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Lovelock Shines Bright

Community Cleanup Returns After Last Year's Historic Success

By Rachel Dahl

The streets of Lovelock are about to get another glow-up. Planning is officially underway for Lovelock's annual Community Cleanup Day, a beloved event where residents roll up their sleeves to give the town a fresh face for spring. The main event is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, with a weather backup date set for Sunday, May 4. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Depot, and organizers are encouraging anyone interested in volunteering or helping coordinate to attend.

This year's event builds on the momentum of last year's record-breaking effort, when more than 80 volunteers turned out for what became one of the largest community cleanup days in Lovelock's history.

"Lovelock Shines Bright!" was the rallying cry, and the town delivered. Volunteers tackled everything from cobwebs and



weeds to full curbside junk pickups. The welcome signs at every freeway entrance were cleared of debris. Main Street—from the I-80 on-ramp to the courthouse—was swept and beautified. The triangle-shaped islands by the veterans memorial and courthouse benches were cleaned, storefronts were refreshed, and even the front of McDonald's got a well-earned facelift. Two large trees were safely taken down by the Depot, and trucks crisscrossed the town, collecting large items placed on curbs.

It was an incredible moment of community pride—and one that wouldn't have happened without the leadership of Lee Ann



Gallagher, who was instrumental in organizing last year's effort.

Her continued involvement in this year's planning is already making a difference. Lee Ann will once again help coordinate special logistics, including reaching out to local partners about junk car pickups, helping ensure large-item removal goes smoothly for residents in need.

As with last year, City crews will provide dump trailers at key points around town to support general cleanup. Rodney Wilcox will oversee trailer placements and manage early curbside pickup in the days before the main event.

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Nevada Celebrates Agriculture Day at the State Legislature

By Rachel Dahl

Carson City buzzed with rural pride on March 18 as farmers, ranchers, producers, and ag advocates from across the state gathered for Agriculture Day at the Nevada Legislature, hosted by the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).

This year's theme, "Creating a Safe Food Supply," spotlighted the vital role Nevada agriculture plays in keeping our food secure, healthy, and local. From field to fork, Nevada's producers feed not only their communities, but also contribute to a stable, resilient statewide food system.

"We had a great time sharing what the NDA does to ensure our food supply is safe and healthy," agency staff said in a recap of the day. "We're excited to join Nevada's legislators and highlight the hardworking producers who make it all possible."

The celebration included interactive booths, networking opportunities, and updates on key agricultural policies. A highlight of the event was the unveiling of the new Nevada Agriculture specialty license plate, designed to raise awareness and funding for the state's agricultural programs. The new plate will be available soon for purchase.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Bunnies and Chickens at the Boyer Bunny Ranch

By Rachel Dahl

I got a new bunny. She's a Satin Angora, and her color is officially lilac. So, of course, her name is Lilah.

The other Boyer bunnies are English Angora, with fancy face furnishings and ear tassels. And the two French Angora who are slightly crankier with rougher wool.

I didn't know about Satin Angora until the National Rabbit Show was held in Reno a couple years ago. I walked into the Convention Center, which was completely filled with 50 different breeds of bunnies. In the Angora section, I got to see the German, French, English, and Giant, and then there they were — sparkling away, the Satins.

Who knew there was such a thing — bunnies with sparkly fur. How in the world??? And why didn't I know about this before I went down the English Angora road?

At any rate, Lilah spent a few days acclimating with us in the house. The cats were instantly in love with her, and she was instantly in love with the Great Dane. She now joins her international friends in the bunny shed and has adjusted quite well. I'm looking forward to seeing how this shiny fur spins into yarn and how it will look if I blend it with the softer English fiber.

Directly after moving Lilah to the bunny barn, I noticed one of the hens was wide across the bottom and waddly. Upon closer inspection and a quick inquiry with Doctor Google, it appeared that the poor girl was suffering a fairly impressive case of vent fleet, an affliction of which I have been blissfully unaware until now. If you don't know, don't Google it. Trust me. It's gross.

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Several other community members have stepped up to lead specific roles. Tina Gallagher, working with the Boys & Girls Club, will head up cleanup efforts at Strip Park. Frankie Graham, with support from Cathy Bryant and Rodney Wilcox, is spearheading plans to plant street trees, including scouting locations, selecting species, and sourcing trees through donation or purchase.

Anna Hill will serve as this year's central control coordinator, managing volunteer flow and supplies, while Nicole Reitz has graciously volunteered to organize lunch for all volunteers—always a highlight of the day.

Outreach is another key part of this year's plan. Volunteers Bonnie Skoglie and Wendy Nelsen are drafting letters to local businesses, encouraging them to join in the effort and offering support for beautifying storefronts and surrounding areas. Discussions are also underway to request a waiver of dump fees for the event, which would allow more residents to take part without cost barriers.

One practical next step: getting the word out. Flyers are being designed and will be posted around town in the coming weeks, with an extra push during the week of the cleanup. Organizers are also reviewing last year's remaining funds to determine if additional donations are needed to support this year's efforts.

In true Lovelock fashion, the first planning

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The Nevada Farm Bureau Federation also joined in the day's activities, expressing pride in representing the state's ag community. "Agriculture is a vital part of Nevada's economy, heritage, and food security," the group shared.

State lawmakers voiced strong support for agriculture, including Senate Bill 55, a new piece of legislation that would establish an official Agritourism Program in Nevada. Supporters say the bill would open the door for farm stays, ranch tours, vineyard events, and other tourism experiences tied to Nevada's agricultural roots.

Stavros Anthony is the Lieutenant Gover-

nor, specifically responsible for tourism in the state. He said, "This initiative will create new opportunities for farmers and ranchers to showcase their work, educate the public, and attract visitors to experience Nevada's rich agricultural landscape firsthand."

Special thanks were extended to Ashley and Colby Frey of Frey Ranch Distillery, longtime advocates for Nevada agriculture, who lent their support to the event and the agritourism legislation.

If you missed Ag Day, the NDA invites you to stay connected through the Director's Newsletter, which shares updates on future events, programs, and opportunities for producers. Interested readers can sign up at agri.nv.gov.

So, in came the hen, one of the few who has not yet been named, to the house, where I plopped her in the pet carrier to begin isolation and treatment.

Dr. Google recommended thorough cleaning and then a soak in a warm Epsom salt bath. Yes, picture that, if you will. But wait, it gets better. When you plop a chicken in the kitchen sink full of warm Epsom salt water, it resembles a duck taking off the surface of a pond as it squawks, flaps their wings, and tries to escape. In your kitchen. Wild flapping and splashing while you're trying to soothe them and get them to settle in and enjoy it.

Then the question becomes, how do you keep them in there for 20 minutes to get the full effects? Well, after a quick assessment of the tools at your disposal, you simply place a cookie sheet and the breadboard over the sink with only the chicken head sticking out, and there you go. Spa day.

So while I nurse Queenie, you know, "fat bottoms make the rockin' world go round," back to health, we'll still be right

— Rachel

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.



meeting wrapped up with snacks, laughter, and door prizes. Ashley Hemp won the grand prize—a large, stuffed Easter rabbit that brought smiles to everyone in the room.

Organizers say cleanup leaders and volunteers are still needed, especially to serve as site captains for targeted cleanup zones like Cornell Avenue, Main Street, and other roadside areas.

"Community Cleanup Day is about more than just picking up trash," one organizer said. "It's about showing pride in where we live, connecting with neighbors, and reminding ourselves what we can accomplish when we work together."

For more information, stop by the planning meeting on April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Depot, or contact the City of Lovelock to find out how to get involved.

FEATURES

Polynesian Discoveries

Where Compassion Meets Action

By Rachel Dahl

If you see a rig wrapped in an impressive tribal tattoo design cruising down Fourth Street in Reno or parked near an encampment off I-80, chances are it's Misty Moepono-Wood, a one-woman force of kindness on a mission to feed the hungry and help those often overlooked by society.

It all started with a simple gesture. "I decided to cook meals one day," Misty said. "I went out there and distributed meals to people living behind dumpsters and in alleys. I don't know their situation, but I know they're hungry and cold. It snows out there, and a lot of them don't go to shelters, maybe it's pride or maybe it's personal. But whatever it is, there's no judgment from me."

Misty quickly became a familiar face, and now when she drives down the streets, they know her car and wait. "Hey, it's Misty!" they call out, eager for a warm meal and a friendly face.



But Misty's mission is about more than just food. Through her organization, Polynesian Discoveries, Misty has created a lifeline for people struggling with homelessness, hunger, and uncertainty.

What started with meals for a few has blossomed into a large-scale operation. Each month, Misty, friends, volunteers, and whatever family member is around, distribute over 1,000 pounds of food to families in need across northern Nevada. She works with Walmart and Raley's in Fernley, the Asian Mart in Reno, and a program called KD Grace in Reno to source high-quality food that nourishes both body and soul.

She's also expanded her work to include a pet food program through a partnership with Petco. Recognizing that many families in need have pets they love dearly, Misty brings in over 5,000 pounds of pet food to ensure furry family members don't go hungry either.

"I do it all out of my home," Misty said with a laugh. "I tried to get a grant through the city, but I couldn't get it. I've tried for funding, but that hasn't come through either. So, it's all done off my husband's income."

Despite the challenges, Misty's heart has never wavered. Misty's mission doesn't stop at feeding the hungry. She is passionate about helping people transition out of homelessness by guiding them toward independence.



"We help feed them, but we also give them guidance to get them out of the situation they're in," Misty explained. "We encourage them to find a job and help them with resumes and resources to move forward. A couple of our clients now have jobs and no longer need to utilize our program, but we let them know—we're still here for them. They can come back for clothing drives, school supplies, or whatever else they need."

Through partnerships with local healthcare providers like Tyson McBride, a nurse practitioner in Lovelock, Misty's outreach has extended to medical care and wound treatment for those in need. Tyson's dedication to the community has been life-changing, not only for Misty's clients but also for her own family.

Misty shared a deeply personal story about how Tyson helped her brother, who was homeless in Hawaii and battling severe diabetes. After losing one leg to the disease, doctors were ready to amputate his other leg. Desperate for a solution, Misty turned to Tyson for help.

"Tyson said, 'Send him to Lovelock. Let's help him,'" Misty recalled. "I put my brother on a plane, and the next day, Tyson was treating his wounds. Tyson gave him treatment and even got approval for a stem cell procedure—my brother was the first patient in Pershing County to receive stem cell treatment."

Her brother healed and now has a new lease on life, thanks to Tyson and Misty's unwavering commitment to family and community.

Misty and her team are also the first point of contact for many organizations in Lovelock and beyond. From local schools to the Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) program, agencies call Misty



when families are in crisis.

Recently, when an Imlay family lost their home in a devastating fire, Misty's network sprang into action.

"The Mustang School contacted me," Misty said. "The family had nine dogs that survived the fire, so we supplied a pallet of dog food to make sure when they came home, they wouldn't have to worry about feeding their dogs."

Misty's dream is to expand Polynesian Discoveries and secure a permanent location where she can serve even more people. But until that happens, she continues to operate out of her home, with her cars wrapped to reflect her mission—making her easy to spot as she pulls up to distribute food and hope.

"I'll be doing this until I take my last breath," Misty said with a smile. "Because I know I'm making a difference."

To donate or learn more about Polynesian Discoveries, visit polynesiandiscoveries.org or find them on Facebook. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps feed a family and provide resources to those in need.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father and Son Walk Away from I-80 Rollover Near 100-Mile Marker

By Bill Kirkland

A single-vehicle rollover eastbound on Interstate 80 near the 100-mile marker Monday afternoon resulted in only minor injuries, according to local authorities.

A white Ford F-250 pulling a Jeep Wrangler rolled off the freeway for unknown reasons around 3:51 p.m. The vehicle was occupied by a father and his teenage son, who were reportedly traveling home to Idaho. Both vehicles came to rest upright following the crash.

The teen sustained a minor laceration to his head, while the father was uninjured.

Dispatch records show that Unit 113 from the Pershing County Sheriff's Office went en route at 3:51 p.m., followed by Sheriff 101 at 3:52 p.m. A request for medical assistance (PLEX) was made at 3:55 p.m. and the ambulance was en route by 3:59 p.m., arriving on scene at 4:04 p.m. The incident was cleared at 4:43 p.m.

The Nevada State Police were notified but did not respond to the crash scene.



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Law & Order

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| Total Incidents | 242 |
| Calls for Service | 77 |
| Deputy Initiated Incidents | 165 |
| Traffic Stops | 22 |
| Other OIA Incidents | 143 |
| Bus/Building Checks | 84 |
| Veh/Ped Check | 4 |



MARCH 14, 2025

Billy Ray Clingan Jr, 52, of Lovelock NV, was booked for a bench warrant and false statement to or obstruct public officer.

Erica Violet Branson, 48, of Lovelock NV, was booked for burglary of a business first offense, battery resulting in substantial bodily harm-aggravated assault and false statement to or obstruct public officer.

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Misael Lozano, 29, of Lovelock NV, was booked for domestic battery first offense – simple.

MARCH 18, 2025

Kelly Malcolm, 38, of Ontario Toronto, was booked for fail to appear on traffic citation.

MARCH 19, 2025

Robert Norman Schweigert, 69, of Lovelock NV, was booked for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled or prohibited substance, first offense and fail to maintain lane/improper lane change, fail to use signal.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

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April 11
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April 7
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April 8
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COMMUNITY

Lovelock Community Comes Together to Continue Legacy of Pat Rowe

Staff Report

Lovelock residents are coming together to honor the legacy of Pat Rowe, a beloved community member and friend who recently passed away and gave so much to the community. In a recent social media post, Marti Nolan shared an update on ongoing efforts to keep Rowe's work alive and ensure that important projects continue.

"As we all know, Mrs. Rowe did so many things for our community," Nolan said. "With that being said, there are so many of us trying to catch up and figure things out!"

One of the top priorities is getting the community pool back up and running. According to Nolan, the county has created a job description for the pool manager position and will be posting the job soon. There is also work underway to ensure lifeguards are in place for the summer, with a sign-up sheet available in the high school office for those interested.

In addition to the pool, another exciting project is the creation

of a summer book to capture and celebrate community events and memories. Nolan and a group of dedicated volunteers are taking on this task and are asking for the community's help.

"Please message or text me with dates that should be included in the book," Nolan said. "Or if you were one of the many who would send Mrs. Rowe information for the book, we'd love to hear from you!"

The summer book will serve as a reflection of Lovelock's vibrant community life and is a heartfelt way to continue a tradition that meant so much to Mrs. Rowe.

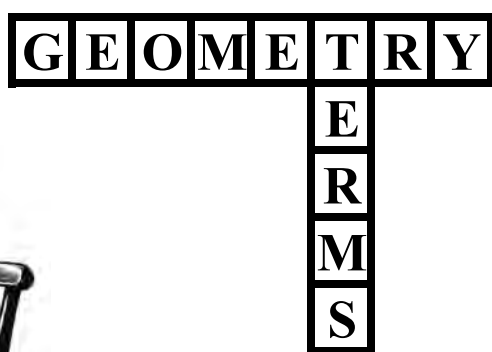
Nolan's message was a reminder that the group is doing its best to step into big shoes and continue the important work Mrs. Rowe started.

"Remember, we are trying! Be kind," she urged the community.

Lovelock's commitment to carrying on Mrs. Rowe's work is a testament to the strong bonds that hold this community together. Through collaboration and kindness, Lovelock is ensuring that her legacy lives on—one project at a time.

Crossword

By Peanut

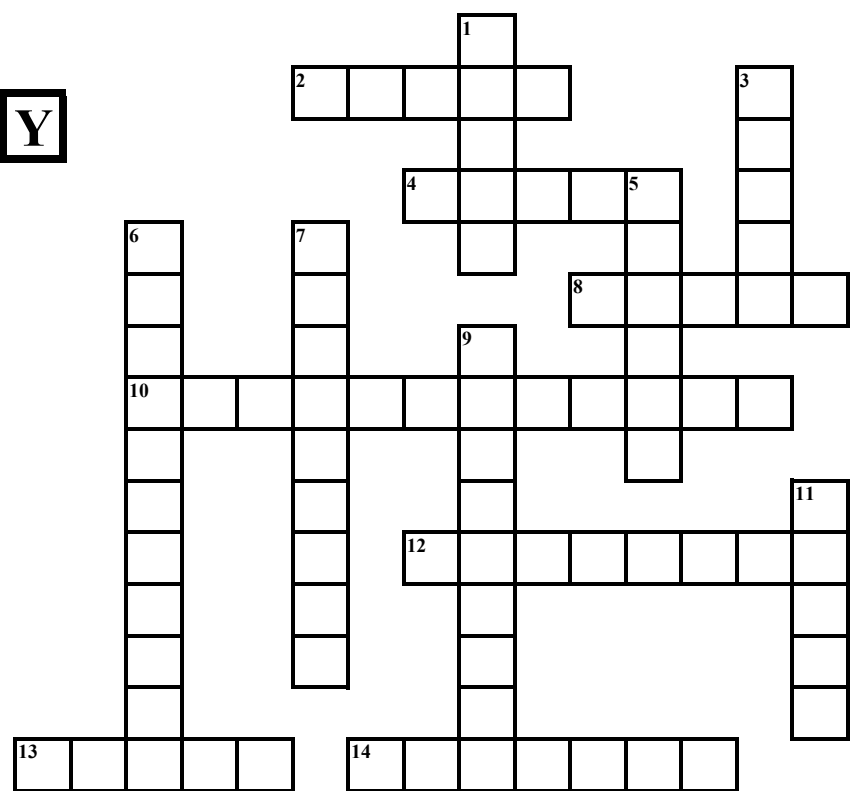


Across

- 2. Assumption
- 4. Two lines that meet at a corner
- 8. Angle type
- 10. Two lines that cross
- 12. Two lines that never meet
- 13. Three dimensional
- 14. Proven statement

Down

- 1. Exact location in space
- 3. Angle type
- 5. Father of geometry
- 6. Same length sides
- 7. Twelve sided
- 9. Four sided
- 11. Two dimensional



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Economic Development Budget Hearing Raises Questions About Department's Future

By Rachel Dahl

The future of Pershing County's Economic Development Department (PCEDA) was under scrutiny at the Economic Development Budget Hearing held on March 20, 2025, as commissioners raised tough questions about the department's purpose, effectiveness, and funding.

Commissioner Chuck Sayles led the discussion, questioning whether the county should continue funding the department. Sayles expressed doubts about the tangible results of economic development efforts, stating that he wanted to "see something physical—something [he] could walk across or lean on." He suggested that the PCEDA Board should take on more duties and that the department should be restructured to operate more like the Frontier Community Coalition, which relies heavily on volunteer efforts.

"Why do we need an economic development department?" Sayles asked, raising the possibility of defunding the department entirely.

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, the county's Economic Development Director since 2011, defended her department's work, pointing to a long list of programs and initiatives that have been quietly driving progress in the county.

"Economic development isn't just about buildings," Lusby-Angvick said. "It's about supporting housing, workforce development, brownfields revitalization, broadband expansion, and partnerships with Nevada Tech Hub, UNR, and GBC. These aren't things you can always see, but they're the foundation for future growth."

Lusby-Angvick emphasized that economic development is complex and often misunderstood, especially by those unfamiliar with its scope. She pointed out that commissioners who haven't had conversations with her or her board might not fully understand the depth of the department's work.

"It's hard to know all the aspects of economic development if you don't have a background in it," she explained.

Despite her efforts to clarify the department's value, Sayles maintained that much of the work sounded "administrative" and implied that another entity or person might be able to perform those duties more efficiently.

The Economic Development Department's budget is relatively modest. Lusby-Angvick's salary and a small office budget are funded primarily by the county, with additional funding coming from:

- Joint agreements with the City of Lovelock (\$7,000 annually)
- County room tax (2.5% annually)
- A \$63,000 annual contract with the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)

Lusby-Angvick explained that these funds go toward not only her salary but also programs like marketing, housing studies, billboard updates, and community improvement projects.

"We've used these funds to support everything from broadband projects to workforce training programs," she said. "I've been with the department since 2011. I've seen firsthand how these investments ripple out to benefit the community."



During the hearing, Sayles also raised concerns about transparency and oversight within the department. He suggested that the PCEDA Board should have more direct involvement in approving travel, expenses, and conference attendance before they are presented to the commissioners.

"There hasn't been enough transparency as far as where the money is going," Sayles said. "I want to see a process where all travel and spending is approved in advance so there's a clear record of what's happening."

Lusby-Angvick responded that all expenditures are already reviewed and approved by the commissioners during the voucher process and noted that grant-funded programs often require flexible spending to meet timelines and match funding requirements.

"Everything we do is reported and accounted for," she said. "But we're always open to improving processes if that's what the commissioners want."

After reviewing the budget, the commissioners did not make any formal decision regarding the future of the Economic Development Department. There was no clear consensus on whether to defund, reorganize, or maintain the current structure.

For now, Lusby-Angvick and her team will continue their work while awaiting further direction from the commission.

"We're here to serve this community," Lusby-Angvick said. "Our focus remains on strengthening Pershing County's economy and creating opportunities for growth—whether that's through infrastructure, workforce development, or partnerships with key organizations."

The PCEDA Board is expected to review the department's role and impact over the next several months. If changes are proposed, they will likely be addressed in a future commission meeting.

In the meantime, Lusby-Angvick is hopeful that continued conversations will help bridge the gap between perception and reality when it comes to economic development in Pershing County.

"Economic development isn't about instant results," she said. "It's about laying the groundwork so that future generations can thrive."

LEGAL NOTICES

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| ACUTE | PARALLEL |
| ANGLE | PLANE |
| AXIOM | POINT |
| DODECAGON | RECTANGLE |
| EQUILATERAL | RIGHT |
| EUCLID | SOLID |
| INTERSECTING | THEOREM |



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED WATER FEE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given that the Lovelock Meadows Water District will hold a public hearing on the 14th day of April, 2025 at 6:15 pm during their regular meeting at the City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Pershing County, Nevada.

The purpose of said hearing is to receive any and all public input to these proposed changes to the base rates, deposits and flat 3% charge on all credit/debit cards. The proposed fees are shown below.

| Meter Size | Current Rates Base Rate | Proposed Rates Base Rate | Current Rate Deposit | Proposed Rate Deposit |
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| 3/4" | \$36.07 | \$37.15 | \$108.21 | \$111.45 |
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| Prison | \$5,049.88 | \$5,201.38 | | |
| Credit/Debit Card Fee | | | \$3 | 3% |

All interested persons are invited to attend in order to express their views regarding these proposed changes and/or rate increases.

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BUSINESS

Florida Canyon Mine Shines in 2024

New Owners Celebrate Strong First Year



By Rachel Dahl

A gold mine just outside Imlay had a big year in 2024—and so did the company that bought it.

Integra Resources, a mining company based in Canada, officially became a gold producer last year after buying the Florida Canyon Mine in November. The mine, located in northern Pershing County, had already been producing gold for years, but this was the first time Integra was running the show.

And hit the ground running, they did. In just the last two months of 2024, Integra pulled nearly 11,000 ounces of gold from the site—worth about \$30 million. Their success came from improvements made at the mine, including a new system that helps extract gold more efficiently.

The company made a \$9.5 million profit in the final quarter of the year, and their president, George Salamis, said he's excited about what's ahead. "2024 marked a transformational year for Integra," Salamis said. "We're showing we can produce gold and use

that money to grow our other projects."

Integra is also working on two other mining sites, one in Idaho and one in northern Nevada—where they hope to open future mines. They're doing testing and environmental studies to get ready.

IN 2025, INTEGRASAYS IT WILL FOCUS ON:

- Improving how the Florida Canyon Mine works
- Preparing to open the DeLamar Mine in Idaho
- Exploring more gold underground in Nevada

The company is also planning to plant more trees, protect wildlife habitats, and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies as part of its permit and approval process.

Integra ended the year with over \$50 million in cash and says it's in a strong position to grow.

For Lovelock and Pershing County, that could mean more local jobs, stronger economic development, and continued attention on the area's rich mining history.

What Gold Mining Means for the Local Economy

Staff Report

Gold mining isn't just about digging in the dirt—it plays a big role in rural communities like Pershing County. Here's how it helps the local economy:

JOBS FOR LOCAL WORKERS

Mines like Florida Canyon hire mechanics, truck drivers, electricians, engineers, cooks, and more. These jobs often pay well and offer benefits. Local contractors and small businesses also get work supporting mine operations.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mining companies buy fuel, equipment, safety gear, tools, meals, and services from nearby businesses. That puts money into the hands of local shop owners, restaurants, and suppliers.



SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

Mines pay taxes to the county and state, which help fund schools, roads, emergency services, and other public needs. Some mining companies also donate directly to local projects, sports teams, and nonprofits.

INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

When a company builds or expands a mine, it may also improve roads, utilities, or communication lines—upgrades that benefit the whole community.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Modern mines are required to follow strict environmental rules. Companies must protect water sources, restore land after mining, and work with wildlife agencies.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

Mines don't last forever—but while they're active, they can provide stable income and help communities plan for the future. Many companies work with local leaders to support long-term economic development.

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EDUCATION

LEGO STEAM Night

Brings Learning to Life at Pershing County Middle School

By Rachel Dahl

Pershing County Middle School was buzzing with energy during its recent LEGO STEAM Night, where families gathered for an evening of hands-on exploration in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

The event drew an impressive crowd and was hailed as a huge success by students, staff, and parents alike. From creative LEGO builds to interactive exhibits, students had the chance to explore real-world applications of STEAM concepts in a fun, family-friendly setting.

A highlight of the night was a special presentation by Brandon McDougall from Coeur Rochester Mine, who gave students an inside look at what it's like to work as a mine engineer. His talk brought excitement and insight into the field of mining, demon-



strating how engineering can be both innovative and rewarding.

The school expressed gratitude to Coeur Rochester for their continued support of local education and for inspiring the next generation of problem-solvers and builders.

As one student shared, "I didn't know mining could be this cool. I want to build stuff like that when I grow up!"

Brandon from Coeur Rochester Mine speaks to students and families about careers in mine engineering during Pershing County Middle School's Lego STEAM Night. The event featured interactive Gear Bots Lego stations and hands-on STEAM activities that brought families together for a night of learning and fun. Photo courtesy of Pershing County Middle School.

Honor Roll

Pershing County Middle School 3Q

6TH GRADE

- Allen, Amira
- Arndt, Tripp
- Bianchi, Theodore
- Bohan, Emma
- Bohan, Mckenize
- Bohannon, Agustin
- Canchola, Devyn
- Canchola, Miley
- Cole, Bently
- Cornejo-Leyva, Angeles
- Dardaris, Oden
- Dickerman, Levi
- Eggers, Olivia
- Gallagher, Austin
- Gonzalez, Fatima
- Grewal, Samarpartap
- Hansen, Kaedyn
- Hernandez, Carlos
- Hill, Makayla
- Honcoop, Gunner
- Hughes, Joleen
- Jackson, Grace
- Jones, Hunter
- Keller, Aibhlinn
- Kemnitz, Gabriel
- Larsen, Ellie
- Lora, Jayce
- Lorton, Emma-Leah
- Malay, Kynslie
- Martin, Braydon
- Minor, Nora
- Montes Chapai, Toby
- Paredes, Ian
- Perez, Aaron
- Ramirez, Gerardo
- Sancen Jimenez, Salvador
- St. Pierre, Christopher
- Sullivan, Barrett
- Tupa, Michael
- Warner, Benjamin

7TH GRADE

- Bohan, Benjamin
- Brooks, Josie
- Cooney, Landon
- Delgado, Finley
- Diarte, Sarah
- Dragoman, Dean
- Gonzalez, Fernanda
- Gonzalez-Barba, Joel
- Guerra, Olyvia
- Halverson, Jacobi
- Hartshorn, Addisyn
- Houston, Mollee
- Hughes, Stella
- Knisley, Wilma
- Malay, Hadlie
- McBride, Mary
- McIntee, Kaylee
- Medrano Giron, Azucena
- Oberman, Landin
- Ortega, Emmerly
- Ryan, Blake
- Sanchez, Mason
- Sanchez, Valentina
- Scilacci, Ellie
- St. Pierre, Jason
- Thomas, Audrey
- VanCleemput, Juniper
- Williams, Giana

8TH GRADE

- Albert, Jade
- Arteaga Gonzalez, Fatima
- Bradbury, Madisyn
- Bresch, Shoshanna
- Brooks, Thomas
- Charles, Zachary
- De Los Reyes, Elanie
- Diaz, Colton
- Dickerman, Elijah
- Elerick, Joshua
- Garcia Monreal, Camila
- Gauvin, Mya
- Gonzalez, Leonell
- Happy, Gianna
- Hardy, Cashlen
- Harrison, Jakob
- Harvey, Avana
- Houston, Ryan
- Jackson, Aubrey
- Knight, Brigham
- Lora, Aaliyah
- Montes, Alexandra
- Munson, Hailey
- Olivas Leyva, Aisha
- Rackley, Kylie
- Reynolds, Lily
- Rosas-Rodriguez, Avani
- Ross, Demario
- Ruprecht, Leah
- Watson, Camryn
- Zelaya, Bella

Congratulations!

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No D's or F's on report card
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SPORTS

Colts Wrestling Hosts Championship, Wraps Up a Season of Heart and Hustle



Courtesy Pershing County Middle School

The Pershing County Middle School Colts closed out their wrestling season in championship style this week, proudly hosting the Tah-Neva Championships right here at home. With 22 schools competing, the event showcased the region's top young athletes—and the Colts made sure to leave their mark.

"We are so proud of the team this year," coaches shared. "They were committed, fun, and worked so hard. We loved coaching them!"

Colts wrestlers gave it their all on the mat, earning impressive placements and representing Pershing County with pride:

- Elanie De Los Reyes – 1st Place
- Jonathann Lopez – 1st Place
- Thomas Brooks – 1st Place
- Gerardo Ramirez – 2nd Place
- Josie Brooks – 2nd Place
- LaReina Ramirez – 2nd Place
- Marisa Ramirez – 2nd Place
- Blake Jensen – 2nd Place
- Sam Grewal – 2nd Place
- Ryan Houston – 2nd Place
- Ian Paredes – 3rd Place
- Chayton Gilmore – 3rd Place

- Angeles Leyva – 3rd Place
 - Olyvia Guerra – 3rd Place
 - Barrett Sullivan – 3rd Place
 - Zane Poffenroth – 4th Place
 - George Malay – 4th Place
 - Bryce Reitz – 4th Place
 - Miley Canchola – 4th Place
 - Stella Hughes – 4th Place
 - Landin Oberman – 4th Place
- Also competing and giving it their all: Carlos Hernandez, Ashton Anderson, Brock Brinker, Lluvia Hernandez, Mya Gauvin, Audrey Thomas, Kylie Rackley, Quentyn Liebsack, Austin Gallagher, Jayce Lora, Eric Blondheim, and Zachary Charles.

Behind every successful team is a village, and this championship event was no exception. Coaches offered heartfelt thanks to the many hands that made it all happen: "We couldn't do it without all the help and support. Table help was amazing. The referees were amazing. The hospitality room was amazing. The announcer was amazing. And most of all—the kids were amazing!"

With the season now complete, one thing is certain: the Colts left the mat with pride, and Pershing County is bursting with it. Go, Colts!

HISTORY MADE

Lady Colts Crowned First-Ever Girls' Tah-Neva Champions



Courtesy Pershing Middle School

The Pershing County Middle School girls wrestling team made history this week—and they did it on home turf.

Competing against 22 schools in the Tah-Neva Championship, the Lady Colts brought home the first-ever team championship title awarded in the newly established girls-only division. It's a milestone not just for Pershing County, but for the league as a whole.

With grit, determination, and a whole lot of heart, the girls earned every point and every cheer from the crowd. Coaches praised their dedication and teamwork throughout the season and especially during the championship.

"Congrats, ladies. You earned it!"

From strong takedowns to sportsmanlike spirit, these young athletes are blazing trails—and leaving a legacy for the next generation of girl wrestlers in rural Nevada.



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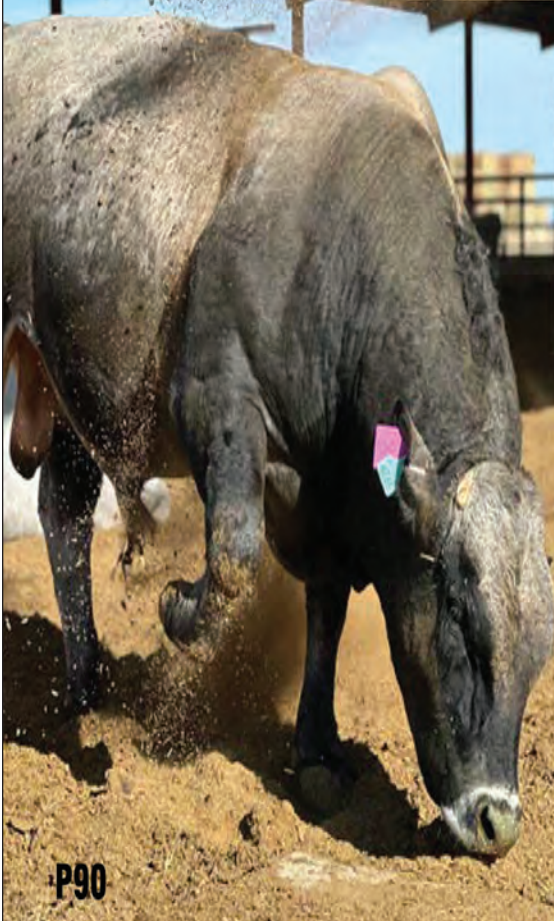
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