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## Eagle Scout Project Nears Completion in Dayton

From left: Marty Watson, Unit Commissioner; Miah McBroom, Community Chair; Jacob Daeda; Emmanuel Mohr, Senior Patrol Leader; Spencer Davidson, Sutro Tunnel; Melissa Daeda, Mom; and Wes Francis, Blacksmith. Not photographed, Steven Hibbs, Mechanical Engineer  
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## HSDV Celebrates Another Successful Season



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## Historical Society of Dayton Valley Celebrates Another Successful Season

Article and photo by Laura Tennant

On Saturday evening, Dec. 13, more than 60 members of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley gathered at the Dayton Community Center to celebrate another successful year of preserving Dayton's 176-year old history. Thanks to Vicki Kinney and Margie Sidener for chairing the event. Their efforts made the historic high school gym shine with festive red, green, and white, brightening the annual event. It also honors those who have gone the extra mile during the year, or even for years, to spend their time working as docents at the Museum on weekends or for special occasions, while others have donated their time shoring up old buildings, painting them, cleaning the yard, inside the museum, etc. There is always plenty of work to do inside the Museum too!

I was proud to present the annual "Laura Tennant" award to Carol Bauer and Katrina Hedlesky and a special award of a Lifetime Membership to Lee Vecchiarelli for the years



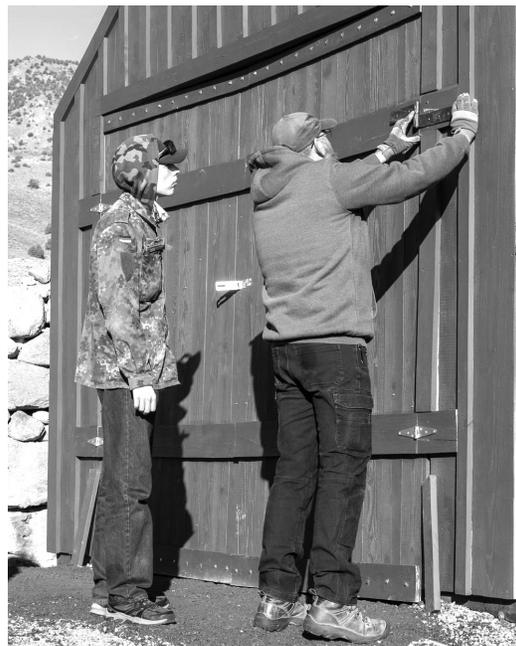
From left: Katrina Hedlesky, Lee Vecchiarelli and Carol Bauer were award winners for their dedication to preserving Dayton's history

she has spent preserving Dayton's history that began around 1984. Each of these hard-working volunteers' activities over the years was read to the audience,

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## Eagle Scout Project Nears Completion in Dayton

Article and photos by Melody Hoover



Daeda and McBroom lining up forged hinges

Family Scout Troop 847 member and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Jacob Daeda is making great strides toward earning his Eagle Scout rank. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of Scouting America. Since its inception in 1911, only 4% of Scouts have earned this rank; however, the Dayton troop has consistently had one member per year earn the Eagle Scout rank, showcasing the community's strong tradition of achievement.

Daeda shared that Dan Webster, a local historian who has assisted with details, suggested the project at the Sutro Tunnel site to support the preservation of the Comstock's history. After considerable research and a visit to the Sutro Tunnel site, Daeda set his goals for the Carriage House and completed a

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# My Best Friend

## PINE NUTS

By McAvoy Layne  
*The Ghost of Mark Twain*



My best friend is a loudmouth bully who harassed me yesterday when I arrived late for Happy Hour, then he took off in a huff for the winter. His name is Huckleberry, and he was hatched here on the deck at Twain Haven in June of 2017. He has never left for the winter before, but then he is 80 in aviary years, and like most Steller Jays, myself included, is not a fan of the atmospheric river...

I'm confident that Huck's record of most Happy Hours in a row, 2,900, will stand for some time here in the Tahoe Basin. But should he never return, and choose to spend the rest of his days in Sacramento, I will be crestfallen, for he has been my pal for eight years now, and I miss him.

In a brief history of Huckleberry, I could see that he was about to fledge with his sisters from my second deck away back in 2017, so I spread a sleeping bag out on the driveway below, and sure enough, Huck hit it, while his sisters took it on the chin. I remember how he looked up to me as if to say, "Wow! Thanks!" I tossed a Beer Nut down to him and we've been pals ever since...

If I'm not paying attention when Huck arrives he will flop down onto the welcome



mat and bang his beak on the sliding glass door, or jump onto the flagstaff and wave Old Glory to get my attention. (I have the video if you don't believe me.)

When I step out onto the deck holding a freshly peeled and washed Beer Nut, Huck will wave his beak and fluff himself up, while I whistle his favorite song, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."

He knows my car, "Burt," and once followed me down to the college and stationed himself above my picnic table, where he could retrieve welcome handouts. He even follows me into the forest when I trim my fingernails, again positioning himself up and behind me to dance his shadow on top of mine on the forest floor. It's a sight to make a cow laugh if you want to know the truth...

I have all his baby pictures, from when he was naked as a jay, to feathery times after his mother went shopping for him and his sisters, to the video of their fledging. I won't play that video today, for it brings a tear to my eye...

So what will I do if Huck does not return in the spring? Well, I shall drive to Sacramento, where I will station myself in that beautiful rose garden near the capital at Happy Hour and wait for Huckleberry to welcome me to Sacramento. How do I know he's in Sacramento? Well, that's where I'd go...

Stay tuned to these pages for the final chapters of Adventures of Huckleberry Jay...

### EAGLE SCOUT, cont'd from page 2

project proposal for the Scouts Council to approve. The road to Eagle is not easy. It requires meeting specific criteria, including earning 21 merit badges, leading a service project, and demonstrating leadership skills. Each requirement is implemented to assist scouts with practical skills and ethical foundations.

A team of Family Troop members and friends collaborated on the technical and historical design of the Carriage House doors, ensuring they were functionally complete. The doors, rebuilt from cedar to resist rot, feature hand-forged

hinges and door handles crafted with significant help from local Blacksmith Wes Francis, who used a vintage coal forge requiring six hours of hand cranking, with his wife Tammy assisting. Daeda participated in the blacksmithing process, completing one hinge and learning to install them this past weekend, highlighting community craftsmanship and teamwork.

With support from an NV Energy Youth Grant, the project will be completed this week, with a historical plaque being installed soon, followed by a dedication ceremony.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY, cont'd from page 2

including their amazing educational backgrounds, and will be posted in the HSDV newsletter that is compiled and edited by Margie and Glenn Sidener every three months.

Years ago, Carol Bauer organized a group to create a movie about Dayton history using the inside of the Museum and she sent it to a Film Festival and we won! She has been an excellent docent at the Museum since then.

Katrina Hedlesky not only enjoys being a docent, but she has also taken charge of managing the books we sell, keeping

the Museum in stock, and is creating photo albums of events we organize, such as the Haunted Hayride, and of the most recent Holiday party and the awards night.

The Dayton Museum is closed for the winter season until the first weekend in March when we reopen. We will do tours and take visitors interested in their genealogy through the Museum. Leave a message for Laura at 774-246-3256 or at the Museum, 775-246-6316 (this museum number is not checked daily.)

# The Jackalope

By Chris Pattison - Proprietor of The Odeon, Dayton

The other day I was working at the Odeon when I overheard a lady ask her husband if the mount on the wall was a jackalope. Now, this is an old European mount, just the skull and antlers of a deer. Naturally, my ears perked up and I started listening in. Without missing a beat, her husband said, "Yep, they're indigenous to the area. You can find them in Nevada, Arizona, and certain parts of Utah."

She frowned a little and said, "Hmm, I thought they were made up, but I guess they're real."

Her husband replied, "Nope, they're real. They're just really fast, so you've got to pay close attention."

I couldn't help myself, so I found an excuse to walk past them into the back room. The lady stopped me and asked, "Excuse me, sir, what is that on the wall?"

"That's a jackalope," I said. "My grandpa shot it when he was a kid. There used to be more of them around here, but they're nearly extinct now."

I caught the twinkle in her husband's eye. They stayed a while, had a couple of drinks, and we swapped stories.

You see, being at the bar is more than serving drinks and throwing a big party. It's about the connections we make and the stories we share. That's how real community gets built. It's how you welcome new people into your home, make them feel at ease, and give them the chance to become part of your town.

I was born in a tiny little place between Waldport and Alsea, Oregon. My family bounced around all over the countryside. Yes, we have connections back to the Comstock days, but we've only been here since the early '90s. I hear a lot of people complain about the new influx of Californians, but I say welcome



them with open arms and help them become part of the community.

If you don't want our home to change, then take the time to explain why this place is so special, how we came to be, and, if they like it the way it is, how they can help us keep it that way. If we're not part of the solution, we're part of the trouble.

Now, back to jackalopes.

Did you know where they really came from? The truth is this: in the 1930s, Douglas Her- rick and his brother, hunters with taxidermy skills, popularized the American jackalope by grafting deer antlers onto a jackrabbit carcass and selling it to a local hotel in Douglas, Wyoming.

But I prefer my way.

Long, long, long ago there lived a species of small deer, not unlike their fanged cousins of the Himalayas, called the Nevada musk deer. They weren't much bigger than a jackrabbit, but unlike their Himalayan cousins, the Neva- da musk deer had both fangs and antlers.

Jackrabbits themselves can get quite large. In fact, there was once a species called Nuralagus rex, a "giant" rabbit that weighed an average of 26 lb. and lived on Menorca. We had our own version here, but instead of being fat and slow, ours was fast, super fast. All the energy its European cousin put into becoming big and round, this one put into its legs. I like to call it the Velocissimo Nuralagus rex.

Nevada, as you may know, wasn't always as dry as it is now. There were large lakes, and ancient Lake Lahontan was practically an inland sea. But not all things last forever. As the inland sea dried up, the animals that depended on it, like the Nevada musk deer and the Velocissimo Nuralagus rex, began to die out. Food grew scarce, and their populations dwindled.

Nature, being what it is, always finds a way. As Dr. Ian Malcolm said "if there's one thing the history of evolution has taught us is that life will not be contained, life breaks free, it expands to new territories, and it crashes through barriers painfully, maybe even dangerously. But uh... life finds a way"

In the end, there was only one Nevada musk deer left and one Velocissimo Nuralagus rex. Some say what happened next was a last-ditch effort by nature to keep something of them alive. Others say it was sheer boredom, and maybe a little fermented fruit. Either way, the union of those two creatures created something new.

Something fast.

Something clever.

Something with antlers.

And a lot of them! Since, well you know.... rabbit.

So fast that only the keenest hunters might

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# Lockwood Flood Evacuation Drill Recap Town Hall Scheduled for January 21

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

Storey County Emergency Management will host a Flood Evacuation Drill Recap Town Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lockwood Senior Community Center, 800 Peri Ranch Road.

The town hall will provide a recap of the recent Lockwood flood evacuation drill, highlighting key takeaways from the exercise. County staff will review what worked well, areas identified for improvement, and how

evacuation drills help strengthen emergency response and preparedness efforts.

“Exercises like this allow us to test our plans before an emergency happens, but they are only effective if we take the time to review them honestly,” said Adam Wilson, Storey County Emergency Management Director. “Hearing directly from residents helps us understand what worked on the ground and where we need to do better to keep the Lockwood

community safe.”

Evacuation drills are designed to evaluate real-world coordination, communication, and decision-making in a controlled environment. Community feedback plays an important role in refining procedures and ensuring future plans reflect local needs.

Residents who participated in or were affected by the drill are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their observa-

tions. Public input helps emergency management officials continue improving response efforts and preparedness planning.

The event is open to the public, and no registration is required.

For more information, residents may contact Storey County Emergency Management at 775-847-3577 or visit the Storey County website.

## THE JACKALOPE, cont'd from page 4

ever glimpse one from the corner of their eye. Even with our advanced technology, we still can't track them. Their numbers are unfortunately decreasing.

All the jackalopes on earth, the story goes, are descended

from those two ancestors. Because jackalopes have incredibly long, unnatural lifespans, humans have hunted them as a sort of fountain of youth. Legend says that if you kill one and eat its heart, you gain its ability never to die of

natural causes. But they've been so over-hunted, and they can't reproduce on their own, like mules, they're stuck with an odd number of chromosomes, so their population has crashed.

If you ever happen to get lucky

enough to see a jackalope in the wild, keep it to yourself. You never know who might be listening, who might want to hunt it.

And who knows... the one you saw might be the last one left.

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# From Pickaxes to Progress: The Birth of Comstock Mining

*Part 2 of the the Comstock Chronicle Series:  
“From Gold to Green—The Evolution of the Comstock”*

*Part 2 of this series will run each week for one month.*

by Rob Dyer, Comstock Inc.

Ask anyone in Virginia City and they'll tell you: the Comstock isn't just history—it's heritage. The old headframes on the hillside, the timbers deep beneath the town, the stories passed from grandparents to grandkids—these are living memories woven into the identity of this community. But the revival of the Comstock in the modern era is a chapter that even longtime locals may not have seen coming.

By the late 20th century, the original mines had quieted. The bonanzas of the 1800s had given way to decades of stillness and intermittent attempts to revive the activities that lead to the richness of the lode, punctuated only by the wind brushing through abandoned structures. But the ground beneath us never stopped holding potential—both geological and historical.

In the early 2000s, that potential drew a group of geologists, engineers, and Nevada mining professionals together with a shared mission: not to repeat the past, but to responsibly revive the Comstock for the future. Their work eventually led to the creation of Comstock Mining, a modern mining company committed to restoring, operating, and safeguarding one of the most important mining districts in the world.



Photo credit: Rob Dyer, Comstock Inc.

From the start, Comstock Mining took a different approach than the miners of the 19th century. Before they extracted an ounce of gold or silver, they invested in reclaiming the land, addressing historic tailings, and improving essential infrastructure throughout Gold Hill and American Flat. It was the first time the Comstock saw large-scale environmental restoration tied directly to renewed mining activity.

This commitment to responsible development helped reestablish safe, modern mining on the Lode while honoring the region's legacy. Roads were upgraded. Drainage and flood-control systems were reinforced. Historic features were preserved. The result was a mining operation built with

the past in mind but firmly grounded in the values of the present and a vision for the future.

As the company grew, so did its vision. That evolution—rooted in the same stewardship the region was built on—eventually gave rise to Comstock Inc., now a publicly traded Nevada-based innovator under the ticker LODE. Today, Comstock Inc. focuses on advanced technologies that extract, process and convert under-utilized waste and natural resources into clean energy products across multiple industries. But importantly, Comstock Mining still exists as a core subsidiary, continuing its work on the historic Comstock while contributing to the broader mission of responsible resource utilization.

For many in Virginia City, the renewed activity on the hillsides wasn't just a sign of industry returning—it was a reminder that the Comstock's story is still being written. The clang of equipment, the sight of reclamation crews, the steady hum of progress—these sounds echoed a familiar spirit, even if the tools looked different.

Because that's the real through-line from the Old Comstock to the New: ingenuity, resilience, and reinvention. The 1800s miners used pickaxes and grit. Today's teams use data models, environmental science, and precision engineering. But the drive to make something meaningful from this land has never faded.

As we look ahead, the Comstock continues to evolve—not by leaving its past behind, but by building on the values that made this community what it is.

Next Month — Part 3:  
“Restoring the Land That Built a Legacy”

A look at how modern reclamation efforts are healing historic mining lands—and how the Comstock is proving that even the most storied landscapes can be renewed.

# 2026/2027 Notice of SECURED ASSESSMENT ROLL

## STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA JANA V. SEDDON, ASSESSOR

**The 2026-2027 Secured Tax Roll will be available for review pursuant to NRS 361.300(3)(b)**  
**The Tax Roll Listing may be viewed at the Storey County Assessor's Office - 26 South B Street, Virginia City,**  
**at the Storey County Public Library, or on our website at: [www.storeycounty.org/134/Assessment-Roll](http://www.storeycounty.org/134/Assessment-Roll)**

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 361.300 requires a list of all taxpayers' secured property and their total valuation be made available at the Assessor's Office in Storey County, or on the Storey County Assessor's Office website at [www.storeycounty.org/134/Assessment-Roll](http://www.storeycounty.org/134/Assessment-Roll) on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In addition, assessment notices are mailed for each property that has had a change this year, comparing values with those of the previous tax year.

### PROPERTY TAX RATES

The tax rate is proposed in April of each year based on the budgets prepared by the various local governments: counties, cities, school districts and general or special improvement districts such as fire protection districts, etc. The property tax bill separately states the various rates levied in the county, including any rate levied for debt. The operating rates for the county, each town and each general and special district functions within each county are respectively determined by the County Commission, Town Boards, Improvement Districts and other District Boards to cover the functions for which they are responsible. Those rates may increase, decrease or remain the same, depending on the actions of the elected officials. Other rates, such as the school district operating and indigent fund rates are set in Nevada Revised Statutes. Debt rates are usually voter approved, although local government debt shorter than 10 years is approved by the Department of Taxation and the rate for State debt is set by the legislature.

Prior to the budget hearings held in the third week of May, the County will publish a newspaper ad which identifies any property tax rate increases and the times and places for the different budget hearings. These budget hearings present an opportunity for you to question expenditures and the property tax rates, which will be set to cover the proposed expenditures.

The local government's budget must be adopted no later than June 1. In June of each year, the Nevada Tax Commission approves the property tax rates based on the budgets submitted by the local governments.

The Storey County Board of County Commissioners certify each tax district's rate in June of each year for the following fiscal year. These rates are then applied to the assessed values of the property set by the Storey County Assessor as of July 1 each year.

### PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

On April 6, 2005, the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 489, which provides property tax relief to all citizens through a partial abatement of taxes. This abatement provides a 3% tax cap on the previous year's tax bill of the owner's primary residence (single-family house, townhouse, condominium or manufactured home).

This office sends out verification forms to homeowners in Storey County throughout the year. **It is imperative that the form(s) be returned to our office in order to receive the tax relief.** Only **one** property may be selected in the State of Nevada as a primary residence. Some rental dwellings that meet the low-income rent limits may also qualify for the 3% cap. There is an alternative tax cap, not to exceed 8%, on taxes that apply to the following: residences that are not owner occupied, commercial property, raw land, business personal property, aircraft, etc. New construction, new personal property or property that has a change of use may not qualify for any cap this fiscal year, but will qualify next year.

Your 2026-27 taxes will be based on your 2025-26 assessed valuation if your property is no longer receiving an abatement. The assessed value is multiplied by the tax rate and then compared to your 2025-26 taxes plus the cap (either 3% or the alternate cap). Whichever value is lower, will be the amount the taxes are based on for the current year.

In the instances where the taxable value has increased; regardless of the percentage of this increase, the tax amount for the upcoming tax year is capped and will not exceed the 3% or alternate tax cap. Your taxes can not increase more than the tax cap amount with the exception of any new construction, additions to structures, parcel map changes or change in use. These situations fall outside of the tax cap.

Your taxes can also change due to an increase or decrease in the tax rate that is set by the Storey County Board of County Commissioners.

### ASSESSED VALUE EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Office discovers all taxable property and determines its taxable value for tax purposes in accordance with Nevada Law. Per NRS 361.227, the total taxable value must not exceed a property's "full cash value" in a competitive market. NRS 361.225 requires that the assessed value be 35% of the taxable value calculated in accordance with NRS 361.227. To compare sales, review your appraisal or view parcel maps, we encourage you to visit our office at 26 South B Street, or visit the Assessors website at: [www.storeycounty.org/132/assessor](http://www.storeycounty.org/132/assessor) All property in Storey County is re-costed each year. The Storey County Assessor also values all land on an annual basis. Additional appraisals occur when improvements are added, removed, or new structures are built. Most parcels will see a change in the assessed value annually.

### HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL

If you believe the market value of your property is less than the appraised value or taxable value shown on your assessment, contact the Assessor's Office to discuss and receive copies of your appraisal.

If you still disagree, the Assessor's Office will give you a form to file with the County Board of Equalization no later than **January 15, 2026**, for a hearing in January or February 2026. Persons who are not satisfied with the County Board of Equalization's decision may file an appeal to the State Board of Equalization no later than March 10, 2026. Further appeals may be made to the District and Supreme Courts.

### PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

Your **2026/27 tax bill** will be mailed to you in July by the Storey County Clerk-Treasurer.

- 1st installment due: 08/17/26**
- 2nd installment due: 10/05/26**
- 3rd installment due: 01/04/27**
- 4th installment due: 03/01/27**

For your convenience, Storey County is now accepting property tax payments online at:

[www.storeycounty.org/426/Pay-For](http://www.storeycounty.org/426/Pay-For)

### PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTIONS

The State of Nevada offers tax exemptions to eligible veterans, disabled veterans, surviving spouses and blind individuals.

These exemptions can be applied to property tax or the governmental service tax portion on your motor vehicle registration.

#### Veteran's Exemption

- 2026-27**
- Assessed Value: \$3,640
- Property Tax (approx.): \$126.00
- DMV benefit: \$145.00

**Requirements:** You will need to provide a copy of your DD214, which needs to show an honorable discharge, entry and discharge dates, and days of active duty during one of the major conflicts or other qualifying actions.

If you meet the requirements as set forth in NRS 361.090, you **MAY BE** eligible for an exemption. Please visit the site below for further information:

<http://www.storeycounty.org/136/Exemption-Property-Tax-Rebate-Programs#>

#### Disabled Veteran Exemption

- 2026-27 (60 to 79%)**
- Assessed Value: \$18,200
- Property Tax (approx.): \$630.00
- DMV benefit: \$728.00
- 2026-27 (80 to 99%)**
- Assessed Value: \$27,300
- Property Tax (approx.): \$945.00
- DMV benefit: \$1,092.00
- 2026-27 (100%)**
- Assessed Value: \$36,400
- Property Tax (approx.): \$1,260.00
- DMV benefit: \$1,456.00

**Requirements:** You will need to provide documentation from the Armed Forces of the US, certificate of satisfactory service or certificate from the US Department of Veterans Affairs that indicates the total percentage of

the applicant's permanent service-connected disability; per NRS 361.091.

Veterans may pay the exemption amount and donate that portion to the construction and maintenance of a veterans' retirement home.

**The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran** who was eligible for a disabled veteran exemption at the time of his/her death may also be eligible to receive the disabled veteran exemption. Same requirements apply.

#### Surviving Spouse Exemption

- 2026-27**
- Assessed Value: \$1,820
- Property Tax (approx.): \$63.00
- DMV benefit: \$73.00

**Requirements:** You must have been married at the time of his/her death and have not remarried. You will need to provide a copy of your spouse's death certificate. Per NRS 361.080.

#### Blind Exemption:

- 2026-27**
- Assessed Value: \$5,460
- Property Tax (approx.): \$189.00
- DMV benefit: \$218.00

**Requirements** A doctor's statement verifying your visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye when corrected, or your field of vision subtends an angle of 20 degrees or less; form supplied by the Assessor's Office per NRS 361.085.

**When to apply:** An application to use an exemption on secured (real) property must be made **on or before June 15** for the following fiscal tax year. An application to use an exemption on unsecured (personal) property or motor vehicle may be made any time on or before the date the taxes are due.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST apply in the county in which they reside, and have a Nevada Driver's License or Nevada I.D. card. The Storey County Assessor's Office is located at:**

**26 South B Street (Courthouse)  
Virginia City, NV 89440**

I hereby certify that the 2026-27 Storey County Secured Assessment Roll is complete to the best of my knowledge and available for inspection by interested persons.

Respectfully,

**JANA V. SEDDON  
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**APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 94820**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 17th day of November 2025 Hiatt Land & Development Co. Ltd., a Nevada limited liability company, formed 9/2/1997 of Fallon, Nevada made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the point of diversion and place of use of 0.066 c.f.s., 47 a.f.a., a portion of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 77614. Water will be diverted from an underground source at a point located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 36, T20N, R22E, MDB&M, or at a point from which the SE corner of said Section 36 bears S 70 degrees 15 minutes 16 seconds E, a distance of 3,229.74 feet (approx. 1.3 miles SE of the intersection of US Hwy 80 and State Route 439, McCarran, NV). Water will be used for quasi-municipal purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The existing point of diversion was located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 15, T19N, R21E, MDB&M, or at a point from which the W1/4 corner of said Section 15 bears S 32 degrees 57 minutes 49 seconds W, a distance of 1,575.29 feet. Water was used for quasi-municipal purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Chris Thorson, P.E.  
Acting State Engineer

CT/mh

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**APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 94821**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 17th day of November 2025 Hiatt Land & Development Co. Ltd., a Nevada limited liability company, formed 9/2/1997 of Fallon, Nevada made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the point of diversion and place of use of 0.008 c.f.s., 6 a.f.a., of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 87298. Water will be diverted from an underground source at a point located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 36, T20N, R22E, MDB&M, or at a point from which the SE corner of said Section 36 bears S 70 degrees 15 minutes 16 seconds E, a distance of 3,229.74 feet (approx. 1.3 miles SE of the intersection of US Hwy 80 and SR439, Storey County, NV). Water will be used for quasi-municipal purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The existing point of diversion was located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 15, T19N, R21E, MDB&M, or at a point from which the W1/4 corner of said Section 15 bears S 32 degrees 57 minutes 49 seconds W, a distance of 1,575.29 feet. Water was used for quasi-municipal purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Chris Thorson, P.E.  
Acting State Engineer

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY**

On December 15, 2025, PR Power I, LLC ("PR Power I") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") an application, designated as Docket No. 25-12008, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, for a permit to construct a new 345 kilovolt ("kV") substation to interconnect to the Gosling Switching Station and associated facilities to be located on approximately 79 acres of private land in Storey County, Nevada.

This notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may affect their unique situations. The details provided within this notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing. The Commission may consider and adopt alternative proposals not contained within the filing but which are related to the subject matter of the filing and supported by substantial evidence.

PR Power I filed its application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to, NRS 704.820 through 704.900 and NAC 703.415 through 703.427.

Interested and affected persons may, as appropriate: 1) file notices of intervention pursuant to NRS 704.885(1)(c); 2) file petitions for leave to intervene pursuant to NRS 704.885(1)(d); 3) file notices of intent to be a party pursuant to NRS 704.885(1)(e); 4) make a limited appearance in this proceeding pursuant to NRS 704.885(2) by filing a written statement of position on the project; or 5) file comments pursuant to NAC 703.491 on the Commission's website at <https://puc.nv.gov> on or before WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026.

A commenter is not a party of record and shall not take any action that only a party of record may take. Pursuant to NAC 703.500, only parties of record are entitled to enter an appearance, introduce relevant evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, make and argue motions, and generally participate in the proceeding.

The application is available for public viewing on the Commission's website: <https://puc.nv.gov>; and at the offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148. A person must request in writing to be placed on the service list for this proceeding in order to receive any further notices in this matter.

By the Commission,  
TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

12/18/25

Publication date: 12/26/2025

# Virginia City Basketball Program Goes 11-0

Article by Luke Bryan

Both the Muckers and Lady Muckers struggled to find consistency in the Holiday Shootout Tournament in Bullhead City, Arizona.

Facing much bigger schools, tough competition, and early-season adjustments, the boys fell 3-1, and the girls lost 2-1 in tournament play. These were the last preseason games both teams will play before league play begins on Jan. 3, 2026, against Coleville at home.

“In the first half, we battled well and were able to keep games close, even through three quarters. The presses eventually wore us down, and we were forced to rotate people into positions they weren’t very comfortable in yet, and that’s when the scores opened up a lot on us,” said boys’ Head Coach Clint Hess.

Many other factors played into the outcome of the tournament, as well.

“Long travel always takes a toll on teams, no matter how you look at it,” said Hess. “Ten hours on a bus, 7 hours of sleep, then playing a 9 a.m. game. Not the most ideal situation for trying to get our best basketball played, but we battled well and did the best we could.”

Helping lead the Muckers was Luke Branson, who averaged 21 points, and Derek McCoy, who averaged 12.4 points.

Despite the score, the boys were able to learn valuable lessons and identify areas for improvement before league play begins.

“If we battle well and if we can defend well, we will have chances to win games in the end, which is the goal,” said Hess. “We learned a lot about ourselves in Arizona, and it will all benefit us moving forward.”

Not only that, but it gave both teams a chance to spend time together and build more off-the-court chemistry.

As for the girls, it was another short-handed weekend. First of all, star player Haylee Walters has been ruled out until Jan. 10 due to illness.

On top of that, multiple players were out for personal and academic reasons, too, leaving the Lady Muckers to compete with only six players.

The girls never gave up, though, and were able to pick up a nice victory with a game-winning shot from Danika Baker.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REVISE TARIFF

On December 15, 2025, Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (“Sierra”) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) under Advice Letter No. 347-G, designated as Docket No. 25-12011, to revise Gas Main Extensions Rule No. 9 to adjust the Tax Gross-up Rate.

This notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may affect their unique situations. The details provided within this notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing. The Commission may consider and adopt alternative proposals not contained within the filing but which are related to the subject matter of the filing and supported by substantial evidence.

Sierra filed the application in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to NRS 704.100 and NAC 704.6502 through 704.6546.

Interested and affected persons may file comments or petitions for leave to intervene made pursuant to NAC 703.578 through 703.600 on or before WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026.

A person who wishes to participate as a commenter may file written comments pursuant to NAC 703.491. A commenter is not a party of record and shall not take any action that only a party of record may take. Pursuant to NAC 703.500, only parties of record are entitled to enter an appearance, introduce relevant evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, make and argue motions and generally participate in the proceeding.

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By the Commission,  
TRISHA OSBORNE,  
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada  
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Page 11 Sudoku Answer

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Page 11 Crossword Answer

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# Lyon County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary - Dec. 18, 2025

Lyon County Government Affairs

Yerington, Nevada – The Lyon County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, to hear presentations and take action on several significant agenda items. Highlights from the meeting include:

### 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, audited by Sciarani & Co., following a thorough overview by Comptroller Josh Foli. The independent auditors report did not result in any findings and upholds that the balances and financial position of the County identified in the financial report are accurate. Mr. Sciarani also recognized Mr. Foli for achieving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting. The entire 2025 financial report is available on the Comptroller’s page of the

Lyon County website.

### County Manager Contract and Performance Review

The Commissioners approved the annual performance review of County Manager Andrew Haskin and approved a merit increase of 2.5% to Mr. Haskin’s base salary. In addition, the Board approved a new four-year employment contract with Mr. Haskin, affirming the Board’s confidence in his leadership and continued service to Lyon County.

### Other Board Actions:

• *Community Development* – Commissioners approved a request for the abandonment of two easements located within the Brookview Ranch Subdivision at the terminus of Comstock Road in Dayton. The Board also voted 4-1 (Commissioner Jacobson opposed) to table the agenda item to propose

an ordinance to update the Lyon County Code Title 15 to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC).

• *Facilities* – Approved a two year contract from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 for janitorial service for the Lyon County Fernley facilities to Able Janitorial Services in the amount of \$71,292 per year. Of the 3 bids received, Able Janitorial Services was the lowest bidder.

• *Human Services* – Accepted a donation in the amount of \$5,097.51 from Meals on Wheels of America and Target Circle. Commissioners also approved adjusting the Yerington Senior Center Transportation Specialist position from 30 hours to 25 hours and increasing the Transportation Specialist out of the Dayton Senior Center from 30 hours to 35 to address the waitlist for home-delivered

meals in the Dayton area.

• *Board Appointments* – The Board appointed Keri Kidder and Joanne Lawson with terms expiring December 31, 2027 as well as Mark Phillips with a term expiring Dec. 31, 2026, to the Smith Valley Advisory Board.

• *Silver Springs GID* – The Board recessed to reconvene as the Silver Springs GID Board to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with AtkinsRealis, Inc. for the RIB Exploration and SSGID WWTP Rehab Improvements Project, to extend the Agreement ending date to Dec. 31, 2026.

The complete and back up materials are posted online at [www.lyon-county.org/Agendacenter](http://www.lyon-county.org/Agendacenter). Residents can view recordings of Board of County Commission meetings on the Lyon County YouTube Channel.



Check out The Comstock Chronicle Facebook page for a link to the KRNV News 4 video of Hugh Gallagher Elementary fourth grader Grady Armstrong reading his award-winning essay at the Washington D.C. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting of “Silver Belle”!



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### Crossword Answer on Page 9

THEME: ON THE FARM

**ACROSS**

1. Laura Ingalls' notebook
6. Boozer
9. Biblical pronoun
13. Sacred text, to some
14. "Fat chance!"
15. Afrikaners' ancestors
16. Cake spread
17. Chowd down
18. Clear the blackboard
19. \*Barn chore
21. \*John Deere, e.g.
23. Nirvana's "Come as You \_\_\_"
24. Spasm of pain
25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
28. Mark for omission
30. Recessed space
35. "\_\_\_ and the Real Girl," movie
37. "Shoot!"
39. E in baseball box score
40. Oil org.

41. Intelligent
43. A mixture or medley
44. Children's respiratory disease
46. Foggy view?
47. Politicians, for short
48. In a sympathetic manner
50. Ski hill ride
52. Maiden name indicator
53. Bald eagle's nest
55. Repeated Latin dance step
57. \*a.k.a. harvester
61. \*Opposite of pasture
65. \*Common varieties are yellow, red and white
66. Tall tale
68. Smooth, in manner
69. Audience's approval
70. "\_\_\_ at ease"
71. Stomach sore
72. Caribou or moose
73. Soldier's bed
74. Harsh

**DOWN**

1. \*Separate cream from milk
2. Locus, pl.
3. Seed coat
4. Form of Japanese poetry
5. Encircle
6. Deep pile carpet
7. \*Cereal grass
8. Sorority letter
9. Cleopatra's necklace
10. Thermostat option
11. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
12. Olympic cast-out, e.g.
15. Charles Darwin's vessel
20. Must-haves
22. Ribonucleic acid, acr.
24. Fine
25. \*Group of chickens
26. Birthplace of Caprese
27. Oedipus' successor
29. \*Baby sheep
31. \* \_\_\_ rotation
32. Acrylic fiber

33. Bridal veil fabric
34. With a jagged margin
36. Gulf War missile
38. \*Pasture-raised chicken's morsel
42. Vanish without this?
45. Lamentation
49. Japanese capital
51. Rh in Rh disease
54. Indiana Jones' find, e.g.
56. Not a minor
57. For boys and girls
58. Popular fairy-tale beginning
59. Stephen King's "The Green \_\_\_"
60. \*Male pig
61. Abe Lincoln's hat material
62. Tatted cloth
63. Done
64. Seaside bird
67. UN labor grp.

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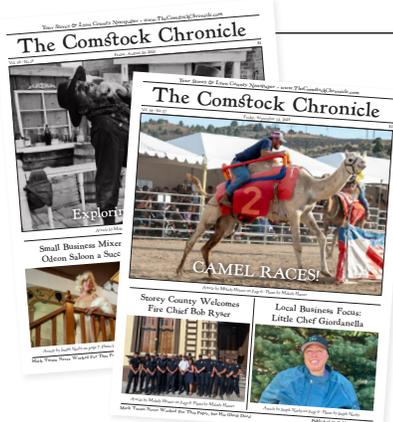
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