts to support local policing and public safety throughout the state.

"As a former sheriff, I understand that Pershing County and Clark County are two very different animals," Lombardo said. "It's my job to make sure the state gives the right support to local governments so they can succeed."

Lombardo noted that he's had to work across the aisle with a Democratic-majority legislature, often using his veto power to block bills he felt were harmful to Nevada's economy or rural communities.

"We've had to chip away at things, piece by piece," he said. "But that's part of the process and it's important to have a governor who's willing to stand firm."

With the next election cycle approaching, Lombardo urged voters not to assume that incumbents or established candidates will automatically win, emphasizing that turnout and engagement remain crucial.

"The worst thing that can happen is for

voters to think, 'My vote won't matter,'" he said. "That's not the case. We need people to get involved and show up."

Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald opened the event by thanking local organizers for helping coordinate the stop and spoke passionately about rebuilding the party from the ground up.

"We built the party on grassroots, on getting people together and making sure everyone has a voice," McDonald said. "Governor Lombardo has been a leader from day one, defending Nevada families and standing up for what's right."

He praised Lombardo's leadership during the pandemic and his record of vetoing legislation that, in McDonald's words, "protected Nevadans from bad laws."

State Comptroller Andy Matthews also spoke, reinforcing Lombardo's focus on fiscal responsibility and practical governance.

"Governor Lombardo isn't a politician he's a working-class guy who stepped up when Nevada needed a leader," Matthews said.

The governor's rural campaign tour continues through October, with additional visits planned in northeastern and central Nevada communities.

FEATURES

"Get a Little Out There" Month Returns

Nevadans Encouraged to Explore, Discover, and Celebrate the Silver State

By Rachel Dahl with information from Travel Nevada

Governor Joe Lombardo has once again proclaimed October as "Get a Little Out There" Month, a celebration of Nevada's adventurous spirit, rich heritage, and one-of-a-kind experiences.



Fly Geyser in the Black Rock Desert. Photo courtesy of Travel Nevada.

The month-long observance, inspired by Travel Nevada's bold brand mantra, highlights the people, places, and stories that make the Silver State special—from its vast public lands and historic mining towns to its modern art scenes and night skies unlike anywhere else.

This year brings even more ways to get involved. Visitors and locals alike can experience everything from a new stargazing exhibit at the Fleischmann Planetarium, to an immersive virtual reality journey through Cathedral Gorge and Great Basin National Park. There are also unique giveaways, including the Ultimate Hockey Experience sweepstakes featuring tickets to both the Vegas Golden Knights and Henderson Silver Knights Nevada Day games.

ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION, FROM RENO TO GREAT BASIN

In honor of "Get a Little Out There Month," Travel Nevada and its partners have introduced several statewide experiences and activations:

• The Space to Be: A 360-Degree Immersive VR Experience -This virtual adventure takes guests across Nevada's landscapes,

from the red-rock canyons of Cathedral Gorge to the star-filled skies above Great Basin. Visitors can find it at the Brewery District Block Party during Reno's Offbeat Music Festival (Oct. 4) and at the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas for its Nevada Day event (Oct. 31).

- Ultimate Hockey Experience Sweepstakes One lucky fan will win four tickets to both the Silver Knights' Knightmare on Ice game (Oct. 25) and the Golden Knights' annual Nevada Dav game (Oct. 31), along with car service, team jerseys, post-game press access, and more. Details and entry info are online at Travel-Nevada.com.
- Travel Nevada X DESO Supply Co. Apparel A new collaboration with Reno-based DESO Supply Co. features playful, Nevada-inspired designs by illustrator Kylie Sky Souza. The line, available this month on TravelNevada.com, celebrates the state's small towns and wide-open charm.
- #silverstatesweeps Social Media Challenge Nevadans can post photos or videos of their favorite "out there" adventures, tag @TravelNevada, and use the hashtag #silverstatesweeps for a chance to win Travel Nevada gear, DESO apparel, or even Raiders tickets.
- Travel Nevada X Fleischmann Planetarium Partnership - Launching Oct. 29, the "Get a Little Out There" Night Skies exhibit highlights Nevada's world-class stargazing. Visitors will learn about dark-sky destinations across the state and catch full-dome theater shows featuring stunning footage of Nevada's landscapes.
- Nevada Day Parade Celebration Travel Nevada will once again join the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on Nov. 1 with photo opportunities, giveaways, and character-themed swag.

A CALL TO EXPLORE NEVADA YEAR-ROUND

"At Travel Nevada, our goal is to share and celebrate the heart, character, and endless opportunities within our state," said Rafael Villanueva, chief executive officer at Travel Nevada. "Now in its second year, "Get a Little Out There" Month shines a spotlight on the genuine, immersive experiences that make Nevada unique."

Villanueva noted that Nevada encompasses more than 60 million acres of public land—offering something for every adventurer, from quiet desert solitude to lively cultural celebrations.

"From outdoor adventures and starry skies to historic towns and vibrant art scenes," he said, "everyone is invited to explore, discover, and truly "Get a Little Out There" in October and beyond."

For more information, visit TravelNevada.com.

Nevada Report Highlights Progress on Securing Abandoned Mines

Staff Report

Nevada's Division of Minerals has released its 2024 Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Physical Hazard Report, showing both progress and continuing challenges in dealing with the state's legacy of abandoned mines.

The AML program, now in its 38th year, is responsible for locating, cataloging, and securing the dangerous remnants of Nevada's mining past. Since its launch in 1987, the program has documented more than 161,000 mine-related features across the state. Of those, over 26,000 were identified as hazardous, and about 21,300 have been secured with fencing, warning signs, or permanent closure methods.

In 2024, field crews identified 1,033 new hazards and secured 1,169, while also revisiting 1,451 sites to ensure earlier safeguards remain intact. The Division also completed 10 hard-closure projects across several counties, sealing 183 mine openings permanently with backfills, bat-compatible gates, or polyurethane foam plugs.

Nevada has not had a reported fatality linked to abandoned mines in 12 years, a streak state officials consider an important achievement. Still, the report catalogs a long history of accidents, including serious injuries and deaths, dating back to the 19th century. In modern times, abandoned mines have trapped off-road vehicles, claimed the lives of hikers and explorers, and even endangered pets.

Officials warn that abandoned mines remain a serious public hazard. The Division estimates there are about 300,000 abandoned mining features statewide, with as many as 35,000 posing significant risks to public safety.

To prevent accidents, the Division has invested heavily in outreach. Its "Stay Out, Stay Alive" campaign reached 3.2 million people last year through social media, billboards, and classroom presentations. The campaign even gained national exposure when the Smithsonian Channel featured Nevada's abandoned mine closures in a 2024 episode of "How Did They Fix That?"



Picture from Adobe Stock Images. Silhouette of wooden mine works against sunset sky.

The Division also relies on student interns, who last year logged over 700 hazards and helped secure dozens of sites. Contractors and partner agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Nevada Department of Wildlife also play a key role in survey and closure efforts.

The 2024 report shows a sharp increase in activity compared to the previous five years. Hazards inventoried jumped by 190 percent from the year before, while closures rose 89 percent. Officials attribute the surge to increased funding from partner agencies, improved use of technology such as drones and LiDAR for site discovery, and a strategic shift in staffing that allowed interns to focus on locating new hazards while contractors performed closures.

Despite progress, abandoned mine hazards remain widespread and often hidden across Nevada's public lands. Many are located near popular recreation areas, where unsuspecting hikers, campers, and off-roaders are at risk.

State officials emphasize that the work of securing and closing mines will continue for

years to come. With thousands of hazards still unsecured, the report serves as both a measure of progress and a reminder of Nevada's ongoing responsibility to protect public safety while managing its mining heritage.

The report can be found online at minerals.nv.gov/Programs/AML/AML/.

COUNTY	SITES	SITES SECURED	PERCENT
Carson	85	82	96.5%
Churchill	967	822	85.0%
Clark	2,446	1,991	81.4%
Douglas	241	224	92.9%
Elko	1,073	850	79.2%
Esmeralda	3,864	3,341	86.5%
Eureka	1,230	1,008	82.0%
Humboldt	1,116	911	81.6%
Lander	778	687	88.3%
Lincoln	1,096	972	88.7%
Lyon	1,265	1,152	91.1%
Mineral	3,157	2,260	71.6%
Nye	3,571	2,882	80.7%
Pershing	2,083	1,802	86.5%
Storey	233	212	91.0%
Washoe	483	461	95.4%
White Pine	2,342	1,725	73.7%
TOTAL (Since 1987)	26,030	21,314	81.9%

Table taken from the Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lovelock Declares October 22 as Unity Day

Proclamation Supports National Effort to End Bullying

By Staff Report

Mayor Rodney Wilcox has officially proclaimed October 22, 2025 as Unity Day in the City of Lovelock, joining communities across the country in recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month.

The proclamation—issued at the request of local advocates and shared on the city's Facebook page—encourages schools, families, and community organizations to stand together in kindness and inclusion.

"Our community is made up of people who are all different, yet all live and work together," the proclamation reads. "Promoting kindness, acceptance of difference, and inclusion creates healthier communities for everyone."

Unity Day calls attention to the lasting physical and emotional harm caused by bullying, particularly among children and teens. Research cited in the proclamation notes that repeated bullying can lead to learning difficulties, social isolation, and anxiety.

Mayor Wilcox urged residents, schools, and civic groups to participate by wearing orange on Oct. 22 and modeling respect and acceptance.

"Coming together, united in our desire to create a healthier community for all," the mayor wrote, "helps protect our town from bullying and creates a stronger, kinder Lovelock."

The proclamation follows Wilcox's earlier support for Children's Mental Health Action Week last May and will be showcased on local websites throughout October.

For more information on National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day activities, visit www.PACER.org/Bullying or the City of Lovelock Facebook page.

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Museum Plans Nevada Trivia Night Fundraiser Oct. 25

Event to feature Mustang Youth Team and Pershing Healthcare Foundation

By Rachel Dahl

The Marzen House Museum will host a Nevada Trivia Night on Friday, Oct. 25, combining history, fun, and community service. The event is a collaboration between the Pershing Healthcare Foundation and the Mustang Youth Team, with proceeds benefiting local youth programs.

Museum Director Bonnie Skoglie told county commissioners the foundation approached the museum about using its historic firehouse for the event. The hospital is providing food, insurance coverage, and portable restrooms for guests.

"We're expecting about 40 to 50 people," Skoglie said. "It'll be a family-friendly evening — no alcohol — with dinner, trivia, and some fun extras for the kids."

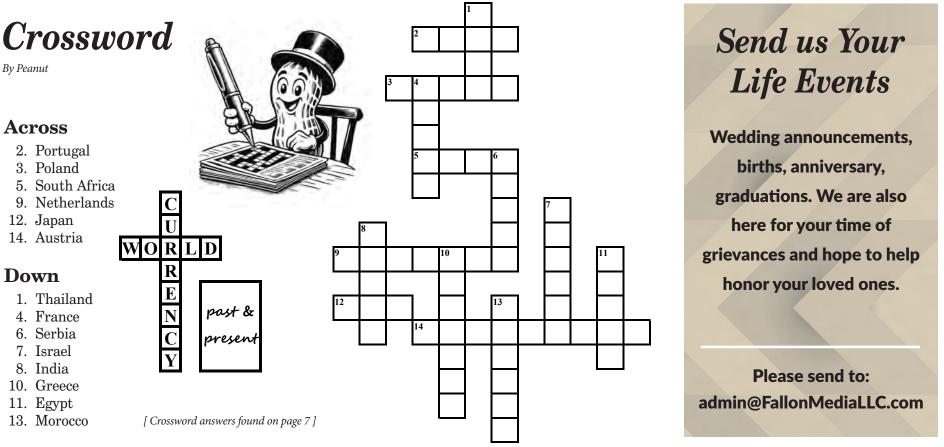
The Mustang Youth Team will help entertain children while adults take part in the trivia competition, offering face painting, pumpkin carving, and even a movie showing. The Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department will also be on hand to give kids rides in a fire engine.

The museum board voted to waive its share of proceeds from the event and donate that portion to the Mustang Youth Team for their help. Participants can also stay afterward for a ghost tour at the regular \$20 admission price, with a free ghost tour planned for youth team members at a later date.

"It's a great way to bring people together and support both the museum and our local kids," Skoglie said.

The event begins at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25, at the Marzen House Museum in Lovelock.







Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older, under 60 \$5, kids 10 and under \$2 - Menu Subject to Change - Monday, Oct. 13 Tuesday, Oct. 14 Wednesday, Oct. 15 Thursday, Oct. 16 Friday, Oct. 17

Monday, Oct. 13

Hot Turkey Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes

Peas & Carrots

Beets

Cookie

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Pulled Chicken Sandwich
Sweet Potato Fries
Coleslaw
Peaches
Coconut Pie

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Pot Roast w/Gravy
Roasted Vegetables
Applesauce
WW Rolls
Apple Cobbler

Chili Cheese Baked Potato
Carmen's Carrots
Three Bean Salad
Banana Muffin

Friday, Oct. 17
Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
Buckaroo Spuds
w/Eggs
Apple Muffins
Fresh Orange
Oatmeal

COMMUNITY

Library's New Media Center Opens, Adds 3D Printing and Creative Space

Construction Complete, New Technology and Displays Invite Community Use

By Rachel Dahl

The Lovelock Library has officially opened its new Media Center, completing a monthslong renovation designed to expand access to technology and hands-on learning.

Library Director Kameron Mitchell told Pershing County Commissioners the project is finished, with new furniture, shelving, and equipment in place. The space includes large-screen TVs, flexible work areas, and soon — a 3D printer funded by a \$4,200 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

Once the printer arrives, Mitchell plans to host instructional workshops to teach community members how to use it safely and creatively.

"After completing a short class, anyone will be able to come in and print almost anything they want," Mitchell said. "It's about helping people explore technology and design in a hands-on way."

The library also received new mobile display units and updated shelving for its growing DVD collection. One of the first displays features "banned and challenged books" — a national awareness effort coordinated by the American Library Association to highlight titles that have faced censorship elsewhere.

"We haven't had any book challenges locally," Mitchell explained. "This is just a way to remind people how important open access and choice are in reading."

He also noted a small hiccup during the



Media Center's opening week when a young patron accidentally broke a new table. "It was a cheap one," Mitchell joked. "No injuries, just a learning experience."

Despite the minor setback, the new space marks a milestone for the Lovelock Library's

modernization efforts, providing a flexible environment for community programs, digital literacy, and youth learning.

For more information about upcoming library programs and events, visit the Pershing County Library or call 775-273-2216.

BUSINESS

Pampered Pooch Welcomes Certified Groomer Mandy Hagen

By Rachel Dahl

Lovelock's four-legged residents have a new reason to wag their stails. Pampered Pooch has welcomed Mandy Hagen, a certified professional groomer with more than seven years of experience, to its team.

Hagen is a graduate of a hands-on grooming academy and holds an Advanced Professional Groomer certification from the International Professional Groomers Association. She's also certified in canine

and feline first aid and CPR and holds a safety certification from the American Kennel Club.

"I really love what I do," Hagen said. "Every pet is different,



and I enjoy taking the time to make grooming a calm, positive experience especially for puppies, seniors, or pets that need a little extra TLC."

Her skills cover everything from breed-specific cuts and hand-stripping to creative grooming that features coat carving or pet-safe color designs. "The dyes I use are completely safe even edible," she said with a laugh.

Hagen said her favorite part of the job is building trust with her clients, both human and canine. "It's rewarding when a nervous dog learns that grooming can actually be relaxing," she said.

Appointments can be made by calling or texting 760-297-7182, or by contacting

Cindy at Pampered Pooch.

You can see photos of Hagen's work on Instagram at @mandys mutt makeover.





GOVERNMENT

County Commission Meeting Summary

By Rachel Dahl

Pershing County Commissioners worked through a packed agenda during their recent meeting, receiving updates from county departments, fire districts, and local agencies. Commission Chair Joe Crim and Commission Chuck Sayles were present; Commissioner Connie Gottschalk was absent.

BLM PREPARES FOR SHUTDOWN

Perry Wickum from the Bureau of Land Management's Winnemucca District Office informed the board that federal offices were preparing for a potential government shutdown. Fire crews were exempted and would continue working, while other employees were notified of their furlough status.

"The doors will not be open, but essential fire operations will continue," Wickum said.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Supervisor Kevin Machado reported on recent and upcoming maintenance projects. Crews completed 16.4 miles of mag chloride application in Grass Valley and were preparing to start work in Imlay and Lovelock. The department also hauled gravel for repairs in Mason Valley and continues blading county roads ahead of winter.

Cates said a road-use agreement with Integrity Resources for the Wildcat Project on Kirk Road is still being finalized. Commissioners agreed to table the item until the agreement is complete.

LANDFILL AND RECYCLING

Landfill staff reported progress on transfer site improvements in Grass Valley. Crews expect to resume work after finishing road projects in October. Recycling Center manager Tony Stacey said operations continue to improve but raised questions about when compacted materials can be hauled out and whether relocation of the site is planned.

"Once we reach about 50 bales of mixed materials, we can send a full load to Interwest Paper," Chairman Joe Crim noted.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities Manager Brian Ruddle detailed several maintenance projects, including repair work following a sewage leak at the Sheriff's Office, preparation for the winter season, and plans to repair sprinkler damage on the courthouse lawn.

Ruddle also reported upcoming Narcan training for his crew in light of recent overdose incidents.

"It's good training not just for our jobs but for family situations too," he said.

He added that crews were preparing the Grass Valley site for the Chili Cook-Off and working to remove weeds at community facilities.

SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center Director Anna Hill submitted a written report noting reduced state grant funding for the coming fiscal year. Pershing's grant allocation dropped by roughly \$14,000, while staff costs have increased.

Bonnie Skoglie, chair of the Senior Center Advisory Board, discussed ongoing collaboration with Pershing General Hospital to expand transportation services for seniors and patients traveling to medical appointments.

"We want to improve services by coordinating drivers and vehicles between the hospital and senior center," Skoglie said.

Commissioners supported continued discussions and directed staff to explore a formal agreement between the county and hospital.

LIBRARY

Library Director Kameron Mitchell announced the completion of construction on the new media center, new shelving installations, and a \$4,200 grant to purchase a 3D printer. The library also debuted a display of books that have been challenged in other states.

"We haven't had any book challenges locally," Mitchell said. "It's just a display to highlight what's happening nationally."

FIRE AND EMS

EMS Coordinator Marty Nolan reported 25 calls since the last meeting, including three overdoses with two of those involving juveniles. She said the department is working with law enforcement to document incidents and increase community awareness. The Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department will host a "1950s Dinner and Dance" recruitment event on Oct. 11.

Rye Patch Fire Chief James Drake said his department recently completed an emergency responder course and will host a large-scale hazmat training exercise Oct. 10 involving state and local agencies.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Extension Coordinator Kristin Burr highlighted recent 4-H accomplishments, including several blue ribbons at the state expo in Fallon and youth-made ornaments selected for display on the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. Upcoming events include a 4-H barbecue fundraiser Oct. 11, a "Zombie Grade" Halloween event Oct. 31, and a goat roping fundraiser Nov. 23.

OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- IT Department: Amanda Burrows received approval for a new \$3,000 purchasing card and authorization to work with J4 Systems on a \$19,760 network upgrade.
- **Treasurer's Office:** Treasurer Lacey Donald reported attending statewide training conferences and received approval to issue the IT credit card.
- Recorder's Office: Recorder Melanie Hamilton said \$39,835 remains from an ARPA grant, earmarked for a backup generator at the Senior Center, which must be purchased by December.
- **WIC Program:** The board approved reducing WIC's indirect cost payment to the county from 10% to a \$5,000 flat rate due to federal funding cuts.
- **Derby Field Airport:** Airport Manager Neil McIntosh reported steady activity, with 14 recent fuel sales and NV Energy completing electrical upgrades for the hangar expansion area.
- Museum: Commissioners approved a Trivia Night fundraiser Oct. 25 at the Marzen House Museum, co-hosted by the Mustang Youth Team and Pershing Healthcare Foundation.

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SPORTS

Mustangs Take Varsity Win Over Oasis Academy

JV Falls in Three-Set Battle; Varsity Sweeps the Bighorns

Story and photos by John Baker

The Pershing County Mustangs hosted the Oasis Academy Bighorns last week for a pair of league volleyball matches that kept fans on their feet from start to finish.

The JV squads took the court first, and the Mustangs came out firing, dominating the opening set 25-14. Oasis regrouped in the second set and charged back with a 25-22 win to even the score. The decisive third set stayed close early, but the Bighorns found a rhythm late and closed it out 15-8, taking the match two sets to one.

The Varsity matchup flipped the script. Pershing County started strong, jumping ahead early and cruising to a 25-15 first-set victory. The Bighorns showed some spark in the second, pushing rallies deep but ultimately falling 25-19.

The third set was a back-and-forth battle — tied at 17 at one point — before the Mustangs pulled away behind steady serves and strong net play to clinch the set 25-19 and sweep the match in three straight.

The win keeps Pershing County's momentum rolling as the team continues league play through October.



Emma Blondheim.



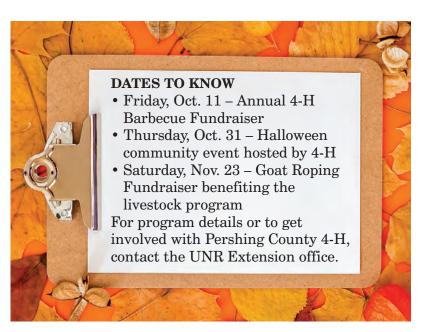
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EDUCATION

4-H Round-up

Ribbons, Capitol Ornaments, and Fall Events



By Rachel Dahl

The Pershing County 4-H program reported a busy season of youth accomplishments and upcoming activities.

Extension Coordinator Kristin Burr told county commissioners at their regular meeting last week that local 4-H members earned 60 blue ribbons at the State 4-H Expo in Fallon across photography, engineering, agriculture, fine arts, educational displays and woodworking. One member also showed livestock.

Youth from Pershing County also helped craft ornaments headed for

Washington, D.C. as part of Nevada's role in providing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. Some ornaments will also be displayed at the USDA office in Reno.

Closer to home, the Imlay Community Club is tending new garden beds, while woodworking members completed wildlife bat boxes, finished with a custom 4-H brand created by a club leader.

The Extension office noted fall reporting and staff training are underway. The local office will be closed Monday, Oct. 6 for required active-shooter training through the university.



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DINAR	POUND	SHEKEL		
DIRHAM	RAND	YEN		
DRACHMA	REAL	ZLOTY		
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