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Series of large earthquakes strike area overnight

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A pair of magnitude 5.7 earthquakes minutes apart jolted Hawthorne residents out of bed early Wednesday morning, but no major damage has been reported.

At 12:18 a.m., a 5.7 quake was recorded 18 miles southwest of Hawthorne near Aurora, followed by another 5.7 four minutes later in the same area. The first quake was originally said to be a 5.8, but was slightly downgraded later by the University of Nevada Seismological Laboratory.

A series of aftershocks followed, including a 4.0 at 12:26 a.m. and a 5.5 at 1:13 a.m. At press time, there were 18 tremors recorded after the original event, with most being in the 2.0 to 3.0 range.

Early reports from the Mineral County Sheriff's Office, were that no damage had been reported, but a large boulder fell into the roadway at the Walker Lake Cliffs near mile marker 64. Traffic was not affected.

Social media was abuzz late into the night as Hawthorne residents said that their nerves were rattled, but were otherwise fine. Some said they had items knocked off the walls and from their cabinets.

The first two powerful jolts were felt across much of Northern Nevada, as far as Lake Tahoe, and also in Bridgeport Calif. and neighboring areas.

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STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



Courtesy photo

Thousands of Nevada National guardsmen and members of the Reserve who served at least 20 years but never spent more than 179 consecutive days on active duty will be affected by the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 that grants federally recognized veteran status.

Congress changes veteran status for Guard, Reserves

By Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

After years of false hopes and disappointments from Congress, military personnel with at least 20 years of service who did not spend more than 179 consecutive days on federal active duty received an early Christmas present from both Congress and the president.

President Barack Obama signed into law on Dec. 16 legislation known as the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 that grants veteran status for National Guard soldiers and airmen and reservists from all branches of service.

Earlier this month, the 114th Congress approved legislation to expand the legal definition

of a veteran for guardsmen and reservists who honorably serve or had served in the military for 20 years but were never called up for federal active duty for an extended period of time.

VICTORY FOR VETERANS

"This legislation is a victory for veterans. While we still have work to do, I am proud of how we have moved the ball forward in a bipartisan way," said Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., a retired National Guard sergeant major.

Since first coming to Congress, Walz — along with members of the Nevada delegation to include Sen. Dean Heller, outgoing senator and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and Congressmen Mark Amodei and Joe Heck, both Army veterans

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COMMUNITY



Sheri Samson

A children's choir sings a Christmas carol on the morning of Dec. 25 at the Hawthorne Convention Center. More than 100 people gathered as local congregations came together to celebrate the day.

Convention center filled with music, holiday cheer on Christmas morning

By Sheri Samson
MCIN Correspondent

Christmas morning brought some local congregations together in a unified celebration at the Hawthorne Convention Center. With more than 100 people attending, the shared moments of singing Christmas songs together brought smiles and special wishes.

A children's choir sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" with their full voices creating an excitement, while cameras were snapping and the audience responded in full applause.

Sharing the pulpit, Pastor Jackson from Macedonia Baptist Church gave the opening words about the story of Christmas as recorded in the gospel of Matthew, following carols sang by

the Bethel Baptist Church choir members. Pastor Mike Fontaine from First Southern Baptist Church of Hawthorne brought a message of hope from passages in the gospel of Luke and Pastor Cox from Bethel Baptist shared in the final words within this inspirational morning.

Following the service many stayed for refreshments, visiting with one another.

Mineral County: A year in review

By Heidi Bunch
MCIN Staff

As we end the year and get ready to start a new one, we look back at some of the top stories that happened in Mineral County in 2016.

JANUARY

- Borealis Mining Company, LLC announced another round of lay-offs at the mine located approximately 16 miles from Hawthorne.

- Signage is discussed at the Mineral County Convention and Tourism board meeting to help draw travelers into the county.

- Chandler Isom was named Hawthorne VFW Post 2313 winner of the "Voice of Democracy" contest.

- Walker River Tribal Police confiscate 30.8 pounds of marijuana after stopping a speeding vehicle. The street value was listed at \$98,560.

FEBRUARY

- A "Tonopah Low" blew through Mineral County leaving much snow on much of the valley floor of Mineral County.

- Hawthorne VFW member,

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John Byrne/MCIN file photo








Mineral County's Andre Davis rises to shoot against Word of Life in the basketball state semifinals in March at Reed High School in Sparks. The Serpents lost an overtime thriller 59-54.



Happy New Year!



YOUR SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
						
52/28	54/29	48/24	49/26	40/19	36/11	38/14
Mostly sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Periods of clouds and sun	Cooler with clouds and sun	Cold with clouds and sun	A snow shower possible

Glazier honored at final school board meeting



Sheri Samson

Long time Mineral County School Board member Donna Glazier was honored at her final meeting after 23 years of serving the district.

By Sheri Samson
MCIN Correspondent

At the final school board meeting of the year held at Schurz Elementary School, Donna Glazier, who's term ends Jan. 2017, was honored for her 23 years of dedication to the Mineral County School District, serving as a school board member and board officer.

Glazier is known as an active local realtor, as well as a community advocate who remains involved in many avenues of local county growth and action, including the current economic development board. Her service to the school system spanned so many years, she admits to seeing a vast change in the school system and in the administration staff, which included her husband, Joel Hodes, who served as a well-known educator and principal serving the Schurz community until his unfortunate death in 2006 from an airplane crash. The Schurz Elementary School office was dedicated and named in Hodes honor.

Glazier was raised in the Schurz community as her family ran a store along the main highway, where she worked as a child growing up. She was involved within the traditions of the tribe, always living within tribal land where her children were locally raised.

Under her involvement with the school board, she has seen both ele-

mentary schools built, participated in bonds being passed and has supported the staff, students and educational system with her time, efforts and donations. Glazier also served over the years as the Mineral County Board liaison within the Nevada Association of School Boards, which required separate meetings in Reno and Las Vegas, aside from her local involvements. Her dedication was honored with a plaque, many thanks and her retired name plate. Current School Board President Keith Neville and Superintendent Walt Hackford congratulated Glazier for all the accomplishments made under her dedication and volunteering efforts.

Also honored, but not in attendance, was Mark Nixon for his continued service on the School Board. A sincere thanks was given from Neville and Hackford for both of these individuals who stepped up to serve the students of this county within this capacity for so many years.

"It isn't easy to find someone to serve as they have, especially for as long as they gave their time. It requires many hours of dedication, a full commitment and can be a thankless job, but these are two special community members who served us well by going above and beyond the call. Our school system has truly benefitted from their hard work," Hackford stated.

NOTICES & EVENTS

MINA VFW 3RD ANNUAL NEW YORK NEW YEARS DEC. 31

VFW Post 2668 and Auxiliary of Mina invites all to our New York New Year's Party Dec. 31 at the VFW Post in Mina. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. a variety of dishes will be presented including tamales. New York Style cheesecake and champagne offered at 9 p.m. all for a suggested donation of \$5.

We take this special time to remember all our servicemen and women away from home and give grateful thanks to all our vets. Happy New Years.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY TO LAUNCH MEETING JAN. 6

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.

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This program emphasizes personal responsibility. Anonymity and confidentiality are required. This program is

approved for all drug court participants.

Please join us in celebrating recovery. We will meet every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. starting Jan. 6 at the First Southern Baptist Church 5th and C St.

For more information please see celebratercovery.com or contact Mike Fontaine 775-303-4292.0

FREE DIABETES CLASS ON TAP

A no cost six-week workshop will be held on Jan. 12, 19 and 26 and Feb. 2, 9 and 16 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. or 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The workshop will deal with the symptoms of diabetes; fatigue; pain; hyper/hypoglycemia; stress and difficult emotions as well as, exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance; eating healthier; meal planning; low fat meals and reading nutrition labels. As well as appropriate use of medication and how to work more effectively with health care providers.

In many cases, this program could lead to a reduction in illness and improve overall health.

To reserve a spot, call Jess at 775-482-9883 or email at: jess@nyecc.org.

A minimum of ten must be enrolled to start the class. The class is valued at \$250 but is free with limited space.



The time is here to wish you and yours a very happy New Year. We hope its filled with reasons to celebrate!

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HAPPY New Year

2017

**A New Year is on the way
and the possibilities are
endless!!
Stick to your resolutions
so they won't melt by
spring!!**

Vets

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— has fought for this legislation to honor guardsmen and reservists.

In Nevada for example, the state recognizes guardsmen and reservists as veterans without the requirement of 179 days of federal active duty. No one, though, welcomed the news more than Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, the adjutant general for Nevada.

"I still think it falls somewhat short, but it is a step in the right direction," he said in an email to the Lahontan Valley News. "A person in the guard or reserves who spends 20 years of good service at a minimum would get around 1,260 days on duty (63 days times 20 years) or about 3.5 years of honorable service.

"I know all enlistments are now for eight years (active, guard and reserve), but if you can manage that as a period of two to three years active duty enlistment and spend the remainder in the IRR (Individual Readiness Reserve), you are considered a veteran even if you never leave the United States. So you can see the disparity in the systems.

"Lastly, I don't know of any guard member that only does the one weekend a month and two weeks a year anymore. I think the average nationwide is well over a 100 days for the average guard member."

Kat Miller, director of the Nevada Department of Veteran Services, said the legislation provides for no additional benefits other than permitting those who are entitled to retired pay for nonregular service to be referred to as veterans.

"Nevada is ahead of the federal government in acknowledging members of

the Guard and Reserve as veterans," she said. "In fact in 2013 Gov. (Brian) Sandoval signed Assembly Bill 266, which established that in Nevada members of the National Guard and Reserve forces are defined as 'Veterans' if they have been assigned to duty for a minimum of six continuous years, even if they are not military retirees."

Sen. Dean Heller said the passage of the bill and the president's signature "have been a long time coming." He said guardsmen and reservists take the same educational courses and perform the same type of training.

"I am very grateful to honor those who honor their country," Heller said in a phone interview with the LVN. "This will serve them well. These men and women work hard and serve hard. They did what they had to."

Likewise, Amodei said Walz's legislation bill is common sense legislation and lawmakers persevered to pass this law.

"It's the right thing to do," said Amodei, who represents Congressional District 2 in Northern Nevada. "The folks in the Guard and Reserve will now be acknowledged."

Both Reid and Heck did not comment on the bill's passage.

NO EXTRA BENEFITS

The National Guard Association of the United States has been a big proponent of attaining veterans status for guardsmen and reservists.

"The current definition has long been out of date," said retired Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, NGAUS president. "It fails to recognize the deterrence value of training and readiness to our national security. Many of those affected underwent arduous, even dangerous, training. They helped win the Cold War. Others worked in direct support of those who did deploy.

Yet our nation tells them that they aren't veterans."

NGAUS vigorously pushed for the change for six years. It easily passed in the House in every session only to be halted in the Senate by fears that an expansion of the definition would raise the cost of veteran entitlement programs.

The House and Senate actually approved the change last year, but the language was not identical. This forced the two chambers to come up with a compromise provision.

John Goheen, director of Communications for NGAUS, served on active duty and worked alongside guardsmen and reservists.

"All of us should be called veterans. We all served," he said, adding many guardsmen and reservists served with distinction.

Because of the provision of the law, Goheen said the newly minted veterans will not be eligible for additional benefits, a point echoed by Miller.

"However, neither the federal nor the state legislation affects eligibility at our cemeteries or at the Nevada State Nursing home," Miller pointed out. "Our cemeteries and nursing home must follow federal eligibility guidelines in order to receive federal reimbursement. This legislation did not change current federal law which only permits National Guard and Reserve members to be buried at the cemeteries if they have served two continuous years on active duty, died while in the line of duty, or if they were officially retired from the guard of reserve."

Miller also said a veteran must have had 90 days of active duty military service to receive care at a state veterans home.

LAW AFFECTS THOUSANDS

Retired Nevada Army Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Willson said the

bill will affect millions of guardsmen and reservists across the United States, and thousands of military personnel in Nevada who never worked in an AGR (Active Guard Reserve) full-time federal status or deployed for more than 179 consecutive days.

Willson said not too many guardsmen deployed to Vietnam although the Nevada Air Guard received orders to activate airmen when the North Koreans seized the USS Pueblo in 1968. Fewer than 51,000 Guardsmen received a call-up to Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991. The massive deployments, though, began in 2002 and 2003 when the military deployed both active duty and reservists to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Retired Nevada Army Guard Maj. James M. Ludlow of Fallon spent 22 years in the National Guard but never deployed more than 179 days. During his career, he commanded several Carson City units and traveled overseas numerous times for training including to the Republic of Korea and Panama.

"It bothered me a little bit," Ludlow said about the federal government's lack of recognition for guardsmen and reservists. "People who served only two years in active duty were called veterans," said Ludlow, an engineering officer who has the equivalent of more than six years of military service. "When I served in the Guard, we were eligible for federal call-up."

Ludlow said he was glad when he heard Congress passed the legislation and the president signed it.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joe Dolan of Carson City spent 41 years in the Nevada Army Guard, most of that time as a state technician. Although technicians wear the uniform and must take the same courses as their active-duty counterparts, they are considered as civilian state — not federal — employees. Most technicians work in Carson City, Reno and Las Vegas.

"This is certainly good news," said Dolan, who served as both an administrative and safety officer.


Overall, Miller said the legislation is important for the recognition.

"I personally would like to see the federal government expand eligibility for burial and nursing home benefits to all those who serve in the Guard and Reserve ... not just our retirees," she said. "These patriotic men and women volunteered to serve our nation and our state in times of both restless peace and war; the fact that they were not called up to do so in no way detracts from their willingness to serve."



A New Year Is Born!

At the birth of a new year, we wanted to acknowledge all of the people who have helped to make this past year a good one for us and hope that 2017 brings a bundle of joy, happiness and good fortune your way.



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NEVADA HISTORY

Nevada's first New Year's Eve dance

By Dennis Cassinelli

Nevada Gold was first discovered in 1849 by Abner Blackburn and several other placer miners at the mouth of Gold Canyon where it empties into the Carson River at Dayton. Shortly after the discovery, an influx of prospectors, placer miners and opportunists began working its way up Gold Canyon in pursuit of the elusive yellow dust and nuggets. It would be another 10 years before silver would be identified as the most amazing mineral discovery of the century at the upper end of Gold Canyon.

Enterprising Spafford Hall saw an opportunity to make his fortune catering to the needs of the local miners and travelers passing through to the "real" gold fields in California. Hall constructed a substantial log store alongside the California Trail to become known as Hall's Station. This was the first business established in what would later become known as Dayton, and Hall was the first permanent settler.

To provide entertainment to the miners, ranchers and employees at the station, Hall decided to throw Nevada's first New Years Eve dance at the station on Dec. 31, 1853. He invited a total of about 150 men from a radius of 50 miles. Nine of the 12 women then living in this remote outpost of western Utah Territory showed up for the bash. I'm sure there was not a wallflower among them. They ranged in age from little girls to grandmothers. Miners, cowboys and ranchers waited their turn for a chance to dance with the ladies. They danced on the rough log floor to the music of a make-shift dance band playing "Oh Suzanna," Virginia reels and other popular tunes of the times.

The affair lasted until the wee hours of the morning. When at last the party broke up and the revelers went out to get their horses for the long ride home, they found most of the horses were gone. It seemed that sometime during the fandango, a band of Washoe Indians drove off the horses to a place near the present site of Moundhouse a few miles west. There, the Indians, who were fond of fresh horsemeat, were having their own New Years Eve party consisting of a horsemeat barbecue.

A search was begun by the hung-over partygoers in an attempt to track down the missing animals. They set out on foot in the cold January air with headaches and a chill in their bones with a bitter contempt for the Washoe horse-nappers. It wasn't until late the next afternoon that most of the horses were recovered. Two of the animals



Courtesy photo

A historical marker in Dayton of Hall's Station marks the area where the state's first New Year's Eve dance was recorded in 1853.

were never found and were considered to have been eaten. Late New Years Day 1854, the participants of Nevada's first recorded New Years Eve Dance dance made their way home from the most memorable dance party they were likely to ever attend.

My Father, Raymond Cassinelli, had a dance band in the 1940's and often played for New Years Eve Dances at the Odeon Hall in Dayton. The Odeon Hall is located about 1 city block from the site of Stafford Hall's Station where Nevada's very first New Years Eve Dance was held 90 years Earlier. I recently donated his accordion to the Dayton Historical Museum.

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

John Franklin Shain VFW Post 2313
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Nevada changes inmate programs for post-prison success

By Michelle Rindels
Associated Press

Nevada prisons are going to start planning for their inmates' successful release back into society on the first day they get into prison, rather than waiting for the end of their sentences.

The changes taking effect Jan. 1 are part of the Nevada Department of Corrections' effort to reduce recidivism and are supported by two new federal grants. About 12,000 inmates who are in Nevada prisons today will return to the community in the next 15 to 18 years.

The goal is to reduce re-offense rates in a targeted group by 15 percent over the first two years and 50 percent over a five-year period. The Board of Examiners approved a \$232,000 agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno, allowing the university to evaluate the effectiveness of the new strategy.

"If we do a better job of re-entry, that means there will be less victims of crimes," state prisons director James Dzurenda told the Nevada Board of Examiners at a meeting earlier this month.

Support comes from a nearly \$1 million federal Second Chance Act grant. Nevada was one of three states to get the money.

Since 2014, the state has been studying the impact of its existing programs to help inmates adjust to life after prison.

The review found that about one-third of that work was making little or no impact on inmates' drug addiction problems or overall crime rates, Dzurenda said.

The department will be scrapping those old programs and refocusing on a group where interventions might be more effective — male inmates between the ages of 18 and 55 who were convicted of property crimes and are thought to have a moderate to very high likelihood of re-offending. The target group includes drug offenders and inmates whose substance abuse played a role in their crime.

Property crimes accounted for 80 percent of all crimes committed in Nevada in 2014.

"It makes sense to begin focusing our evidence-based programming on those offenders who commit the majority of crimes in order to have the most significant impact on public safety," Dzurenda said in a statement.

Part of the plan is to develop a data management system that allows the Department of Corrections to share information more easily between different agencies. That could include information such as medical records so prison officials could see what treatments inmates had in the past and wouldn't be "starting from scratch every time," according to

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Review

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Senior Chief Petty Officer Edward Byers, received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on Feb. 29.

• A town hall meeting is conducted to discuss the possibility of a four-day week for Mineral County schools.

• Mineral County High School boy's basketball team moved on to the state playoffs after winning two in regionals.

MARCH

• Mineral County High School boy's basketball team loses by five points in semifinal game that went into overtime.

• Some Mineral County registered Republican voters were turned away at the Republican Caucus on Mar. 23.

• Work began on the Luning Solar Energy Project outside of Luning in Mineral County. The expected life span of the project is 30 years as they supply power to California.

• Mineral County Commissioner Cliff Cichowlaz passed away suddenly at the age of 69.

• A drone successfully delivered a package to an abandoned residence in Mineral County. This was the first fully autonomous urban drone delivery in the U.S.

APRIL

• Mineral County residents gathered to have their input heard on the I-11 route that could possibly come through Mineral County.

• Glenn Bunch is named Elks Citizen of the Year.

• The Lady Serpents win in a double-header against Carlin.

• Jaci Norman was named Mineral County prom queen. Brandon West was named king.

MAY

• A new 18,000 acre industrial park on land managed by SOC and owned by the U.S. Army is currently under development.

• Incoming Commander Lt. Col. Scott Bishop received a command overview briefing from Lt. Col. Gregory Gibbons before Bishop takes over the Hawthorne Army Depot next month.

• 2016 Miss Armed Forces Day pageant was held. Alisia Palacios was named queen. Shaylee Gavin was named Junior Miss Armed Forces Day.

• Hailey Lahre and Tony Dominguez are named top male and female athletes of Mineral County from Hawthorne Elks Lodge 1704.

• The Mineral County High School baseball team received an escort as they left town for the state playoff.

• Wind couldn't stop the 66th Armed Forces Day celebration.

JUNE

• The Mineral County High School class of 2016 was featured as well as their scholarship awards.

• An apartment complex is evacuated due to missing ordnance concerns. The FBI was contacted and conducted the search of the residence on the 400 Block of H Street in Hawthorne.

• Hawthorne residents discuss life one year after a freak tornado hit the town and damaged many businesses and homes.

• A ribbon cutting is held at the Hawthorne Army Depot which became a certified Diversify Nevada site. The 16,800-acre industrial center is open to industrial lease and is the largest of its kind in Nevada.

• Lt. Col. Scott M. Bishop takes command of Hawthorne Army Depot from Lt. Col. Gregory Gibbons. Lt. Col. Bishop served as a Logistics Lieutenant Colonel Assignments Officer in Fort Knox, Ky. prior to taking command.

JULY

• The Cliff Cichowlaz Training and Learning Center was dedicated in the late commissioner and former manager of SOC.

• Mineral County residents helped "Cram the Cruiser" for school supplies. CAHS distributes the supplies to students.

• The El Capitan celebrates their 75th anniversary with street party

• Congressman Mark Amodei met with Mineral County Commissioners to clear up concerns on the I-11 project.

AUGUST

• Esmeralda Mill, located at the historic Aurora Mine site, sold for \$80 million to Klondex Mine.

• John Shelton, age 43, was killed when his Jeep Cherokee rolled near the "Elbow" on Walker River.

• Hawthorne schools begin a four-day school week.

• Caitlyn Rogers and Alyjah Dotson attend the Young Americans workshop in California.

SEPTEMBER

• The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation purchases the Flying M Ranch once owned by Barron Hilton for a price tag of \$20 million.

• The Fallon Naval Air Station looks at increasing their training ground into Mineral County.

• Walker River Paiute Tribe files a suit against Mineral County wanting in-person voter registration and in-person early voting sites on the reservation.

• Mineral County Independent-News is named best community paper in the state at the annual Nevada Press Association awards. General Manager of the Independent-News, Eric Dahlberg accepted the award.

OCTOBER

• The US Justice Department sided with the Walker River Paiute Tribe in their petition to allow satellite voting sites on the reservation.

• The Naval Warfare Department from the Fallon Training Complex set up a town hall meeting to discuss the expansion of training grounds in Mineral County.

• Jordi Medlock and Brandon West are named Mineral County High School homecoming king and queen.

• Mineral County School District makes a push for the approval of their school bond issue on this year's ballot.

NOVEMBER

• Mineral County Clerk Chris Nepper dropped his lawsuit against Mineral County, after votes were found uncounted in a drawer from the 2014 election.

• A large deadly blaze leaves one dead in Mina after the fire gutted nearly half a block.

• Chris Hegg and Garth Price are voted in as new commissioners for Mineral County.

• Many Mineral County residents were on hand for the Walker Basin Research Project, which featured over 100 researchers, scientists and other members to discuss the future of the ancient lake.

DECEMBER

• Mineral County is one of four counties asked to recount votes from the general election due to a request filed by presidential candidate Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente.

• Mineral County High School boys finish 3-2 at Serpent Classic.

• Jeffrey Van Arkel is jailed in the Mineral County Detention Center after a DNA test in Oregon comes back to him after a 2005 alleged rape.

• Betty Easley, volunteer at the Hawthorne Airport, is featured by the FAA after her hard work and dedication to the airport.

Hope It's Spectacular
Here's hoping 2017 showers you with every imaginable delight!
HUGHES CAR WASH

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Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic

Hawthorne Walk-In Clinic 2017 Dates & Times

January 11	2-5:30	June 28	2-5:30
January 25	2-5:30	July 12	2-5:30
February 8	2-5:30	July 26	2-5:30
February 22	2-5:30	August 9	2-5:30
March 8	2-5:30	August 23	2-5:30
March 22	2-5:30	September 13	2-5:30
April 12	2-5:30	September 27	2-5:30
April 26	2-5:30	October 11	2-5:30
May 10	2-5:30	October 25	2-5:30
May 24	2-5:30	November 8	12-5:30
June 14	2-5:30	December 13	12-5:30

Please call our office to schedule an appointment if you need any large animal work done on any of the above days.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE WHOLE BUNCH!
From all of us to all of you, go our very best wishes for a year filled with high spirits, glad tidings and lots of cause for celebration.
Valley Propane
Gary & Susan, Joe & Misty, Rich and Laurie

SEASON OF GIVING



Three extra-curricular activity funds at Mineral County High School received a much-needed end-of-the-year bonus thanks to generous alumni, Michelle Rosemark Hulbert. Hulbert, a member of the graduating class of 1983, sent a \$1,500 check to be split between the MCHS boys basketball team, the honor society and band. Michelle is with Caliber Home Loans in Reno and typically donates to a Mineral County program that helps kids in the community as a way of giving back to the community of her youth. Michelle's donation will assist MCHS athletics, scholars and musicians. The school's music program will resume in January with the hiring of a new, certified staff member. Many Hawthorne residents may remember Kay Rosemark, Hulbert's mother, as the school secretary at Mineral County High for many years.

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Happy New Year!

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Mineral County Museum featured

The Mineral County Museum is among several rural Nevada cultural treasures recently added to ModestMuseums.com. The website celebrates the rich history of the American West and the priceless artifacts contained in rural museums, modest by urban standards that transport the visitor into the past of a proud, rural community.



Courtesy photo

A handmade community quilt, one of many treasures on display in the Mineral County Museum, celebrates the 200th birthday of the United States in 1976.

Sarah Lillegard visited Hawthorne during the summer and spent several hours touring the museum. She had many questions for Sue Silver, Mineral County Museum's head researcher and conservationist and left with several books written by Silver on the history of Mineral County. Lillegard visited Souled Out and toured the 1942 USO Building. She visited the Ordnance Museum on a previous trek into rural Nevada.

Lillegard launched Modest Museums in February 2016 with the support

of Epicenter's Frontier Fellowship. The project is also funded, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
~Psalm 20:4

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bethany Lutheran Church
2nd & C Street

Brightest wishes to you and yours as we celebrate the start of a brand-new year. Your visits have delighted us throughout 2016, and we look forward to sharing more good times with you in the year ahead. THANK YOU.

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Yvonne, Cindy, Steve, Bart, Allyssa, Amber and Ashley

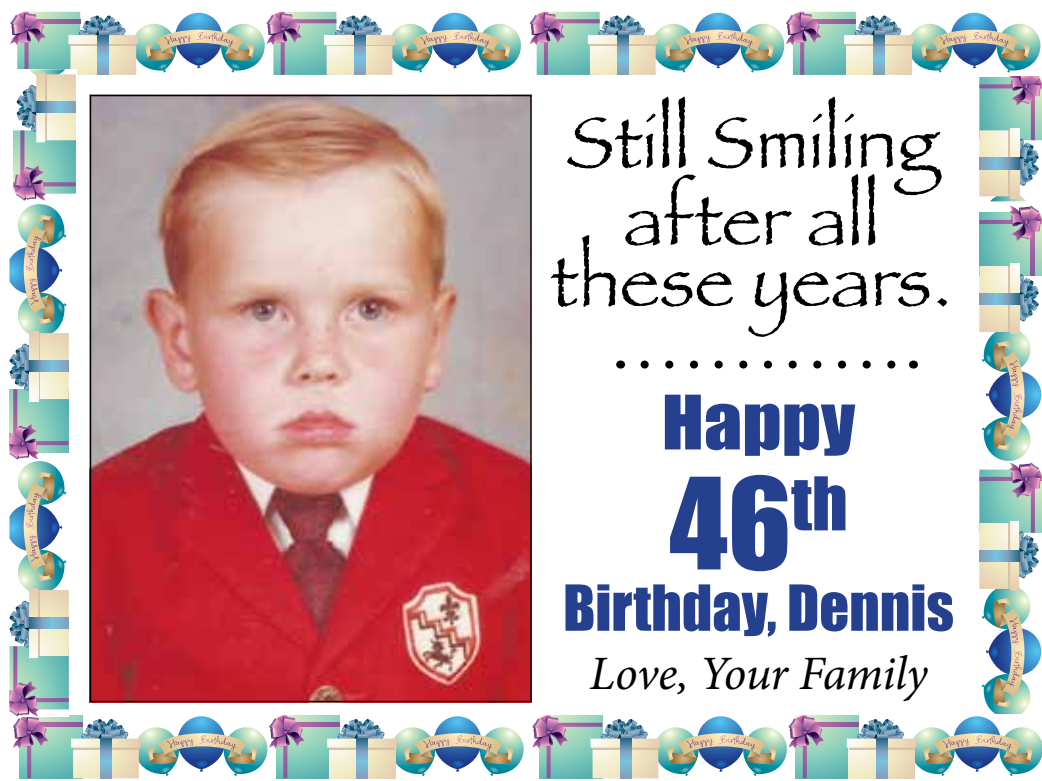
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

HAWTHORNE ORDNANCE MUSEUM

2017

Happy New Year!

BURKE'S BAR-B-QUE
Renaie, Janice, Stephen, Alexis, Mandi and Alicia



COURT NEWS

JUSTICE COURT

• On May 16, Arthur Benjamin Paesch pled guilty to the charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana, a misdemeanor. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$685 in fines and fees. Ordered to complete DUI school, victims impact panel and 24 hours community service. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for one day served. 89 days suspended under condition he has no law violations for six months and follows court order.

• On June 28, Brandon Jeremy Coburn pled guilty to the charges of failure to secure child in child restraint system (three counts) and basic speed, misdemeanors. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$390 in fines and fees for both counts.

• On Aug. 15, Maria Contreras-Cruz pled guilty to the charges of introducing a dangerous drug into interstate commerce and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors. She was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail on each count, to run concurrently. Credit for 30 days served (is allowed good/work time) and will attend drug program in district court.

• On Aug. 26, Francisco Leopold Munoz pled guilty to the charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$665 in fines and fees; ordered to complete DUI school; victims impact panel and 24 hours of community service. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for one day served, 89 days suspended under the condition he has no law violations for six months and follows court order.

• On Oct. 4, David Michael Nolan pled not guilty to the charge of battery that constitutes domestic violence, a misdemeanor. He was found guilty and sentenced to 180 days in jail.

• On Oct. 25, Steve A. Campbell pled guilty to the charges of: I - driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; II - speeding; III - failure to maintain travel lane; IV - possession of one ounce or less of marijuana; V - possession of drug paraphernalia and VI - open container, all misdemeanors. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$685 in fines and fees; ordered to complete DUI school; victims impact panel and 48 hours of community service on count I. He was found guilty on count IV and ordered to pay \$415 in fines and fees. He was found guilty on count V and ordered to pay \$640 in fines and fees. The total to be paid in full by Nov. 28. Counts II, III and VI, dismissed.

• On Nov. 14, Rick Allen Justice pled guilty to the charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$700 in fines and fees; ordered to complete DUI school; victims impact panel and 24 hours of community service. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for one day served, 89 days suspended under the

condition he has no law violations for six months and follows court order.

• On Nov. 21, Anthony Erwinray Barlow pled no contest to count II of the following charges: count I - intimidating a public officer, a gross misdemeanor and count II - breach of peace, a misdemeanor. He was found guilty to count II and ordered to pay \$355 in fines and fees by Dec. 30, 2016; sentenced to 30 days in jail; serve eight days; 22 days suspended under the condition he has no law violations for six months and follows court order. Count I dismissed.

• On Nov. 21, Amond Anthony Haley pled guilty to count VII of the following charges: count I - unlawful transport of a controlled substance; count II and III - possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of sale; count IV and V - possession of a controlled substance; VI - failure to stop at stop sign and VII - possession of drug paraphernalia, all misdemeanors. He was found guilty to count VII and ordered to pay \$1,133 in fines and fees. Ordered to pay Mineral County \$1,000 for public defender fund. Counts I through VI dismissed.

DISTRICT COURT

• On June 14, Jessica Marie Mansoor was sentenced on her guilty plea for possession of stolen debit cards, a violation of NRS 205.690(3), a category D felon. She was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for a minimum term of 12 months and a maximum term of 32 months from this date. To be served concurrently with the sentence of imprisonment she is currently serving imposed by the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada. She will pay \$28 in fees. She was given credit for 147 days presentence confinement time.

• On July 26, 2016, Jessenia Alyssa Rodriguez was sentenced on her guilty plea for battery with the use of a deadly weapon, a violation of NRS 200.481(2)(e) (2), a category B felony and conspiracy to commit battery with the use of a deadly weapon, a violation of NRS 199.480 and NRS 200.481 (2)(e)(2), a gross misdemeanor. She was found guilty and sentenced on count I, battery with the use of a deadly weapon, to imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for a maximum term of 120 months with minimum parole eligibility of 48 months from this date. The execution of judgment was suspended and she was placed under the supervision of Nevada Parole and Probation for a term of five years from this date with special conditions. She was ordered to pay \$356 in fines and fees and \$542.29 in restitution. She was then sentenced to count II - conspiracy to commit battery with the use of a deadly weapon. She was ordered to imprisonment in the Mineral County Detention Facility for 364 days, to run concurrently with the sentence imposed to count I. She was given credit for five days presentence confinement time.

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 200 South A Street — Hawthorne, Nevada

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Dr. Paul Fry , Orthopedic Surgeon	800-500-1135	Annex
Dr. Von Feldmann , Gastroenterology	775-336-2777	Clinic
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Dr. Todd McDonald , Obstetrics	775-423-2728	Annex
Dr. Lisa Krupkla , General Surgeon	By Referral	Annex

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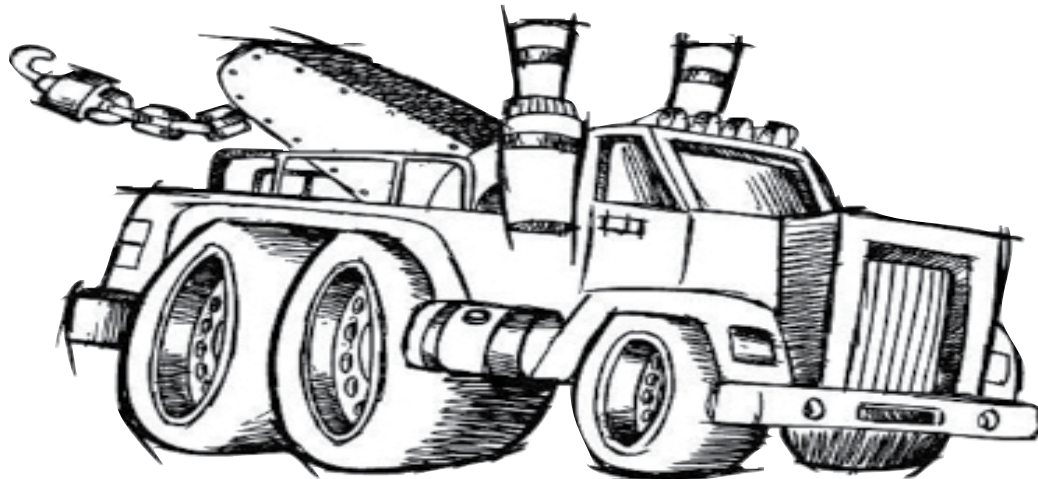
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Holiday Lodge

HAPPY NEW YEAR

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

(From the MCIN files of Dec. 26, 2006)

Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairman Gina Williams presented appreciation gifts to Sheriff Fred Trdla and Mineral County deputies for their assistance and support during the shooting incident in Schurz.

Approximately 400 troops of the US Army 7th Special Forces arrived in Hawthorne for a month long training in January.

Sheriff Fred Trdla, County Clerk Helene Weatherfield and Commissioner Nancy black received appreciation awards by Commissioners Richard Bryant and Ed Fowler for their service to Mineral County for the past several years.

20 YEARS AGO

Merle Swanson, well-known resident of this area, who lived in Mina was presented with an award in recognition of his serving as President of the Western Mining Council for more than 25 years. Swanson was very active in mining and the Mineral County Chapter of the Council presented him with this special award.

The Independent-News featured an article about Robert Eddy of Sodaville who was in the process of developing a "Desert Lobster" farm on his property at Sodaville, a short distance south of Mina. Eddy was doing great with his lobsters until too many state and federal regulations and permits made it difficult to carry out his plans to raise lobsters in the Nevada desert.

The paper also featured a story (including pictures) of the long and exciting history of the famous old Hawthorne Club. What was really neat about the article was some of the pictures of the business that was first known as the Hawthorne Pool Room back in 1936. One picture showed our old friend Joe Nardi who was the bartender and "Chief Soda Jerk" of the establishment standing in the front door of the club. Another picture showed one of the large, and happy, crowds that patronized the Hawthorne the Hawthorne Club for many years before it was "torn down".

30 YEARS AGO

Seven members of the 1986 Mineral County High School Serpents football team were named to the All-State Team. Those chosen were Rob Diede; Duane Miller; Randy Keuhey; Darrin Marshall; Drake McGown; Randy Verbeck and John Neville.

The Hawthorne Boxing Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, was being organized. Joe Johnson, a native of Hawthorne, was the coach. Johnson boxed in the 1978 Golden Gloves, with many amateur matches under his belt. Among his opponents were Mark Pacheco and Frankie "Sugar Man" Davis, both later turning professional. Johnson was coached during his high school days by another former resident of Hawthorne, Joe Pedrojetti, son of our own Jimmy Pedrojetti.

First place winners in the annual Gingerbread House contest held at Mineral County High School were Stacy Geerdes, Ronnie Marshall, Matt Elder, and Dennis Jackson; second place winners were Stacey Jordan, Marlos Steele, Yolanda Lockwood and Kara Keller; third place winners were Tonja Kerly, Jodie Baxter and Heather Stingray.

40 YEARS AGO

Nevada State Highway Patrol Trooper William D. "Bill" Shirley, who had recently graduated from the state academy, was assigned to duties in Hawthorne.

Max A. Hughes, a lifelong resident of Hawthorne was presented the "Award of Merit in Boy Scouting" at a scouters recognition dinner held in Cason City. Hughes served as a scout leader in this area for many years. During the 1980's Max was also awarded the "Silver Beaver" award, the highest award presented in scouting.

Word was received from Representative Jim Santini's office in Washington, D.C. that \$18.1 million was appropriated for the Demil Plant at the Hawthorne NAD for Fiscal Year in 1977.

Serpent Wrestling Team overpowered the Coleville team by winning a dual meet with a score of 66-6. Hawthorne's Pat Tabler was named "Wrestler of the Week."

Hawthorne Elks Lodge "Teenagers of the Month" were Toni Michelle Odom of Babbitt and Tadzeau Kasimer Ciesz of Hawthorne.

50 YEARS AGO

SSgt's Max McGee and Lennie San-



10 Years Ago - Joel Hodes, a local resident and principal of Schurz Elementary School, was killed in a plane crash traveling to California. Hodes, age 57, of Schurz was a well known resident of Mineral County. He began his employment with the Mineral County School District in 1976 as a teacher and in 1995 became the principal of Schurz Elementary School.

chez, members of the USAF Radar Bomb Scoring Detachment, SAC located at Babbitt, were promoted to the rank of TSgt's.

Teen-age dances for the holidays were being held at the Snack Shack in Babbitt. Most of the dances were packed and everyone had a great time.

MK 32 Zuni Warheads were being loaded at the Hawthorne Naval Ammunitions Depot. There was a total of 43 people involved in the loading and assembly of these warheads

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held marking the opening of the new location of the NAD Library at the West Wing of the Depot Dispensary.

Dell L. Mortensen and his wife, Carole, were the winners of the "Show Yard of the Month" for their home at 1100 Lexington in Babbitt. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Fred) Martinez of 1002 Lexington were also winners of the "Show Yard of the Month" for the previous month.

SAD BUT TRUE! . . . "The reason many people don't live within their income, is that they don't consider that living!"

60 YEARS AGO

New officers were chosen for the Babbitt Council. Elected were Roy Gartrell, president; Boyd J. Owen, vice president; Richard Harrington, secretary and Arthur Creek, treasurer.

The MCHS Serpents were ready for the 1956-57 Basketball season to begin with their first game against the Bishop Broncos. Coach Winton King had several veterans returning: Glen Hampton; Hartley Hermansen; LaGrande Jognson; George McKenna and Bill Helmer. They were aided by Bill Marshall, Stewart Johnson, Frank Richarson; Byron Cook and Tandy Dillard on the varsity squad. Both the varsity and junior varsity were working together with Meral Fielding as the assistant coach. Remainder of the basketball squad consisted of Jerry Bowles; Carl Cahill; Mack Campbell; Douglas Cox; Tommy Ellis; Gary Hughes; Jim Kellison; Robert Parker; Wallace Sutherland; Alfred Williams and Jack Zane.

70 YEARS AGO

Mineral County Post 19 American Legion staged its first annual "Military Ball" at the U.S. Hotel ballroom and the event was a great success.

The Hawthorne City Council adopted a new ordinance whereby all types of businesses in Hawthorne would be required to obtain a business license after the first of the year. (1947)

Named on the Mineral High School honor roll were: Pat DeWalt; Charles Jacobs; Janice LaBounty; Jack Fenkel; David Hermansen; Elaine Stubblefield; Mary Lou Vaughn; Russell Perry; Donna Oppenlander; Patsy Elkins; Patricia Meadows; Joyce Walker; Colleen Gilbert; Betty Jo Cato; Joyce Eckerstrom; Laverne Estep; Robert Collett and Phyllis Wheatley.

80 YEARS AGO

The new elementary school on Sixth Street was completed and classes were held for the first time. During the construction period, first through sixth grade classes used the Cotter School at the Naval Depot and seventh and eighth grades were "housed" at the 20-30 Club building on A Street.

Donald Conelly of Hawthorne was selected as first alternate for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy by Senator Pat McCarran.

OBITUARIES

JACK DARRELL WHALEY

Jack Darrell Whaley joined our Lord, peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 20, 2016 after a harrowing battle with Parkinson's disease and other related diseases caused by Agent Orange. Jack was born Sept. 21, 1946 to Dorothy (Walker) and Sterling Leo Whaley in Modesto, Calif., he was the second of



Jack Darrell Whaley

three boys.

He grew up in Moorpark, Calif. and his family moved to Hawthorne in 1963. Jack joined the Navy in 1964, served for three years, and then was honorably discharged in 1967. While enlisted he served in Vietnam from 1964-1967 participating in three tours aboard DER 386 USS Savage. He was a radar man 3rd class, he was also responsible for servicing the riverboats with fuel, food and water so they could return up the river in Vietnam. He would continue up river on patrol and search for Viet Cong. His ship captured 16 Viet Cong members.

In 1968 Jack returned to Hawthorne and married his high school sweetheart Susan Hoferer. Their first child Jack, Jr. was born in 1969 and in 1971 their daughter Kimberly. Jack worked as a heavy equipment operator for nine years at NAD Hawthorne. He continued working for Civil Service as a driver operator fireman at NAS Fallon, retiring in 2002 with 38 years of service.

Jack loved hunting and fishing all over Nevada. Every person he met he called a friend. He enjoyed construction, building his own home in the early 80's with his father-in-law Richard Hoferer, Sr.

Jack is survived by his wife of forty-nine years Susan (Hoferer) Whaley. His children: Jack and wife Connie of New-

port, Ore. and daughter Kimberly and husband Robert Richmond of Walker Lake, Nev.; grandchildren: Avery (Ashley) Whaley, Jessica (Ben) Cloud, Devin Whaley and Alyssa Richmond; brothers: Jerry Whaley, Reno, Nev. and John (Margaret) Whaley, Surprise, Ariz.; nieces: Tina (Randy) Canady of Hawthorne, Nev. and Melinda (Aaron) Wagner of Seattle, Wash. and nephew Chris (Diane) Whaley of Seattle, Wash.

Private immediate family service will be held. In lieu of flowers please donate to The Michael J. Fox Foundation.

ARTHUR JAMES COX, SR.

Longtime resident Arthur Cox, Sr. came to the end of his earthly journey on Dec. 7, 2016. Born to Archie L. and Cager L. Cox on Nov. 19, 1948 in Bastrop, La. Arthur confessed his faith in Christ at an early age. Art served his country well. He was drafted at the age of 17 years old



Arthur Cox, Sr.

to the United States Army and continued his dedication for eight years. Art was honorable discharged as a disabled Veteran. He attended Mineral County Schools and graduated in 1966.

Arthur was a very friendly, family oriented and well-known gentleman. Arthur was preceded in death by his mom, Cager L. Cox and sister, Bobbie Jean Cox Greenwood. Arthur leaves behind his father, Archie L. Cox; one son, Arthur J. Cox Jr.; brothers: Pastor Robert E (Lelia), Archie, Jr. (Christy) Oregon; sisters: Rita Mackedon of Fallon, Kellie Cox of Hawthorne; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and plenty of friends. Arthur will have a memorial service Jan. 7, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church.

VACANCIES

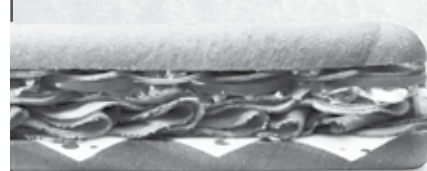
Effective January 1, 2017 there are four (4) vacancies on the Walker Lake General Improvement District Board of trustee's. Qualified electors may submit a letter for appointment to the Mineral County Board of Commissioners to be considered for appointment at the regular meeting on January 4, 2017.

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CHURCH NEWS

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.

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 Ron Dale
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 Ron Dale 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 9:30 AM. 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

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.

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.

God has blessed us greatly. How should we respond? Does this change our relationship to God? Join us as we explore what our relationship to God ought to look like. For added convenience, we have child care for every service.

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• 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., Start the New Year headed in the right direction, join us to celebrate Communion. All Christian are welcome.

Linda Young will present the Communion and give the message.
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
7th and "F" Street, Hawthorne Information: Glen Strouse, Community Church Missionary 945-3853
Have a joyful holiday season, everybody!

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.
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GOSPEL FOR ALL NATIONS (local Christian, non-profit organization)

Saturday: Sabbath School and Worship from 10 a.m.
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Worship10:00am
Evening Service.....7:00pm
Wednesday Services.....7:00pm

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Executive Meetings Monthly
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				29 Boys JV & Varsity Only at Bishop Tournament	30	31 New Years Eve
1 7 p.m. - V.F.W Post 2313 New Years Day	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. - Pop Warner Board Election	5 6 p.m. - GID Walker Lake	6 3 p.m. - Serpent Basketball at Sierra Lutheran 6 p.m. - American Legion Aux No 19 Mineral County TV Board	7 1 p.m. - Serpent Basketball Hosts Coleville 12 p.m. - Soroptomist 6 p.m. - Mineral County Sportsmans Club 6 p.m. - V.F.W Post 2668
8	9 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	10 10:30 a.m. - Brucite Lodge 42 4 p.m. - Serpent Basketball JV Girls Only Hosts Sierra Sage	11 2-5:30 p.m. - Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic	12 2 p.m. - WLWG	13 12 p.m. - Lunch Box Book Club 3 p.m. - Serpent Basketball at Whittell 6 p.m. - American Legion No 19 7 p.m. - V.F.W Aux 2313	14 1 p.m. - Serpent Basketball Hosts Pyramid
15 1 p.m. - MCCTA's 6 p.m. - Victory Garden Club	16	17 4 p.m. - Serpent Basketball JV Only	18	19 5 p.m. - KARRS	20 3 p.m. - Serpent Basketball at Smith Valley	21 12 p.m. - Soroptomist 1 p.m. - Serpent Basketball Hosts Virginia City 5-7 p.m. - Mineral County Horseman's Association
22 7 p.m. - Hawthorne Lodge 1704 B.P.O Elks	23	24 4:30 p.m. - Serpent Basketball JV Only Hosts Sage Ridge	25 2-5:30 p.m. - Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic	26	27 10-2p.m. - NV Legal Services at District Court 3 p.m. - Serpent Basketball No JV Girls at Excel	28 1 p.m. - Serpent Basketball Hosts Sierra Lutheran

How to spot and fix medical billing mistakes

Dear Savvy Senior,

After a recent hospital stay, I have a stack of confusing medical bills at home I need to decipher. I've heard these bills frequently contain mistakes. How do I spot them to ensure I'm not paying more than I need to be?

Cautious Carol

Dear Carol,

Medical billing errors and overcharging is not uncommon. According to the American Medical Association, 7 percent of medical bills in 2013 had errors, and other groups estimate that figure to be much higher. Unfortunately, untangling those mistakes is almost always up to you. Here are some tips and tools that can help.

CHECK FOR ERRORS

To help you get a grip on your medical bills and check for errors, you need to familiarize yourself with what your insurance does and doesn't cover. Then you need to carefully review the explanation of benefits from your insurer, and the invoices you receive from your doctor, hospital and/or outpatient facility providers.

These invoices need to be itemized

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bills detailing the charges for every procedure, test, service and supply you received. If you didn't receive an itemized invoice, request it from your health care providers. And if the invoices contain any confusing billing codes or abbreviations that you don't understand, ask them for an explanation. You can also look up most medical billing codes online by going to any online search engine and typing in "CPT" followed by the code number.

Once you receive and decode the invoices, keep your eyes peeled for these mistakes:

- Typos: Incorrect billing codes, a misspelled name or a wrong policy number.
- Double billing: Being charged twice for the same services, drugs, or supplies.
- Canceled work: Charging for a test your doctor ordered, then canceled.
- Phantom services: Being charged for services, test or treatments that were never received.
- Up-coding: Inflated charges for medications and supplies.

- Incorrect length of stay: Most hospitals will charge for the admission day, but not for day of discharge. Be sure you're not paying for both.

- Incorrect room charges: Being charged for a private room, even if you stayed in a semi-private room.

- Inflated operating room fees: Being billed for more time than was actually used. Compare the charge with your anesthesiologist's records.

To make sure the charges on your bill are reasonably priced, your insurance provider may offer an online price transparency tool, or use the Healthcare Blue Book (healthcarebluebook.com) or Guroo (guroo.com). These are free resources that let you look up the going rate of many procedures, tests or services in your area.

MAKE CORRECTIONS

If you find errors or have questions about charges, contact your insurer and your health care provider's billing office. When you call, be sure you write down the date, time and name of the person you speak to and a summary of the conversation, in case you need to refer back to it at a later time.

If there's a billing code error or some

other mistake that's easily correctable, ask your health care provider to resubmit a corrected claim to your insurance company.

GET HELP

If you aren't able to resolve the dispute on your own, you may want to consider hiring a medical billing advocate to work on your behalf. To find someone, try sites like billadvocates.com or claims.org. Most advocates charge an hourly fee - somewhere between \$50 and \$200 per hour - for their services, or they may work on a contingency basis, earning a commission of 25 percent to 35 percent of the amount they save you.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, another resource is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). They provide free counseling and can help you understand your medical bills and Medicare coverage. To find a local SHIP counselor visit shiptacenter.org, or call 800-633-4227.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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SUMM

ORIGINAL
IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF HAWTHORNE TOWNSHIP
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINERAL, STATE OF NEVADA

Financial Horizons Credit Union,
Plaintiff,

VALERIE J. DOMOGALLA,
Defendant./

CASE NO: 16CV000045E
DEPT NO:

SUMMONS

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is set forth below, an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which is a "COMPLAINT FOR COLLECTION."²

*If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:

a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response (Answer) to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court. A filing fee of \$46.00 is required, or you must file an Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis and request a waiver of the fee.

b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.

*Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief.

* If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney, you should do so promptly so that your response will be timely.

AFFIRMATION - This document or its attachments does NOT contain any social security numbers.

BY: /s/ ROBERT H. BROILI, ESQ. #3685
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² When service of the Summons is made by publication, the Summons shall, in addition to any special statutory requirements, also contain a brief statement of the object of the action substantially as follows: "This action is brought to recover a judgment for the sum of (indicated dollar amount), due and owing" or as the case may be. (JCRCP4(b)).

FILE NO: 14-0131

PUBLIC NOTICE RELATIVE TO UTILITY RATE INCREASES FOR HAWTHORNE WATER SYSTEM, SEWER OPERATIONS, GARBAGE DEPARTMENT AND THE MINA/LUNING WATER SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of proposed rate increases for the Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Garbage Department and the Mina/Luning Water Systems

A copy of proposed rate increases can be obtained at the Hawthorne Utilities Office, 395 'E' St, Hawthorne, Nevada.

SUMMARY provides for revenue to maintain viable working departments within the Utility Departments. Review of the revenue and expenses will be presented to the Mineral County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Mineral County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Rate Increases on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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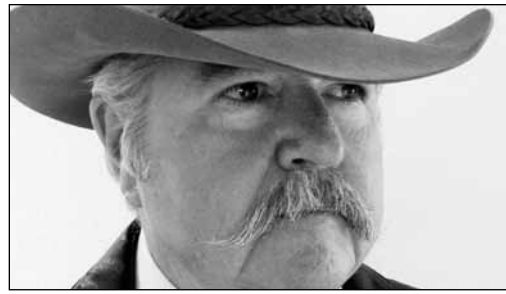
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Nevada could be ground zero for resurgence of national defense

Nevada knows nukes, or at least we used to. First, the election of Donald Trump reignited the debate over the possible resurrection of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository. Now, with a simple tweet Trump has reopened discussions about the preparedness, or lack thereof, of America's nuclear arsenal.



THOMAS MITCHELL
COMMENTARY

"The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes," Trump's 118-character missive declared this past week.

ready enough nuclear weapons to make the rubble bounce, as we used to say, and enough to create a Nuclear Winter. (And Obama says the biggest threat to mankind is global warming.)

Trump's newly appointed spokesman Sean Spicer went on television the next day and said the president-elect was not trying to restart an arms race with Russian and China but rather deter one.

Nevada was ground zero for nuclear preparedness throughout the Cold War. On a 1,375-square-mile tract of land in Nye County known first as the Nevada Proving Grounds, then the Nevada Test Site and now the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), thousands of workers developed the nation's nuclear deterrence capabilities by detonating more than 900 nuclear devices. A few workers there continue to experiment with subatomic tests.

"He's going to ensure that other countries get the message that he's not going to sit back and allow that," Spicer told NBC. "And what's going to happen is they will come to their senses, and we will all be just fine."

With most of the nation's nuclear arsenal sitting on the shelf for decades, NNSS would be the logical location for testing, refitting, overhauling, updating and replacing those weapons.

This would be a sharp reversal of Obama's avowed policy of avoiding nuclear proliferation. In 2009 he called for the U.S. to lead efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons — putting the genie back in the bottle as some might say.

But Yucca Mountain and nearby

Between the U.S., Russia, China and a handful of other nations there are al-

Groom Lake, or Area 51 — where stealth aircraft and other top secret weaponry have been tested for decades — could also play a role.

Instead of dumping commercial nuclear reactor waste at Yucca Mountain, it could be reprocessed, as many other nations do. But in 1977 Jimmy Carter banned reprocessing because it creates weapons-grade nuclear material and he feared a nuclear proliferation and potential for that material to be obtained by terrorists or a rogue state, which has never happened, though Great Britain, France, Japan and others routinely reprocess.

tic missile technology.

Little has been done in recent years to harden the nation's electric grid and electronic technology against the disabling power of the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) that is generated by a nuclear weapon, which could leave the entire nation in the dark, without communications or operational vehicles. That could come from terrorists or one of those rogue dictatorships that have or are developing nuclear devices, not just Russia and China.

That weapons-grade material from reprocessing could be used to update the arsenal and the reprocessed fuel could power commercial nuclear reactors for years and drastically reduce the amount of waste.

Research also needs to continue on electronic rail guns that could target incoming missiles, as well as EMP or laser or X-ray weapons that use a small nuclear detonation as a source of energy — ground- or space-based.

The nation's offensive and defensive efforts under Obama have lain fallow. The three Nevada sites could be employed to do more than merely deter sane nations with a policy of mutually assured destruction — appropriately summed up with the acronym MAD.

Nevada has the infrastructure in place already, though most of the worker expertise has moved on or died off. The state's universities and the Desert Research Institute could be called upon to educate the necessary workforce, as well as the various nuclear labs around the country that have seen personnel laid off and budgets cut.

Research and development could be directed toward deploying reliable countermeasures against an ICBM attack from an orbit over the South Pole, which was not envisioned back in the day of Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. And it need not be just anti-ballis-

Nevada has long contributed to national defense, it could continue to do so.

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

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU,

Thank you to the Mineral County Sheriff's Office for waking us up due to the fire. I want to thank Mary Rivero; Dee Scharr; Allen and Paula Lee; Dixie Best; Tammy from Souled Out, what a God send she is; the Simpson family; El Capitan; my paper ladies, Pricilla and Kathy and the whole town of Hawthorne. God bless you and thank you all so much.

DON AND PATTY MARTIN
HAWTHORNE

THANK YOU,

Mineral County Animal Control would like to thank SOC Inventory, Dee Dee Marino, The Maxxons, The Chidesters and Pat McKay for your beautiful donations to our shelter. We really appreciate all of the generosity and kindness we receive.

Thank You,
DAN BROGDEN
MINERAL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

THANK YOU,

Oh behalf of the Mineral County School Board and our many staff members within the district, I would like to thank the voters of this county for passing the recent school bond.

As we look toward the future and a new year, we will be welcoming new school board members who are coming on to assist in the decision making processes for the future of our students and

our schools. We are grateful for the ability to seek out "going green" within our schools for more efficiency within our buildings and to help provide further savings, which will pay off in the long run to help our school system become even more vital in educating our children.

SHERI SAMSON
MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

THANK YOU,
Matthew 25: 35-40 Thank you for our community annual Christmas Feeding.

"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?"

Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.

Thanks to all that helped, in meeting the needs of our community at the Christmas Eve dinner. Special thanks to the Care and Share for the use of your facility. Thanks to Tisha Bonner for your extra help in putting this together. To each church who made this special for coming together and your prayers.

EDITORIAL

Past time to abolish VA health system and give vets vouchers

This past week the Department of Veterans Affairs reluctantly released to USA Today quality of care rankings — one to five stars with one being the poorest and five the best — for its 146 VA medical centers. The VA health facilities in Las Vegas and Reno warranted only two stars each, placing them solidly in the bottom third in the rankings.

At about the same time the agency also released Inspector General reports on wait time manipulation at facilities in eight states, including one for the mental health division of the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas.

The IG has been looking into wait time manipulation for the past couple of years after it was learned a number of VA medical centers lied about how long veterans were delayed in receiving medical care.

In 2014 it was revealed that the VA hospital in Phoenix was claiming veterans waited an average of 24 days for their first primary care appointment, when the average was actually 115 days. There were 1,400 vets on the official waiting list, but another 1,700 who were not even included on that list. Some died waiting to be seen by a doctor.

A subsequent audit found 64 percent of VA facilities had tampered with waiting lists.

The recent report on the Las Vegas waiting list said the inspection was launched following a complaint by a former VA mental health staffer who said he and others were directed by their boss to schedule the next available mental health appointment date as a vet's desired appointment date, even when that was untrue.

He said he was told to do this "so the numbers looked good" and it appeared there was no waiting.

The IG interviewed 11 VA employees and reviewed emails.

Though many staffers denied being pressured to manipulate the wait times, most admitted the methodology of recording desired appointments had this effect.

The report said of one staffer: "He stated that he was told the only acceptable wait time for appointments was zero days. He said he was told by a lead MSA (medical support assistant) to cancel appointments for veterans with wait times and reschedule them using the next available appointment date as

the veterans' desired date so that the wait times appeared to be zero. ... He said this was done to make the wait times appear shorter than what they actually were."

Still another staffer said she was handed a list of 50 patients by her boss and told the appointments had been scheduled improperly. The wait times varied from 45 to 60 days. She was told the patients agreed to the appointment date, so the appointment date should be recorded as the desired date, making the wait time zero.

The report concluded, "The investigation determined that some MSAs were not scheduling appointments correctly because of confusion over the scheduling directive, incorrect information from coworkers, and incorrect information received during previous training. Several of the MSAs interviewed indicated that they were directed by supervisors to manipulate scheduling data."

Though the report was referred to the VA's Office of Accountability Review back in February, there was no indication any disciplinary action was taken.

The local VA released a statement to the Las Vegas newspaper saying, "The VA Office of Accountability reviewed the ... findings and concluded there were no accountability issues that warranted action and that revised training addressed the scheduling deficiencies discovered."

The problem is that the VA health system is socialized medicine, pure and simple. A bureaucracy, like any other organism, has at its base the objective of self-preservation, not the objective to provide quality service.

No matter who President-elect Trump may appoint to head the agency, it will fail, as it has done so over and over again over the decades.

Nevada has had more than its share of VA woes. The VA Medical Center in North Las Vegas cost \$1 billion to build — twice what a private hospital costs — and took four years longer than scheduled. It opened with too small of an emergency room and no ambulance drop-off ramp.

For rural vets it is too long a drive to Reno or Las Vegas.

It is time to dismantle the VA health care system and give veterans vouchers to use at whatever doctor or hospital they wish. — **TM**

HAWTHORNE CARE AND SHARE MENU DECEMBER

Friday (30) Holiday Sub, Tomato Soup, Baby Carrots, Available Fruit	Monday (2) HOLIDAY. CENTER CLOSED	Tuesday (3) Pizza, Savory Beans, Bean Combo, Tossed Salad, Applesauce
Wednesday (4) Pork Roast, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Whole wheat Bread, Pineapple Cake •Pinochle 12:45pm M-T-TH-F	Thursday (5) Burgers on Whole Wheat Bun, Baked Beans, Lettuce Tomato, Onion, Available Fruit Fallon Trip: Jan. 10 Reno Trip: Jan. 24	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 DECEMBER

Monday (2) HOLIDAY. CENTER CLOSED	Tuesday (3) Lemon Baked Fish, Parsley, Potatoes, Zucchini Salad, Whole Wheat Roll, Cantaloupe	Wednesday (4) Southwest BBQ Chicken Burgers, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks, Pineapple Chunks
Thursday (5) Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Macaroni Salad, Vegetable, Cinnamon Rolls	LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 A.M. Fallon Trip: Jan. 13 Hawthorne Trip - Every Thurs. 12:30pm	
Volunteers Needed		

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



View of Walker Lake from high above – By Andre Molyneux

ARREST RECORD

The following people were arrested in Mineral County on or after Dec. 18 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.

- Daniel J. Lee was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 20 for civil custody for alcohol abuse endangers self. No bail listed.

- Alan T. Russell was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 21 for loitering while under the influence – first, unlawful conduct and indecent/obscene exposure, 2+... Bail set at \$3,530 bond/cash.

- Tanya M. Curtis was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 22 for arrest for violation of probation/condition of suspension. No bail listed.

- Justin N. Snyder was arrested by Walker River Tribal Police on Dec. 22 for basic speed – 31+ miles per hour over posted limit. Bail listed at \$485 bond/cash.

- Sylvia S. Kinney was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 24 for bench warrant; rear license plate lamp violation; rear license plate lamp violation and drive vehicle with suspended vehicle registration. Bail listed at \$475

cash and \$870 bond/cash.

- Roberto Lopez Gonzalez was arrested by agency not listed on Dec. 23 for drive without driver's license and basic speed – 11-15 miles per hour over posted limit. Bail set at \$500 bond/cash.

- Adrian Villaibarra was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 23 for drive without driver's license; drive vehicle with suspended vehicle registration; multi head lamp beams required; coercion with force or threat of force by a...; kidnapping, first degree and domestic battery by strangulation, E/VOP... Bail set at \$1,175 bond/cash and no bail on last three charges.

- Jeremy Zane was arrested by Mineral County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 24 for domestic battery by strangulation. Bail set at \$15,000 bond/cash.

The following were released from the Mineral County Detention Center by a judge unless otherwise noted: Kevin L. McGauhey (released time served); Cory W. Middleton (released by CPC authority); Kellie A. Camp (released on cash bail); Daniel J. Lee (released by CPC authority); Jayden T. Rivera (released to bondsman); Justin N. Snyder (released on cash bail); Roberto Lopez Gonzalez (released on cash bail); Sylvia S. Kinney (released on bond) and Jeremy Zane (released on bond).

Rooftop solar will make modest comeback in Northern Nevada

By Michelle Rindels
Associated Press

Exactly a year after a controversial rate hike dramatically hampered the number of new rooftop solar installations, Nevada utility regulators voted Thursday to allow about 1,200 customers to install solar systems and get older, more favorable rates when they sell back excess electricity.

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada voted unanimously to allow a small portion of northern Nevada residents to sign up for the attractive rates over the next three years. It's a modest but promising step forward after months of acrimonious debate that pit rooftop solar companies against traditional utilities.

"We need to restart a conversation, work together," said commissioner Joe Reynolds, who was appointed chairman by Gov. Brian Sandoval in September. As part of a reshuffling, the prior chairman

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corrections department spokeswoman Brooke Keast.

Nevada is also starting a partnership in 2017 with the New York-based Vera Institute, which runs a Safe Alternatives to Segregation Initiative. The institute has a \$2.2 million federal grant to work with states over 21 months and help them reduce the use of solitary confinement.

The new initiatives come after the de-

partment changed its mission statement earlier this year. Its new goal is to incorporate "proven rehabilitation initiatives that prepare individuals for successful reintegration into our communities."

"In the past it was just supervising and watching offenders assigned to us by the court," Dzurenda said.

Gov. Brian Sandoval, who chairs the Board of Examiners that approved the grant-related spending, applauded the new direction.

"I think this is extraordinary," he said at the meeting. "It makes for a safer community but it also allows those individuals to have a second chance."

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We thank the NV Army National Guard, the NAS Fallon Navy SAR team, the NV Air National Guard, SOC, and pilots who came for the Armed Forces Day Open House and Parade Flyover. We also thank the exhibitors and the ground staff that supported Hawthorne's 66th Armed Forces Day celebration.

These pictures are just a few photos that Tony Hughes, Ken Babione, and I have taken of visiting aircraft. Pictures for pilots are always given as gifts and I enjoy all types of planes and their varied paint schemes and colors. Lucky me!

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Airport Happenings
by Betty Easley

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Faces of Mineral County: Schurz resident Cynthia Ocegura

By Sheri Samson
MCIN Correspondent

It has been said that the call toward home never leaves you, which explains a lot about the journey Cynthia Ocegura has taken.

Born in Schurz, as a young woman she left to explore other places by attending the University of Alaska, graduating from the University of Nevada-Reno and having a stint living in Texas, which all broadened her perspective in a positive sense. She was one of the many Schurz students that continued to secure scholarships and went on to begin the Indian Alumni in Reno. Education was of utmost importance to her pathway as she secured a marketing degree to be involved in business communities, plus she became a nutritionist and became active through the Indian Health Services.

Hold up 10 fingers and Ocegura will quickly dictate the many things she loves. She is committed to all animals, Indian traditions or talents, as well as a genuine, healthy eco system. Foremost is her devotion which lies in the roots of her homeland.

"I was born here and raised in such an idyllic environment, it saddens me to see the depressed state this county has come to. As a kid, we had lush green ditches with tall trees, tire swings and we swam in the ditches and the river without fear of any pesticides or contaminants. Wild berries could be eaten, fresh asparagus lined the waterways and it was part of our generation to enjoy long days out in nature within our colony of relatives all living here," Ocegura reflected.

With her origins from the Yosemite Miwok Tribe, Ocegura explained that her mother's family migrated to Schurz as they were part of the Paiute tribe, which was a registered group with federally recognized land allocation. Apparently her father's heritage was French Basque who migrated from Spain, but her mother's family took part in the Great Basin migration, which includes the dispersion of Paiutes throughout this region.

"I had such a wonderful childhood here; I couldn't help but return and try to contribute to the community who gave me so much. The vegetation was full in those days and used for everyday medicines, which were passed down as our heritage of knowledge. There was an ac-



Sheri Samson

Cynthia Ocegura was born and raised in Schurz, where she still lives today.

tive railroad which provided pump cars on the rails, which kids like me would "borrow" as we explored. We rode horses freely and played in open fields."

Ocegura explained that it was water that allowed the area to flourish. Fishing the river or Walker Lake were common, everyday events. It provided a nutritious balance within the thousand plus residents within the Schurz land boundaries.

Today Ocegura is working for the tribe as a GAP manager, which gives general assistance, while balancing this with the environmental involvement in projects such as the Anaconda Mine issue or the state, federal and political agencies trying to either improve, dismantle, research or change the quality of life.

"Life in this county must be embraced as a collaborative effort. We need each other to improve our quality of life here. We need all our voices for the water to not only come back to our region appropriately, but it must be quality water. We need economic development to manifest and broaden the work base with quality workers that are educated and trained to do their best. We need wage-earners. I personally want our Indian culture and heritage to live on in its history, teachings, language and resume the wonderful sharing once done within our tribe. Change is not a curse word - it is necessary for growth. I want this vision to bloom before I die, because the poor planning of other's before me is not my problem. We need today to count in a shared vision."

AROUND THE STATE

Associated Press

TROOPERS SEEK WITNESSES TO FIERY FATAL CRASH IN NYE COUNTY

TONOPAH — The Nevada Highway Patrol is looking for anyone who witnessed a fiery fatal crash in Nye County last week.

Troopers say they responded at about 10 p.m. on Thursday to a rollover crash on eastbound State Route 376.

Investigators say a 1995 Nissan Altima went off the roadway, rolled and caught fire. Forty-one-year-old Billy Haggatt of Round Mountain wasn't wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle.

She was pronounced dead on the scene.

Authorities are asking anyone with information on the crash to contact the highway patrol.

REWARD AFTER VANDALS SMASH WINDOWS AT MINDEN SCHOOL

MINDEN — Authorities are trying to catch whoever broke into a high school in Minden and smashed windows in several classrooms.

Douglas County sheriff's officials say the vandalism happened at Douglas High School early the morning of Dec. 21, before students went on their winter break.

Surveillance footage shows a suspect who's about 6 feet tall and wore dark clothing, dark gloves and shoes and a dark-colored JanSport backpack with a suede bottom. The suspect also wore a camouflage hat with a matching face mask.

Deputies say the classrooms are still usable. They didn't have a dollar estimate on the damage.

Secret Witness is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps detectives crack the case.

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was moved to a regular commissioner role and the architect of the controversial rate hike was not reappointed to the three-person panel.

"Nevada is at its best when we roll up our sleeves and figure out a way to solve challenges and think outside the box," Reynolds said.

The newly admitted rooftop solar users will account for a small portion of the Sierra Pacific Power Company's estimated 290,000 residential customers. About 2,100 customers in northern Nevada have already enrolled in the so-called "net metering" program that pays them for their excess energy.

In a lengthy order explaining the policy, Reynolds wrote that allowing new rooftop solar installations at the attractive rates will support the state's goal of diversifying its energy portfolio, and will reduce the average residential customer's bill by 1 cent a month.

Rooftop solar proponents noted that the decision doesn't apply to the larger customer base in southern Nevada or offer a long-term solution for the solar debate, but praised the decision.

"The Commission took a small but important step toward re-aligning rates with the goals that state policymakers

and the people of Nevada share: to see more homegrown solar powering their communities and their economy," said Jessica Scott, regional director for the pro-solar nonprofit Vote Solar. "Today's votes signal that Nevada is ready to lead on solar once again."

Regulators said the rate hike last year aimed to end a subsidy that non-solar customers were paying for solar customers. Solar companies disputed that there was a cost-shift, arguing that regulators' calculations didn't factor in environmental and health benefits that solar panels bring to Nevadans.

"It's a difficult issue because you're getting smart folks — well-educated, well-intentioned — who just disagree on basic facts," Reynolds said on Thursday.

Regulators this fall undid one of the most loathed portions of their ruling: applying the new, less-favorable rates to customers who had signed up for net metering under more lucrative conditions. About 32,000 customers with the systems were grandfathered into the better rates this fall, although future customers weren't eligible.

Reynolds' order described the unpopular 2015 ruling as "a promise better left unkept" and said regulators are free to try new approaches to addressing rooftop solar rates. But he also wrote that questions about how to price rooftop solar power are unresolved and it's too early to make broad, binding decisions about net metering policy.

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