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Lovelock Community Food Bank

A Lifeline for Residents in Need

By Rachel Dahl

The Lovelock Community Food Bank has long served as a critical resource for residents of Pershing County, providing food assistance to those in need. Established in the mid-1990s by Father Karry Crites and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada in partnership with the Lovelock Paiute Indian Tribe, the food bank has grown over its 25-year history into a vital part of the community's support network.



Dedicated volunteers of the Lovelock Community Food Bank

Today, the Lovelock Community Food Bank operates out of the old city yard at 810 Franklin, a location provided by Mayor Mike Giles and the Lovelock City Council in 2014. The facility, shared with the Lovelock Recycle Center, is centrally located and accessible to community members who need to walk in for assistance. Despite this stable home, the food bank has experienced several relocations over

age van, and even behind the Fraternal Order of Eagles' building. The food bank's services are extensive. Many clients visit the food bank four to five times a month, with a significant number of those served being between the ages of 19 and 59 and unable to work. The facility not only distributes food from its own pantry but also participates in the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's mobile pantry program, which brings fresh produce, proteins, and staples to the community. Volunteers, who contribute an estimated 2,000 hours annually, manage nearly every aspect of the operation, from collect-

the years, including stints at the Paiute Indian Colony, a metal stor-

ing and distributing food to handling administrative tasks.

Geraldine Atkinson, a co-director of the food bank with Penny Higby, has dedicated over 25 years to the organization. Atkinson spoke at the last City Council meeting as well as the County Commission meeting, sharing the challenges of maintaining operations, highlighting that while Pershing County provides vouchers for four months of the year, the remaining eight months rely heavily on donations and volunteer support.

"We save the county over 2,000 hours in volunteer hours each year because there's a Monday crew and a

Thursday crew," Atkinson said. "For years, I did it myself... I'm here asking for compassion and support from the community."

Atkinson emphasized the need for a permanent home for the food bank, ideally within city limits, to ensure continued service to the community.

The food bank became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization three years ago, allowing it to receive donations and support more effectively. Previous support from organizations such as Grace-St. Francis Church and contributions from groups like Burning Man, Southwest Gas employees, Coeur Rochester Mines, and E Clampus Vitus Jesse Lee Reno #1422 have been invaluable in keeping the program running.

Community members interested in supporting the Lovelock Community Food Bank are encouraged to volunteer their time or donate resources. With the continued collaboration of local government, businesses, and residents, the food bank aims to secure a permanent and sustainable future, providing hope and nourishment to Lovelock's most vulnerable citizens.

Assessing the Housing Situation in Pershing County - What is Really Needed

By Rachel Dahl

Pershing County faces a critical housing challenge according to two recent reports, the Humboldt-Pershing Housing Needs Assessment completed by EKAY Economic Consultants in November of 2022 and the Pershing County Housing Assessment and Gap Analysis conducted by the University of Nevada Extension in May 2024. Both studies provide detailed information of the housing landscape in the county, underscoring the urgent need for strategic development and support for affordable housing.

The Humboldt-Pershing Housing Assess-

ment highlights that Pershing County's population has remained relatively stable, with a slight decline of 2% since 2015, bringing the population to 6,587. The city of Lovelock has seen a more concerning trend, with a population decrease of 27%. Despite this, the rest of the county has experienced an 11.2% growth, suggesting a shift in residency preferences towards rural areas. The county's aging population, coupled with the economic impact of an 8.5% unemployment rate, further complicates the housing landscape in Pershing County.

According to the Pershing County Housing Gap Analysis, the county's housing stock comprises 2,297 units, with nearly half being

mobile homes. The analysis emphasizes the disparity in housing types, noting that while Lovelock hosts most of the county's multifamily units, rural areas primarily consist of mobile homes and RVs. Moreover, no new building permits have been issued since 2020, indicating stagnation in housing development. With zero rental vacancy rates and limited availability of homes for sale, the housing market is tight and unyielding.

Affordability remains a significant concern. The Humboldt-Pershing Housing Assessment indicates that while the median household income in Pershing County is \$66,304, Lovelock's median income lags at \$42,955. This

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Storytellers

By Rachel Dahl

Someone asked me about making yarn the other day and how the bunnies are doing. You know it doesn't take much, and I'm off to the races on my proverbial soap box. I'll talk about those bunnies and learning to spin yarn all day long.

There was a new gal in the group who I'd never met, taking in the conversation back and forth, her head on a swivel like she was watching pickleball when she eventually said she thought we were talking about writing stories, not spinning actual yarn.

We all laughed and acknowledged there's always a lot of that kind of yarn spinning too.

Speaking of which, my dad has been writing horse stories. A great part of his life has revolved around horses, ranching as a kid, using a team to harvest meadow hay, training horses, trading horses, jumping horses, and polo horses.

He used to tell me, "They aren't pets, Rachel, don't get attached. There's always another horse."

He's a great storyteller, and each one is a walk down the memory lane of my own life. They are poignant, funny, and touching. Like a good yarn should be.

My little daughter — the six-foot-tall drama queen one, loves sitting around telling stories, talking about family events and histories. Last night she said how much she loved that we do that, and how neat it is to be part of a family of storytellers. She said she used to hate it, and when the spinning would begin, she would roll her eyes,



"Here we go again."

I imagine there will come a day when she becomes a storyteller in her own right. Genetically speaking, she can't really help it.

So while we do our part for now to keep telling our stories and spinning yarn, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.



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

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disparity contributes to housing affordability challenges, particularly for renters. Approximately 29.5% of renter households are considered cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. The Pershing County Housing Gap Analysis echoes this information, revealing a pronounced shortage of affordable rental units for households earning less than \$25,000 annually.

The reports also point to the age and condition of the county's housing stock as a growing issue. Many homes, especially in Lovelock, were built before 1969, potentially posing safety and quality concerns for residents. Older manufactured homes, which make up a substantial portion of the housing, often require updates or replacements to meet modern standards. With many of these homes falling into the "Other Vacant" category—potentially due to needed repairs or abandonment—there is an opportunity to revitalize existing properties to improve living conditions and expand housing options.

To address these issues, both reports recommend a multi-faceted approach to housing development. The Pershing County Housing Gap Analysis suggests partnering with Nevada Rural Housing and private developers to build affordable and workforce housing, particularly multi-family units that can accommodate a broader range of residents. By offering incentives such as tax abatements, infrastructure support, and reduced permitting fees, the county could attract developers and stimulate new construction.

Another critical recommendation is to focus on housing for specific needs, including low- and moderate-income families and senior citizens. The Humboldt-Pershing Housing Assessment advises creating partnerships with local employers, especially in the mining

and government sectors, to develop workforce housing initiatives. This could help stabilize the housing market and support economic growth by ensuring that workers can find affordable and suitable accommodation within the county.

Improving the quality of existing housing is also a priority. According to both reports, grant or loan programs could help homeowners renovate older properties, bringing them up to modern standards and enhancing neighborhood appeal. Additionally, the introduction of programs to replace outdated manufactured homes with energy-efficient models would benefit both homeowners and the community at large by reducing energy costs and improving safety. Rural Nevada Development Corporation in Ely provides a housing rehabilitation program to Pershing County residents, does down payment assistance, and has a weatherization program.

Temporary solutions, such as modular units or expanded RV parks, could provide immediate relief for those needing housing while longer-term projects are underway. These short-term fixes could support transient workers or families in transition, ensuring they have stable housing options as new developments take shape.

Ultimately, addressing housing needs in Pershing County requires a proactive and collaborative approach. By leveraging insights from the Humboldt-Pershing Housing Assessment and the Pershing County Housing Gap Analysis, local leaders can make informed decisions that support both current residents and future growth. With strategic planning, Pershing County has the opportunity to create a more sustainable, affordable, and welcoming community for all.

FEATURES

March Madness Livestock Show: Where Hard Work and Hooves Meet

Staff Report

The 3rd Annual March Madness
Livestock Show is set to take place
from March 28 to 30, 2025, at the
Pershing County 4-H Complex in
Lovelock, Nevada. This event,
sanctioned by the Intermountain
Junior Show Series, brings together
youth exhibitors from across the
region to showcase their livestock
and compete for top honors.

EVENT OVERVIEW:

- Dates: March 28–30, 2025
- Location: Pershing County 4-H Complex, Lovelock, NV
- Sanctioning Body: Intermountain Junior Show Series

The Intermountain Junior Show Series collaborates with livestock jackpot shows in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and more, aiming to recognize and reward the dedication of youth involved in livestock showing.

JUDGES:

- Jessica Juvinall: Judging swine and cattle on Saturday, and sheep and goats on Sunday.
- Background: Hailing from Central Point, Oregon, Jessica has extensive experience showing sheep, goats, cattle, and hogs.
 A 2019 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's in animal science, she was part of the 2018 National Champion livestock judging team. Her accolades include high individual at the Dixie National and top finishes at the San



McKenna Hertz will be photographing at the show. She grew up in Lovelock, and that's where her love for animal agriculture began. She grew up helping on her grandfather's cattle ranch, and was also involved in 4-H and FFA.

Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Postgraduation, Jessica has judged multiple species across the country and enjoys rodeoing, as well as training and raising horses.

- Conner Brew: Judging lambs and goats on Saturday, and pigs and cattle on Sunday.
- Background: Originally from Elkhart, Indiana, Conner has been deeply involved in showing and judging livestock. He attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, where he was part of the "Team of the Year" and earned Academic All-American honors. Conner completed his bachelor's in animal sciences with a business concentration at Texas Tech University. Currently residing in Lubbock,

Texas, he serves as the livestock judging coach at South Plains College and is dedicated to evaluating shows and mentoring youth nationwide.

Participants and spectators can look forward to a weekend filled with competitive events, educational opportunities, and community engagement. The March Madness Livestock Show not only highlights the hard work and commitment of young exhibitors but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and learning among participants.

For more information and updates, please visit the official event page on Showman.app and look for the March Madness Livestock Jackpot.



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FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Marylou Bickett, 42, of Lovelock NV, was booked for an arrest for violation of probation or condition of suspended sentence.

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Michael Allen Nevis, 36, of Yerington NV, was booked for a bench warrant.

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

James Brian Anderson, 45, of Grass Valley NV, was booked for Assault with use of deadly weapon-aggravated assault, resist public officer, and battery on a protected person.

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Nicole Renee Marin, 34, of Lovelock NV, was booked for two bench warrants.

Crossword

By Peanut



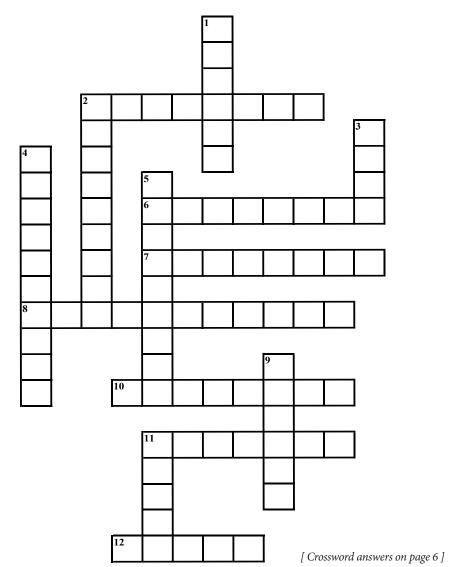
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- 6. Butter Pecan
- 7. Grated veg
- 8. Friday's soup
- 10. Flour, corn
- 11. Bug's fav 12. Anchovy pie

Down

- 1. George's tree
- 2. Jimmy's ville
- 3. Jack's pudding
- 4. Pasta
- 5. Nut
- 9. Milk
- 11. Spicy stew



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lovelock City Council Discusses Housing, Food Bank, and Community Concerns

By Rachel Dahl

The Lovelock City Council meeting last week brought 38 community members, city officials, and local stakeholders together for a candid discussion on critical issues facing the city, including housing developments, the Lovelock Food Bank's future, and the proposed Spring Valley Gold Mine project.

The U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) presented information on the proposed Spring Valley Gold Mine project, located 20 miles east of Lovelock and 70 miles southwest of Winnemucca. The project would involve constructing, operating, and ultimately reclaiming a gold mine over 29 years, including two years of construction, 11 years of mining, and 13 years of closure and reclamation.

A 45-day public comment period opened following the publication of the project notice on Feb. 18, 2025, in the Federal Register. Two public meetings are scheduled: March 12 at the Pershing County Community Center and March 13 at the Winnemucca Convention Center. Community members are encouraged to participate and share their views on the project's potential environmental impact.

Geraldine Atkinson, who has managed the Lovelock Food Bank for over 25 years, addressed the council, expressing concerns about the food bank's future. The food bank, which provides critical support to Lovelock's low-income and vulnerable populations, is currently housed in a temporary location.

"I'm getting too old to keep moving this," Atkinson said. "We save the county over 2,000 volunteer hours each year. I'm here asking for compassion and support from the city."

Atkinson requested the city provide a permanent location for the food bank, highlighting the increasing demand as more ow-income residents move to Lovelock due to its affordable housing. The food bank serves walk-in clients every Monday and Thursday, offering essential food services to those in need.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the proposed low-income housing development at the Old City Yard property. Opinions were divided, with some community members advocating for the development as a means to address housing shortages, while others raised concerns about the impact on the neighborhood and potential crime increases.

Wendy Nelsen questioned the proposed giveaway of city-owned land to a private, for-profit company, arguing that the city should prioritize redevelopment of existing, dilapidated properties instead. "I suggest the city explore alternative options such as promoting the redevelopment of dilapidated properties in Lovelock," Nelsen said, citing potential opportunities to revitalize older buildings and support community growth.

Lisa Pontius highlighted the need for more low-income housing to support current residents living in substandard conditions. "These people already live here. They are your neighbors, they are children at my school. I see them, I see what they go through," she said, emphasizing the need for safe, affordable housing.

Concerns about transparency and community involvement were also raised. Some residents felt left out of the decision-making process regarding housing developments and city projects. "Why is no one asking us if we want an apartment complex in our neighborhood?" Darla Diaz asked, expressing frustration over the lack of public input.

Agenda items regarding housing and the disposal of city property were tabled, one reason being the lack of legal counsel. They also discussed the possibility of hosting a town hall meeting to provide more information and facilitate community dialogue. This meeting would include representatives from Nevada Rural Housing and other stakeholders to address questions and explore options that best serve Lovelock's needs.

Additionally, the council discussed the need to secure legal counsel to represent the city in ongoing and future matters. Council members noted that a previous request for proposals (RFP) only allowed eight days for responses, which may have limited viable options. The council aims to extend the RFP deadline to attract more qualified legal professionals and ensure the city receives comprehensive legal guidance.

The council encouraged community members to stay engaged, participate in public meetings, and share their perspectives as Lovelock navigates these important decisions.

Commissioners Focus on Community Support, Infrastructure, and Growth

By Rachel Dahl

The Pershing County Commission convened for its regular meeting last week, addressing a wide range of topics from community support initiatives to infrastructure updates and public safety concerns.

During the public comment period, Geraldine Atkinson, co-director of the Lovelock Community Food Bank, passionately advocated for a permanent home for the food pantry. She highlighted the challenges of moving locations multiple times and stressed the importance of supporting the community's food security, particularly for elderly residents and those struggling with food sustainability.

A significant discussion revolved around the Lovelock Community Food Pantry's need for a permanent location. Atkinson described the pantry's operational challenges and its critical role in serving vulnerable populations. Commissioners discussed potential solutions, including collaborating with the city to find land and build a facility.

Albie Reddick, representing the Pershing County Airport Advisory Board, emphasized the need to appoint Larry Rackley as the airport manager. Reddick outlined Rackley's extensive contributions to the airport's development, including securing grants, upgrading facilities, and maintaining critical relationships with consultants and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Reddick suggested that Rackley's experience would ensure continued progress at Derby Field Airport.

The meeting also included departmental updates. Kevin Machado from the Road Department reported ongoing maintenance projects, equipment repairs, and staffing challenges. The department is managing five graders, down from a needed six due to mechanical issues. Brian Ruddell from the Buildings and Grounds department shared progress on lighting installations and inspections at community centers and cemeteries.

The Pershing County Fire and Ambulance services reported 15 calls since the last meeting, noting challenges with new Medicare reporting requirements that could impact funding. Emergency Manager Sean Burke updated the board on community preparedness efforts, including the upcoming Hazmat class and the development of a wildfire protection plan.

The Rye Patch Fire Department proposed establishing an emergency animal shelter, prompting a discussion on resource allocation and the feasibility of utilizing existing facilities in Lovelock. The commission recommended exploring alternative solutions and collaborating with community partners to address emergency animal care needs.

The commission also reviewed applications for airport planning and engineering services, considering presentations from JUB Engineers and Armstrong Consultants. The advisory board will evaluate these proposals at its upcoming meeting.

Melanie Hamilton from the Auditor Recorder Department reported that the payroll clerk position had been filled, and budget preparations were underway. The commission approved the contract for Mark Stafford, a real estate appraiser, to ensure compliance with several commercial and industrial properties.

Commissioners approved a letter to the Nevada Congressional Delegation supporting the reintroduced Pershing County Economic Development Act, also known as the Pershing County Lands Bill. This legislation aims to resolve checkerboard landownership, facilitate the sale of land impacted by mining activities, and protect wilderness areas.

The meeting concluded with discussions on future agenda items, including a thorough review of the joint tax-sharing agreement with the City of Lovelock and potential updates to county management structures. The commission emphasized the need for strategic planning to ensure the county's growth and operational efficiency.



Local Columnists wanted:

Do you have a special interest and are you willing to share that with your community? We are looking for local community members who would be willing to write a garden column, a weekly book review, and a recipe/cooking column. We would love it if you would write every week, but once a month would be great too. If you have an idea for something else you would be willing to share shoot us a note at admin@ThePershingPost.com

EDUCATION

Lovelock Elementary School Brings 'The Trials of Alice in Wonderland' to the Stage

By Rachel Dahl

Mark your calendars! Lovelock Elementary School is gearing up to present its upcoming theatrical production, "The Trials of Alice in Wonderland." The whimsical, family-friendly play is set for March 6 and 7 at 7 p.m., promising an evening of delightful performances by Lovelock's talented young actors.

Audiences can expect to be transported into the fantastical world of Wonderland, where Alice encounters curious characters like the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, and the Queen of Hearts. The play offers a fresh twist on Lewis Carroll's classic tale, blending humor, adventure, and a bit of courtroom drama as Alice faces the "trials" of Wonderland.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 21, and community members are encouraged to secure their seats early. The event will be held in the Lovelock Elementary School auditorium, where students, teachers, and volunteers have been working hard to bring the production to life.



Members of the Lovelock Elementary School play perform one of their songs at the School Board meeting last week.

The school's drama program offers students a creative outlet to build confidence and explore the performing arts. Teachers and parents alike have praised the dedication and enthusiasm of the young cast and crew.

"We are so proud of our students for their hard work and commitment," said Whitney Phillips, director of the play. "This production is a testament to their talent and teamwork, and we can't wait to share it with the community."

Be sure to support these budding performers and enjoy a night of imagination and fun at "The Trials of Alice in Wonderland." It's an event you won't want to miss!

Pershing County School Board Meeting Highlights

By Rachel Dahl

The Pershing County School Board meeting held this past week was packed with updates, celebrations, and discussions on the future of education in the district. Students, staff, and board members came together to share recent successes and discuss initiatives aimed at enhancing the educational experience for all.

Students from Lovelock Elementary School shared highlights from their recent activities, including the huge success of their first Family Bingo Night held on February 12. The event brought in nearly 300 students, parents, and staff members, with fun and prizes for all. The school hopes to make this a recurring event given the overwhelming positive response.

Students from Pershing County Middle School also reported on their leadership conference in Wells, Nevada. The conference provided an opportunity for local students to collaborate with peers from other middle schools, play games, and build new friendships.

The school district celebrated a range of achievements, from the completion of winter math testing to the impressive sales of 750 carnations during the Valentine's Day fundraiser. Flowers were distributed throughout the school district and the community, spreading a bit of joy and community spirit.

The high school's leadership students are also preparing for the ACT testing scheduled for March 4. Meanwhile, they are developing a service project for the month of March, focusing on community engagement and support.

The girls' basketball team is off to compete in Las Vegas this weekend, continuing a season filled with excitement and achievement. The wrestling team narrowly missed a state championship by just one point, earning a proud second place.

The board discussed the idea of adding a student representative to the school board, reflecting on a request from the Nevada Association of Student Trustees. While the board is open to student input, concerns were raised about the appropriateness of granting anyone not elected by the voters, voting power on the board. The consensus leaned towards waiting to see how the state legislature addresses this proposal.

Board members also approved a new governance protocol, providing a clear framework for collaboration between trustees and the superintendent. Additionally, the board moved forward with a policy offering transportation compensation to families living more than 30 miles from the high school.

Upcoming events include the celebration of the 100th day of school on March 11th and the spring musical performance of "The Trials of Alice in Wonderland" on March 6th and 7th. The community is encouraged to attend and support local students showcasing their talents.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 5:15 p.m., with a budget workshop set for April 22nd.

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Family Bingo Night Draws Hundreds to LES:

A New Community Favorite





By Rachel Dahl

Family Bingo Night at Lovelock Elementary School (LES) on Friday, January 12th, turned out to be a resounding success, with nearly 300 students, parents, and community members gathering for an evening of fun and connection. The event was highlighted during the recent school board meeting, where Principal William Harvey and LES representatives shared the joy and enthusiasm surrounding the night.

Many staff members contributed to the event's success, participating alongside families and helping to create a welcoming atmosphere. The event featured exciting prizes that had kids eagerly choosing their rewards, with some even contemplating a swap before sticking with their original selections.

The positive response was immediate, with attendees already asking if the event could be held again—perhaps as soon as next week. The organizers are now considering making Family Bingo Night an annual tradition, building on this year's momentum.

As winter lingers, the evening provided a perfect opportunity for families to come together, enjoy wholesome entertainment, and strengthen community bonds. Keep an eye on the LAS calendar—Family Bingo Night might just become the new must-attend event of the year.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Anthony Gibson Shines at High Desert Challenge, Making Dreams Come True

Staff Report

Young wrestler Anthony Gibson stole the show at the High Desert Challenge Wrestling Tournament this past weekend, not only for his athletic performance but for his incredible act of kindness that left the entire event center brimming with joy and admiration.

According to Brianna Wales, who shared the heartwarming story on social media, Anthony made the dreams of a very special young boy with special needs come true. His actions showcased not only his skill on the mat but his genuine compassion and integrity.

"I've never seen so many smiles and such genuine compassion fill that entire event center," Wales shared. "So many proud adults' eyes filled with tears of joy from the integrity of this young man."

While Anthony's wrestling performance was remarkable, it was his thoughtful gesture that made the biggest impact. What may have felt like just a moment to him will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the life of the young boy and everyone who witnessed his kindness.

Anthony Gibson's actions remind us all of the power of empathy and the incredible influence young leaders can have in our



Photo courtesy Mustang Wrestling.

communities. The Mustang Wrestling community, as well as those present at the tournament, couldn't be prouder of this stellar student who turned a wrestling tournament into a lifetime memory for a deserving child.

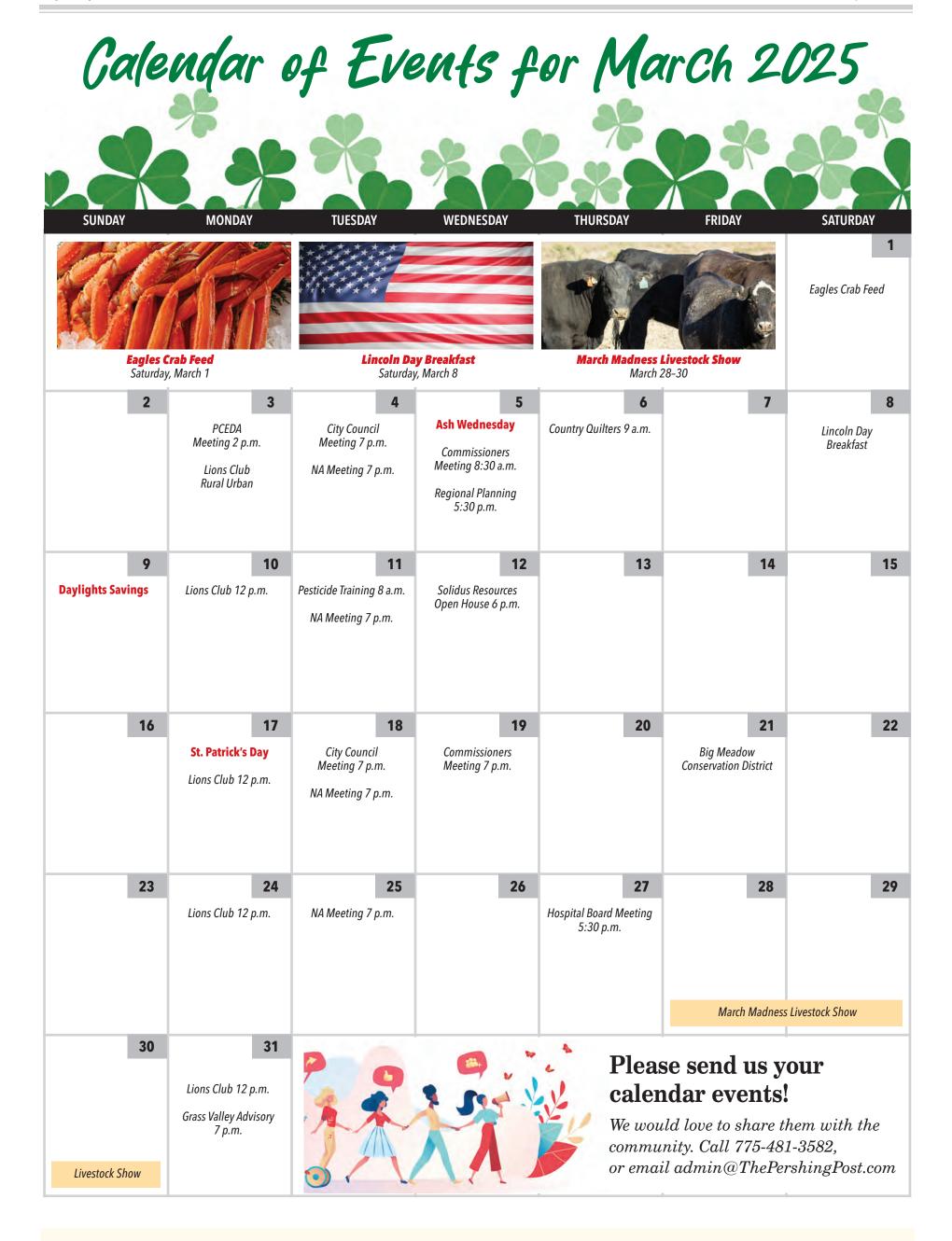
Thank you, Anthony Gibson, for showing us all what true sportsmanship looks like.

"I've never seen so many smiles and such genuine compassion fill that entire event center," Wales shared.









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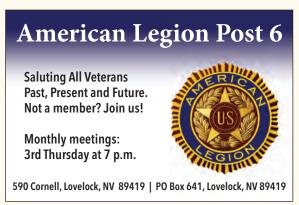
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