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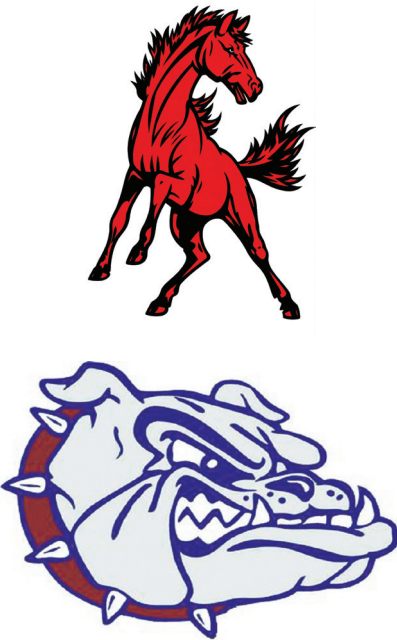
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Lowry High School celebrated homecoming last week, with Michael Heikkila and Yareli Garcia being crowned the 2026 king and queen, respectively.



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Pershing County homecoming king and queen Amare Rosas and Magdalena Ramirez. Rosas plays football, basketball and baseball. Ramirez plays volleyball and wrestles. She is also on the student council.



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It was homecoming week for McDermitt High School. Melissa Hunter was crowned homecoming queen. Pictured with Hunter is Ector Deluna.



On Hold

NIAA Board of Control rescinds motion to sanction competitive cheer and dance

Staff Report

WINNEMUCCA — At its most recent meeting, the NIAA Board of Control voted to rescind a previous motion made in the spring 2026 board meeting to sanction spirit (including competitive cheer and competitive dance) for the 2027-28 school year.

In a press release, the NIAA stated the item will come back at a future meeting for additional discussion and possible action.

Additionally, the Board of Control voted to continue the established state championship for spirit (competitive cheer and competitive dance) through the 2027-28 school year.

Establishing a state championship for cheer allows schools to continue to operate their sideline and competitive cheer programs, as well as school-based and competitive dance programs, as they have previously, in accordance with current NIAA regulations.

There are no changes to existing rules, policies, or regulations for the 2027-28 school year.

The NIAA encourages member schools to review NAC 385B.550 through NAC 385B.566 for current regulations.

What's Next?

The NIAA will hold future sanctioning discussions, and asked each school complete one survey regarding possible exceptions to the NIAA regulations governing



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The Lowry High School cheerleaders shown here during halftime of the homecoming game against Spring Creek on Friday. At its most recent meeting, the NIAA Board of Control voted to rescind a previous motion made in the spring 2026 board meeting to sanction spirit for the 2027-28 school year.

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The NIAA will then work with the Spirit Committee and Rules, Regulations and Policies Committee to develop regulation options that address the concerns expressed by stakeholders at the regional spirit meetings and the board of control, taking into account what aspects of sanctioning are most affecting member schools. Regulations and future sanctioning will be discussed at a future board of control meeting.



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We are honored to recognize someone who has made a difference in nearly every corner of our community through her generosity, kindness, and unwavering willingness to help others.

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Although she may not seek recognition for all that she does, tonight we want to make sure she knows that her community sees it, appreciates it, and is grateful.

Please join us in congratulating Cheryl Offenhauser!

**Wilson, Scott lead Fernley runners at
Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational**

By Robert Perea

FERNLEY — Cael Wilson and Regan Scott posted Fernley's top varsity finishes for at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational last Saturday at Golden Eagle Park in Sparks.

The Vaqueros had three entries in the varsity boys race that featured 120 runners.

Wilson finished the varsity boys race in 17 minutes, 26 seconds to place 18th overall. Ayden Johnson placed 51st in 19:07, and Daniel Hiles finished 88th in 20:52.

Scott led the varsity girls in 23:27, placing 57th. Corbyn Gillespie finished 63rd in 24:01, followed by JoJo Cardinal in 73rd at 25:00, Wynter Angus in 77th at 25:25 and Kaylee Nicolas in 85th at 26:43.

Fernley finished 10th in the team stand-

ings with 258 points.

The Vaqueros had four sophomores and a freshman compete in the JV boys race and placed seventh in the team standings with 187 points.

Mason Varner finished 40th in 21:43, Logan Petersen 43rd in 21:57, Addison Davis 45th in 22:13, Cameron Farr 68th in 24:13 and Parker Johnson 86th in 26:31.

The final two meets of the regular season are scheduled for next week. On Monday, Fernley is scheduled to run in the Incline Highlander 5K, then next Friday they finish the regular season at the Lowry Cross Country Invitational in Winnemucca.

The 2A, 3A and 5A Northern Region Meets are scheduled Oct. 30 at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno.



Courtesy • Cael Wilson

The Fernley High School girls team, shown here at the Truckee Invitational, finished 10th at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational last Saturday in Sparks. Pictured are (front left to right): Wynter Angus, Regan Scott, Corbyn Gillespie, Kaylee Nicolas (back) coach Kristian Slater and JoJo Cardinal.

**Fallon girls place eighth, boys
ninth at Mikelonis Invite**

By Robert Perea

FALLON — Fallon's varsity girls placed eighth and the boys finished ninth at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational in Sparks last Saturday.

Issabelle Walter-Chicas-Garibay led the Greenwave with a 20th-place finish in 21:27.

Cassandra Hooper finished 36th in 22:20, Ella Bassham placed 88th in 27:41, Abigail Lacow was 93rd in 29:21 and Kylee Moore was the fifth scorer with in 94th with a time of 29:44. Zoe Rasmussen finished 95th in 31:40.

For the varsity boys, Jackson Barbee finished 48th in 18:59 to lead the Green-

wave, who placed ninth with 243 points. Landon Liston finished 55th in 19:19, followed by Cody Frey in 62nd at 19:28, Lars Rasmussen in 67th at 19:35, and Tayven Martinez in 82nd at 20:31.

Additional runners were Michael Lister in 89th at 20:59, Levi Bradford in 90th at 21:02 and Isaac Frederick in 98th at 21:44.

Fallon also had three runners in the JV boys race.

Alexander McBride finished 37th in 21:37. Ryan Centimano placed 50th in 22:28, Alex Vacallo 85th in 26:31 and Thomas Alvarado was 96th in 30:37.

The Greenwave are scheduled to run in the 2026 Wildfire Invitational this Saturday in Foresthill, Calif.



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Pershing County's Houston Allen (55) and Anthony Gibson (2) close in to make the tackle during the Mustangs' Homecoming win over Incline.

**Mustangs roll past Highlanders
in homecoming victory**

**Pershing County heads
to Yerington**

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County High School football team capped off homecoming week this past Friday night with a 42-14 league victory over Incline.

The Mustangs remain undefeated as they move deeper into the Northern 2A league schedule. With the win, they improved to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the 2A.

PCHS coach Mike Brooks said the team had a strong week of preparation leading up to the homecoming matchup.

Pershing County came out quickly, scoring 14 points in the first quarter and adding 22 more in the second to take a commanding 36-0 lead into halftime.

The Mustangs added six points in the third quarter, while the Highlanders scored six in the third and eight in the fourth.

Halftime brought the homecoming celebration onto the field, with court members Logan Angel, Alejandra Pineda, Nayeli Acosta, Aaron Zelaya, Amare Rosas, Magdalena Ramirez, Eduardo Aceves and Khloe Montes introduced to the crowd.

Rosas and Ramirez were crowned Homecoming king and queen. The cheerleaders performed during the festivities, and fireworks lit up the sky over the football field.

Quinton McKinney continued his strong season with four rushing touchdowns. Brooks said McKinney continues to perform at a high level offensively and improve each week.

Amare Rosas and Jaxson Happy each added a rushing touchdown for the Mustangs. Eduardo Aceves also turned in his best game of the season so far, while Pancho Gonzalez had his best offensive performance.

The Mustangs also got a boost from the return of several players who had been dealing with injuries.

Defensively, Brooks singled out Aaron Zelaya, Jorden Fitch and Tate McIntee for



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Pershing County senior Tate McIntee pursues an Incline ball carrier during Friday night's Homecoming victory.

excellent performances. Elijah Dickerman recorded a fumble recovery for the Mustangs.

Brooks noted that Incline entered the game having played both Coral Academy and Battle Mountain well this season, making Pershing County's performance especially encouraging as the Mustangs enter the heart of their league schedule.

"We are now in the thick of the league schedule, so all the games are important going forward as we get closer to playoffs," Brooks said.

Brooks also thanked the families who provided meals for the sports teams throughout homecoming week.

He gave special thanks to Abraham Gonzalez and Amber McElvain for providing a meal after Friday's game for the Mustangs, the game officials and the Incline team.

Next up, Pershing County travels to Yerington on Friday and Battle Mountain Oct. 23.

The Mustangs will be back on their home field for their final game of the regular season against West Wendover Oct. 29.

On Oct. 15, the Pershing County JV hosts Truckee at 6 p.m.



PEGGY JONES • Great Basin Sports

Pershing County senior Eduardo Aceves carries the ball during the Mustangs' Homecoming victory over Incline.

Pyramid Lake collects first win in wild, high-scoring game at McDermitt



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
McDermitt's Jordan Chavez runs a kick back during Saturday's game against Pyramid Lake.

By Tony Erquiaga

MCDERMITT — Eight-man football is played on a smaller field but it looked like McDermitt and Pyramid Lake was playing indoor arena football.

On a clear, warm day on the Oregon/ Nevada border, offense was at a premium as the teams combined for 50 points in 15 minutes and 74 points in the first 19 minutes of the opening half.

Pyramid Lake held McDermitt scoreless in the second half on its way to an 82-30 victory.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
McDermitt's Riley Kelly looks for room to run.

The Lakers had scored just 30 points in the first four games.

“Great first win for a young team, said Pyramid Lake coach Brian Borden. “A lot of great in-game experience for the younger group that has a really bright future the next few years at Pyramid Lake. One of our freshmen running backs, Kyree Phoenix, had a showcase game. He really showed some great quickness and vision when carrying the ball.”

Pyramid Lake scored twice in a minute in the first quarter, starting with a 7-yard pass from Bradley Lara to Phoenix. Moments later, Troy Azzie grabbed the ball from McDermitt punter Dezmund Crutcher and ran in for six points and a 14-0 lead with 7:58 left in the opening quarter.

With three minutes left in the first quarter, the Bulldogs got on the board on a 35-yard pass from Treal Scott to Riley Kelly. On the ensuing kickoff, the Lakers struck again, as Phoenix broke free for a 66-yard kickoff and then on the first play of the second quarter, Lara hit Benjamin Eben for a short touchdown pass and a 28-6 advantage with nine seconds gone in the second quarter.

The ping-pong contest continued, with McDermitt striking again on a touchdown pass from Scott to Hunter, when Pyramid Lake scored twice more — the first on a run by Phoenix and an interception return by Uriah Coffman to put the Braves ahead 44-14 with 5:46 left in the first half.

McDermitt put one more touchdown up before the end of the quarter on a run by Ethan Alexander.

“The OLine has really improved and that is evident by how two backs had a big day,” Borden said. “One of our only seniors, (quarterback) Bradley Lara who went from OLine his sophomore year to tight-end last year to taking snaps his final year. He showed a lot of composure in his passing decisions.

Following halftime, it was all Pyramid Lake, as Troy Yazzie had three rushing touchdowns in the second half, with Lara getting one for himself as well.

“The defense settled in and kept McDermitt off the score board second half,” added the coach.

McDermitt, who dropped to 0-6 on the season travels to Hawthorne on Friday and Pyramid Lake hosts Eureka on Friday at 7 p.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
Pyramid Lake quarterback Bradley Lara calls out the play.



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Above: Pyramid Lake's Kyree Phoenix looks to break free from the tackle of McDermitt's Ethan Alexander. Below: Pyramid Lake's Layton Wadsworth heads to the end zone.



Late goal lifts Fallon boys over Fernley

By Robert Perea

FALLON — With a goal in the final minute of play, the Fallon boys soccer team beat Fernley 3-2 last Saturday and stayed solidly in the chase for a berth in the 3A Northern Regional Tournament and kept Fernley still searching for its first points in the standings.

Fernley came into the game having scored just one goal this season but got goals from Damian Ruiz and Dominic Medina to take the game down to the wire.

“We had a great game and unfortunately fell short on a last minute goal,” Fernley coach Angel Muniz said.

About midway through the first half Fernley scored on a penalty kick to take a 1-0 lead.

With about 10 minutes left in the first half, Fallon's Logan Fernandez scored on a pass from Angel Barajas to tie the game.

Early the second half Kyle Shawcroft intercepted a ball from Fernley goalkeeper Alejandro Contreras and scored to put the Greenwave up 2-1.

Fernley tied the game 2-2 on a corner kick with about two minutes left in the game Fernley.

With less than a minute left, Fallon's Acen Williams stole a ball around midfield and dribbled through the Fernley defense. His shot into the left corner of the net proved to be the the winning goal.

Fallon improved its record to 2-3 in the Northern 3A East, and 4-9-2 overall. Fernley fell to 0-5 in the league and 0-14 overall.

Fallon entered this week in a three way tie for third place in the East division. Playoff seeds are determined by a weighted point scale that takes into account wins in crossover games against the West Division.

The top eight seeds in the 3A North qualify for the region tournament, with the



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Fallon's Adan Roman tries to control a ball while Fernley's Brian Rotor pursues the play.

top four hosting first-round games.

Fallon had 20 points under that system after beating Fernley, with the possibility of overtaking Lowry for fifth, or of falling behind Incline, North Tahoe or Debbie Smith.

Without a win or a tie, Fernley does not have any points toward the regional tournament.

Fallon is scheduled to host Elko at 3:45 p.m. Friday and West Wendover at 11:45 a.m. Saturday. Fernley hosts West Wendover Friday at 3:45 p.m. and Elko at 9 a.m. Saturday.



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Fallon's Jackson Storm (4) tries to head a ball in front of the net while Fernley's Levi Johnson (5) and goalkeeper Alejandro Contreras (behind) try to defend.



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Fernley goalkeeper Alejandro Contreras dives to make a save.

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Mustangs split homecoming-week matches with Oasis Academy, North Tahoe



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Pershing County's Katelynn Elerick sets the ball during Pershing County's Dig Pink match against North Tahoe.

Pershing County at home for three matches versus Yerington, Lund, Silver Stage

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County High School volleyball team split a pair of Northern 2A matches during homecoming week, sweeping Fallon's Oasis Academy before falling to North Tahoe in three sets.

The Mustangs hosted Bighorns on Sept. 30, for their official homecoming match and came away with a 25-16, 25-14, 25-15 sweep.

PCHS coach Monica Halverson said the team carried the Homecoming energy onto the court and played with determination and teamwork.

"They were disciplined, moved their feet on both offense and defense and were competitive in finishing the ball," she said.

Khloe Montes led the Mustangs with eight kills, five aces and seven digs. Camila Watson added five kills and two solo blocks, while Whitlee Diaz recorded four aces and two kills.

Katelynn Elerick finished with eight assists, five digs and an ace. Arya Garland had five digs, two aces and two assists, while Avani Rosas added six assists. Jerzie Jones recorded two kills and three digs.

The Mustangs returned to the court for their Dig Pink match against North Tahoe, but the Lakers won 25-6, 25-11, 25-22.

Pershing County struggled during the first two sets before finding its rhythm in the third.

The coach said the Mustangs began communicating better and generated more energy, producing longer rallies, hard hits and strong defensive plays.

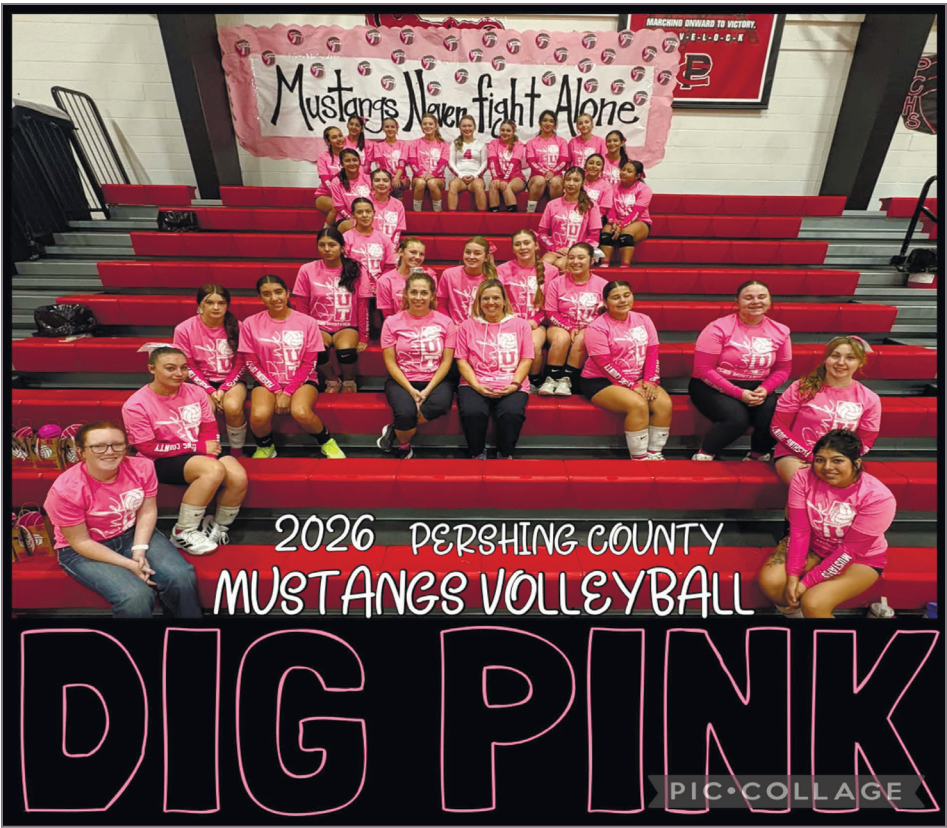
Pershing County pushed North Tahoe in the final set before falling 25-22.

Montes again led the offense with seven kills while adding eight digs and an ace. Garland recorded a team-high 12 digs along with four assists, while Elerick had 10 assists, one kill and an ace. Rosas added 11 assists.

The Dig Pink event also included a silent auction and bake sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to help someone in the community. Tawyna Watson won the jersey blanket.

Pershing County has three home matches this week, hosting Yerington on Wednesday, Lund on Thursday in a non-conference matchup, and Silver Stage on Saturday.

PEGGY JONES • Great Basin Sports
Pershing County's Jerzie Jones gets under a high ball as Arya Garland and Khloe Montes look on during Pershing County's Dig Pink match against North Tahoe.



PEGGY JONES • Great Basin Sports
Pershing County freshman Mary McBride moves the ball downfield during the Mustangs' 3-0 win over Fernley.

PCHS girls soccer shuts out Fernley JV

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County High School girls soccer team capped a busy homecoming week with a 3-0 victory over Fernley's junior varsity team.

PCHS coach Kelly Brooks said she was proud of the Mustangs' performance after a week that included homecoming activities, plus practices and school responsibilities.

Many of the players are involved in Leadership and had spent part of game day building floats in the heat.

"We had a strong showing from our girls despite having a very long and very busy homecoming week," Brooks said.

The Mustangs had spent the week in practice working on keeping the ball in the offensive half of the field, and Brooks said she thought the team did a good job carrying that into the game.

Mary McBride scored one goal for Pershing, while senior Nayeli Acosta scored twice.

Camila Garcia also put pressure on the Fernley defense and came close to scoring several times.

Brooks moved Desiree Vidrio from defense to midfield in the second half to let her attack the goal.

"She didn't get a goal, but it was fun to watch her play a different position," Brooks said.

Pershing County also turned in a strong



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Coach Kelly Brooks congratulate the girls as they walk off the field after their last home game of the year.

defensive performance, with Fatima Arteaga, Josie Brooks and Mili Gonzalez helping the Mustangs preserve the shutout. Brooks also noted Alejandra Piñeda's efforts to get on the scoreboard.

For seniors Acosta, Gonzalez and Piñeda, the victory marked their final homecoming game.

"Nayeli, Mili, and Alejandra are our three seniors, so it was nice to see them having a strong showing on their last Homecoming game," Brooks said.



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Pershing County senior Nayeli Acosta (4) battles a Fernley defender for the ball during the Mustangs' 3-0 homecoming-week victory.

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Longhorns’ Preece, Hart run at Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — Battle Mountain’s Libby Preece and Kaleb Hart ran for the Battle Mountain High School cross country team this past Saturday at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational held at Golden Eagle Valley Park in Sparks.

Preece, a sophomore, finished 84th in the girls race with a time of 26 minutes,

13 seconds.

Spanish Springs’ Taizley Felsted won the race at 18:30 and North Tahoe’s Lucia Avril (18:53) was second. They were the only two to break 19 minutes. Truckee won the team title.

On the boys side, Hart was 106th in a time of 22:19, as Reno’s Zachary Folen won, stopping the clock at 15:41.

Reno won the team title with 34 points.



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Battle Mountain’s Jordan Pruett kicks an extra point during the Longhorns’ 48-0 win at Yerington.

Battle Mountain rolls to shut out win at Yerington

Longhorns begin three-game homestand, beginning with West Wendover

By Tony Erquiaga



BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The start of the season has been a successful one for the Battle Mountain High School football team.

It has also been a choppy one schedule wise. The Longhorns had three bye weeks in the first eight weeks of the season.

That finally changed, as Battle Mountain was back on the field last Friday in Yerington and will not have another week off the rest of the season.

The Longhorns had no trouble with the Lions, winning 48-0 to improve to 2-0 in the Northern 2A and 4-1 overall.

Daniel Lara had a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jeremiah Goodman, along with a 52-yard touchdown run, where he kept the ball on a run-pass-option and was untouched.

He did the same from 30 yards out later in the contest.

Senior Damian Solis added a pair of rushing touchdowns as well. Battle Mountain hosts West Wendover on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Longhorns and Wolverines are both 2-0 in league play and the contest will go a long way in deciding playoff positioning.

Battle Mountain’s remaining games include North Tahoe, Pershing County and Coral Academy of Reno.

Both Pershing County and Coral are at the top of the standings.



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Battle Mountain’s Kaiden Elder tackles a Yerington running back.



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Battle Mountain’s Eric Guizar looks for room to run.



BMHS GIRLS GOLF

The Battle Mountain High School girls golf team hosted the Northern 2A East Regional Championship on Tuesday.

Jorgenson, Serna earn top-five finishes in regular-season finale in Wendover

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The Battle Mountain High School girls golf team concluded its regular season this with a second-place finish in the team standings at Toana Vista Golf Course in West Wendover.

Jaylee Jorgenson placed second in the individual standings and Neveah Serna was fifth.

Battle Mountain hosted the Northern 2A East Regional Championship on Tuesday and results were not available at press time.

The NIAA 2A State Championships is set for Oct. 13-14 in Jackpot.



BMHS GIRLS GOLF

Battle Mountain’s Jaylee Jorgenson with her second-place medal.

Battle Mountain soccer round up —

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The Battle Mountain High School boys soccer team collected its second win of the season and all but clinched a spot in the NIAA 2A State Championships.

The Longhorns traveled to Reno this past Saturday and beat Sage Ridge 9-6, in a high-scoring match.

Battle Mountain improved to 2-3 in the Northern 2A.

The top four teams advance to the state tournament in Ely on Oct. 30-31, at White Pine High School. There are no teams in the Southern 2A for boys soccer.

Yerington (4-0-0), Dayton (4-1-0) and White Pine (3-1-0) are atop the league.

Battle Mountain hosts White Pine on Friday at 4 p.m and the Bobcats again on Saturday at noon.

BMHS girls fall to Whittell

The Battle Mountain girls soccer team traveled to Lake Tahoe and Zephyr Cove to take on Whittell.

After playing to a 2-2 tie earlier in the year, Whittell claimed this meeting, winning 8-2.

The Longhorns dropped to 1-6-1 on the season and have two matches left with White Pine and the season finale at home versus Pershing County.

Battle Mountain hosts White Pine on Friday at 2 p.m.

Longhorns split road matches with Silver Stage, Sierra Lutheran

BMHS plays five of six final regular season matches at home

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The Battle Mountain High School volleyball team concluded its final over night road trip of the regular season this past weekend with a trip to Silver Stage and Sierra Lutheran, located in Carson City.

Battle Mountain cruised to a 25-9, 25-17, 25-13 victory at Silver Stage but lost in four sets, as the Falcons won 25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 25-16.

The Longhorns stand at 6-4 and fifth place in the Northern 2A and 10-13-1 overall.

“We did what we needed to do and tried our best to battle our opponents and other outside forces,” said BMHS coach Julia Ramirez. “We are looking at the upsides of taking wins where we can and working to battle tougher opponents in the league.”

In the win over Silver Stage, the Longhorns pounded 27 kills, including seven apiece from Ella Matheus and Kamila Farias.

Paitynn Johns added five, Yadira Vazquez four, Rami McGrath three, Keona Colver two and Miranda Lomeli one.

The Nighthawks could not figure out the serve of Farias, as the senior finished with a team-high 13 aces, with Sofia Andrade adding three and two each from Vaquez and Johns.

Lomeli dished out 23 assists to go with three digs, with Johns contributing 10 digs and Farias with seven digs.

Against Sierra Lutheran, Johns had 11 of the 24 kills, with four each from Farias and Vaquez and three by Matheus. Lomeli added four aces, Vaquez two blocks and Lomeli 21 assists.

Battle Mountain had three players in double figures in digs — Andrade (17), Farias (16) and Johns (11). Lomeli had six digs and three digs each from Colver, Matheus and Vazquez.

With three weeks left in the regular season, North Tahoe leads the Northern 2A at 11-0. Yerington is comfortably in second at 8-1 and there is a jumble from there with Sierra Lutheran (7-4), West Wendover (6-4), Battle Mountain (6-4) and Pershing County (5-5).

The top six teams qualify for the regional tournament and top two teams receive first-round byes.

Battle Mountain plays five of its final six matches, starting Friday against Coral Academy of Reno at 5 p.m. North Tahoe visits Battle Mountain on Saturday at noon.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
The Lowry football team stands for the national anthem.

Lowry drops homecoming game to Spring Creek

Spartans score twice on defense; Buckaroos head to Truckee
By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School football team returned to Jerry Tobin Field this past Friday night to cap off homecoming week and rival Spring Creek.

The Spartans used two defensive touchdowns to beat the Buckaroos 41-6. Lowry dropped to 1-4 in the Northern 3A and 2-5 overall.

After stopping Spring Creek and forcing a turnover on the Spartans’ opening drive, Lowry returned the favor three plays later, as Nolen Francis intercepted Ben Marvel and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown and 7-0 lead.

Following a Buckaroo punt, the Spartans were back in the end zone five plays later on a 22-yard pass from McCoy McAr-

tor to Caiden Turner and a 14-0 advantage with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

Just 48 seconds into the second quarter, Landyn Kizer broke free for a 44-yard touchdown run. It went from bad to worse for Lowry, as Marvel was picked off for a second time, with McArtor scampering 31 yards two plays later and 13 points in a 55-second span to lead 27-0.

The Buckaroos came back with their best drive of the first half, as Marvel completed a 75-yard drive with a 27-yard run. Lowry missed the extra point and that would be the final points of the first half.

The Buckaroo’s forced a turnover late in the second quarter by Brock Staley but a final-second pass from Lowry failed.

Spring Creek added to its lead with a 3-yard run by Kizer with 7:27 left in the third quarter and scored the final points with 69 seconds left in the third quarter on a 7-yard run by Mike Popp.

Lowry travels to Truckee on Friday. The Wolverines are coming off a 43-14 win at Elko.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
Lowry’s Brock Staley looks for room to run during Friday’s homecoming game against Spring Creek.

Oasis Academy volleyball to host Sierra Lutheran Saturday in home finale

By Robert Perea

FALLON — The Oasis Academy volleyball team will host its final home game of the season Saturday at 11 a.m. against Sierra Lutheran.

The Bighorns lost three Northern 2A matches last week, falling to Pershing County last Wednesday 25 16, 25 14, 25 15, to the league’s first-place team North Tahoe on Friday 25 15, 25 15, 25 9.

Saturday, the Bighorns won the first and third sets against Coral Academy of Science–Reno before falling just short in the fifth, 23 25, 25 23, 17 25, 27 25, 15 11.

The Bighorns are 2 15 overall and 1 12 in league.



ROBERT PEREA • Great Basin Sports
Fallon’s Rylan Clark runs through a tackle by Dayton’s Diego Enriquez.

Fallon smothers Dayton with three phases of dominance

By Robert Perea

FALLON — As if the way they’ve rolled through the Northern 3A so far this season hasn’t been enough to strike fear into opponents, Greenwave coach Calvin Connors dropped a chilling reminder to the rest of the league after last Friday’s 48-8 win in Dayton: his dominant squad is still getting better.

The Greenwave scored on five of seven offensive possessions and added two return touchdowns in beating the Dust Devils, improving their record to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the Northern 3A.

Quarterback Camden Richardson threw three touchdown passes, and had three others nullified by penalties, although Fallon ultimately scored on each of those possessions.

Maxton Richardson scored three touchdowns — one rushing, one receiving and one on a punt return. Calin Anderson and Dion Gocong caught touchdown passes, Rylan Clark ran for a score and Nathaniel Bianchi punctuated the night with an 83-yard kickoff return for the Greenwave’s final points of the night.

Defensively the Greenwave forced three turnovers on two interceptions and a fumble, and the special teams also got a turnover when a Dayton kickoff returner though the ball was going out of bounds and instead the Greenwave recovered at the Dayton 12-yard line.

“Very, very thrilled with how our all three phases played, including defense,” Connors said. “Anytime you come out with a victory, 48-8, you can’t be upset.”

Camden Richardson connected with Anderson on a 53-yard touchdown pass on the fifth play of the game to put the Greenwave up 7-0. Fallon’s second possession resulted in a 9-yard touchdown pass from Camden Richardson to Maxton Richardson, capping a drive that was keyed by 19- and 14-yard receptions by Gocong and a 17-yarder by Maxton Richardson.

A 42-yard touchdown from Richardson to Anderson on the first play of the second quarter was called back because of an illegal motion penalty, but a 31-yard run by Maxton Richardson and five straight carries by Clark, the last a 2-yard touchdown, made it 21-0.

After the Greenwave recovered the ensuing kickoff at the Dayton 12, Camden Richardson found Gocong for a 12-yard touchdown on fourth down to make it 27-0.

Maxton Richardson’s 57-yard punt return with 4:13 left in the second quarter made it 34-0, then his 8-yard touchdown run with 2:15 left in the third quarter put Fallon up 41-0.



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Fallon’s Maxton Richardson comes down with a reception despite being hit by Dayton’s Diego Enriquez.

Dayton answered that score with an 80-yard run by Boston Moon, but Bianchi took the kickoff back 83 yards for a touchdown for the final 48-8 margin.

Fallon has outscored its five league opponents 238-53, which is both the most points scored and fewest allowed in the league, and its point differential of 185 is more than double the next best of 88 by Spring Creek.

“You look at our margin of victory this season, we’ve got increasingly better as the season goes on, that’s what you want as a program,” Connors said. “And something that we’ve built here in the past three seasons is seasons is getting better throughout the regular season and peaking at the right time towards the end of the regular season, into the postseason.”

Even so, Connors pointed to penalties, including three that resulted in touchdowns being called back, as things the Greenwave needs to eliminate.

“Second week in a row that we kind of shot ourselves in the foot a little bit,” he said. “That’s not good in any way you look at it. So, overall, we’re going to clean those things up, get on the film tonight, and get prepared for Fernley.”

The Greenwave host Fernley at 7 p.m. Friday. Connors said the Greenwave are focused on following their blueprint for winning, regardless of who the opponent is each week.

“We stick to our standard and that’s preparing the right way and making sure that we’re assignment-sound, putting a good game plan together for the boys and executing that to a very high level,” Connors said. “We’ve been able to do that consistently this season and playing Fernley is no different. We look forward to it.”



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Four Fallon defenders combine to sack Dayton quarterback Abel Russell.

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Lowry's Nayeli Andrade heads the ball to a teammate during the Buckaroos' 1-1 tie against Spring Creek in Winnemucca.

Lowry girls tie Spring Creek, drop road match in Elko

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — With just four matches left in the regular season, the Lowry High School girls soccer team is looking to keep its postseason hopes alive. The Buckaroos hosted Spring Creek on Tuesday, Sept. 29, playing to a 1-1 tie. Spring Creek held a 1-0 advantage for much of the match, when Lowry got the equalizer on a goal by Julie Chavez off an assist by fellow junior Nayeli Andrade. With both goaltenders out, sophomore Aliyah Zamudio took over in the net and recorded nine saves. Lowry traveled to Elko on Saturday and suffered a 5-1 to the top team in the league. The Buckaroos are 1-2-1 in the Northern 3A East and 5-7-2 overall. Lowry hosts Fallon on Thursday at 5:45 p.m. and Fernley on Saturday at 11:45 a.m. Elko leads the league at 4-0-0, followed by Fallon at 3-1-0. Lowry and Spring Creek are both 1-2-1. The two teams from the West and East Division's automatically qualify for the Northern 3A Regional Championships. The other four spots will be determined by point standings. Currently, Lowry and Spring Creek would be in the playoffs with their point total.



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Lowry's Yareli Garcia throws the ball back into play.

Lowry boys drop home matches to West Wendover, Elko

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School boys soccer team had a chance to improve its postseason hopes with a pair of league matches at home versus West Wendover and league-leading Elko. West Wendover is a regular member of the Northern 2A, but plays boys soccer in the 3A. The Wolverines netted three goals in the first half on Friday on their way to a 4-1 win. Jonathan Leon had the lone goal for the Buckaroos. On Saturday afternoon, Elko scored twice in the first half on its way to a 4-2 win over the Buckaroos. David Becerra found the back of the net, with an assist from Josue Barajas. Elko and Spring Creek are tied at 4-0-1 atop the Northern 3A East. Fallon, Lowry and West Wendover are all 2-3-0. Lowry beat Fallon but lost to West Wendover. Meanwhile, Fallon beat West Wendover 5-1. The top two finishers in the West and East Divisions automatically qualify for the Northern 3A Regional Championships.



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Lowry's Jonathan Leon throws the ball back in play.

The remaining four spots are determined by record and point system. As of publication, Fallon, Lowry, Incline and North Tahoe hold those four spots. Lowry travels to Spring Creek on Friday for a 3:45 p.m. start and hosts Fallon on Oct. 15, at 6:15 p.m.



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Lowry's Julian Gourley makes a slide tackle during the Buckaroo's match with West Wendover.



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Lowry's Josie Jenkins finishes off a kill in the Buckaroo's match with Spring Creek.

Lowry volleyball knocked off by Spring Creek, Elko

Bucks host Dayton, Fernley
By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School volleyball team was back on its home floor for just the third and fourth time this fall on Pat Hart Court. Spring Creek made the trip to Winnemucca on Friday and won the first set 25-25. The Buckaroos even things up, claiming the second set 25-21 but the Spartans closed out the night with a 25-10 and 25-17 win in set three and four. The second part of the Elko County doubleheader took place Saturday afternoon, as Elko won in three sets. Lowry held a 12-8, 14-11, 17-14 and 18-16 advantage in the first set against Elko. The Indians tied the set at 21 with a kill and push the lead to 23-21. The Buckaroos collected the next two points, when the Indians used two straight kills to win the set 25-23. Elko used much of that momentum into the second set, leading 21-14, when Lowry came back to close the deficit to 23-21. The Indians won the set 25-21 after a hitting error. Elko closed out the match, winning set



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
Lowry's Emelia Mentaberry sets the ball for a teammate in Friday's match against Spring Creek.

three 25-16, as Lowry dropped to 0-5 in the Northern 3A and 6-16 overall. The Buckaroos host Dayton on Thursday at 6 p.m. and Fernley on Saturday at noon.

Lowry's Thomas finishes sixth at Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational

Moses, Renteria, Thomas place in top seven in boys JV race

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School cross country team visited Reno and Golden Eagle Park this past Saturday for the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational in Sparks. Alyla Thomas paced the Buckaroo girls, as the senior finished sixth in the 5,000-meter race in a time of 20 minutes, 3 seconds. Her freshman sisters, Makaylah Thomas (22:14) and Ajerra Thomas (22:17) placed 32nd and 34th, respectfully. Taylor Soderstrom, a junior, one was one spot back in 35th in a time of 22:18. Azure Sagers finished 54th at 23:18 and Natalia Cassinelli (25:00) and Adell Hall (25:52) finished out the Lowry pack. Spanish Springs senior Taizley Felsted won the race in a time of 18:30 followed by North Tahoe's Lucia Avril (18:53), Truckee's Autumn Burks (19:10) and Avery Aldrich (19:10) and Bishop Manogue's Emmery Scolari (19:54). Truckee narrowly beat Reno for the team title 51-53, with Lowry seventh at

130. The Lowry boys ran in the JV race, with three runners finishing in the top seven. Patrick Moses crossed the line in third with a time of 18:46, while Francisco Renteria (18:20) and Anden Thomas (19:28) placed fifth and seventh. Sophomore Josiah Merki finished 15th at 19:54, with fellow sophomore Edward Moyer (20:57) in 27th. Sebastian Fuchslin (21:43), Quincy Hall (23:15) and Andrew Lockie (25:03) rounded out the Lowry finishers. South Tahoe's Martins Pommers won the race in a time of 18:15 and Reno's Skyler Prell (18:34) placed second. Reno won the team title with 32 points and Lowry was second at 49. Lowry travels to Wells and Chimney Rock Golf Course on Friday, Oct. 16, at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

Ten Oasis Academy runners compete in Mikelonis Invitational

By Robert Perea

FALLON — Oasis Academy entered runners in all four divisions at the Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational last Saturday, led by Riley Davis and Leonidas Arcoraci in the varsity races. Davis posted the Bighorns' top varsity girls finish, placing 67th in 24 minutes, 29 seconds. Arcoraci led the varsity boys in 19:57 for 77th. Keagan Craig finished 105th in 22:19, Jose Montalvo 115th in 22:44 and Elijah Jones 120th in 26:10. In the JV girls race, Sonora McInturff finished 53rd in 33:29 and Faith Torres May placed 54th in 34:42. Oasis placed three runners in the JV boys race. Vincenzo May finished 46th in 22:23, Connor Tolman 75th in 25:12 and Tristan Bracken 99th in 37:19.



The Bighorns will head to eastern Nevada this week to run in the Wells Invitational at Chimney Rock Golf Course on Friday. They're also scheduled to compete Monday in the Incline Highlander 5K.

Chavez posts top-15 finish for Pyramid Lake at Leo Mikelonis Invitational

By Robert Perea

PYRAMID LAKE — Pyramid Lake freshman Jayar Chavez posted a top-25 finish and was third among 2A runners at last Saturdays Leo Mikelonis Memorial Invitational in Sparks.

Chavez finished 25th overall with a time of 17:42, leading the four-runner contingent in the varsity boys race for the Lakers.

Zeke Davis placed 56th in 19:19, William Darrough finished 69th in 19:36 and John Kelly placed 104th in 22:10.

Redstone was Pyramid Lake’s lone varsity girls runner and finished 71st in 24:57.

Koge Redstone was the lone girl running for the Lakers, and she placed 71st in



the varsity girls race with a time of 24:57.

As the season winds down toward the North Regional meet Oct. 30, the Lakers are scheduled to run Friday in the Dayton High School Rocky Desert Run, as well as the Incline Highlander 5K on Monday.

Fallon girls claim rivalry win over Fernley

By Robert Perea

FALLON — Fallon claimed the first round of this season’s two rivalry games with Fernley in girls soccer last Saturday.

Evie Johnson and Zayrah Miranda scored goals two minutes apart in the second half to lift the Greenwave to the 2-0 victory.

Johnson broke a scoreless tie with the first goal of the game, off an assist from Kortnie Simper in the 56th minute. Johnson then assisted on the goal by Miranda in the 58th minute.

Stat tracking showed that Fallon had the ball for 70 percent of possession time compared to 30 percent for Fernley, and the Greenwave attempted 32 shots, including 15 on goal. Fernley goalie Lilliana Perez made 14 saves.

Fernley attempted six shots, and five of them were on goal. Fallon goalie Shaylee Orduna made five saves.

“Fernley continues to improve every year as their town’s population continues to grow quickly,” Fallon assistant coach Neill Tunstead said. “They play a strong off the ball defensive style.”

The win improved Fallon’s record to 3-1 in the Northern 3A East and 7-3-1 overall, while Fernley dropped to 0-4 in the East and 4-9-1 overall. But both teams remain in the top eight overall in the Northern 3A.

Fallon is second in the East and fourth overall with 35 total points in the stand-



ings, while Fernley is fifth in the East but is eighth in the region with 20 points, comfortably ahead of Wooster, which is ninth with seven points.

The top eight teams qualify for the region tournament, with the top four hosting first-round games. The semifinals and finals will be at Lowry.

Truckee and South Tahoe lead the region with 48 points, while Elko is third with 38.

“Great to turn the corner into the second half of the season in such a strong position in our league,” Fallon’s Tunstead said. “The team looks fantastic; we will continue to be strong and sharp as we go deeper into the season.”

Both teams lay just one game this week, at Lowry. Fallon is scheduled to face the Buckaroos at 5:45 p.m. Thursday. Fernley travels to Lowry for a game at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports
Pyramid Lake’s Aiyana Collins passes the ball after receiving a serve.

Pyramid Lake volleyball runs win streak to eight

By Robert Perea

PYRAMID LAKE — With wins over Hawthorne last Tuesday and McDermitt on Saturday, the Pyramid Lake High School volleyball team extended its winning streak to eight consecutive matches, heading into a game Oct. 6, against Smith Valley, which was the last team to beat the Lakers.

With their streak, the Lakers had the chance to pull into a tie for the lead in the 1A West.

The Lakers beat Hawthorne on Sept. 29, in Nixon, 25-15, 25-19, 25-17. They followed that up with the trip to McDermitt, where they brought home a 25-10, 25-19, 25-12 win.

That improved the Lakers to 6-1 in the 1A West, with the only loss to Smith Valley on Sept. 1.

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Pyramid Lake’s Amelia Winap sets the ball for a teammate during the Lakers’ match at McDermitt.



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Fallon's Eve Williams tries to hit over a pair of Fernley blockers.

Greenwave looking to bounce back in chase for playoff positioning

By Robert Perea

FALLON — At the halfway point of the Northern 3A East Division part of the schedule, the Churchill County High School volleyball team finds itself with some ground to make up.

The Greenwave lost two of three matches last week to division opponents, falling from first to third place with a 3-2 league record.

More importantly, the Greenwave is one of four teams tied with nine total points in the standings and currently outside of the top four in the race to earn a home match for the first round of the regional tournament.

At 3-2, the Greenwave are tied for third in the East Division, but playoff seeds will be determined by total points in the standings, with two points awarded for winning a crossover match against a team from the opposing division, and one for beating a team in the same division.

That format was created to ensure that if one division was stronger than the other, it would get more teams into the tournament. Fernley and Spring Creek lead the East with 4-1 records, but Fernley has five crossover wins to Spring Creek's three and leads the division with 14 points. Spring Creek has 10.

In the West South Tahoe is first at 5-0 and Truckee is second at 4-1, but both are 5-0 against the East, so South Tahoe has 15 points and Truckee 14.

Fallon, Elko, Dayton and Incline all have nine points.

The four teams that finish with the most points will be the top four seeds and host the first round of the playoffs, with the semifinals and finals scheduled to be played at South Tahoe.

The Greenwave lost two of three matches last week, falling in four sets at Fernley on Tuesday, beating Elko in five on Friday and ending the week with a five-set loss to Spring Creek.

The Fernley match was a battle in each of the first three sets, After Fernley won the first set 25-23, the Greenwave had the Vaqueros facing set point in the second set, but Fernley staved it off and scored the last three points to pull out a 26-24 win. Fallon stayed alive with a 25-20 win in the third set, but Fernley took the fourth 25-14.

Raegan Johnson had 18 kills for the



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Fallon's Kalaya Downs sets up a teammate.

Greenwave, while Audrey Fruzza added eight and Sutton Yost knocked down six. Fallon's back row kept several long rallies alive, with Fruzza and Layla Walker both making 15 digs. Hayden Dooley had 11 digs and Kalaya Downs had nine.

Friday the Greenwave beat Elko in five sets, with the back row again extending rallies with 87 total digs. Walker had 25 of them, Downs added 14, and Ava Bunyard handled 11.

Downs had 30 assists, most of them to Johnson, who finished with 23 kills.

The third match of the week against Spring Creek went down to the wire, before the Spartans went home with the 21-25, 25-18, 16-25, 25-22, 15-12 win.

Johnson had 27 kills and as a team the Greenwave finished with 45, taking advantage of 42 assists by Downs. Fruzza added six kills and Kadence Wiessmer made five.

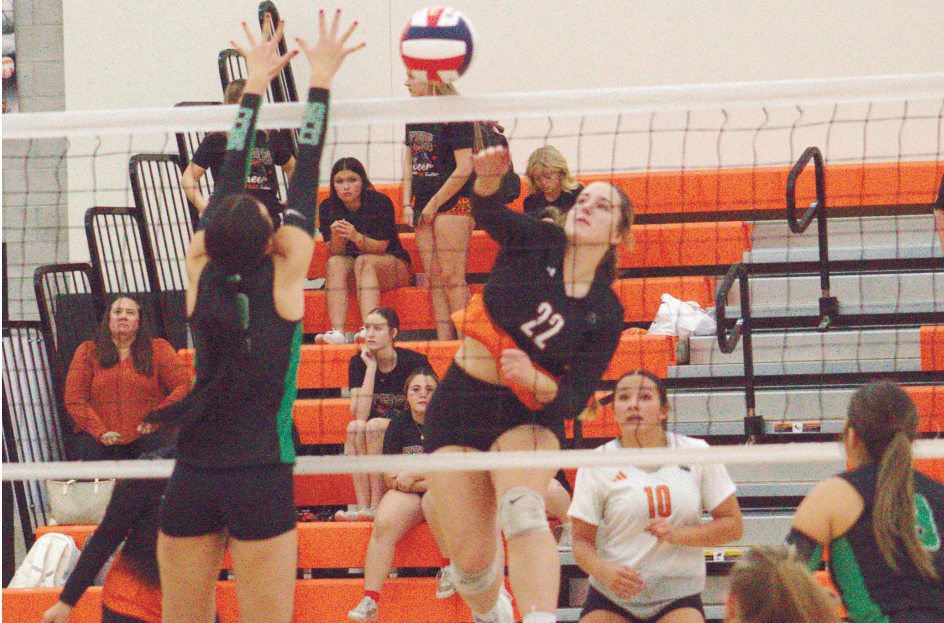
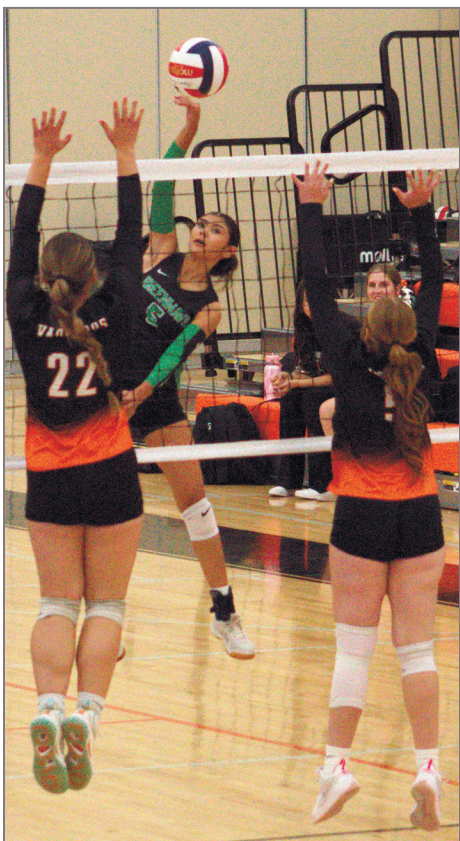
Walker led the back row with 22 digs.

The Greenwave were scheduled to step out of league play Tuesday to face Carson, then host a rematch with Fernley Thursday at 6 p.m.

They also host Dayton next Wednesday at 6 p.m.



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Above left: Fallon's Raegan Johnson tips the ball over the net while Fernley's Emma Masters and Grace Chapin defend. Right: Fallon's Audrey Fruzza drives a spike between Fernley blockers Grace Chapin and Maddison Hill.



ROBERT PEREA • Great Basin Sports
Fernley's Grace Chapin spikes the ball past a Fallon blocker.

Fernley volleyball moves into tie for first place with wins over Fallon and Dayton

By Robert Perea

FALLON— The Fernley High School volleyball team bounced back from its first loss in league play with a pair of four-set wins over Fallon and Dayton last week, to pull into a tie for first place in the Northern 3A West Division.

The Vaqueros began their week by beating Fallon 25-23, 26-24, 20-25, 25-14.

The first three sets were close, but the Vaqueros started and finished the fourth set with matching 8-2 runs.

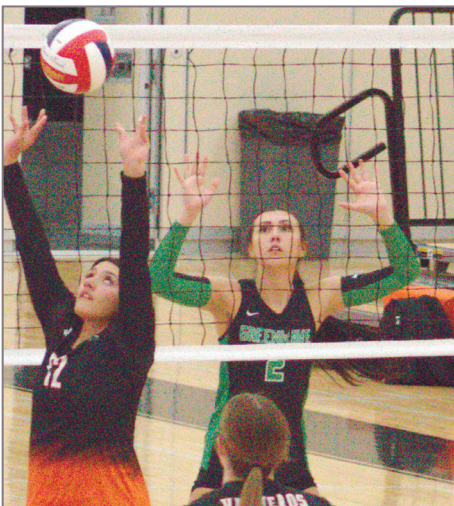
Trista Menesini led Fernley's attack with 15 kills and defensively had eight digs and three blocks. Emma Masters added eight kills and Chapin had five.

Libero Jocelyn Escartin had 11 digs and received 30 serves, while Alauna Escartin had 30 assists and made eight digs.

Fernley followed that performance by beating Dayton Friday night, 25-11, 22-25, 25-19, 25-14.

Menesini had 13 kills and three blocks, Chapin added eight kills and five blocks and Masters knocked down six kills.

Alauna Escartin complemented her 31 assists with three blocks, while the defense nearly had four players reach double figures in digs. Jocelyn Escartin had 14, Alauna Escartin had 13 and Menesini had



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Fernley's Alauna Escartin sets the ball during the Vaqueros Sept. 29 match against Fallon.

10, while Maddison Hill made four.

"The girls played great in both matches," coach Diane Chapin said.

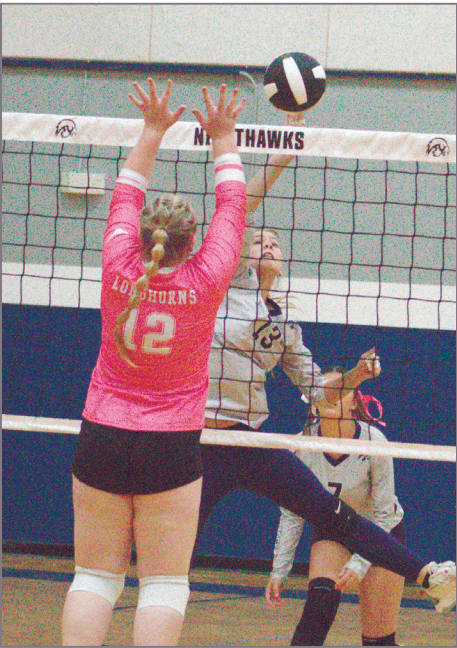
The Vaqueros return to the court Thursday in Fallon at 6 p.m., then play Saturday at Lowry at noon. Fernley is 4-1 in the East Division of the Northern 3A, tied for first placed with Spring Creek. Fallon and Elko are each 3-2.

Silver Stage drops two matches, hosts Yerington on Friday

Staff Report

SILVER SPRINGS — Silver Stage lost twice last week in Northern 2A play, falling to Battle Mountain 25 9, 25 17, 25 13 and to West Wend-over 21 25, 25 15, 25 8, 25 19.

The Nighthawks are 3 16 overall and 2 9 in league. Silver Stage hosts Yerington on Friday at 5 p.m. and plays at Pershing County on Saturday at 11 a.m.



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Above left: Silver Stage's Priscilla Hesselguesser tries to tip the ball over the block by Battle Mountain's Rami McGrath. Above right: Silver Stage's Page Winter receives a serve during the Nighthawks' match last Friday against Battle Mountain.

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3rd: Patty Liljeberg, 38

Purple Tees

1st: Sandi Sewchok, 36
2nd: Verl-Lee Ely, 40

Fewest Putts: Jana Garner, 29
Birdies: Cheri Grutkowski, #3 & #4; Rita Hanifen, #5; Juneil Key, #14
Closest to the pin Hole #7: Shane Miller, 32'
Closest to the pin Hole #11: Shane Miller, 8'1"
Chip-ins: Rita Hanifen, #5

Winnemucca Ladies Golf Club concludes 2026 season

Can't believe the Winnemucca Ladies' Golf Club has come to an end for the 2026 season. It definitely had its ups and downs.

Believe that's called golf! But, overall, fun and laughs were had by all which is saying a lot for such a challenging and humbling game!

The nine-hole low gross winner for Sept. 21, was Lisa Carlson with a low gross score of 44. The low net winner for the day was Tami Anderson with a score of 43.

The low gross winner for Sept. 28, was Sherry Murphy with a score of 60.

The first low net winner was Brandy Grimm with a score of 34. The second low net winner was Tami Anderson with a score of 31. It was definitely time for the nine-hole tournament to end since the ladies had to fight the darkness on the 18th hole. Headlights on the golf carts were definitely needed!

The Tuesday morning tournament on Sept. 22, was a gross/net tournament. The low gross winner for the day was Lisa Carlson with a score of 97. She also had a birdie on hole 11 when she

had to sink a putt from at least 30 feet away on a sideways lie! Wow! Laurie Pickett had the second low gross score of 104.

She was also closest to hole 5 with a distance of 30 feet 9 inches. Bryn Echevarria was the low net winner with a score of 77. Bryn was also closest to hole two with a distance of 37 feet, 5 inches.

Pam Hope was second low net also with a score of 77. Bryn won the tie-breaker. Pam also had the fewest putts with 32 and a chip-in. Marlea Pointer tied with Pam with 32 putts and had a chip-in as well.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the ladies played the Nine-Hole Eclectic Tournament where improvement is allowed on each hole.

Participants play nine holes twice and record the best score received for each nine. Half of the participant's handicap is used.

The low gross winner for the day was again Lisa Carlson with a score of 45. Laurie Pickett was a close second with a score of 47. She also had fewest putts with 31.

Bryn Echevarria continued her winning low net ways with a score of 34.

Lori Woodland was the second low net champion with a score of 35.5. Woodland tied with Pickett for fewest putts with 31.

Congratulations to all of the winners and looking forward to a promising 2027 season!



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McDermitt's Legacy Scott goes up for a kill in Saturday's home match against Pyramid Lake

McDermitt volleyball splits with Wells, Pyramid Lake

Bulldogs back home for two matches

By Tony Erquiaga

MCDERMITT — As the McDermitt High School volleyball team celebrated homecoming, they had to go the road for a day, while back on its home floor on Saturday afternoon.

McDermitt made the long trip to Wells on Thursday, Oct. 1, for a crucial 1A East meeting. The Leopards won the previous match in McDermitt and were poised to do the same in the second matchup.

Wells won the first two sets 25-16 and

27-25, when McDermitt pulled off the reverse sweep, claiming the final three sets 25-16, 25-13, 15-3.

The victory pushed the Bulldogs to 3-4 in league play and tied with Wells. However, the Leopards own the tiebreaker in sets won 5-4.

Lund (7-0), Owyhee (4-4) and Eureka (4-4) are the top three teams.

McDermitt stepped out of league play on Saturday and Pyramid Lake extended its win streak to eight matches with a 25-20, 25-19, 25-12 victory.

McDermitt concludes its home schedule this weekend, facing Lund on Friday at 3 p.m. and Eureka on Saturday at 10 a.m.

King of the Rimfires —The Mighty .22

Into the Wild

Commentary by Tom Claycomb

While running out to zone in my elk rifle, I also threw in a Ruger 10/22 that I just tricked out. After shooting the .22 I got to reminiscing. For the majority of us, the .22 was our first real gun.

I still have my old Remington Apache Nylon 66 that I bought with my paper route earnings.

That started my love affair with the lowly .22. The .22 has to be the most popular caliber ever invented, doesn't it? Look at all of the small caliber rifles that have tried to kick the lowly .22 off its throne.

The .22 hornet. .22 WMR and most recently the .17 HMR. Then should we include the .17 Hornet, .218 BEE, 204 Ruger and 222 Remington.

When the .17 HMR came out it was supposed to knock the .22 into oblivion. Yes, it was popular but like the Weeble that may wobble it didn't stay down. What makes the little ole' .22 so resilient? I think there's a few factors that keeps it floating.

It started nearly 100 years ago-early 1930's during the depression. My dad could sell a rabbit for a whopping 10 cents, enough to buy a box of shorts.

That kept him in ammo. One day, with only one bullet left he got a rabbit, sold it, bought a box of ammo and was back in the saddle.

Back in those days they offered shorts, longs and long rifle ammo which made the .22 versatile and cheap to shoot. That was space age technology back then. I bet I've never bought more than 1-2 boxes of shorts in my life but back then it was an

inexpensive option.

Now for the modern-day reasons the .22 is still alive and even making a resurgence. I credit the Ruger 10/22. It has to be the most trick-out table gun in the world.

I have ones that I've tricked out which shoot unbelievable groups, like pushing ¼-inch groups. And there are a lot of super cool after-market parts for it. Boyds' makes some super cool laminated stocks.

Timney makes some slick triggers and Ruger makes a decent after-market trigger as well. Twenty-five round banana clips and bull barrels. On this one I installed a Breek Arms flash suppressor just for the cool looking factor.

Another factor is the low price point for .22 ammo that allows for a lot of low key, fun plinking. There's also a lot of value in shooting a .22 regularly.

I may get 400-450 shots at ground squirrels on a good day. That helps me get fast at obtaining target acquisition, being able to take moving shots and learning to take shots quickly in various positions. So, due to shooting high volumes of .22 ammo, I'm always tuned up.

Another thing that has brought the .22 back into good graces with hunters/shooters is the super-accurate ammo that's available. Here's why I say this. I bought my first Ruger 10/22 25 years ago. I'd get 1.5-inch groups shooting 10 rounds.

I just figured .22's was inherently inaccurate. To my knowledge there was no super accurate .22 ammo on the market. Then decades later I met Aguila and Eley which both produce the most accurate .22 ammo I've found.

Yes, I've killed 1,250-pound steers and a 350 lb. hog with a .22 but as a whole, when hunting with a .22, we're hunting small game with a small kill zone. So, I think that with the availability of more accurate ammo, that also plays a role in the popularity of the .22.

I about titled this article THE LOWLY .22 but after getting started on the article



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Not that it needed one but I thought the Breek Arms flash suppressor looked cool on my Ruger 10/22 even though my AR is crying for it.



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My new tricked out Ruger 10/22 looks pretty cool with the laminated Boyds thumbhole stock, Breek Arms flash suppressor and a sleek Vortex scope.

it seemed more appropriate to title it KING OF THE RIMFIRES-THE MIGHTY .22. The .22 was invented in 1887 by J. Stevens. What other caliber has lasted that long and is still on top of the heap? You may say the 30-06 or the 45-70.

I love both but sadly they're not the top choice of their class anymore. (Yes, I still love the 30-06 and have shot moose, bear, deer, antelope on down to prairie dogs with one. And I love my Henry 45-70).

To enhance your shooting pleasure/proficiency get a decent scope. I mounted a Vortex Crossfire 4-12x44 scope on my new Ruger 10/22. It has an Adjustable Objective so you can dial in on close shots. Big deal since with a .22, we'll be shooting small animals within close range. Buy a good scope and cuss less!

So why is shooting/hunting with a .22 so relaxing. When elk hunting, I wake up 2-3 hours before daylight, slam down breakfast and then hike up into the high country.

Hunt hard all day, drag back into camp, whip out dinner and crawl into bed. By day three I'm so sore I can barely move. Not to mention that the temps are close to zero so I'm not sleeping that great. I love elk hunting, but it's tough duty.

Let's compare that to a .22 hunt. I wake up to a big breakfast and 2-4 cups of cof-

fee. Check my email. Maybe start another Pulitzer Prize winning article, then head out to ground squirrel hunt about 8:30.

Stroll across the high desert, set on a pad and start shooting. You don't have to be super quiet. You can be eating snacks. The temp will be between 60-85 so you may even be able to get a suntan. About 1 ½-hours before sundown they go underground, so you can get home and finish dinner before dark. (Go back and read how intense elk hunting is!)

So, .22 hunts are low-key, fun and involves a lot of shooting. Plus, they're a great way to introduce kids into hunting since they don't kick and won't hurt their ears.

What if you want to just go plinking? What's better than a .22? Again, no loud report. No recoil and there are a million tin cans begging to be perforated! Or if you really want to get your kids into shooting, what about spinner targets or water bottles filled with water?

No wonder our blood pressure drops and we get that far away nostalgic look when we pull our .22 out of the closet and head outdoors. **LONG LIVE THE LITTLE OLE' .22!**

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With some Aguila ammo I got a 5/16" group. I was shooting at a 1/2" hole so with a smaller bullseye I'm sure I could have gotten >1/4".