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## Northern Nevada braces for more flooding Thursday and beyond

By Scott Sonner  
Associated Press

RENO — Northern Nevada officials still assessing millions of dollars in damage from the latest round of flooding braced Tuesday for another series of wet storms that could swamp parts of the state again into next week.

“Wednesday is your last quiet weather day,” the National Weather Service in Reno warned.

Colder weather was providing some relief in northeast Nevada where as many as 100 homes and businesses evacuated over the weekend in and around Elko.

“It looks like things are calming down right now,” Elko County Sheriff James Pitts said in an interview. “We had some freezing weather overnight, which freezes the water, then it melts slower. That’s helping a lot.”

Gov. Brian Sandoval said multiple storms that hit the state in January caused \$14.8 million damage and that the costs continue to rise.

Douglas County in western Nevada estimates it suffered \$1 million to \$1.5 million in property damage from flooding last weekend on top of an estimated \$3.3 million in damages from January.

The state approved an emergency contract Monday for \$7 million to repair washed out roads to the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation north of Reno, where overall damage exceeds \$10 million.

“Looking forward, we are likely going to get hit again this week,” Sandoval’s press secretary Mari St. Martin said.

In Elko, Pitts said at least one road had been reopened to two of the hardest hit housing subdivisions. Crews hoped to restore power and gas service to those areas by Wednesday ahead of the next round of storms, he said.

One Elko elementary school serving 650 students remained closed Tuesday. But county officials were able to reopen a single lane of a highway to the rural town of Montello where dozens of residents had been cut off in flooding after a dam burst nearly a week ago. State Route 233 remained closed from Montello to the Utah line.

“The railroad is chomping at the bit to get in to take a look at their tracks that are exposed there,” Pitts said. “But as far as citizens go — knock on wood — we haven’t had any injuries or deaths.”

Last Friday, Sandoval formally applied for federal disaster funds to help mitigate an estimated \$14.8 million in damages from the January storms in Carson City, on three tribal reservations and in Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties.

On Tuesday, he issued another state disaster declaration as a result of last week’s flooding in Carson City and Elko, Humboldt and Douglas counties. County officials were still assessing those damages for consideration of an additional request for disaster relief, said Caleb Cage, chief and homeland security adviser for Nevada’s Division of Emergency Management.

While the brunt of the January storms hit primarily along the Nevada-California line, last weekend’s impacts stretched all the way to Utah, Cage said Tuesday.

“The water levels didn’t reach the same level, but the breadth was much bigger,” he said, adding that “the ground was so saturated and the reservoirs and rivers were all so full that there was really nowhere for the water to go, so we were more prone to flooding with less water.”

That’s the same situation that could result with storms beginning late Wednesday and early Thursday in western Nevada, and Thursday into Friday in the northeast part of the state, the weather service said.

## WINDY WEATHER



A 40-foot Blue Spruce tree at home of Mark and Mary Koscinski on B Street in Hawthorne was blown down with strong winds on Thursday, Feb. 9. The only damage was the fence in the front yard and another elm tree next the the spruce.

Tony Hughes

## Reported gusts of 75 mph topple trees, trucks; close highway



A semi-truck blocked all four lanes of US 95 between Safeway and Main Gate last Thursday when strong winds swept through the area.

Heidi Bunch

By Heidi Bunch  
MCIN Staff

High winds blew through Mineral County last Thursday causing damage to some in Mineral County.

Besides a large tree being blown over in Hawthorne, residents were stopped once again from traveling north on US Highway 95 when reports of blown over semi-trucks began to filter into the Mineral County Sheriff’s Office.

One truck was blown over between Main Gate and Safeway in the four lanes just outside of Hawthorne. The second truck was blown over outside of Schurz.

The road between Hawthorne and Schurz was covered in rocks and sagebrush, blown onto the roadway by the gusts.

The Independent-News contacted Nevada Highway Patrol Sergeant Brian Cavanaugh as to how high the wind gusts were in the area. He was unable to give an accurate wind speed but stated that at times, he had heard that the gusts were 75 mph strong.

One semi-truck driver was transported to Mt. Grant General Hospital. The injuries were unknown.

### MCHS BOYS BASKETBALL

## Serpents finish conference play with perfect record

Submitted by Pete Summerbell

With wins over Smith Valley and Virginia City, the Mineral County High boys basketball team will head to the Northern 1-A zone tournament in Elko as the number one seed from the west. The Serpents defeated Smith Valley on senior night, 83-48.

On Saturday, Mineral County took down Virginia City, 42-32 to wrap up their conference season without a loss. Taylen Wachsmuth led all scorers with 17 points and 17 rebounds

in a very physical game against the Muckers. Robert McFalls had 10 points and Devon Davis came off the bench to add six points.

The Serpents will play the fourth seed, Jackpot, on Thursday at 4:40 p.m. in the Elko High School gym. A win will advance the Serpents to the semi-finals and a match-up against the winner of the Whittell/Owyhee game.

The game on Friday will be at 4:40 p.m. in the same gym. The championship game for the 1-A boys will be Saturday at 1 p.m.



Jason Cardenas

Tony Dominquez brings the ball up the floor for the Serpents in a win over Virginia City last month. Mineral County finished its conference schedule a perfect 14-0, and will be the top seed in the regional playoffs starting Thursday in Elko.



# YOUR SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>56/32</b>	<b>51/40</b>	<b>58/32</b>	<b>62/39</b>	<b>59/33</b>	<b>56/28</b>	<b>50/23</b>
A little afternoon rain	A little afternoon rain	A shower in the afternoon	Intervals of clouds and sun	Rain and drizzle	Periods of snow, then rain	Snow possible in the morning

## NOTICES & EVENTS

### PRESIDENTS DAY BBQ IN MINA

Mina VFW Post 2668 and auxiliary invites you to join us as we celebrate Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 20, with a hamburger BBQ. Doors open at 12 p.m. at the VFW Post in Mina. Public is invited, no charge.

God bless our enlisted, our veterans and families and those who support them.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

Mineral County Library is celebrating Black History Month with a display that highlights materials both by and about African-Americans. The books and DVDs on display include nonfiction, current popular fiction and children's picture books and videos.

These are high-interest items including one of local interest: A tale of two cities: the African American struggle for civil rights in Babbitt and Hawthorne, Nevada. If you cannot find what you are interested in, the staff can help. The display will be up through the end of February. Come check it out.

### WINE TASTING EVENT ON TAP

The seventh annual Wine Tasting event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. \$25 a person, \$40 a couple. For

those that prefer other beverages and food, \$10 a person. Auctions, raffles and finger foods.

New wines will be featured along with representatives from Trinehero Family Wines; a worldwide distributor of great wines will be here. Many different wines are being served: reds, merlots and dry.

For your listening and dancing pleasure, we are pleased to announce that Dana & Rick "The Millionaires" will be here to perform.

Come enjoy some new wines, food and music and of course the auctions and raffles with auctioneer Tim Rutherford!

### LAST CHANCE FOR FREE RADON TEST KITS

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Radon Education Program is offering free radon test kits at several locations statewide through Feb. 28. In addition, there will be educational presentations on the dangers of radon Feb. 16 in Sparks, Feb. 28 in Yerington and March 2 in Stateline.

### MCHS CLASS OF 1977 REUNION MEETING

An MCHS Class of 1977 reunion meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Mineral County Public Library.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Darren, Dea and Bronson Hamrey are excited to announce the birth of, Bodin Abram Lief Hamrey. Bodin was born on Jan. 17, 2017 in Carson City, Nev.

### COMMUNITY

## Faces of Mineral County: New music teacher Dr. Ben Gooch

By Sheri Samson  
MCIN Correspondent

With the school district down a music teacher for over a year and a half, an eager group of students immediately signed up to begin their band and choir classes in January, as Dr. Ben Gooch decided to join the teaching staff and relocate his family to Hawthorne.

Completing his undergraduate work at the Brigham Young University in Idaho, he continued on to receive his master's degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he met his wife and married in 2010. Dr. Gooch then went on



Dr. Ben Gooch began teaching music at Mineral County schools in January.

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## RAB PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hawthorne Army Depot is conducting a remediation for unexploded ordnance at several sites on the installation or adjacent to the Depot boundary.

The Depot is soliciting for community residents, business leaders, and other stakeholders interested in voluntary participation on a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

RAB membership is voluntary and is a non-compensated activity. A RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for exchange of information between the Depot and the local community regarding cleanup activities.

Members will be asked to attend regular meetings related to ongoing activities. If there is sufficient interest in establishing a RAB, volunteers will be contacted with specific RAB formation information.

Community members interested in forming a RAB are invited to contact: Greg Jacobs at 775-316-0687 or by email at gregory.b.jacobs.civ@mail.mil

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Maya Angelou  
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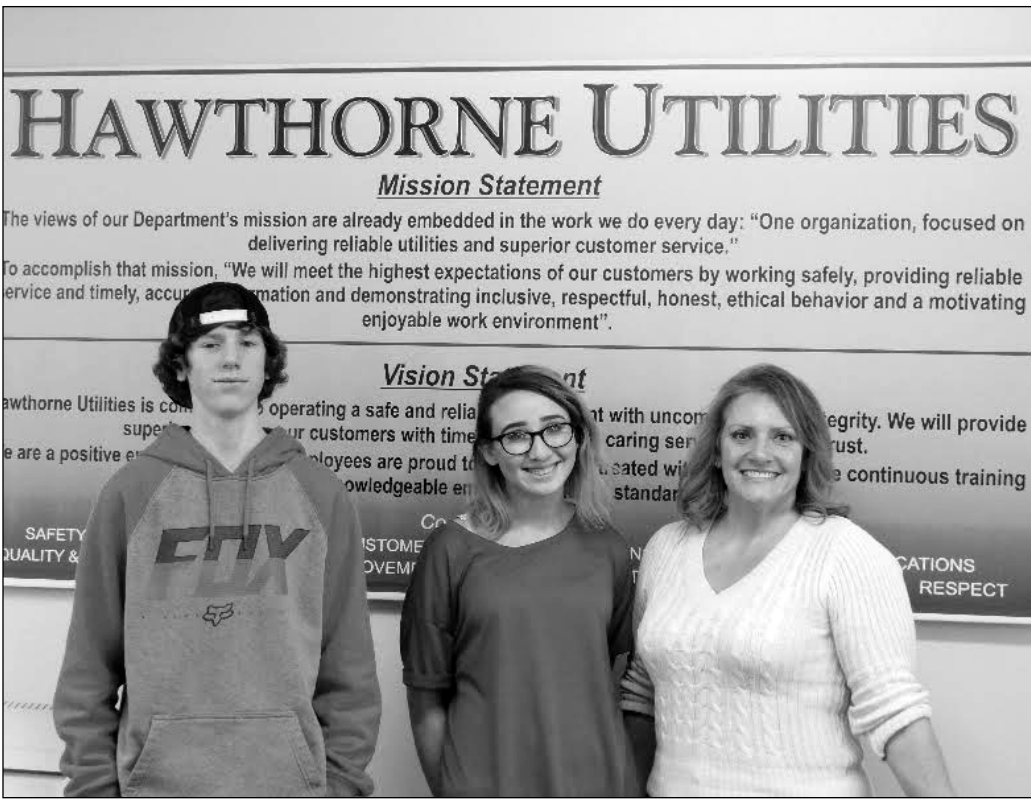
## Question of the week

What events/activities would you like to see at the Armed Forces Day event this year?

 <b>Patricia Combs</b> Boat Races.	 <b>Lindsey Ives (Hawthorne)</b> Something the entire family can enjoy.	 <b>Pamala Dempsey (Hawthorne)</b> More vendors.
 <b>Maria Warden (Hawthorne)</b> The vintage photo booth and more stuff for little ones.	 <b>Elizabeth Doyle (Fallon)</b> I'd love to see the train rides at the base make a comeback.	 <b>Shelly Skvarna (Hawthorne)</b> Softball tournament.
 <b>Christina Boyles (Hawthorne)</b> I would like to see the ice cream cart back.		

**ARMED FORCES DAY**





Sheri Samson

Gary Hamrey and Kylie Berginnis are working part time at Hawthorne Utilities as part of the Schools to Carer program.

# Program gives students a chance to learn new skills

By Sheri Samson  
MCIN Correspondent

When Hawthorne Utilities was given the chance to participate in the Schools to Career program, they were thrilled to interview and receive two students ready to work.

Gary Hamrey began training in newer equipment, while developing his welding skills on dumpster and trashcan repairs. Working part time, two or three days weekly, Hamrey shared that he is enjoying the challenge as they keep him busy in the maintenance area of the utility company with basic repairs.

"I like learning new equipment and getting to train in different areas," Hamrey stated.

Kylie Berginnis joined the office staff with her clerical skills which allowed for filing, sorting, labeling and organizational needs to be completed. Berginnis proudly shared her accomplishments in scanning the bulky, old maps into a condensed system using data entry techniques which she learned through the business administration courses at her high school.

"I have been taught how to act in a business setting and how to use the many office systems available. Now this is my hands-on experience through this program," Berginnis shared.

Office manager, Ana Fitzgerald shared how the program was assisting not only the students, but also the overall staff members.

"To have a student that is willing to apply themselves and actually learn work-

ing skills is such a help to our overall service to our customers. These students are working beside us in a true workday setting and it has allowed our staff to accomplish more as the organizational items are getting done. Both students have great performance skills in their assigned duties."

The Schools to Career program is part of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes which follow a three year learning path. These students are paid and there are grants underwriting these crucial opportunities. The CTE courses currently offered are administrative/business services; construction technology; consumer/health sciences; foods and nutrition. These programs involve a parent and student agreement as a clear focus and development is needed to maximize the goals.

With workplace readiness as a prime foundation, Principal Jeff Wales stated in the recent CTE meeting, "These are essential programs needed within our county. They help to establish our kids learning to live and work locally. As a community we need to identify the skills needed and create classes and programs that become a feeder program for the kids to come through."

Director Debbie Tarleton expressed how important this program was to one high school senior student who stated that even as the youngest in her family, she was the first child to work a job. For this student Tarleton shared, "There was such pride and accomplishment being built within her; she wanted to take on a second job."

### APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 86898

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 27th day of January 2017 B&J Dairy, L.P. of Galt, California made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the point of diversion and place of use of 2.911 c.f.s., 532.0 a.f.a., a portion of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 26474 (Certificate 9392). Water will be diverted from an underground source at a point located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 11, T11N, R33E, MDM, or at a point from which the NW corner of said Section 11 bears N 45 degrees 16 minutes 53 seconds W, a distance of 3,678.35 feet (approx. 24 miles WSW of Gabbs, NV). Water will be used for irrigation and domestic purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The existing point of diversion was located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 11, T11N, R33E, MDM, or at a point from which the NW corner of said Section 11 bears N 45 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds W, a distance of 3,677.56 feet.

Jason King, P.E.  
State Engineer  
JK/lis

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# HELP WANTED

Mt. Grant General Hospital  
200 South A Street, P.O. Box 1510, Hawthorne, NV 89415  
Contact: Jonalee Roberts, Human Resources  
Phone: 775-945-2461  
FAX: 775-945-0725

Mt. Grant General Hospital is accepting applications for the positions of  
**Per Diem Dietary Aide**

The per diem dietary aide works on a part-time basis and will be available to fill in for employees who are absent. Under the supervision of the Dietary Manager, the dietary aide works in conjunction with cook in preparing patient meal trays and special diet requirements. The dietary aide is also responsible for nourishment preparation, dishwashing, clean up and preparation of tray service for the next meal.

Applicant must have the ability to multitask, follow state and federal mandated regulations in regards to food preparation and storage, work well with the public and other staff members, as well as be organized and dependable.

Minimum qualifications are any combination of training, education, and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills and ability such as:

- \*Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- \*Per NRS 449 and NRS 200, successful applicant(s) must pass required state and federal background checks.
- \*Institutional food preparation experience preferred
- \*Food Handler's Card is preferred
- \*Incumbent may be required to obtain ServSafe Certification in the first 30 days of employment.

Deadline for applying: Position is open until filled.

Applications and job descriptions can be downloaded from our website at [www.mtgrantgenhospital.org](http://www.mtgrantgenhospital.org) or be picked up and returned to the main Switchboard or mail to: Mt. Grant General Hospital, ATTN: Jonalee Roberts, P.O. Box 1510, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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# Faces

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to complete his doctorate of musical arts at the University of Utah.

"I have had lots of schooling at this point and completed it all in 2016. My wife Amy received her degree in wildlife and conservation, doing her research studies in Nevada. Luckily she loves the small rural town atmosphere and the mountains all around," Dr. Gooch shared.

Raised in the bay area of Alameda, Calif., he felt his time in school exposed him to the great outdoors. With two young boys, three years and five months old, this area allowed his wife to be a stay-at-home mother for now and they could live locally without any long commutes.

Currently Dr. Gooch is leading two junior high bands and choir classes and two high school bands and choir classes plus Hawthorne Elementary School has a band and choir class that walk over.

In watching Dr. Gooch teaching a fifth grade band class, it was easy to see that the students were enjoying his calm de-

meanor as he encouraged the smallest accomplishment in each one present. The children played songs from a workbook, as they were concentrating on fingering their instruments while reading music, then clapping out the rhythms as they followed the musical notes.

"Reading music can be like learning a foreign language," Dr. Gooch shared with the kids.

With his own strong emphasis on personally playing the French horn, he has free lanced as a paid musician in many orchestras and worked with some memorable musicians. Knowing Reno is within driving distance, he is open to playing in the university orchestra setting and he has a connection there. As a special surprise to the students, the high school choir recently serenaded students in an impromptu concert within the class hallways.

At the end of the fifth grader band practice, each child shared that they were playing the same instruments that their parents had once played. Beaming with pride they all gave a thumbs up on their new teacher and the band class, with one student stating "I have been waiting for this."

### APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 86897

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Mt. Grant General Hospital has one opening for a full-time  
**Homemaker AND a per diem Homemaker**

Individual should be confident, compassionate, willing to learn and interested in caring for the elderly and able to demonstrate good housekeeping skills. The selected applicant will work with minimal supervision providing homemaking services such as general housekeeping, shopping, mail pickup, and occasional bath assist. Mileage is reimbursed bi-weekly. The Per Diem Homemaker works on a part-time basis as workload needs arise to fill in for employees who are absent and may be scheduled for weekly client visits.

Any combination in training, education, and experience that would provide the knowledge and abilities. A typical way to gain the required knowledge and ability is:

- High School Diploma or its equivalency AND
- Must have a registered motor vehicle, ability to drive with a current Nevada State driver's license with insurance as required by the laws of Nevada AND
- Able to maintain current certification in CPR and First Aid AND
- participate in annual mandatory training AND
- Per NRS 449.174 and NRS 200.5091, successful applicant(s) must pass required state and federal background checks.
- Experience in Housekeeping duties, laundry and elder care preferred.

Deadline for applying: Position is open until filled

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## NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

POSITION: **Landfill Equipment Operator/Truck Driver**  
Class/Grade 13  
Entry Level Hourly Rate: \$13.39

This is a full-time position w/benefits including health, dental & vision insurance, uniform clothing, leave accrual for sick & annual of 120 hrs per year, paid holidays and enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System.

Opening Date: Monday February 13, 2017  
Closing Date: Until filled

### Job duties

1. This individual operates and performs maintenance on heavy equipment used in the operations and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station. Responsible for daily operations and reports. Perform other duties as assigned and have a good working relationship with the public, employees and other county departments

### QUALIFICATIONS

2. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent,
3. Must have knowledge and demonstrate skills in the operation and maintenance of equipment common to landfill and transfer station operations and maintenance.
4. Must have a Valid Driver's License CDL (Class B) with endorsement for tankers or possess a valid instructional permit. License must be completed in the probationary period.
5. Must pass a drug test, driver's license check, criminal background check, and social security number verification check. Final offer of employment will be contingent on the findings of these checks
6. Must be able to work outside on a regular basis with exposure to dust, fumes of levels, or high noise levels within regulatory standards and limits and occasionally under adverse weather or otherwise undesirable conditions.
7. Physical demands including lifting, walking, bending, stooping, climbing, crawling, squatting and periods of standing.
8. Must be bondable

Applications are available at [www.mineralcountynv.us](http://www.mineralcountynv.us) or the Hawthorne Utilities Office, 395 'E' Street, P.O. Box 1448, Hawthorne, NV 89415, or call (775) 945-2486 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Monday Through Friday for more information.

**Mineral County will require successful applicants for all positions who are offered employment to consent to a pre-employment drug screen.**

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**Accommodations for disabled applicants can be arranged by calling the Office of the Recorder/Auditor (775) 945-3676.**

**Mineral County is a Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace.**





Courtesy photo

Staff members CarolJean Souza and Christina Boyles surrounded by library board members Lynda Miller, Keith Hughes, Schyler Hagen and director Courtney Oberhansli.

## Library workers honored

Submitted

Mineral County Library staff members received a surprise at February's library board meeting. Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees Schyler Hagen presented certificates of appreciation along with a monetary award to three deserving staff members.

Assistant Director Christina Boyles received a certificate highlighting her importance to our grants program. Boyles goes the extra mile to ensure that Mineral County Library offers one-of-a-kind programs that help to expand the horizons of our citizens. Mina librarian CarolJean Souza received a commendation for her tireless dedication to the Mina Branch Library. She has been an asset to the Hawthorne library staff who appreciate that Mina is in good hands.

The Mineral County Library circula-

tion librarian Katharine Pyatt was not able to be present to receive her award, but the commendation highlights her enthusiastic willingness to help with any project. She has been instrumental in teaching adult patrons how to use the computers. Because of her efforts, patrons have graduated to using computers on their own—an important goal of digital literacy that is stressed at both state and national levels. The board and Library Director Courtney Oberhansli congratulated the staff members for their excellent work.

Commissioner liaison to the library Garth Price was not able to make the meeting but expressed by email that he was "glad to hear the awards were handed out to your employees, much deserved." After the meeting, a luncheon for the staff and board members was provided by board member Lynda Miller.

## Winds damage Walker Lake building, knock down power poles

By Sheri Samson  
MCIN Correspondent

On Feb. 9 around 1:30 p.m., a call went out that a metal roof had peeled off an empty block wall commercial building, located on the frontage road along Highway 95, with trusses and aluminum pieces flying in a circle over 200 feet in the air before landing along the cliff and above, along Betty Jane Drive. Described by local residents as a strong whirlwind or quick twister, the force affected five power poles with two poles down, leaving at least 25 residents without power.

The day had already experienced high winds and road closures. Walker Lake Fire Chief, Adam Greenfield, responded to the neighborhood, blocking off Betty Jane and setting up a safety perimeter.

Greenfield reported at 3:30 p.m. that no physical injuries had been reported and NVEnergy had no specific time frame of completion. He also stated that three structures sustained minor damage.

The following day Donna Glazier met with Mike Fontaine, Building Inspector for Mineral County, to assist her out-of-area clients in assessing the damage to the building and to properly secure. Greenfield also did a safety review, posting signage regarding dangers upon entering, especially as the heavy steel garage.

On Saturday a community group of residents came together with tools and



Sheri Samson

Last Thursday's wind storm tore the roof off an empty building at Walker Lake.

a trailer to load up the roofing debris within the north end of the Betty Jane Drive area. Concerned about the possibility of more stormy winds, the volunteer residents also attempted to pull down more debris off the steep cliff area to avoid any further damage.

At present time, volunteers are attempting a completion of cleanup once a county bin is secured for disposal.

## Report: 'Motor voter' law could cost Nevada \$5M or \$90,000

By Alison Noon  
Associated Press

CARSON CITY — Adopting a proposed "motor voter" law in Nevada to register eligible people to vote when they apply for a driver's license or other state identification card could cost as much as \$5 million, state analysts said in a long overdue report released Tuesday.

But state officials called the report outdated and anticipate a much lower price tag for the program, which is projected to enroll at least 120,000 voters in the first year.

Under a 2016 voter-initiated petition, Nevadans would be registered to vote through the Department of Motor Vehicles unless they opt out. The petition also calls for the voter rolls to be updated when people renew driver's licenses or otherwise update their information with the DMV.

In the report filed six months late, fiscal analysts at the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau said implementing the program, should it become law, would cost \$5 million if the state decided to

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Submitted by Oliver Wert, Jr.

Discrimination against African Americans in both Babbitt and Hawthorne was driven by the leadership of those communities. Many residents were undoubtedly biased against blacks, but they had no power to impose their viewpoint without the active support of the white elite. Casinos, bars and restaurants in Hawthorne generally did not accept African-American patrons. Some restaurants and bars allowed blacks to take away food and drinks, but not to eat or drink on the premises. Young black men had no place to take a date, except for four hours at the USO club on Wednesday nights, designated as "Negro" night. The USO was closed to blacks at all other times. African-America fathers could not take their families out to dinner. For a "night on the town" black citizens of Babbitt had to travel to Sparks, more than one hundred thirty miles away, where all-black clubs existed. In 1943, black members of Babbitt convinced Jack Rosemont, a black tavern owner from Sparks, to apply for a liquor license in Hawthorne. They told him the large African-American community in Babbitt, with government jobs and lots of wartime overtime pay, was a sure moneymaker.

Manuel Gray Sr. and his family, who all eventually worked at the depot, came from rural Louisiana in 1944. He heard about the opportunities from neighbors who had relatives working at the Naval Ammunition Depot. When his son Otis came for a visit in 1945 after being demobilized from the Army, he also got a job at the NAD. Oliver Wert arrived in 1950 after hearing about job opportunities from a former neighbor. A.C. Cook grew up in Little Rock, Ark. working on his father's farm. When he graduated from high school in 1944, the local draft board ordered him to Hawthorne and paid his train fare there (Cook had a deep cut on his arm at the time, which made him unfit for the Army). The board told him to work at the NAD until further notice. Cook went to work on a segregated crew that assembled ammunition. He joined the NAACP while in Babbitt in the early 1950's and was an active participant in pickets and sit-ins in Hawthorne during the civil rights era.



# MINERAL COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

## SAFETY NOTICE

Commissioner Chris Hegg noted the YCAC closure. He spoke with Isom Insurance and will get a valuation of damage to submit to POOL/PACT. Barb Owens explained the impact to the YCAC programs.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Garth Price acknowledged CCCcommunications in the job they are doing for the county. Clerk Chris Nepper is spearheading the project.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Recorder-Auditor Christine Hoferer brought forth a letter in regards to budget violations for the commissioner's signature.

## VOUCHERS

Commissioner Jerrie Tipton made a motion to approve the voucher for 911 system. Hoferer reported that her mining map fund is improving.

## REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The commissioners received an email regarding Walker Lake.

## BUSINESS LICENSE

The business license for Mary Fitzgerald - Nails by Mary Fitzgerald at 597 E Street was approved.

## NACO DUES

Tipton explained to the board about the 2017 Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) dues statement for Mineral County. Tipton explained past years. NACO set the amount at a half of a percent in Payment in Lieu of Taxes. The dues will be \$10,703.

## ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Nepper explained his agenda item in regards to new election equipment. The cost will be \$128,000. Nepper is working with Dominion. It is unknown in the state is going to pay for any of the cost.

## FIBER OPTIC

Nepper explained issues with the internet. The county is looking to bring in fiber optic lines to Mineral County Courthouse. The cost will be roughly \$1,600 a month. Nepper said he is waiting to hear from another vendor. He will bring this back to the board when more information is found.

## 6TH STREET SCHOOL

Senior Director Cherrie George discussed that she met with the school district in regards to a lease term on the 6th Street School. District Attorney Sean Rowe was present at meeting and stated he will draw up a lease. She will bring the item back to the board. Eric Hamrey, Director of Public Works, stated that the Brownsfield people would like to give a presentation regarding the program to the commissioners. Hegg stated he spoke with POOL/PACT and that there are structural issues with the roof. Hegg would like to speak with POOL/PACT in regards to these structural issues.

## MINERAL COUNTY CODE 13.16.030

Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director, met with the commissioners regarding the first reading by title only and proposal of an ordinance which amends Mineral County Code 13.16.030 regarding payment of bills, subsection B, the discount of water portion. This will eliminate the early payment program which had been previously set by the utilities office.

## ZONING CHANGE OF MINERAL COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

Barbara Owens met with the commissioners asking for the waiver of the application fee pertaining to the possible zoning change of the Mineral County Convention Center from C-1 Commercial to P for Public. Commissioner Garth Price asked the price. Mike McNeill with Hawthorne Convention Center stated it could be as high as \$120. Hoferer explained that previous boards had stopped the waiver of the fees when other entities are charged to use the building or marquee. McNeill stated that they just "rent" the building. The item was approved.

## HOTEL REPRESENTATIVE BOARD VACANCY

There were two letters received prior to deadline and one after deadline for the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Authority. McNeill stated that the third letter was to not be considered. Owens requested that Mike Thyne's application be accepted. George asked that the names be read into record. Tina Manzini, Thyne and Woody Isom's letters of interest were read into record. Commissioner Price asked to consider Isom's letter. The commissioners and representatives decided to reopen the posting.

## REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AT CONVENTION CENTER

Owens stated that there are major safety concerns about 11 windows in the building. She stated that when the wind blows they rattle. McNeill stated that four people have stated that they feel unsafe standing next to the windows. Hamrey stated that when the building was remodeled there were funds set aside and they did not replace them. McNeill stated that the grant was to remodel the auditorium and two dressing rooms.

McNeill stated that the cost for the windows would be between \$1,400 to \$1,600 per window. Tipton asked who will pay the match to the grant. McNeill stated that since the building is Mineral County's that the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Authority aren't responsible for the building.

Tipton advised Hamrey to find \$3,500 to get the windows finished and to write the grant. Commissioner Hegg and Hamrey both agreed to assess the windows by reglazing.

Commissioner Tipton stated that right now the county is looking at huge projects. Commissioner Price would like McNeill and Hamrey to work together to get the windows fixed.

Owens wanted to stress that these win-

dows need to be replaced.

Ava Earl from Walker Lake stated that there is film that can help with these issues.

## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sean Gephart with the Nevada Department of Agriculture presented a noxious weeds law and program. Gephart did a PowerPoint presentation and explained state laws. The state has 47 weeds listed as noxious. He explained the categorization of weeds. There are three reported noxious weeds in Mineral County. Scotch Thistle and Salt Cedars around Walker Lake. Hamrey asked about African Rue. He stated that there are many locations in Mineral County. Gephart explained that this means that a complete evaluation has not been done.

Gephart asked that county member download the app which gives GPS location and type of plant, which goes directly to the department of agriculture.

Gephart would like to know if anyone sees yellow-star thistle in Mineral County.

## SWIMMING POOL ISSUES

Owens advised the board about electrical issues at the Mineral County Swimming Pool. She stated that Grant with Hawthorne Utilities will relocate the backflow prevention value for a cost of \$3,000. Her office will cover return lines. She would like to get this item taken care of before May 18.

The request to POOL/PACT Risk Management Grant would be \$35,000. The cost to the county would be \$5,750 cash match. Grant stated that the work done from his department will be considered "in-kind".

Commissioner Tipton asked where the cash match will come from. Commissioner Hegg made note of Owens budget. Owens stated she did not have any money to help cover the cost.

Hoferer stated that Owens go forward with the grant and the money could come

out of capital projects. The item was approved.

## RESIGNATION OF MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Sue Silver, director of the Mineral County Museum, was "sadly" approved by all three commissioners.

## MANAGER OF MINERAL COUNTY MUSEUM

Commissioner Hegg placed this item on the agenda to be the temporary manager of the Mineral County Museum to oversee operation and personnel. Commissioner Tipton explained the different procedures of taking care of museum artifacts.

"I do not want to close it," Tipton explained about the museum.

Hamrey stated he would step up and keep the museum going. He offered to oversee the museum until an employee is approved.

Hamrey stated he will get with a retired employee to see if they can work down there. He will also work on heating, cooling and security.

The board decided to look at a full-time employee. After that employee gets their feet under them, they will bring in a part-time employee.

Nepper asked if county employees can volunteer their own time at the museum.

The commissioners set the range from \$24,000 to \$30,000. The hiring will be done as a joint meeting between the commissioners and museum board. Applications would have been reviewed on Feb. 15 with selection on March first meeting.

Hamrey asked about the clean-up of the museum. Hegg suggested a list and photographs.

## TRAINING FOR WATER BOARDS

Grant explained that the commissioners also act as the Mineral County Water Board. Nevada Rural Water will come down and do training with the board. Tipton asked if it could be done electronically. The commissioners stated that they are willing to take the training.

# CONTRACTOR WANTED

Mineral County School District is seeking qualified contractor to give quotes on reroofing several buildings at the school district. All qualified licensed contractors can call the maintenance supervisor at 775-945-5379 for more information.

## APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 86900

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 27th day of January 2017 B&J Dairy, L.P. of Galt, California made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of 2.17 c.f.s., 518.88 a.f.a., a portion of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 40327 (Certificate 12697). Water will be diverted from an underground source at a point located within the SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 11, T11N, R33E, MDM, or at a point from which the NW corner of said Section 11 bears N 45 degrees 16 minutes 53 seconds W., a distance of 3,678.35 feet (approx. 24 miles WSW of Gabbs, Nevada). Water will be used for irrigation and domestic purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The existing point of diversion was located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 11, T11N, R33E, MDM, or at a point from which the NW corner of said Section 11 bears N 45 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds W., a distance of 3,678.35 feet. Water was used for irrigation purposes from March 15th to October 30th of each year.

Jason King, P.E.  
State Engineer  
JK/ls

Date of first publication Feb. 16, 2017

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On February 2, 2017, Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (SPPC) filed an application, designated as Docket No. 17-02007, with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission) for approval of the first amendment to its 2017-2036 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and its 2017-2019 Action Plan as it relates to a new renewable energy purchased power agreement (PPA).

This Notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may affect their unique situations. The details provided within this Notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing.

SPPC filed the Application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to NRS 704.751(2), NAC 704.9516, NAC 704.9518, and NAC 703.535.

SPPC states that the Application seeks approval of a new renewable energy power PPA that will be used to support Apple Inc., which seeks to offset its incremental load with renewable energy resources. Specifically, the Application seeks Commission approval of a PPA between SPPC and Techren Solar, LLC (Techren), whereby SPPC will purchase the output from the 200 megawatt Techren Solar 2 facility to be developed by Techren.

Interested and affected persons may file petitions for leave to intervene pursuant to NAC 703.578 through 703.600 at either of the Commission's offices on or before WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017.

A person who wishes to participate as a commenter may file written comments pursuant to NAC 703.491. A commenter is not a party of record and shall not take any action that only a party of record may take. Pursuant to NAC 703.500, only parties of record are entitled to enter an appearance, introduce relevant evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, make and argue motions and generally participate in the proceeding.

The Application is available for public viewing at the Commission's website at: <http://puc.nv.gov> and at the offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.

A person must request in writing to be placed on the service list for this proceeding in order to receive any further notices in this matter.

By the Commission,

TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada  
02/07/17  
(SEAL)

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On February 2, 2017, Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (SPPC) filed an application, designated as Docket No. 17-02008, with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission) for approval of a Renewable Energy Agreement with Apple Inc. (Apple REA).

This Notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may affect their unique situations. The details provided within this Notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing.

SPPC filed the Application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to NRS 703.150 and NRS 704.210, and NAC 703.535.

SPPC states that approval of the Apple REA will help Apple achieve its objective to operate its facilities located in northern Nevada while utilizing all renewable energy resources. SPPC states that the Apple REA will provide a mechanism to allow Apple to realize portfolio energy credits from a new renewable generation resource being constructed in Nevada, which will deliver energy to SPPC, while at the same time not burdening other customers of SPPC with the incremental costs of that generation. SPPC states that the Apple REA is an important component in supporting further economic development in Nevada by Apple.

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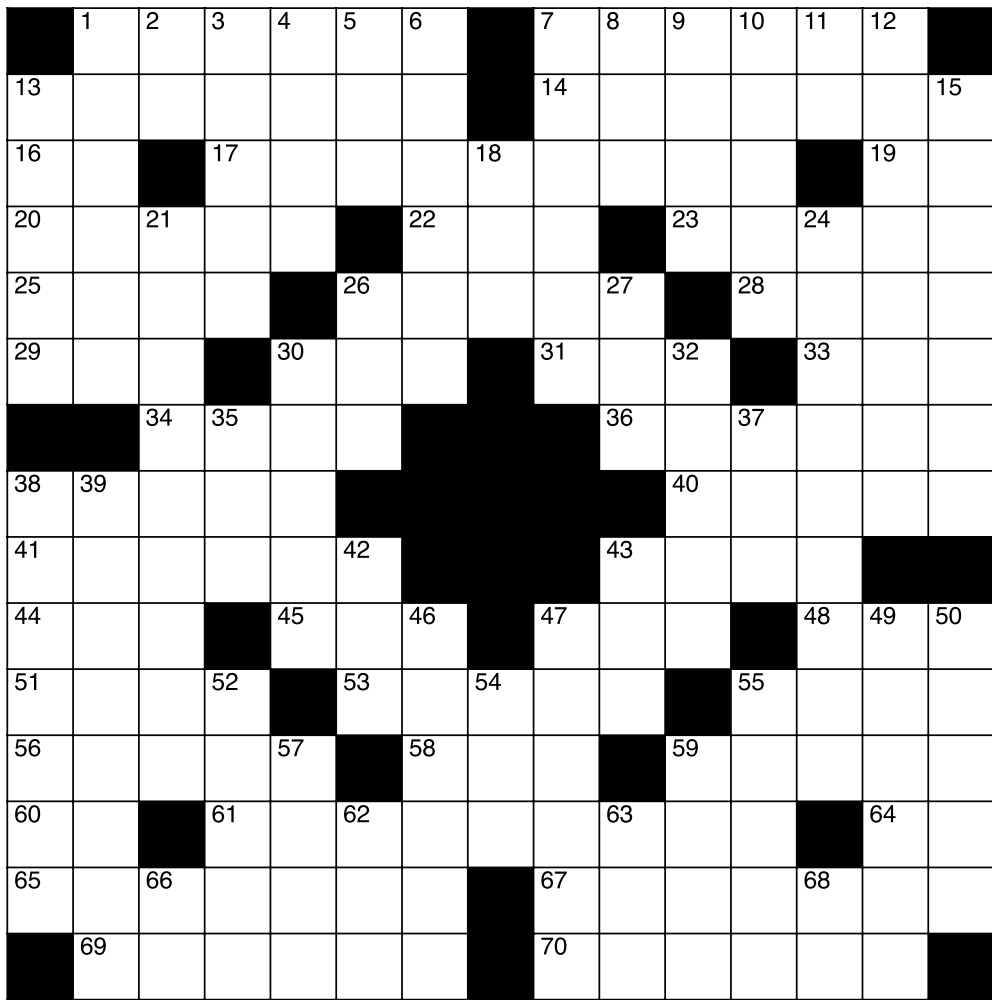
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# PUZZLES

## Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Package
7. Wear away
13. Joins a leaf to a stem
14. Worsen
16. Promotes international cooperation (abbr.)
17. Your folks
19. Publicity
20. Moves up
22. Dept. of Labor
23. Physicist Enrico
25. Whitney and Manning are two
26. Human foot (pl.)
28. Coral is an example
29. Extended error correction
30. Small amount
31. Dash
33. The greatest of all time
34. Middle Eastern country
36. Ravine
38. Cup-like cavity
40. Chemical substances
41. Extremely stupid behavior
43. He built Arantea
44. Beverage beloved by Brits
45. Cereal plant
47. Signal
48. A bar bill
51. Comedienne Faris
53. Preface to a book
55. Stores grain
56. In a way, medicated
58. Small island (British)
59. An Indiana-based hoopster
60. Measures width of printed matter
61. Riders use this to transport goods
64. Once more
65. Thin layers
67. Says again
69. Cleans thoroughly
70. Warnings

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Relating to male organ
2. Indicates position
3. Covers with frost
4. Makes a soft murmuring sound
5. Wood
6. Type of fuel
7. Confused
8. Where you go at night
9. Canadian flyers
10. Type of birch tree
11. Beloved Welsh princess
12. Coated
13. Smooth substance of crushed fruit
15. Improves intellectually
18. A sign of assent
21. Island-based Italians
24. Pragmatic
26. Peter's last name
27. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
30. Mexican city
32. Sir Samuel \_\_, Brit. statesman
35. Summer Olympics were just here
37. Fiddler crabs
38. Southern military academy
39. Tumors
42. Speaks incessantly
43. Sacred sound in Indian religions
46. Transactions
47. Et-
49. Reminders
50. Doesn't interest
52. Norse gods
54. Canola is one type
55. Beloved sportscaster Craig
57. Irish mother goddess
59. Daddy
62. Press against lightly
63. Sound unit
66. Master of Ceremonies
68. Morning

## SUDOKU

8	2							
		9		5				3
1			8	2	6	4		9
							7	4
					5		3	
7	1		3					6
			5	9	3		2	8
			4		7			5
3		8	6		2		4	7

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS**

S	W	R	V	L	V	A	S	B	N	R	C	S	S
S	T	A	E	F	E	R	E	V	N	I	M	V	L
E	R	G	A	B	L	D	D	A	S	M	W	E	
R	E	C	A	F	I	T	I	V	D	E	S	O	D
O	L	I	S	M	E	O	R	P	A	V	N	N	V
B	T	A	B	C	U	E	T	A	V	T	O	I	E
S	T	A	V	A	V	A	A	C	O	O	I	I	
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**SUDOKU ANSWERS**

7	4	9	2	1	6	8	5	3
5	1	3	7	8	4	9	6	2
8	2	9	3	6	5	1	7	4
6	9	5	8	4	3	2	1	7
2	3	8	5	7	1	4	9	6
4	7	1	6	9	2	3	8	5
9	5	4	6	2	8	7	3	1
3	8	2	1	5	7	9	4	6
1	6	7	3	4	9	2	5	8

# ARREST RECORD

The following people were arrested in Mineral County on or after Feb. 4 and were in jail on Monday at or after about 8 a.m. All charges against them are misdemeanors unless otherwise noted. All are innocent until proven guilty in court. Names and charges appear as they have been received from the sheriff's office.

- Zee A. Boehlke was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 6 for domestic battery - first. Bail set at \$3,000 bond/cash.
- Karma B. Steffans was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 6 for possession schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance (first/second); use/possess drug paraphernalia; possess <= one ounce marijuana (first) and false statement to obstruct public officer. Bail set at \$5,920 bond/cash.
- Sherri E. Duncan-Byer was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 7 for burglary (first) and fraud by authorized credit card holder or credit/debit card/identification. Bail set at \$25,000 bond/cash.
- Meghan L. Burt was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 8 for basic speed - 1-10 miles per hour over posted limit and drive without driver's license. Bail set at \$500 bond/cash.
- Donald A. Selasco was arrested by Nevada Parole and Probation on Feb. 8 for arrest for violation of probation/condition of suspension. No bail.
- Christopher D. Gates was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 11 for DUI, above legal limit (first). Bail set at \$1,140 bond/cash.
- Jackolynn E. Rambeau was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 10 on a bench warrant. Bail set at

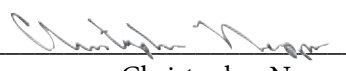
\$1,749 cash.

- Patrick M. Chambers was arrested by Walker River Tribal Police on Feb. 11 on a bench warrant; trespass, not amounting to burglary; conspiracy to buy/possess/ receive stolen property; basic speed - 1-10 miles per hour over posted limit; use/ possess drug paraphernalia; possess schedule I, II, III, IV controlled substance (first/second); possess to sell schedule I/ II, FLNTRZPM/GHB (first...); sell schedule I or II controlled substance (first) and fail possess/surrender certificate of registration. Bail set at \$29,060 bond cash on six charges. Three other charges were no bail.
- Jessie D. Sponberg was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 12 for DUI, above legal limit (first). Bail set at \$1,140 bond/cash.

The following were released from the Mineral County Detention Center by a judge unless otherwise noted: Michael E. Garcia (released on recognizance); Alexiz D. Hubbard (released charge(s) dismissed); Erin L. Johnson (released on recognizance); Clarence D. Jones (released on recognizance); Shawna E. Lawson (released on bond); Shelby L. Smith (released time served); Haley M. Wasilchuk (released on bond); Zee A. Boehlke (released on bond); Sherri E. Duncan-Byer (released on bond); Juan G. Leyva (released to other agency); Kevin A. Marriott (released time served); Karma B. Steffens (released on bond); Meghan L. Burt (released on cash bail); Harry J. Settergren (released on recognizance); Jordan D. Godard (released on cash bail); Christopher D. Gates (released on bond) and Joseph R. Cox (released no charges filed).

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourth Quarterly Installment of real property taxes for the fiscal taxable year of 2016-2017 is due and payable at the Mineral County Treasurer's Office, First and 'A' Streets, PO Box 1450, Hawthorne, Nevada 89415, on March 6, 2017. If said installment is not paid on or before March 6, 2017, or within ten (10) days thereafter by 5:00 p.m. of said date, same will become delinquent and a penalty added thereto.

  
Christopher Nepper  
Mineral County Treasurer and Ex Officio Tax Receiver

## HOROSCOPE

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Expect some great luck and happiness in the days ahead, Aries. If you plan on taking a trip, travel will most likely be to a warm-climate destination to soak up the sun.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, you have a reputation of being a great financial strategist. It's time to look over your personal finances and see where you might be able to tighten the reins here and there.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
A partner in your life has become very vocal lately and is not easy to persuade on any topic, Gemini. You have to find a way to reach this person so the relationship can develop.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
You have been working very hard, Cancer, and what you need most right now is an escape. This will happen in time, so don't lose hope. You just need to meet a few deadlines.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
Children, involvement in creative projects, or other personal, private life affairs will fill several days, Leo. Serious decisions can be put off for the time being.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, your home and family are on the top of your mind as you enter the week, Virgo. Perhaps you have party details to oversee or travel arrangements to make.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
You always are thinking of others, Libra, but now it's time to think of yourself. Rest if that is what you desire, or plan a move if you need a change of pace.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, this should be a happy week for you with a lot of social interaction among friends. A number of nights out dot your calendar, and you're not apt to miss any.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
As the week opens you could be reassessing everything in your life, from your job to your relationship to your goals. This can be a good time to put any plans into motion, Sagittarius.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
There is a chance you may be in touch with medical personnel this week, Capricorn. It will not have to do directly to you, but maybe a call for a friend or family member.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, it's hard to mistake your allure right now. If you are single, others will really notice you this week. If you're attached, you will get more attention from your partner.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
This could be a memorable month for your career, Pisces. You have the ability to get the attention of some very important people.



# REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## 10 YEARS AGO (From the MCIN Files of Feb. 15, 2007)

- Pastor Marty Engebretsen conducted a vigil on the birthday of Nita Mayo on Feb. 12, 2007 at the Mt. Grant General Hospital. Hospital staff members, family and friends of Nita Mayo attended. There was a prayer given by Pastor John Corson of Bakersfield, Calif. that was read by Pastor Engebretsen.
- Mineral County High School students and teachers were given a special treat from some of the soldiers of the US Army Special Forces at an assembly.
- Renovation of the old courthouse began when contractors were hired to clean out the dead pigeons and pigeon debris. They were also tearing out the old damaged ceilings and the asbestos tile flooring. "This is turning out to be a big job," stated Victor Solano, supervisor for Advance Installations, Inc.
- Dan Hightower was introduced as the new manager of the Hawthorne Safeway store.
- Bobbi Greenwood was selected to receive honorary award recognition by having her biography published in the 29th Annual Edition of the National Dean's List, 2005/2006.

## 20 YEARS AGO

- The Lady Serpents claimed their fourth straight championship with a 37-17 win over Incline Village. The Lady Serpents finished the conference race with an 11-1 record.
- Serpents Varsity Baseball team also qualified for the zone tournament finishing 3rd place with a record of 7-5.
- Five Mineral County High School players were awarded the prestigious All-State Academic Team Award. This award is presented to basketball players for their academic excellence in high school with a 4.0 grade point average. Students who received the award were: Jennifer Munger, Jayci Madraso, Courtney Ewing, Jeff Bryant and Aaron Combs.
- The Academic Olympians Team at Hawthorne Middle School took second place among western Nevada Schools competition. Team members were Chris Deckard; Ryan West; Cory Wilder; Matt Kosciński; Tiffany Sanders; Avinash Bhakta; Tori Conklin and Angela Dockrey. Teacher was LaReita Parker.

## 30 YEARS AGO

- William Franklin House, the first person to graduate from Mineral County High School, died in his home in Monterey, Calif. House attended local schools including Mineral County High which was established in 1915 and became the school's first and only graduate in 1918.
- Leaders in the El Capitan Fish Derby were Frank Hughes (7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces) and John Glynn (6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces).
- The Serpents varsity basketball team won over Lovelock 51-42, but were defeated by Battle Mountain 66-58.
- The Lady Serpents defeated the Lovelock team 42-31 and also won over Battle Mountain Longhorns 53-38.

## 40 YEARS AGO

- The MCHS Serpents won two conference games, defeating the Douglas Tigers 81-79 and the Fallon Green Wave 67-64.
- A hiring freeze was announced by the county commissioners on county jobs because of tight budget funds after the tax rate was reduced to the \$5 constitutional limit.
- A traffic safety club was organized at Mineral County High School with 12 members according to State Association Vice President, Scott Wallis of Babbitt.

## 50 YEARS AGO

- Sp4 LeRoy "Butch" Babb of Hawthorne was wounded in Vietnam while serving with the 65th Engineer Battalion of the U.S. Army.
- Two natives of Thailand were injured when their car was blown off US 95 south of Mina by a strong gust of wind.
- The Serpents lost two basketball games over the weekend. Manogue 70-50 and Yerington 76-47.
- Boss: "Murphy, what are you putting in your pocket?"  
Murphy: "A few sticks of dynamite, sir. Every time Riley sees me he slaps me on the chest and breaks all the cigars in my pocket. Next time he does it, he's going to blow his fool head off!"

## 60 YEARS AGO

- The Hawthorne Men's All-Star basketball team played the world famous



**40 Years Ago - State Senator Rick Blakemore welcomed several members of the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club to Carson City for the annual Kiwanis Club Legislature Day.**

American Red Heads ladies team in a March of Dimes benefit game in Hawthorne.

- An undefeated season became a reality as the Mineral County High School girls basketball team completed their season by winning over the Smith Valley girls 43-38.
- The Serpents gave it all they had and they came up with one and one record in conference games played over the weekend. They took a surprisingly easy win at home against Elko on Friday night 52-31 and then lost by two points to the league leading Carson City Senators on the Carson floor on Saturday 43-41.
- Movies showing at the Babbitt Theatre this week 60 years ago were: "The Rack", "The Queen of Babylon" and "Friendly Persuasion."

## 70 YEARS AGO

- The Serpents defeated the Douglas County Tigers 48-23, and edged out the Yerington Lions 30-29 in weekend basketball games.
- The Hawthorne NAD Rocket announced that plans were being made for the seeding of alfalfa on approximately 23 acres of land in Babbitt. (Gene Hughes NOTE: This article brings back many memories to us Hughes boys, because our dad, Alvin Hughes had the contract to take care of the alfalfa fields in Babbitt. Doing all the watering of the fields and harvesting the hay crops when they were ready. It was a lot of hard work, a lot of fun and we enjoyed doing it. Many folks thought that Al Hughes was killing his boys by having them move the big aluminum pipes on the fields, but really they weren't that heavy. Plans were also made for the planting of trees on the north and west sides of Babbitt to act as windbreaks.)
- American Legion Post 19 honored State Commander Floyd Crabtree, who was a Hawthorne resident, at a special ceremony held at the Babbitt Recreation Hall. Governor Vail Pittman was the principal speaker for the event.

## 80 YEARS AGO

- Jack Bennett, a Fallon resident employed at the Brucite Mine (located in the canyon above the present city of Gabbs), 35 miles northeast of Luning, was found frozen to death by a rescue team that had set out to find him after he failed to reach Luning, walking from the snow-bound camp. A companion, Frank Robb, was able to reach Luning and reported the plight of Bennett, whose frozen body was found about eight miles north of Kelly's Well.
- Andrew Negrete was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury after being tried for fatally stabbing Clyde Bixby in Mina.
- Lester Summerfield, Reno attorney, representing the Nevada State Bar, announced a bill was being prepared for submission to the state legislature to amend the state election laws to clarify the status of military and government employees in regard to their right to participate in elections in Nevada.
- Elected to serve as student body officers at Mineral County High School were Kenneth (Pat) Mann, president; Mae Lowney, vice president; Joe Cornelius, secretary; Dan Kalember, sergeant-at-arms.
- World's six largest, most powerful locomotives were delivered to Southern Pacific for use on the "Daylight Flyer" runs between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

## NEVADA HISTORY

# Comstock barbed wire

By Dennis Cassinelli

A compulsion to collect things is a well known human trait. For centuries, people have collected practically anything that interests them. This could be obvious things such as stamps and coins, or it could be the hundreds of varieties of beer cans, arrowheads, antique bottles or samples of antique barbed wire.

I must admit that at different times in my own ancient history, I have dabbled in collections of all those things mentioned above. Having grown up on a ranch and worked on several others, I found that there were many varieties of interesting barbed wire to be found along the miles of old fence surrounding the fields and pastures of Nevada. I also learned there were collectors who had a passion for seeing how many different varieties they could assemble into a collection.

Many books have been written about the subject and each variety was given a name. One of the earliest patented varieties was the "Kelly Diamond Point" which was patented in 1868 by Michael Kelly. It had a distinctive diamond shaped point and one of the twisted wires passed through a small hole in each diamond point. Rules for collectors were established and those included the obligation to repair any standing fence where a sample was removed. Sample size was set at 18" and over 1,000 different varieties of American made barbed wire have been identified.

My own collection at one time covered an entire wall of my house and included over 500 different types. It was during my barbed wire collecting phase that I learned there was one variety of barbed wire that was manufactured in Virginia City, Nevada using materials taken from the Comstock mines.

Many of the hoisting works of some Comstock mines used massive flat wire cable straps to raise and lower the heavy elevators deep into the earth. After months of lifting tons of ore, timbers, men and equipment, the flat strap cable became dangerously worn. No longer safe to use for its intended purpose, the cable had to be scrapped and replaced.

In those days, the Chinese built the V&T Railroad and the Central Pacific Railroad across northern Nevada. The Chinese, however, were not allowed to work in the deep mines, but they did work placer mines such as in Gold Can-



yon between Dayton and Silver City.

Enterprising Chinese laborers soon found there was a market for the worn-out flat cable from the Comstock mines. Miles of the used flat cable was laid out flat on the ground and split apart by the Chinese laborers into several strands, complete with barbs that were formed where the cable was cut apart with chisels.

Wagon loads of this heavy barbed wire were sold to farmers and ranchers in the Truckee meadows, Dayton and the Carson Valley. Fencing of the various farms and ranches became necessary about the same time the Comstock Mines were being developed.

The Comstock has always been known for its superlatives and Comstock barbed wire continued this tradition. Comstock Barbed Wire is easily the largest and heaviest barbed wire ever made and it had the longest barbs of any barbed wire. It is also perhaps the rarest of barbed wire types. This is because it was hand crafted from local materials and was used extensively on the farms and ranches surrounding the Comstock region.

Surprisingly, examples of Comstock mine cable barbed wire can still be seen on a few fences along the back roads of Carson Valley today. A few years ago I photographed a section of this wire on a fence near Genoa. Several other sections of the wire are still in place, but are not easily recognized since many of the barbs have fallen out. Please try to look for the distinctive Comstock barbed wire during your next visit to Carson Valley. It is truly a relic of the old Comstock days and worthy of preserving. Cameras only, please - no wire cutters.

I want to ask a favor from my readers.

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### APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 86899

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 27th day of January 2017 B&J Dairy, L.P. of Galt, California made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of 3.56 c.f.s., 688.0 a.f.a., of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 26476 (Certificate 12694). Water will be diverted from an underground source at a point located within the SW1/4 SE1/4, Section 3, T11N, R33E, MDM, or at a point from which the SE1/4 corner of said Section 3 bears S 86 degrees 04 minutes 39 seconds E., a distance of 2,415.21 feet (approx. 24 miles WSW of Gabbs, Nevada). Water will be used for irrigation and domestic purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The existing point of diversion was located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 3, T11N, R33E, MDB&M, or at a point from which the E1/4 corner of said Section 3 bears S 03 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds E., a distance of 80.41 feet. Water was used for irrigation purposes from March 15th to October 30th of each year.

Jason King, P.E.  
State Engineer  
JK/ls

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### NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A PASTURE LEASE AT PITCHFORK RANCH, LYON COUNTY

The Walker Basin Conservancy (WBC) intends to award a new Lease through this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation and management of pasture lease at Pitchfork Ranch in Lyon County.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: Bids will be accepted on a price per acre basis. Your Proposal, including the Proposal Bond, must be received by 2 p.m. on March 20, 2017 at:

Walker Basin Conservancy  
1 Hwy 95A East  
Yerington, NV 89447

The selected bidder will be notified no later than March 27, 2017.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Pitchfork Ranch is located southeast of Yerington, in Lyon County Nevada.

WBC is pursuing a pasture lease at the Pitchfork property as part of a master plan to restore lands historically cultivated. The acreage under the lease will be reevaluated each year through 2020, with an estimated 560 acres available in year 1; 391 acres available in year 2; 283 acres in year 3; and 184 acres in year 4. The Lessee will be entitled to harvest crops, graze fields with cattle, or a combination of the two at the discretion of the Lessee subject to the terms of the Lease. Acreages listed here are minimum estimates for bidding purposes; additional acres may be available for short-term grazing if it meets restoration goals and at WBC's discretion.

DURATION OF LEASE: WBC will accept proposals for a four (4) year pasture lease. It is anticipated that the lease will be effective beginning April 2017 and terminating December 31, 2020. This term may be extended to meet restoration goals and at WBC's discretion.

RFP INFORMATION PACKETS: RFP information packets are available through our website <http://www.walkerbasin.org> or:

Steve Tomac, East Walker Program Manager  
Walker Basin Conservancy  
1 Hwy 95A East  
Yerington, NV 89447  
EMAIL: [steve.tomac@walkerbasin.org](mailto:steve.tomac@walkerbasin.org)

SELECTION PROCESS: All responses will be evaluated for form and content in accordance with the requirements of this Solicitation by a Lessee Evaluation Committee. The Lessee Evaluation Committee will evaluate and score each eligible proposal pursuant to the point system and selection criteria as described in the Proposal Instructions and the Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Form. Proposals not containing all the items requested in the Lease Proposal form may be rejected.



# CHURCH NEWS

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

994 B St.; 775-945-3772  
Rev. Robert E. Cox - Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth."  
Adult and children classes  
Worship Service 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
John 4:24, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."  
Tuesday Night Women's Jail Ministry 6:30 p.m.  
Acts 16:30, "The Philippians jailor asked what must I do to be saved? And They said "Believe" in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household."  
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting Night 6 p.m.

Matthew 19:19-20, "Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. Where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."  
Thursday Night Men's Jail Ministry 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday Brotherhood 1 p.m.  
Hebrew 13:1, "Let love of the brethren continue."

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev Everett Garwood  
Lay Leader Glenn Bunch  
204 C St.

Bethany Lutheran welcomes all to their house of worship.  
Church services are held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Garwood officiating

on the second and fourth Sunday and Lay Leader Glenn Bunch, leading the service on the first and third Sundays. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the love of our Lord and Savior.

Sunday school is held at 9:15 a.m. with stories and crafts. We encourage all the children to come and enrich their Christian life.

Bethany has moved forward into making the facility ADA compliant with wheelchair lifts going both upstairs to the worship hall and downstairs to the fellowship hall.

## FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWTHORNE

5th & C St.  
945-5512  
Mike Fontaine - Pastor  
www.fsbchawthorne.com

You are invited to the following services at First Southern Baptist Church:

- Sunday 10 a.m. Bible and coffee fellowship
  - Sunday 11 a.m. Worship (nursery provided)
  - Sunday 6:30 p.m. "Experiencing God Life" (nursery provided)
  - Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting
- "I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

10th St. and D St., Hawthorne; 775-945-3313  
Pastor, Richard Jackson

Macedonia is a fundamental independent Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend our services as follows: Sunday School 9:30. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday evening bible study and prayer meeting 6 p.m. Sunday school church bus pickup: 9 a.m. Transportation is available to all services please call 775-945-3313.

Some of our basic church beliefs are as follows: We believe the whole bible to be the inspired word of God-we believe in the Holy Trinity: God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit=one God in three persons-we believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ-we believe that all men are born sinners who are separated from God- we believe that Christ died for our sins that he might bring us to God-we believe Christ arose from the dead the third day-we believe Jesus Christ will come to Earth again-we believe that salvation comes only by being born again-we believe every born again believer should declare their faith by being baptized which means ( immersed in water) -we believe in the eternal security of those born again!  
Please come and worship with us as we study verse by verse the life giving word of the living God!

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

8th & C Sts.  
Pastor John Murray

Sunday  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

We will be discussing how we can overcome issues in our lives. We will roughly follow the Celebrate Recovery material that is being used to help those who are struggling with substance addiction. The material is not designed only for addictions though. Every person struggles with multiple kinds of issues and can find great benefit from

this teaching whether you participate in Celebrate Recovery or not.

## TRINITY TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

10th & A Sts., Hawthorne, NV 89415  
775-945-5875

Pastor Anthony Corley and First Lady Rose Corley welcome you!  
• Sunday School 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
• Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
• Sunday Evening Services - 4 p.m.  
• Wednesday Night Bible Studies - 5:30 p.m.  
• Friday Night Service - 7 p.m.

## HAWTHORNE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

298 C Street, Hawthorne

You are cordially invited to study and worship with us on Saturdays; 10 a.m. study hour; 11 a.m. worship.

Matthew 5:5 (NASB)  
"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

## HAWTHORNE PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 a.m.  
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.  
7th and "F" Street, Hawthorne, Nevada

Elder Gary Funk will be presenting the sermon.

Information: Glen Strouse, Community Church Missionary, 945-3853

In Matthew 17: 20, Jesus said to His disciples, "That you don't have enough faith people! If you have the faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains." In other words, you can obtain your goals, in spite of your condition or the all barriers you face, no matter what. The mustard seed on my monitor helps me a lot.

## WALKER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

330 Willow Drive  
Pastor Frank Reynolds 945-4696

Please join us Sunday mornings as we journey through the Gospel of Luke.

Service starts at 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 for all ages.  
Junior church for all ages.  
Nursery is provided.

## GOSPEL FOR ALL NATIONS

(local Christian, non-profit organization)

Saturday: Sabbath School and Worship from 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer from 5 p.m.

Friday: Christian Coffee Circle from 9 a.m.

Meeting at 580 E. Street, Hawthorne  
Telephone: 775-316-0590

## OASIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

380 J St. ... 945-2775

We welcome you to Oasis Assembly of God on 4th and J Street in Hawthorne.

Our service times are Sunday. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. classes for all ages, 10:35 a.m. is our main service. At this time, there are no evening services.

Wednesday night at 7 p.m. is our prayer night.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on the corner of 8th and "A" Streets. Our Saturday Mass time is 9 a.m.

Our Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Church at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday followed by our Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

# LODGES • CHURCHES • ORGANIZATIONS

**Mineral County EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
(LEPC/CCC)  
P.O. Box 1095 • Hawthorne, NV 89415  
(775) 945-2497  
Meets Quarterly at 5:00pm in the Courtroom of the Mineral County Courthouse

Macedonia Church  
**COMMUNITY PANTRY**  
10th & D Streets  
Hawthorne, NV  
**We provide food for low income families**  
**Tuesday: 10am-2pm**  
**Thursday: 4pm-6pm**

**Walker River Baptist Church**  
P.O. Box 250  
826 Wovoka Dr.  
Shurz, NV 89427  
775-773-2369  
Sunday School: 9:00am  
Worship: 10:00am  
Evening Service: 7:00pm  
Wednesday Services: 7:00pm

**KIDS AT RISK RESCUE SQUAD**  
Meets every 3rd Monday at 5pm  
Call 945-5410 for meeting place  
P.O. Box 1292 - Hawthorne

**ADVOCATES TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/2**  
924 5th St.  
P.O. Box 331  
Hawthorne, NV 89415  
**Domestic Violence Counseling**  
Chaletta Speights/Chief Advocate  
"Love Shouldn't Hurt"

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Morning Worship: 10:30am  
Wednesday Prayer

**CAHS**  
Consolidated Agencies of Human Services  
dba The Community Action Center  
**"We're Here To Help"**  
924 5th St. - P.O. Box 331

Mt. Grant Chapter No. 24  
**Order of the Eastern Star of Nevada**  
Meets 2nd Saturday of the month at 1pm at the Elks Lodge (5th & F Sts.) Except June & July  
**Andrea Tucker-Worthy Matron**  
**Carol Dudley-Secretary**

Mineral County  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
"Nevada's County of Opportunity"  
P.O. Box 2250  
Hawthorne, NV 89415  
Gloria Lopez - President

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees  
Hawthorne Chapter 1854  
Meets 3rd Thursday of Jan., Apr., July & Oct.  
Mineral County Library-1st & A St.  
**Craig Reed, President: 945-3622**  
**Leatha Barcellos, Secretary: 945-2375**

**Hawthorne Lodge #1704 B.P.O. Elks**  
Meets at 7:00pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Elks Lodge-5th & F Sts.  
**Visiting Elks Welcome**  
B. Kent Wofford-Exalted Ruler

*Bethany Lutheran Church*  
204 C Street  
P.O. Box 1207  
Hawthorne, NV 89415  
**Office: 775-945-2332**  
Everett Garwood ~ Pastor  
Glenn Bunch ~ Lay Leader  
Worship Services: Sun. 10:30am  
Christian Ed.: Sunday School: 9:30am

Walker Lake Baptist Church  
A member of the Southern Baptist Convention  
**Frank Reynolds, Pastor**  
775-945-4696  
Sunday Morning Services  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship Services: 11:00am

**BRUCITE LODGE #42 F & AM**  
Stated Communication  
2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30am at Hawthorne Elks Lodge  
WM-Paul Lunsford  
SW-Eddie Michael  
JW-M.O. (Babe) Rogers  
Sec.-Terry Rivero  
Treas.-Loren Dudley

**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF NEVADA**  
Meets last Monday of the month 12:30pm at the Care & Share  
**Maxine Wilding, Pres.~945-3473**  
**Dorothy Fowler, Sec.~945-2608**  
P.O. Box 2158

**FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hawthorne, Nevada  
5th and C Streets  
945-5512  
www.fsbchawthorne.com  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship Service: 11:00am  
Evening Service: 6:30pm  
Wed. Prayer: 6:30pm

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL HAWTHORNE**  
Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at Noon at Mineral County Care & Share. Visiting Soroptimist welcome  
**Priscilla Martin - President**

**RSVP**  
RSVP/Lifeline  
Gay Ann Williams  
Field Rep.  
775-722-7669 or  
775-945-1010

**OUR LADY OF PERLETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A and 8th Streets  
775-845-2020  
**MASS SCHEDULE Saturday - 9:00am**  
Rev. Jesus Ballesteros, Pastor

**V.F.W. Post 2313**  
P.O. Box 2313  
Hawthorne, NV 89415  
Meets 1st Thursday of each month  
Commander ~ John Stroud  
St. Vice Commander ~ Gary Amunson  
Jr. Vice Commander ~ Darryl Conway  
Quartermaster ~ Rick Isom

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
Unit No. 19  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Legion Hall on E St. at 18:00 hours  
Executive Meetings Monthly  
President: Phyllis McGee  
2nd Vice President  
Treasurer/Secretary: Leanna Miller  
Chaplain: Linda Eddy

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hawthorne, NV  
8th & C Streets  
945-3556  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Morning Worship: 11:00am  
Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Mineral County Horseman's Association  
8th & O St.  
www.mcha-nv.org  
Treasurer - Dianna Fitzgerald  
For Information Call  
775-772-7449 or 775-945-5528

**V.F.W. AUXILIARY 2313**  
Hawthorne, NV  
Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall  
President: Barbara Edington  
Secretary: Dawn LeClaire  
Treasurer: Anna Morgan

Fortune-Eckley-Perry  
**V.F.W. Post 2668**  
Mina, NV  
Meets 1st Wednesday at 6pm each month  
Post Commander: Harry Freeman  
Adjutant: Kerry Hermonson  
Quartermaster: Tony Trujillo

Mineral County Post No. 19  
**AMERICAN LEGION**  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Legion Hall on E St. at 10:00 hours  
Executive Meetings Monthly  
Commander: Ken Carrothers  
1st Vice Commander: Paul Eddy  
Adjutant: James "Gunny" Utterback

Fortune-Eckley-Perry  
**V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 2668**  
Mina, NV  
Meets 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm at the VFW Hall  
President - Judy LaFountain  
Secretary - Theora Janis  
Treasurer: Mary Freeman

# Celebrate Recovery meetings at First Southern Baptist Church

Submitted

The purpose of this program is to allow anyone to become free from life's hurts, hang ups and habits. By working through the recovery principles found in the beatitudes with Jesus Christ as your higher power, you can and will change. This is a non-denominational Christ centered 12-step program. This program is forward looking. Rather than wallowing in the past or dredging up painful memories, Celebrate Recovery focuses on the future. This program emphasizes personal responsibility. Anonymity and confidentiality are required. This program is approved for all drug court participants. Free child care provided. Please join us in celebrating recovery. We will meet every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church 5th and C Street. Dinner served the last Friday of every month starting at 5:30 p.m. with meeting the following. For more information please see celebraterecovery.com or Mike Fontaine at 775-303-4292.

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# FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

Have an item for the community calendar?  
Call Heidi at 945-2414

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>16</b> 1 p.m. – MCCTA's 1:30-4 p.m. / 5:30-8 p.m. – Diabetes Workshop 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. – Rockets Volleyball at Smith Valley 6 p.m. – Victory Garden Club Regional Basketball Tourney in Elko	<b>17</b> 6 p.m. – Boys and Girls spaghetti feed 6 p.m. – Bingo at Boys and Girls Club	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12 p.m. – Mina VFW Presidents Day celebration 5 p.m. – KARRS	<b>21</b> 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. – Rockets Volleyball at Smith Valley 5:30 p.m. – Armed Forces Day meeting	<b>22</b> 12 p.m. – Co Op Ext. Protect and Maintain your Brain Health 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. – Rockets Volleyball Hosts Virginia City 6:30 p.m. – Class of 1977 meeting	<b>23</b> 7 p.m. – Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O Elks	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. – Hunter's Education Class 6 p.m. – 7th Annual VFW Wine Tasting Party
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:30 p.m. – Retired Public Employees of Nevada	<b>28</b> 10-2 p.m. – NV Legal Services at District Court 5 p.m. – Mineral Co. EDA meeting	<b>1</b> 12 p.m. – Soroptomist 6 p.m. – Mineral County Sportsman's Club 6 p.m. – V.F.W Post 2668	<b>2</b> 7 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 2313	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6 p.m. – Elks Crab Crack Rockets Volleyball League Championships
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 p.m. – 9/11 Memorial meeting 6 p.m. – GID Walker Lake	<b>7</b> 6 p.m. – American Legion Aux No 19 Mineral County TV Board	<b>8</b> 2-5:30 p.m. – Lahontan Valley Veterinary Click	<b>9</b> 1-2 p.m. – Friends of the Library 6 p.m. – V.F.W Aux Post 2668 Mina 7 p.m. – Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O Elks	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. – Radio Tech licensing in Fallon 10:30 a.m. – Brucite Lodge 42
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2 p.m. – WLWG at Library	<b>14</b> 12 p.m. – Lunch Box Book Club 6 p.m. – American Legion No 19 7 p.m. – V.F.W. Aux 2313	<b>15</b> 12 p.m. – Soroptomist 5-7 p.m. – Mineral County Horseman's Association	<b>16</b> 1 p.m. – MCCTA's 6 p.m. – Victory Garden Club	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

# Do you need to file a tax return in 2017?

**Dear Savvy Senior,**  
 What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired last year in 2016, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.

**New Retiree**

**Dear New,**  
 There are several factors that affect whether or not you need to file a federal income tax return this year including how much you earned last year (in 2016), and the source of that income, as well as your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's (2016) IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2016 gross income - which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately - was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: \$10,350 (\$11,900 if you're 65 or

**JIM MILLER SAVVY SENIOR**

older by Jan. 1, 2017).

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Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (together, "NV Energy") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") a Joint Application, designated as Docket No. 17-02006, for approval of annual plans for the Solar Energy Systems Incentive Program, the Wind Energy Systems Demonstration Program, and the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program for Program Year 2017-2018.

This Notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may impact their unique situations. The details provided within this Notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing. The Commission will make a determination at an open meeting regarding whether to grant the relief requested, which may have an impact on consumers.

NV Energy filed the Application in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), Chapters 703 and 704, including but not limited to NRS 701B.003 et seq. and NAC 701B.010 et seq.

Interested and affected persons may file petitions for leave to intervene pursuant to NAC 703.578 through 703.600 at either of the Commission's offices on or before WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017.

A person who wishes to participate as a commenter may file written comments pursuant to NAC 703.491. A commenter is not a party of record and shall not take any action that only a party of record may take. Pursuant to NAC 703.500, only parties of record are entitled to enter an appearance, introduce relevant evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, make and argue motions and generally participate in the proceeding.

The Application is available for public viewing on the Commission's website: <http://puc.nv.gov>; and at the offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.

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DEADLINE for Letters of Application to be received is Thursday February 23, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

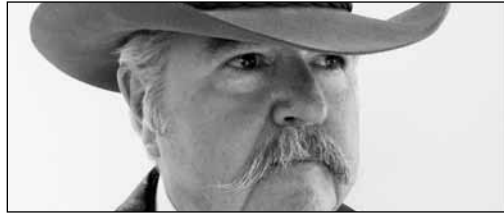


# OPINION

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## Minimum wage bill doesn't pass constitutional muster

Democrats in the Nevada Legislature have introduced Senate Bill 106, which proposes to amend the state minimum wage law by raising the minimum wage by 75 cents an hour each year until it reaches \$11 an hour for employers who provide health insurance and \$12 an hour for those who do not — a 50 percent increase.



**THOMAS MITCHELL**  
COMMENTARY

There is one minor problem with SB106. You see, that minimum wage law was last amended by an initiative petition approved by the voters in 2004 and again in 2006, which amended the state Constitution to require that the minimum wage be tied to the federal minimum wage or inflation, whichever is higher.

The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour, and thus that is Nevada's minimum for employers who offer insurance and it is \$8.25 for those who do not.

According to a Legislative Counsel Bureau fact sheet published in 2015, "Because provisions governing the minimum wage rate are included in the Constitution, any changes to the minimum wage provisions require a constitutional amendment."

In fact, the Nevada Supreme Court in 2014 opined in a case specifically about the minimum wage law: "If the Legislature could change the Constitution by

ordinary enactment, 'no longer would the Constitution be "superior paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means." It would be 'on a level with ordinary legislative acts, and, like other acts ... alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it.'"

Seems rather unequivocal. None of the major news media noticed this minor flaw in the bill.

Just such a constitutional amendment was proposed by initiative petition in late 2015, but that was dropped during the hectic election year, reportedly because of the difficulty of getting enough signatures to put it on the ballot. It would have raised the base minimum wage to \$13 an hour.

Even if lawmakers manage to pass such a constitutionally suspect bill, it might not avoid the governor's veto pen. Media accounts have quoted Gov. Brian Sandoval's press secretary as saying, "Due to the predicted loss of jobs and

harm to small businesses, the potential to block young people and individuals with less work experience from open positions, and an increase in consumer prices, the governor has historically opposed a legislative mandate to increase the minimum wage."

A minimum wage hike would clearly affect profitability of employers, tend to push all hourly wage rates up, result in higher unemployment, drive certain employers out of the state and increase the cost of goods and services in general — thus affecting nearly everyone in Nevada.

The impact of such a change in either the law or the Constitution would be far ranging and carry unintended consequences.

"Unfortunately, the real minimum wage is always zero," economist Thomas Sowell points out in his book "Basic Economics," "regardless of the laws, and that is the wage that many workers receive in the wake of the creation or escalation of a government-mandated minimum wage, because they either lose their jobs or fail to find jobs when they enter the labor force."

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that if the federal minimum wage were increased to a mere \$10.10 an hour — as proposed by President Obama and others in recent years — up to a million workers would lose their jobs.

According to the American Enterprise Institute, when the minimum wage rose 41 percent between 2007 and 2009, the jobless rate for 16- to 19-year-olds increased by 10 percentage points, from about 16 percent in 2007 to more than 26 percent in 2009 — even higher for minorities.

A Heritage Foundation study reported that every dollar increase in minimum wage really only raises take-home pay by 20 cents once welfare benefits are reduced and taxes are increased.

A Cato Institute analysis reports that a "comprehensive review of more than 20 minimum wage studies looking at price effects found that a 10 percent increase in the U.S. minimum wage raises food prices by up to 4 percent and overall prices by up to 0.4 percent." Imagine what a 50 percent increase would do.

Minimum wage jobs tend to be entry level jobs without which younger Americans cannot build the skills needed to earn higher pay. Nevada already has the 10th highest youth unemployment rate in the nation at 13.5 percent.

Attempting legislatively to raise the minimum wage is a bad idea for many reasons.

Thomas Mitchell is a longtime Nevada newspaper columnist. You may email him at thomasmnv@yahoo.com. He also blogs at <http://4thst8.wordpress.com/>.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

The Mineral County Regional Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and receive input pertinent to a Special Use Permit Application made by Dajin Resources Corp. The subject of the request is Lithium exploration with use of a county road and new road building in Teels Marsh, Marietta, Mineral County. Said property Parcels APNs: 007-320-01, 007-240-05, and 007-330-04, located at T4N R32E, T5N R33E, T4N R33E. The Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Mineral County Building Dept/Planning Commission building, at 314 Fifth Street, Hawthorne NV 89415. You may call 775-312-0069, Mark Nixon, Chairman, or 775-945-3725, Joyce Brown, Sec. or write your comments and send to P. O. Box 51, Hawthorne, NV, 89415, email to [joycebrownolz@hotmail.com](mailto:joycebrownolz@hotmail.com) prior to the meeting or attend the meeting. All input will receive consideration.

Mark Nixon, Chairman MCRPC

### EDITORIAL

## Lawmakers waste time on changing Columbus Day law

Lawmakers have just 120 days every other year to take care of business, and they are always complaining that there just isn't enough time to get it done.

Perhaps, just perhaps, that is because they spend an incredible amount of time in pointless, posturing, pandering paper pushing.

Democratic state Sen. Richard "Tick" Segerblom, who never misses a chance to cater to the far left wing of his party, has introduced a bill — we are not making this up — to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. It is Senate Bill 105.

Columbus Day has not been an official state holiday in Nevada for years, but there is a vestigial law on the books that states: "The Governor of this State is authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the second Monday in October as 'Columbus Day' in commemoration of the arrival of Cristoforo Columbo in the New World."

Segerblom would replace this symbolic immaterial gesture with this symbolic immaterial gesture: "The Governor is authorized and requested to annually proclaim the second Monday in October as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' to celebrate the thriving culture and significant value that Indigenous people add to the State of Nevada and the United States of America."

If they want to repeal the pointless paper shuffling to "commemorate" a day in history, fine. Repeal it. It is still history. But replacing it with pointless paper shuffling is typical Democratic pandering to its paramount platform of identity politics. It is downright Pavlovian.

The Las Vegas newspaper reported: "Segerblom said the bill recognizes the millions of Native Americans who died in conflicts when European settlers moved into the country and claimed land as their own, and shows an appreciation for their contributions to society."

That account goes on to inform its readers that Columbus is "credited with 'discovering' the Americas. But historians have debunked that as myth, saying he sailed around the Caribbean but never came to North America," paying no heed to the fact the Caribbean islands are part of North America nor the fact

he did land in South America. Both locales are part of the so-called New World.

The allegations that Columbus engaged in brutal acts against the natives is never balanced with any reference to wars between tribes or attacks on those evil invading Europeans. Don't they teach about the French and Indian War any more?

Try reading a bit of history, including the accounts from late in the 19th century when the Plains Indians were actually successfully and brutally, though briefly, pushing back against encroachment by settlers.

These are the same Democrats who want to remove the statue of mid-20th century Democratic Sen. Pat McCarran from the U.S. Capitol because he was a racist during an era when the Democratic Party pushed segregationist laws and policies.

Erase history and change the present and/or the future?

Rather Orwellian if you ask us? History is history. Denigrating or exalting one aspect or another is a frivolous endeavor.

Perhaps our idle lawmakers should change the name of Genoa, since it is named after Columbus' home town in Italy, despite the different pronunciation.

Apparently having the second Tuesday of February during each regular session of the Legislature designated as Nevada Tribes Legislative Day and recognizing the fourth Friday of September as Native American Day isn't nearly enough to satiate the Democrats' desire to curry favor with certain ethnic enclaves.

The current law that authorizes and requests that the governor designate Columbus Day does the same for Tartan Day for Scots, Juneteenth for African-Americans, Cesar Chavez Day for Hispanics, Mineral Industry Week for miners, Veterans Day for veterans, Week of Respect for victims of bullying, plus several others.

The vote in the Senate Committee on Government Affairs to approve SB105 was 4-1.

Someone please wad up this bill and toss it in the nearest unused spittoon. That would be most apropos. — TM

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

PRESIDENT'S DAY. No School

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Bean & Cheese Burritos, Sweet Corn, Diced Peaches

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Diced Peaches

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Pizza, Fresh Veggies/Ranch, Fresh Apples

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Schurz Only:** Pizza, Salad, Fresh Fruit

(Food items can change without notice. Fruit, Veggies and Whole Grain served daily)

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### HAWTHORNE CARE AND SHARE MENU FEBRUARY

#### Friday

(17) Lemon Baked Fish, Steamed Brown Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Cauliflower Soup, Brownies

#### Wednesday

(22) Pork Patty, Au Gratin Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

•Pinochle 12:45pm  
M-T-TH-F

#### Monday

(20) CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

#### Thursday

(23) Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Whole Wheat Roll, Cake & Ice Cream

Fallon Trip:  
Reno Trip: Feb. 21

#### Tuesday

(21) Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey Taco Salad, Italian Dressing, Hot Fruit Compote

Regional Area Transit Available: Mon. - Fri. 9am to 2:30pm

•Exercise Class 10-11am M-W-F  
•Bingo 12:45pm Every Wed.

### MINA CARE AND SHARE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

#### Monday

(20) CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

#### Tuesday

(21) Chicken Egg Roll, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Peanut Cookies, Egg Drop Soup

#### Wednesday

(22) Grilled Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Grapefruit, Orange Sections

#### Thursday

(23) Tuna Casserole, Salad, Whole Wheat Roll, Banana

#### LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 A.M.

Fallon Trip:  
Hawthorne Trip - Every Thurs. 12:30pm

**Volunteers Needed**



# PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Pony Express Trail near Ruby Lake, Nev. – By Tony Hughes

# Youth basketball teams ready to start season

By Sheri Samson  
MCIN Correspondent

As the YCAC building sustained damage from the recent earthquake activity, the kids that would normally use that facility for their basketball practices and games had to be re-routed to varying locations to accomplish this year's opening basketball season through the county park and recreation system.

Melissa Isom, local team director, was scrambling to facilitate the kids into different places rather than shutting it down this year. With help from the school district, the junior high school gym, the Hawthorne Elementary Gym and the Boys & Girls Club paved the way for a practice schedule as 110 kids participate in practices, learning the sport and rotating into games soon.

"Being out of the YCAC building was a big problem at first, but we raced around for alternate ideas so it still happened this year. I miss the old building, but it's no longer safe to use, so I had to take to Facebook and started texting people to get the word out that we were making some changes in the scheduled practices and the places," Melissa Isom explained.

Shawn Isom and Raymond Morgan worked on the court teaching elementary aged children a one-on-one steal method for retrieving the basketball, as a line of kids patiently learned by watching. Other kids were practicing passing the ball to each other, attempting some fancier footwork in the process.

LaShay Stevens shared her outlook on the basketball program as being fun with her friends. "I learn stuff that I'm gonna use later in high school. These



Sheri Samson

YCAC coaches Shawn Isom and Raymond Morgan work with a young basketball player in preparation for the upcoming season.

practices make me ready for when I will play at the high school level in a few years."

Melissa Isom explained the 16 team rotation allowed everyone the chance to play each other while averaging a two game week for each child to participate in.

"Although practices this year had to be scheduled around the buildings being available, the families have responded so well in working with it - even when we practice until 8:30 at night."

Brianna Stiles, an elementary aged student was practicing her quick bounces stating she learned a lot about the game by watching the other kids play.

## Law

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implement a new registration database to facilitate data transfers between state and local agencies.

That information was solicited last year, though, and DMV Director Terri Albertson told lawmakers at a Tuesday hearing on the proposal that no changes may be necessary given updates the DMV has made to its computer system and forms since then.

No matter what the computer system and paperwork cost the state, the report said implementing automatic registration would require counties to front roughly \$90,000 combined to reprogram their own systems.

On top of startup charges, ongoing costs would increase with additional DMV paperwork, voting notices and sample ballots.

The report was initially due in mid-August, when election reform activists filed the petition with the state and began collecting signatures. More than 250,000 people signed the petition.

Bureau Director Rick Combs said he "messed up" and let the legally mandated appraisal fall off his radar. The bureau is also responsible for writing lawmakers' bills and began drafting hundreds of them in the fall, which Combs said also contributed to the delay.

The financial impact report was released hours ahead of the petition's first legislative hearing.

Clark County Registrar of Voters Joseph Gloria said his office has estimated that, under the first year of the automatic system, about 120,000 people would be registered to vote for the first time or taken off the inactive file in that county, which includes Las Vegas.

Opponents of automated registration argue it would be ripe for errors, fraud and hacking. Some say people have a personal responsibility to register themselves.

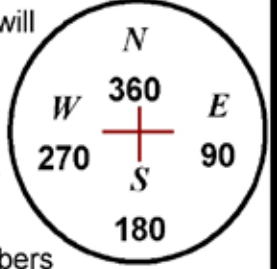
Six states and the District of Columbia have similar so-called motor voter policies, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law.

Oregon became the first state to enact such a law in 2015. State officials said in October the system registered about 250,000 new Oregon voters when they renewed their driver's licenses.



The All Weather Inc. Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at HTH gives pilots critical information that helps with flight planning and safety. Windsocks can be seen when close to the airport, but AWOS on the radio or telephone gives a pilot the information he needs when farther out. "Dual Barometric Pressure Sensors are used to calculate an Altimeter Setting, which pilots use to calibrate their altimeter to local conditions." Density altitude is determined by the barometric pressure, humidity, and temperature and is critical to know because the higher the number is, the the air is thinner and planes have to work harder to fly because of less lift on the wings. AWOS will always report in Zulu Time because that is the time aviation uses worldwide. In Pacific Daylight Time add 7 hours to Zulu and in Pacific Standard Time add 8 hours to Zulu. Hawthorne's system is the AWOS III with most of the sensors that are available for weather reporting. The AWOS sensors are placed in an open area for accurate recording.

Pilots will land into the wind direction. Runway end numbers are named by the compass and they use only the first two digits. So a pilot landing on 36 will be facing north.



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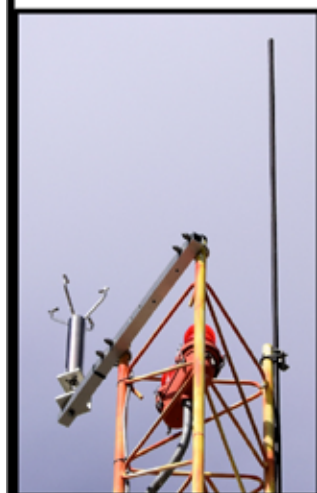
I know the distribution of the Comstock mine cable barbed wire was probably the immediate area surrounding the Comstock. If any of you readers out in Winnemucca, Elko or Hawthorne have seen this unique wire, please let me know by email. Not exact locations please, just general locations so the fences can be preserved. It will be interesting to learn the geographic distribution of this amazing artifact from the Comstock. It likely was distributed around other agricultural areas where the Comstock obtained its food, livestock, hay and grain. If any of you know that some of the wire still exists besides Carson Valley, could you please let me know?

This article is by Dayton Author and Historian Dennis Cassinelli who can be contacted at [cassinelli-books@charter.net](mailto:cassinelli-books@charter.net) or on his blog at [denniscassinelli.com](http://denniscassinelli.com). All books sold through this publication will be at a 20 percent discount and Dennis will pay the postage.



Ultrasonic Wind Sensor. It is a type of anemometer that has no moving parts. "Wind speed and direction is measured by measuring how long it takes for a sonic pulse to travel between the North-South and the East-West pairs of transducers. A headwind slows sound just as it would slow a plane. The wind sensor is mounted on a 30' tower near the lightning rod and obstruction lights."

Thank you Scott Ardley of All Weather Inc. for helping me. His comments are in quotations. The Control Box is his picture.



The Ceilometer. A vertical laser beam from the left lens is sent skyward and when it senses an object (clouds) it bounces back into the right lens and that gives the sky condition readings from clear to clouds. A fan blows contaminants off the lenses.



All Weather sends a technician three times a year to do maintenance and once a year a FAA AWOS inspector meets with the technician to verify the AWOS operation.

On the right is the Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge that records by the hour and the information is in the computer - not to pilots.



UHF Radio Antenna that sends the sensor data to the computer in the airport building. The VHF radio in the computer is what sends the radio signals out to pilots on the 120.225 frequency.

The Control Box by the AWOS tower that processes the data information from the various sensors. The UHF radio is on the left. Every effort is made to keep the control box clean.



The Visibility Sensor. "It shines invisible light through the air and detects scattering from dust or water." AWOS will say visibility at 10+ miles on a clear day or less when view is obstructed.



Temperature/Relative Humidity Sensor. It records the air temperature (in Celsius) and the relative humidity is calculated to the Dew Point. When only a few degrees different, it tells pilots of possible icing conditions.



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Airport Happenings  
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**MCIS GIRLS BASKETBALL**

# Lady Serpents get 2 seed in regional playoffs



Jason Cardenas

The Mineral County girls will face McDermitt on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the regional playoffs.

MCIN Staff

The Mineral County High girls basketball team secured the number two seed in the upcoming regional playoffs after getting two wins in their final regular season games last week.

The Lady Serpents had a chance of leaping first place Sierra Lutheran if the Falcons had been swept over the weekend, but that didn't happen.

Mineral County won by double-digits in with its games, starting with a 60-42 home win on Friday on Senior Day over Smith Valley. Taylor McFalls led the way with 20 points while Tiera McFalls and Hailey Lahre each finished with 11 points.

On the Comstock Saturday, Mineral County rounded out its regular season schedule with a 62-37 win over the

Muckers. Tiera McFalls exploded with 24 points and eight boards, and Abby McNamara just missed a double-double with nine points and 11 rebounds.

The Lady Serpents finished the regular season with a 19-6 overall record and went 12-2 in conference. It's worth nothing, their only two league losses came to Sierra Lutheran (18-7, 13-1) by a total of five points.

The regional playoffs begin this week in Elko, and the two seeded Lady Serpents will take on McDermitt from the east at 3 p.m. The winner of that game will take on the winner of Virginia City and Owyhee on Friday at 6:20 p.m. The championship game of the eight team tourney will be Saturday at 11 a.m.

The teams competing in that game will both move on to state the following week in Las Vegas.

## IN BRIEF

Associated Press

### DEMOCRATS PROPOSE DOUBLING NEVADA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET

CARSON CITY — Democratic lawmakers are proposing legislation to move Nevada away from fossil fuels more quickly than planned.

Democratic Assemblyman Chris Brooks of Las Vegas introduced a bill this week that would double the amount of renewable energy Nevada will mandate by 2025.

Assembly Bill 206 would require energy providers to generate 50 percent of electricity from so-called "clean" sources in the next eight years.

Nevada is currently targeting 25 percent renewable energy by 2025.

State law says renewable energy sources include biomass, geothermal, solar, water and wind power. Natural gas, oil and coal are excluded.

A separate proposal would ban

fracking or hydraulic fracturing, which uses pressurized liquids to draw natural gas and oil from the ground.

Democratic Assemblyman Justin Watkins of Las Vegas introduced Assembly Bill 159 this week.

### US 50 REOPENS AT LAKE TAHOE WEEK AFTER ROCK SLIDES

RENO — The highway that runs along the east shore of Lake Tahoe has reopened a week after it was closed due to a series of rock slides.

State transportation officials say they reopened one lane in each direction of U.S. Highway 50 late Tuesday at the Cave Rock tunnel near Glenbrook.

The highway had been closed there since Feb. 8 after a half-dozen boulders the size of busses tumbled onto the roadway.

NDOT spokeswoman Meg Ragones says crews have installed a pair of cement barriers fortified by gravel to help guard against any additional landslides.



Courtesy photo

Raeane Johnson is shown with PER/PSP Ken Curto, Central District Chairman of the Bud Lemmond Nevada State Hoop Shoot and PER Steve McBride in her hometown of Hawthorne where she placed first in the girls age group 10-11. She will represent Hawthorne in the regionals.

## Local Hoop Shoot winner to compete in Vegas next week

By Heidi Bunch  
MCIN Staff

A Hawthorne Elementary grade schooler took state championship in her age group, during last weekend's Bud Lemmond Nevada State Hoop Shoot.

Raeane Johnson took first place in her group and will move onto the Elks Regional Hoop Shoot in Las Vegas on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Johnson will go against other winners from her region, which includes: California, Hawaii, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

Steve McBride, Past Exalted Ruler and State Director of the Bud Lemmond Nevada State Hoop Shoot congratulated Johnson on her win on Saturday.

"I'm excited to have Raeane represent Hawthorne at the regionals for the 10-11 girls age group. I wish her luck as well as Eric Platz from Carson City; Kyrianna Thompson of Ely; Bruce Tyree of North Las Vegas; Tristan Yabut of Reno and Kalena Halunajan of Las Vegas. These children have practiced hard to get where they are at. It's my wish that one of them will go onto Chicago for the finals."

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