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Support the Marzen House Museum Expansion Plans



Photo courtesy Friends of Marzen House.

Staff Report

Friends of the Marzen House is a 501(c)3 non-profit, newly established and robustly supported by the Lovelock community. Those wishing to contribute to the ongoing efforts to grow and support the improvements and expansion at the museum can remember that the value of any in-kind donation, as well as cash donations are tax-deductible. All donations will go directly to the benefit of the Marzen House Museum in Lovelock, Pershing County, Nevada. The mailing address is PO Box 452, Lovelock, NV 89419.

Kelly Thompson is the director of the Marzen House Museum and works closely with the museum board: Bonnie Skoglie, Dena Austin, Frank Fisk, Frankie Graham, Jack Hursh, Wendy Nelsen, and Darlene Vonsild. The Pershing County Commission representative is Chairman Joe Crim.

Questions can be directed to Jack Hursh, 775-750-1137. Donation checks should be made to "Friends of the Marzen House."

DA Recommends Reactivating Broadband Board

By Rachel Dahl

During the County Commission held January 6, District Attorney Bryce Shields recommended reactivating the Broadband Board. Commissioner Chuck Sayles agreed to head up the committee.

"This board has been stagnant for several years," Shields said, "There has not really been anything to do but now we have a major issue in the community tracking what's going on with UpRise, it would be a good idea to have this board active."

The Broadband Board is organized as a county body with five members and their purpose outlined in county ordinance. One member must be a county commissioner, one must be the mayor or a council member from the City of Lovelock, two seats must be held by local exchange carriers, and one seat must be an IT specialist from a Pershing County business or political subdivision.

"The board has been hung up getting someone from an exchange but we do have Internet Service Providers in the community," Shields said. "It's just a matter of organizing a board and setting a schedule."

Sayles agreed to reach out to the city and ask that they designate



Stephen Kromer, owner of UpRise with Mike Acosta, UpRise Technology Infrastructure Officer, with potential fiber contractors. File photo.

a member. Under the county ordinance open seats will be advertised and qualified members will be appointed by the commission.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Stardate 58,000.0



"Follow the rainbow," they said. There'll be gold, they said... " Even the rainbow knows where the money should be. Photo by The Captain.

By Rachel Dahl

I remember the very first time I ever wrote a Captain's Log. It was November 6, 2020, and I needed to fill one last spot before we printed our very own, first copy of *The Fallon Post*. We thought it would be fun to document what it was to produce and build a local, community paper and I wrote something about the overwhelm and the gratitude.

Every week I feel the same — complete overload and deep gratitude.

We have the craziest little batch of people all working together from here on Maine Street, out on Allen Road, over off Stillwater, out in Fernley, up in Lovelock, down in Phoenix, and our Wendy who runs some serious interference for us in Las Vegas at the printer. She takes care of all our scheduling of the three papers. Deadlines on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. She runs interference for us over the mailing lists, and she watches our invoices with something nearing magic assisting in the balancing act of getting all those paid.

Sometimes she goes on vacation and invoices will get charged to our card in rapid succession. When she returns she hollers at whoever the responsible party is, explaining, "Don't you understand what these people are trying to do??? They're up there trying to squeeze every nickel until the buffalo farts and you just run their card Willy-Nilly."

I certainly don't mean to be lacking in

manners, it was a direct quote. And when she explained it over the phone, apologizing for making my plate spinning more difficult, I'm pretty sure I snorted orange juice out my nose all over my keyboard. Never had I heard such an accurate description of how we pull this off every week.

There never will be an accurate way of thanking all the people who help us work this magic — or thanking all of you who support us and make this possible. But we will continue to make our feeble efforts. We appreciate it all so much.

So while we walk our tightrope, spin the plates, keep the proverbial balls in the air, we'll always still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— 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.

Incident Report and Arrests

Total Incidents	194
Calls for Service	81
Deputy Initiated Incidents	113
Traffic Stops	15
Other OIA Incidents	98
Bus/Building checks	59
Veh/Ped Check	2



DECEMBER 28, 2024

Marc David Sotcher, 60, of Lovelock NV, was booked for possessing a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or intoxicating substances.

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Chadwick Wayne Delancy, 48, of Lovelock NV, was booked for criminal contempt. Heather Mosier, 48, of Lovelock NV, was booked for criminal contempt.

All information for the incident and arrest reports provided by the Pershing County Sheriff's office and is considered by law to be public information. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Meadows Conservation District Poster Contest

There were three age groups represented, and winners were: Posters K-1 winners, 1st Connor Schmitz, 2nd Ivy Tobias, 3rd Ryan Schmitz. The second/third grade winners were 1st Lettie Coleman, 2nd Myles Gentry, 3rd Chloe Reitler. The fourth to sixth grade winners were 1st Emalee Coleman, 2nd TeJay Coleman, 3rd Lyla Lacy.

MEETINGS

January 20 – 24, 2025

January 20
Inauguration Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

12 p.m.
Lovelock Lions Club
@ Temptations

5:15 p.m.
School Board
@ District office

January 21
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Softball ages 9 – 19
@ the 4-H Building

7 p.m.
City Council
@ City Hall

January 22
5 – 6:15 p.m.
Baseball – ages 9 – 12
@ the 4-H Building

6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Babe Ruth/High School
ages 13 – 18
@ the 4-H Building

6:30 p.m.
Eagles Aerie 1557
@ Eagles Hall

January 23
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Softball ages 9 – 19
@ 4-H Building

7 p.m.
Leaders/Livestock & Building
Council Meetings
@ Community Center



PET OF THE WEEK

Cylis is Available for Adoption



Cylis is approximately 1 1/2 years old. We think he is a lab and maybe hound mix. He is very, very sweet and has been at the shelter since June 2024. Cylis loves all other dogs and is still working on leash training but will crawl into your lap in a heartbeat. Cylis would fit into almost any family and be a great addition. He isn't a "fetch it" kind of dog, he would rather just play or do whatever his people / pets are doing.

The Lovelock Animal Shelter can be reached at 775-273-7297 and is located at 700 S. Meridian Road.

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Information provided by the Pershing County Water Conservation District



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Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older, under 60 \$5, kids 10 and under \$2

Monday, January 20
– Center Closed –

Tuesday, January 21
BBQ Beef Sandwich
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw
Potato Salad
Baked Apples

Wednesday, January 22
Cheese Enchiladas
Mexican Corn
Pineapple
Spanish Rice
Churros

Thursday, January 23
Chicken Fry
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Peaches
Vanilla Pudding

Friday, January 24
Chicken & Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Mixed Fruit
WW Roll
Brownie

BUSINESS

The Pioneer Fitness Journey

By C.J. Wilcox

Twelve years ago, life hit us with a wake-up call we didn't see coming. I was working at a mineral plant here in Lovelock when an accident cost me the tips of my fingers.

That moment changed everything. Up until then, my life had been a blur, like I was living on autopilot. But as we stood at that crossroads, I realized I'd been given a second chance to live with purpose—and I wasn't going to waste it.

Recovery wasn't just physical therapy three times a week; it became the foundation of something much bigger. Those sessions turned into five days a week at the gym, and my girlfriend (now wife) was right there with me, running 30-day squat challenges and starting her own fitness journey.

Slowly, we began to transform—not just physically, but mentally and emotionally. That first year, I lost 100 pounds, going from 298 to 198 pounds. But the weight loss was just the start. We wanted more.

When I received a settlement for my injury, we decided it was time for a fresh start. Together, we moved my daughter and ourselves to Elko, Nevada. There, I began working as a house painter—a craft I've always taken immense pride in. My wife supported me as I navigated the challenges of finding the right fit for my skills, and when painting jobs didn't work out, I returned to the mines to provide for my family.

But through it all, we never stopped working on ourselves. Fitness became a constant, a source of strength, and a way to grow not just individually, but together. Over the years, I've put on muscle, lost fat, gained it back, and learned every step of the way. My wife, whose life didn't need much changing, also found transformation—physically and mentally—and joined me in this journey of self-improvement.

Five years ago, Elko became too expensive, and we knew it was time for another leap of faith. We moved back to Lovelock, determined to build something better. But there was one glaring problem: there was no gym in town except for the high school gym. Adults needed a space of their own to train, grow, and transform. That's when the dream of Pioneer Fitness was born.



For five years, we poured every spare dollar into equipment. We were patient, knowing the right time would come. Then, two years ago, a rundown bar called Whiskey Creek was on its last leg. We stepped in, shut it down, and transformed it into something Lovelock desperately needed: Pioneer Fitness.

It wasn't easy. For 60 days, we ran it as Pioneer Pub to make ends meet while setting the stage for the gym. Let me tell you—that's the first and last time we'll ever run a bar! But when the dust settled, Pioneer Fitness came to life, and we went all in.

Today, Pioneer Fitness stands as a symbol of transformation—not just for us, but for the entire community. It's a place where people can come with a dream, a struggle, or just a desire to grow, and leave stronger in every way. Two years later, we're more committed than ever to this journey. Pioneer Fitness isn't just a gym; it's a reflection of the grit, resilience, and strength that lives in all of us.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Pershing County Board of Commissioners 2025 Board of Appointments

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 Regional Streets
 Burning Man (Black Rock City LLC)
 Museum Board-Liaison
 Recreation Board
 Solid Waste Management & Recycling Board
 WIC Program
 Quarterly Alternating: Grass Valley Rep.
Departments: Community Center; Planning & Building/Imlay WaterRoad Department/Landfill

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 Central Nevada Health District
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 Hospital Board-Liaison
 Hospital Scholarship Foundation
 Safety Committee
 911 Surcharge Committee
 Library Board of Trustees-Liaison
 Cemetery Board-Liaison
 Volunteer Advisory Board-Liaison
 Alternate: Burning Man (Black Rock City LLC)
 Nevada Works
 Naval Expansion
 Quarterly Alternating: Grass Valley Rep.
Departments: IT Department; Economic Development; Library; Cemetery Office/Safety

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 Frontier Community Coalition (FCC)
 TV Board-Liaison
 Debt Management
 Bond Commission/Capital Improvements
 Law Enforcement
 Local Emergency Management (LEPC)
 Senior Center Advisory Board-Liaison
 Board of Equalization
 Quarterly Alternating: Grass Valley Rep.
Departments: Senior Center; Buildings & Grounds; Public Defender

Pershing County Commissioners Start off the New Year



Commissioners Joe Crim, Connie Gottschalk, and Chuck Sayles.

By Rachel Dahl

The Pershing County Commissioners met in their regular meeting and selected officers for the year, with Commissioner Joe Crim elected to serve as Chairman and Connie Gottschalk to serve as Vice Chairman. Board appointments to commissions and boards were also made (see list below).

Unclassified departments presented updates and reports, including Bryan Ruddell with Buildings and Grounds who said that his department is working to install a shower at the Rye Patch Fire Station so firefighters, “don’t have to take carcinogens home to their families.” Additionally, the Imlay Community Center is ready for inspection. Ruddell said he had been short handed on his staff and needed to fill positions.

The Commissioners approved the Building and Grounds department to advertise filing temporary maintenance and on-call maintenance positions.

The library staff has been working to install RFID (Radio Frequency Identification tags in each item in the collection. Phase one was completed prior to the Christmas Holiday, with nearly 42.3% of the collection completed. Phase two will be completed in March which includes self-checkout stations and a door gate. During their December meeting the Library Board approved their Five-Year plan which is available at the library for public information.

For Pershing County Fire and Ambulance, Marti Nolan reported they have had 26 calls, with two of those being Derby Field transfers. The Lovelock Fire Department has had four calls, and currently the department has 16 firefighters. They will be needing repairs on or a new rescue truck which is estimated at \$150,000 which is in the budget.

James Drake, chief of the Rye Patch Fire Department reported having significant challenges including leaks in the roof and old apparatus. He has six members who have joined the Lovelock Department for training.

Code Enforcement officer, Fran Machado reported 113 open cases, 52 of those being in Grass Valley, 12 in Imlay, seven in Lovelock, and 27 in Rye Patch. Two cases have been resolved in Grass Valley, there have been two new complaints, and there are 23 court cases. Since 2017 there have been 430 properties brought into compliance.

District Attorney Bryce Shields explained the need for a public guardian and how that position has been funded in the past. Because it has most recently been funded through a grant, which is coming to a close, he suggested adding the position to future budget discussions.

Discussion was held regarding Derby Field Airport and the open seats on that board.

The Commission approved appointing Marci Caruth to the Hospital Board of Trustees. Connie Gottschalk will serve on the Central Nevada Health District Board, Tiffany Andor will serve on the Regional Planning Commission for the Lower Valley, and Phillip Schmith will serve as the alternate to the Humboldt River Water Basin Authority.

The County Commission meets the first and third Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Pershing County Courthouse.

Lovelock City Council Meeting

Staff Report

The Lovelock City Council met on January 7, 2025, in the regular meeting.

During the meeting Justice of the Peace, Darrell Mancebo, swore in new City Clerk, Nicole Reitz. This was Mancebo’s first official swearing in ceremony since he took office January 1, 2025. Reitz officially started working for the City on January 6, 2025. Former City Clerk, Lisa Booth, has temporarily stepped in as Deputy City Clerk to assist with training for the office.

Meeting minutes from December 3, 2025, were approved unanimously. Councilwoman Skoglie made additions to the December 19, 2024 minutes to reflect that Councilwoman Hertz had conversations with the City’s attorney prior to the meeting; Skoglie wanted to have details of those off-line conversations documented in the minutes. She stated that it was an Open Meeting Law

violation to have private conversation with the city’s attorney per her own legal representative. Skoglie made the motion with the additions; motion passed with Councilwoman McKinney abstaining due to not being in attendance at the meeting on December 19.

In further business the council approved paying vacation and sick time to the estate of Duane Schaeffer, and approval to pay the sick time for Darrell Mancebo. The council discussed having POOL/PACT provide board training at the February 4, 2025, meeting on Open Meeting Law and then schedule Ethics classes and other trainings in the future. The city will be re-organizing the City Works Supervisor position and hiring for that soon.

The city received an appraisal of the old City Yard in the amount of \$58,000. This property is located on the corner of 8th and Franklin. Mayor Rodney Wilcox will reach out to Nevada Rural Housing to determine

next steps on the possible apartment project.

Police Chief Mancebo reported that he has submitted the application for a person to attend POST starting January 21, 2025.

The Basic Training Division has the responsibility to train Category I, Category II, and Category III peace officers, along with the development of curriculum for all basic training academies in Nevada. The training for Category I peace officers runs approximately 17 weeks and is offered twice a year. Training for category II/category III peace officers runs approximately 10 weeks and is offered twice a year. Chief Mancebo also reported that he had a passive network assessment completed by the POOL/PACT Excellence program and will have a report soon. The assessment will have a to-do list of items like taking some computer servers off-line.

The City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Grass Valley Community Center Updates



Evidence of water damage in a corner of one of the offices at the Grass Valley Community Center. File photo.

By Heidi Lusby-Angvick

The Grass Valey Community Center suffered damage last year, leading the Grass Valley Advisory Board recommending to the Pershing Commissioners that repairs to the drywall needed to be completed. At a commissioners' meeting in September, the commissioners redistributed funding of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds towards the repairs. Replacement of the drywall and painting was completed by Aspen Creek Construction in December 2024.

Additionally, Grass Valley Advisory Board Chair, Linda Workman, has been in discussion with county IT services as to the feasibility of installing wi-fi at the community center in order to operate security cameras.

Prior to election, new Justice of the Peace Darrell Mancebo, had expressed interest in using the community center to hold civil court as a service to the area; Workman is in the process of following up with Mancebo on this opportunity. Health Permits for the community center are in the process of being updated for the current year.

Workman reminds all community member to "Mark Your Calendars!" for the next Grass Valley Chili Cookoff. This annual event is held at the Grass Valley Community Center and is scheduled for October 4, 2025. Workman states that there will be a Bull-Riding event added to the Chili Cookoff this year.

BLM Completes EA for Solar Project Near Lovelock

Courtesy BLM

The Bureau of Land Management has issued a Final Environmental Assessment for the Sierra Solar Utilities Project. The project would cross approximately 55 acres of public lands in Churchill County to connect the proposed Sierra Solar facility to the electric grid. If approved, NV Energy would be authorized to construct, operate, maintain, and eventually decommission two 345-kilovolt gen-tie transmission lines, buried collector lines, and a new access road on public lands.

If constructed, the proposed 400-megawatt Sierra Solar Facility would be built on approximately 2,800 acres of adjacent private lands and include a battery energy storage system. The utilities project analyzed by the BLM would connect the proposed facility to the grid through the Tracy and Valmy transmission lines. This utilities project would include approximately 11 acres of new ground disturbance and use 44 acres of existing unpaved roads to access the project area.

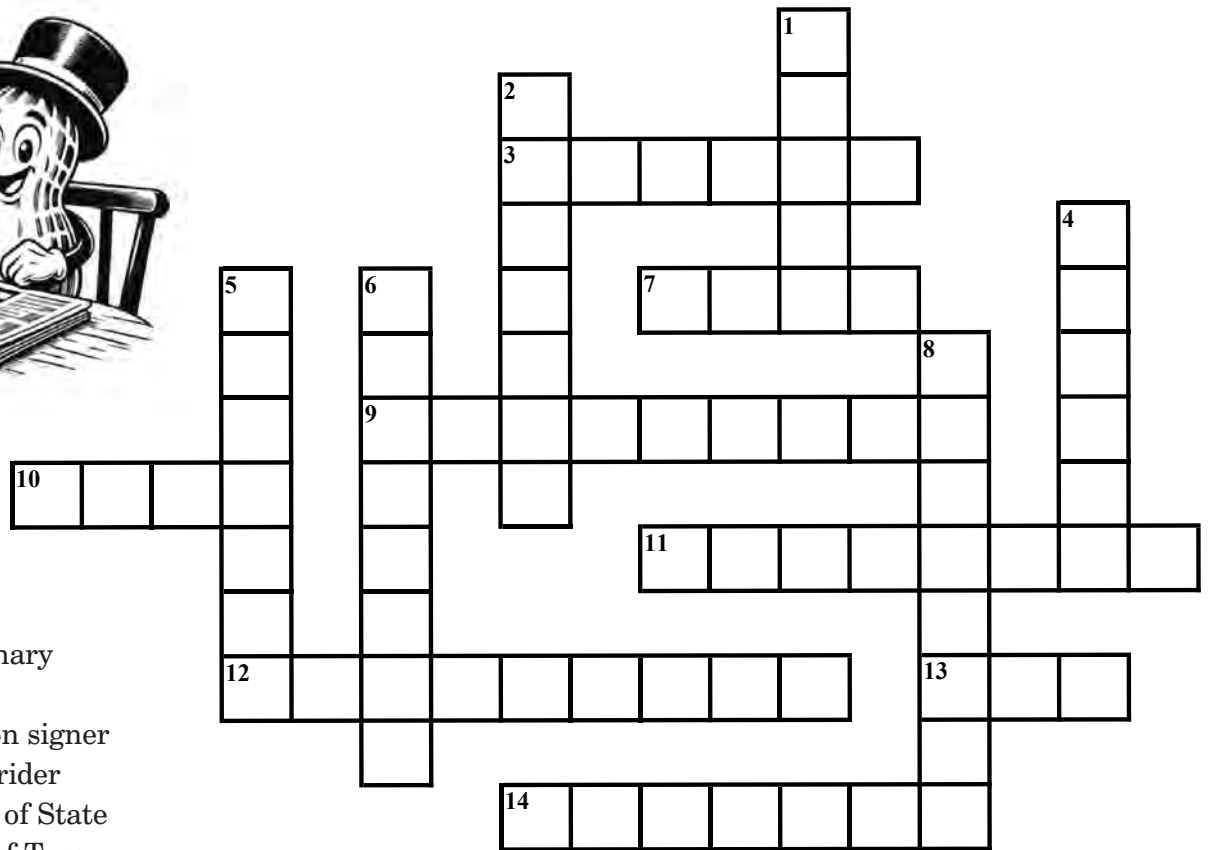
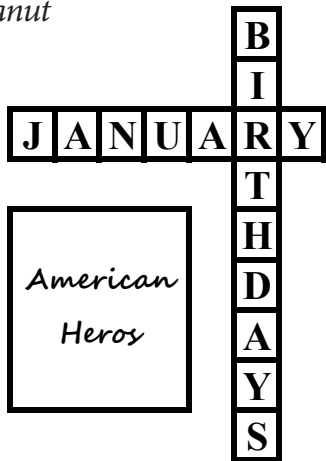
"We appreciate the public's input on the proposed project during the public comment period," said Humboldt River Field Manager, John Mitchell. "That input shaped the Final Environmental Assessment announced today."

Since January 2021, the BLM has approved 43 renewable energy projects on public lands (10 solar, 1 wind, 14 geothermal, and 18 gen-ties) and exceeded the goal to permit 25 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2025. Overall, the BLM has permitted clean energy projects on public lands with a total capacity of more than 32 gigawatts – enough to power more than 15 million homes. This year BLM also issued a final Renewable Energy Rule that will lower consumer energy costs and the cost of developing solar and wind projects, improve project application processes, create jobs, and incentivize developers to continue responsibly developing solar and wind projects on public lands.

Final documents can be viewed at the BLM National NEPA Register. For more information, please contact Project Manager Katy Paiva at 775-861-6500.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 3. Revolutionary War traitor
- 7. Civil rights leader
- 9. WWII General
- 10. Ships' colors seamstress
- 11. Assassinated president
- 12. Longest serving president
- 13. USA and CSA leader
- 14. Confederate Stonewall

Down

- 1. Revolutionary War hero
- 2. Declaration signer
- 4. Midnight rider
- 5. Twice Sec of State
- 6. First Sec of Treas
- 8. Inventor, statesman

[Crossword answers on page 6]

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SPORTS

Mustangs Fall to North Tahoe at Home

Courtesy MaxPreps

Pershing County lost against North Tahoe back in February of 2024 and unfortunately they wound up with the same result on Saturday, January 4 at home. The Pershing County Mustangs took a 65-61 hit to the loss column at the hands of the North Tahoe Lakers. The Mustangs just can't catch a break and have now endured three losses in a row.

Despite the loss, Pershing County still got an impressive performance from Travis Donaldson, who posted 23 points along with seven rebounds and four steals. Trenton Rhodes was another key player, putting up 11 points and five steals.

Pershing County's defeat dropped their record down to 6-9. As for North Tahoe, their victory ended a four-game drought on the road dating back to last season and puts them at 6-5.

Pershing County wasted no time getting back out on the court and has already played their next game, a 65-17 win against Coral Academy of Science - Reno on the 7th.

At press time the Mustangs are sitting 6th in the league with a 4-4 record going into the January 10, Friday game against Incline at home. They travel to Silver Stage on Saturday, January 11.



Denzel Zaldivar drives to the hoop against North Tahoe. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

Girls Basketball Falls to North Tahoe in a Nailbiter

Courtesy MaxPreps

The Lady Mustangs have been a dominant force so far this season, but they're in the middle of a mini-slump at the moment. They were three points away from ending the streak, but they lost a 40-37 heartbreaker at the hands of the North Tahoe Lakers. For those keeping track at home, that's the closest loss the Mustangs have suffered since January 5, 2024.

When it comes to explaining why Pershing County lost on Saturday, don't look at Aaliyah Allen. Despite the final result, she dropped a double-double on 22 points and ten boards. Allen has been hot recently, having posted eight or more rebounds the last four times she's played. Riley Harvey was another key player, putting up 12 points and five rebounds.

Pershing County's defeat dropped their record down to 8-4. As for North Tahoe, their win ended a three-game drought on the road and puts them at 5-6.

Pershing County beat Coral Academy of Science on January 7 at home. The Mustang defense has only allowed 28.2 points per game this season.

At press time the Lady Mustangs stand 4th in the league with a 9-4 overall record. They face Incline on Friday, January 10 and Silver State on January 11.



Aaliyah Allen hits a jump shot against North Tahoe. Photo by Rachel Dahl.



Courtesy Mustang Wrestling.

Mustang Wrestlers Take Sparks Invitational

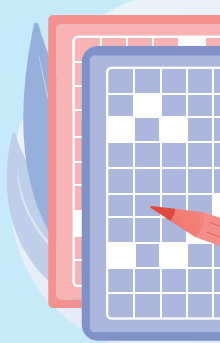
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The Mustangs were **TEAM CHAMPIONS** at the Sparks Railroader Invitational which had 25 teams compete.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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| ALLEN | LEE |
| ARNOLD | MACARTHUR |
| FRANKLIN | MCKINLEY |
| HAMILTON | REVERE |
| HANCOCK | ROOSEVELT |
| JACKSON | ROSS |
| KING | WEBSTER |



MEDALISTS:

- 120 James Jorge - 2nd
- 132 Jaxson Happy - 4th
- 140 Magdalena Ramirez - 4th
- 144 Jeffrey Elerick - 2nd
- 150 Israel Knight - 1st
- 157 Angelo Gibson - 2nd
- 165 Cade Liebsack - 3rd
- 190 Jake Trowbridge - 2nd

Also competing and making coaches proud:

- Wyatt Hughes
- Justin Carruth
- Logan Hunt
- Anthony Gibson
- Ayden Anderson
- Houston Allen
- Landen Burt
- Rylie Burt

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