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Sweet Success: St. Ann's Hosts First Feast of Chocolate

Guest Contributor: Selenite Veil · Photo credit: Jeadene Solberg & Vickie Kinney



The historic Dayton Community Center was alive with warmth, laughter, and the rich aroma of chocolate on Feb. 14, 2026, as St. Ann's Women's Community hosted its first Feast of Chocolate event. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., guests filled the hall to celebrate a new Valentine's Day tradition centered on community spirit and home-

made sweetness.

For just \$5 for a small plate or \$7 for a large, attendees were invited to load their plates with as many chocolate treats as they could carry. With 25 dedicated members contributing their talents, the dessert tables overflowed with brownies, fudge, chocolate cakes, candies, and silky chocolate mousse. Each dish reflected the care and creativity of the women who lovingly prepared them.

The event featured beautifully arranged raffle baskets created by Janie Mielcarek, whose time and energy have made her contributions a cherished part of community gatherings.

Among the many enjoying the festivities was Father Tom Nelson, who joined parishioners and visitors in sampling the decadent offerings. His presence added a familiar and joyful

touch to the afternoon.

Most meaningful of all, every dollar raised stays within the community, supporting parish programs and local needs. And with such a successful beginning, watch for future events hosted by these wonderful and caring ladies, who continue to bring Dayton together in the sweetest ways.



All Aboard for February Fun

Article and photos by Steph Norby



Christian McNamara and Carson Chandler, Feb. 14 V&T Event Train

Virginia City packed its Valentine's Day weekend calendar with something for everyone. The winter air carried that crisp Comstock chill, but it didn't slow the warm hearts around town. Visitors happily bundled up to enjoy a lively saloon crawl, tempting bake sales, toe-tapping live music, festive fundraisers, and special V&T Railroad event trains. Onboard the evening music train, Carson Chandler and Christian McNamara kept spirits high with a mix of new and classic country-western tunes while passengers sipped cold beverages and indulged in chocolate-covered strawberries. Love was definitely in the mountain air.



Big Birthdays

PINE NUTS

By McAvoy Layne
The Ghost of Mark Twain



Probably because we are so young, we Americans love to show off on our big number birthdays. Personally, I have my costume ironed and hanging in the closet for our 250th Fourth of July. The last big national birthday I celebrated was Jamestown 400, back in 2007, when we celebrated the first English settlement in America away back in 1607. As I was visiting schools as Mark Twain at the time, I was invited to join in the fun...



So I packed my white suit, a few cigars, and flew back to Ol' Virginny for a history lesson. (I've been told I'm a good historian where facts are not essential.)

Native Americans, meanwhile, were amused to see the English settlers planting a non-edible crop, tobacco, and before you could say, "Marlboro Man," the English were smoking their skulls off, while turning Jamestown air to a hazy shade of blue...

steakhouse, drawing a few stares and whispers as we arrived...

Well, when that first winter of 1607 settled in, those Jamestown settlers found themselves wishing they were in South America. They busied themselves by skinning beavers and making beaver skin coats, beaver skin boots and beaver skin hats, but there were not enough beavers to go around, so it happened that of the original 214 settlers only 60 survived that first winter.

I was invited to John Rolf's bachelor party the night before he married Pocahontas, and because I was so young as Nevada's Mark Twain, they made me sit with the children and drink milk, it was embarrassing, really.

"Hey, check it out, it's the old Rough Rider himself! And look who he's with, Mark Twain!"

We were shown to a table by a waitress who was most respectful and courteous, "Can I get you distinguished gentlemen something to drink?"

"Tarantula Juice!" I exclaimed.

"I'll have the same," growled the president, and his eyebrows raised in agreement.

I did get to hang with Teddy Roosevelt one afternoon. We stopped into a waterfront

"I need to ask you something," I invoked candidly.

"Fire away!" shouted T.R.

in his bully voice that could be heard in Chesapeake County.

"Where did you get that Bull Moose slogan anyway?"

"I had been shot...in the chest, and was asked by a reporter how I felt. 'Fit as a Bull

Moose!' I exclaimed, and that became the nom de guerre of our Progressive Party, simple as that."

"So, let me get this straight." I continued, "You toppled some monstrous monopolies, championed conservation, extended the vote to women, won the Nobel Peace Prize AND the Medal of Honor?!"

"That's about the size of it, Sam," he concurred with the hint of an almost modest smile.

"Can I see the medals?" I asked.

"They're under glass in the Roosevelt Room of the White House," he answered with a note of irritation in his voice.

But I see I am running out of space here, besides, we know the rest of the story, as told to us by Metro Goldwyn Mayer...

Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters Begins New Season with Renewed Focus on History, Education, and Community

via Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters

Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters (NNGH), a volunteer-driven 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is entering its new season with a renewed commitment to preserving Nevada history, supporting historic sites, and providing educational, respectful paranormal experiences for the public.

Moving forward with a clear focus on history, education, and community partnerships, NNGH works with historic locations throughout the Comstock region, including the Donovan Mill, Gold Hill Hotel, Fourth Ward School Museum, and new partner locations Amity Lodge and



Miners Union Hall. Through tours, educational programs, and community outreach, the organization supports preservation efforts while connecting guests with the rich heritage of Northern Nevada.

"Our mission is about much more than paranormal inves-

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King's Corner

By Jeff Headley

Traveling from South Australia to Reno usually takes about a day—longer if connections fail. When I was living “down under” and my dad, Mark King, and my step-mom Luanne were here in northern Nevada, that long journey became an annual ritual. Every twelve to eighteen months I boarded a plane and traced that long arc north, trading eucalyptus for sagebrush and desert sky.

Over three decades I built a good life in Australia. I raised my children there, found meaningful work, and became part of a community I loved. Yet America never stopped feeling like home. You can love where you live and still feel the quiet pull of where you began.

Time with Dad and Luanne became precious—and scheduled. We packed visits with conversation and laughter, aware that geography rations relationships. I had made peace with that distance. It was the price of the life I had chosen.

Then COVID-19 arrived.

Instead of several flights daily, there was one. Australia closed its borders so tightly you could leave only with government permission granted for extraordinary reasons. Never had the Pacific seemed so wide.

Ironically, life at the bottom of the world felt almost normal. I had just begun what I believed would become a long-term opportunity. I'd been hired on a six-month contract to lead the planning and preparation for a massive two-year transformation of a state electricity provider's systems into a newly configured version of “the cloud”—a phrase that really means a great many computers humming in buildings no one ever visits.

Many people began on short contracts and stayed for years. That was my hope. I poured myself into the first phase, determined not just to meet expectations but exceed them. We

finished weeks ahead of schedule. The quality was praised repeatedly. The groundwork for the next two years was laid, and I allowed myself to imagine stability—steady work and settled plans.

I expected to carry it forward.

Work took us out for a celebratory meal. The praise was generous. They spoke about leadership, foresight, excellence.

Then they told me someone else would lead the next phase. My contract would end early.

Commended for the work—replaced for the future.

I was done.

It wasn't just disappointing—it was disorienting. I had invested more than effort; I had invested identity. The future I thought I was stepping into simply disappeared.

God... why?

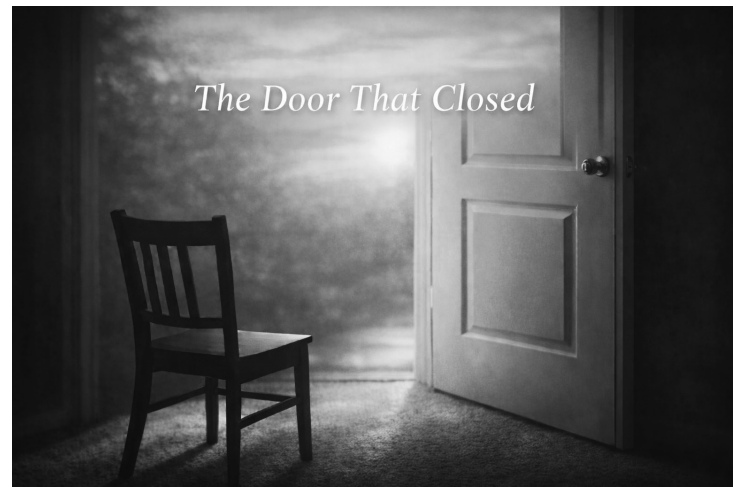
It felt like a door closing without explanation.

Meanwhile in Nevada, events were unfolding that made my professional disappointment seem small.

The year before, my dad, Mark King, had lost most of his sight in an accident. He wasn't blind, but his world had narrowed dramatically. He remained active and determined—still walking, still engaging—though everything required more effort. Luanne had been battling cancer. She was the steady one in their home—quick to laugh, fond of bright scarves, capable of turning an ordinary Tuesday into something festive.

She faced a decision no one wants: enter hospice with only weeks remaining, or attempt a major surgery with roughly a thirty percent chance of survival. She chose surgery.

I did not fully grasp how grave the situation had become. Across locked borders and dark oceans, I offered concern and prayer.



Then came the call.

She had not survived.

There are moments when sound seems distant and time pauses. That was one of them.

Suddenly my father was alone in a house once animated by her warmth and laughter.

And three days earlier, the job I thought secured my future had unexpectedly ended.

I was available.

For years I had accepted distance as the cost of the life I had built. I believed that was simply how the story would unfold.

And then everything shifted.

In Australia, no one could leave without government approval granted only for exceptional reasons. I explained my father's restricted vision. I explained Luanne's passing. The officials listened. A few days later, I held a ticket for the only outbound flight.

What first felt like rejection began to look like redirection.

We ask “Why?” when a door closes—when something we believed we had earned is removed, when loss arrives without warning.

But sometimes a closed door is not punishment.

It is preparation.

Helen Keller once wrote, “When one door closes, another opens.”

My father and I then shared the best year and a half of our lives together. It was precious and often hilarious. I became his driver, his reader, and occasionally his designated “find the thing that is directly in front of me” assistant. We talked more deeply than we ever had before. He remained engaged and entirely himself until one night he simply kept sleeping.

Time I would almost certainly have missed.

I had thought the job ending was a setback.

In truth, it was a window opening.

It has taken me most of a lifetime to understand this, but I believe it now with quiet certainty:

Some of the loveliest things God has ever said to me began with the words,

“My beloved child, no.”

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Bernardo Ricci - From the Old Country to the Dayton Valley

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Long before Dayton had paved roads, it had Bernardo Ricci — an Italian immigrant with calloused hands, big dreams, and (according to rumor) a talent for making wine that could knock the dust off a prospector.

Born in 1877, Bernardo left Italy to chase opportunity in the American West. By the early 1900s, he'd settled in Dayton Valley, building a ranch with his wife Eliza in 1912. Together they helped transform the valley from sagebrush to farmland, raising cattle, growing vegetables, and teaching their kids the value of hard work — and a good garden hoe.

Bernardo was part of the wave of Italian families who brought old-world know-how to Nevada ranching. They dug irrigation

ditches by hand, hauled hay with horses, and later became some of the first in Lyon County to use tractors and trucks. When Prohibition hit, folks whispered that Bernardo's cellar still produced "the good stuff." Whether that's true or not... let's just say no one in Dayton ever went thirsty.

By the time Bernardo passed, the Ricci family had become pillars of Dayton's farming community — proof that you could cross an ocean, brave the desert, and still build a life that felt like home.

So next time you drive through the valley or enjoy a local glass of red, raise it to Bernardo Ricci — one of the men who turned Dayton's dirt into legacy.

Civilians Receive Life Saving Medals

Article by Steph Norby

On Jan. 5, 2026, during a Dayton High School basketball game, a student collapsed and suffered a seizure before becoming unresponsive, with no pulse or respirations. Three adults in attendance — school nurse Danielle Salamone along with Rob Schneider and Jason Santos — immediately stepped in and initiated lifesaving care, restoring the student's pulse prior to EMS arriving on scene.

In recognition of their extraordinary actions, these local heroes were honored at the Feb. 12 Central Lyon Fire Protection District Fire Board Meeting, in a room filled with friends and family members there to show support. Fire Chief Tim McHargue offered recognition of the lifesaving measures taken and presented Salamone and Schneider with Life Saving Medals. (Santos will receive his award at the Mar. 12 board meeting.)

"The return of spontaneous circulation is very rare, it doesn't happen a lot," said Fire Chief McHargue. "Due to their quick thinking, teamwork, and skilled response, the student survived and was stabilized for air transport."

Salamone commented that she



Rob Schneider receiving a Life Saving Medal on Feb. 12.

Photo credit: Amber Law, Central Lyon Fire

was just happy to be in the right place, at the right time in order to help.

Schneider added, "Danielle's confidence gave me confidence."

After the ceremony, one attendee made a statement that the Dayton community can stand behind, "Thank you for saving a life!"

ON THE COVER: Danielle Salamone receiving a Life Saving Medal on Feb. 12.

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Mining the Future: How Innovation Keeps Redefining the Comstock

Part 4 of the Comstock Chronicle Series: “From Gold to Green—The Evolution of the Comstock”

Part 4 of this series will run for 4 weeks.

By Rob Dyer, Comstock Inc.

Long before Silicon Valley became synonymous with innovation, Virginia City already was.

In the 1860s, the Comstock geologies forced miners and engineers to invent solutions the world had never seen. Square-set timbering was developed here to hold back collapsing ground. Industrial-scale hoists, pumps, and milling systems were designed not in theory, but out of necessity. The Comstock mines didn't just produce silver and gold, it produced ideas that reshaped global mining.

That spirit of innovation never left. It simply evolved.

Today, that same problem-solving mindset lives on through Comstock Mining, a modern subsidiary of Comstock Inc. (NYSE: LODE), operating on the very same ground that once challenged the world's best engineers. But instead of lantern light and guesswork, today's tools are data, modeling, and precision.

Modern mining on the Comstock looks very different than it did a century and a half ago. Geological modeling now replaces blind tunneling. Advanced sampling allows teams to understand ore bodies before a shovel ever touches the ground, reducing unnecessary disturbance and improving safety. Risk is managed proactively, with drainage, slope stability, and environmental controls designed into operations from the start.

Yet perhaps the most significant shift is philosophical.

For generations, mining meant going deeper, moving more rock, and pushing farther into the earth. Today, that definition is changing. Modern mining is no longer limited to what lies beneath the ground, but increasingly includes materials that already exist above it, embedded in infrastructure, equipment, and products society has finished using.

This idea, often called urban mining,



reflects a broader shift in how resources are valued. Instead of viewing used materials as waste, they are increasingly understood as recoverable deposits, not unlike the ore bodies that first drew miners to the Comstock. The skills required to unlock that value are familiar ones: material characterization, separation, recovery, and responsible processing.

For Comstock, this shift feels less like a departure and more like an evolution. The same expertise developed over decades of traditional mining, understanding complex material systems, designing efficient recovery processes, and minimizing environmental impact, now informs how the company thinks about resource recovery more broadly. Mining, in this modern sense, becomes about how value is recovered, not just where it is found.

That mindset also reshapes how operations are planned on the Comstock itself. Extraction is no longer the end goal, but part of a longer lifecycle that includes reclamation, recovery, separation,

repurposing, and reintegration. Each project is evaluated not only for what it produces, but for what it leaves behind, and how materials can continue to circulate rather than be discarded.

In this way, urban mining is not a replacement for traditional mining, but an evolution of it. It represents the next step in a long history of Comstock innovation, applying old knowledge to new challenges. Just as 19th-century engineers redefined mining to meet unprecedented conditions underground, today's teams are redefining it again to meet the demands of a resource-constrained, environmentally conscious world.

The Comstock has always been a proving ground for new ideas. What's changing is not the spirit of innovation, but the scope. Mining here no longer ends at the edge of a shaft or the boundary of a claim. It extends into the broader responsibility of how resources are sourced, used, and ultimately recovered.

Grady Armstrong Honored for Representing Storey County at U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting at the Jan. 20, 2026 Board of County Commissioners Meeting

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

Storey County commissioners approved key development and public safety projects and recognized a local student for representing the county at the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting during their Jan. 20 meeting.

The board recognized fourth-grader Grady Armstrong of Hugh Gallagher Elementary School for representing Storey County and Nevada at the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting in Washington, D.C., in December.

Commissioners directed staff to study potential short-term rental regulations, including limiting rentals to guests age 25 or older, and to return with recommendations at a future meeting.

In public safety updates, three new fire cadets are expected to join the Fire Protection District in the coming weeks, and a land-use agreement is underway to allow access to privately owned cisterns in the Virginia City Highlands. The district also approved a contract with H+K Architects for the Fire Station 71 remodel and expansion, with design and construction services capped at \$795,000.

Transportation and infrastructure were also discussed. Traffic signals at Waltham Way and Sydney along USA Parkway are now operational, and NDOT is preparing Denmark Drive for a future signal. County



Grady Armstrong with his family at the Jan. 20, 2026 Storey County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. Photo Credit: Lisa Maciel

staff approved an easement to pave and maintain roads serving Fire Station 74 and address drainage impacts along Peri Ranch Road.

Several county projects are underway. Additionally, the Commissioners approved

updates to Saint Mary's Art Center's restoration project and amendments to the Parks Facilities Assessment, including potential upgrades to Miner's Park baseball fields and swimming pool evaluation.

The board also heard presentations from the Nevada Department of Transportation and

the Carson Water Subconservancy District, approved a tax abatement waiver, and authorized an amended human resources services contract.

Business development efforts include revisions to the dog licensing and cannabis codes, ongoing alcohol sales and special event licensing updates, and the county's work assisting TRI-Center businesses with transitioning to the new 89437 ZIP code, now nearly 90 percent complete.

County finances remain stable. Mid-year financial updates show revenues and expenditures tracking consistently with the adopted budget for general, sewer, and fire district funds.

Upcoming emergency preparedness exercises will involve school and public safety partners, while the Mobile Emergency Operations Center is nearly complete and under budget.



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Storey County Commissioner Covers Fiber Project, Public Safety Updates, and Short-Term Rental Rules

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

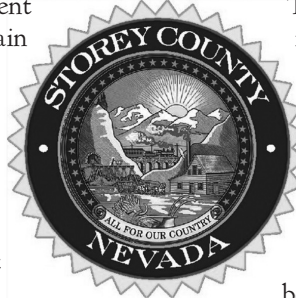
Public safety trends, short-term rental regulations and several capital projects were among the key topics at the Storey County Board of Commissioners' Feb. 3, 2026 meeting.

In voting items, commissioners directed staff to research potential regulations for short-term rentals, including limiting occupancy to guests age 25 or older (or another appropriate age). Staff will engage the community in developing draft rules covering the use, management, and operation of short-term rentals countywide and will return with recommendations for board review. Public comments included input from a local business owner and a real estate association representative.

Additionally, the board approved Resolution No. 26-817 declaring the county's intent to lease a portion of saloon space within Piper's Opera House (also known as "Old Corner Bar"), but for a 3-year initial term, rather than a 12-month term, with option to extend for two additional years, and

requiring the payment of a portion of certain utilities. The minimum bid amount will be based on a required updated appraisal of fair-market rent, taking into account the new terms and other considerations per NRS. The resolution seeking bids will be publicly posted with applicable dates, lease terms, and other information on the Storey County website in the bids section, the Comstock Chronicle, and other public locations.

The board also received the State of the Sheriff's Office report. The report showed increased proactive activity, with about 90 percent of incidents occurring around USA Parkway. The K9 program, launched in May 2025, contributed to 110 drug-related cases. Response times improved from 11 minutes in 2023 to eight minutes in 2025, and the Citizen's Academy is expected to return in 2026.



The Sheriff's Office reminded residents that feeding pigeons is prohibited under county code and is considered a misdemeanor. Officials said the birds have become a nuisance along C Street. Residents with questions can contact the Sheriff's Office.

County officials reported the county's internal fiber network is now fully installed and operational across county facilities.

In staff reports, the Fire Protection District said it has extended an offer to fill its vacant fire inspector position, with the candidate expected to start Feb. 9. The district also continues to review the contract for Fire Station 71, which will return to the board for consideration.

Several capital projects are moving forward. Bids for the fairgrounds remodel will open in this week, with results expected at the Feb. 17, 2026, meeting.

At Piper's Opera House, a contractor has signed on to refurbish entry doors and windows, and seismic work at the entry column is complete. The county also finalized maintenance contracts for seven domestic water tanks, with work expected to begin this spring.

The county's grants manager reported coordination with state officials regarding potential funding of up to \$10 million, which is expected to be distributed over multiple years.

Commissioners appointed Dona Stafford to the motel operator seat on the Virginia City Tourism Commission and Greg "Bum" Hess as an at-large member of the Storey County Board of Equalization.

The board also approved a contract with Sam Shad Productions for a series of Nevada Newsmakers television commercials, website placements, podcasts, and social media outreach related to legislative and regional matters affecting Storey County.

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tigation," said Rob Barron, Executive Director of NNGH. "Everything we do is rooted in respect for history and a desire to help preserve the incredible stories and places that make the Comstock so unique."

NNGH works closely with each partner location to curate fundraising efforts and educational programs that suit the character and needs of the individual site. Whether through guided tours, specialty events, lectures, or seasonal program-

ming, the organization tailors its approach to ensure that each historic property benefits in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Proceeds from NNGH programs directly support partner locations and help fund future educational opportunities for the public. The organization is entirely volunteer-driven, with dedicated local residents donating their time, skills, and knowledge to support historic preservation, assist with educational programming, and

ensure that events are conducted responsibly and respectfully. Through their efforts, volunteers play a vital role in helping keep Nevada history accessible and engaging for the community.

As the new season begins, NNGH looks forward to welcoming guests through a full calendar of programs, including ongoing haunted history tours and a summer series of special investigations and educational events in partnership with

historic Comstock sites, including programs at Amity Lodge and Miners Union Hall. The organization also continues to expand volunteer opportunities and community collaborations as part of its mission to preserve and share Nevada's heritage.

For more information about upcoming programs or volunteer opportunities, visit www.nngh.net.

Storey County Deputies Do Not Accept Bitcoin

By Tom Darby

The Storey County Sheriff's Office has issued a warning about a phone scam currently making rounds, proving once again that while crime may not pay, it will happily invoice you in cryptocurrency.

Several citizens have reported receiving phone calls from a gentleman who introduces himself as a Storey County deputy. He speaks with the urgency of a man who has misplaced his horse and blames you for it.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the fellow insists there is a federal warrant for the listener's arrest and that the matter can be settled quickly, quietly, and, most modern of all, by bitcoin. The caller threatens arrest if his digital ransom ain't paid, which is bold talk for a man who cannot even drive to your house and knock hard.

The Sheriff's Office, in a statement posted to Facebook, the modern town square where wisdom and cat videos mingle freely, reminded the public of two important facts: First, they will never demand payment over the phone. Second, they will never request payment in Bitcoin, suggesting that if a real deputy ever does come calling, he will do so

in person, in daylight, and with paperwork heavy enough to be convincing.

It is worth noting that law enforcement, though occasionally stern, has not yet adopted the practice of collecting fines in invisible internet coins traded by men named "CryptoKing_54." Nor do they resolve federal warrants with the same efficiency as ordering socks online.

The Sheriff's Office advises that if you receive such a call and begin to feel that your freedom now depends upon a password and a digital wallet, you should hang up. Then call the Sheriff's Office directly at (775) 847-0959.

They are real people. They answer phones, and they prefer their justice served the old-fashioned way without a QR code.

In these modern times, it seems a criminal need not wear a mask, only a convincing tone of authority and a Wi-Fi signal. Still, there remains one reliable defense against such villainy: common sense.

It ain't peddled on any exchange, but it holds its value remarkably well.



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Editor's Note: This is a reminder from Storey County about the ongoing pigeon problem. Local agencies are working together to mitigate the issue - please support by following county law.

Feeding non-domesticated pigeons in Storey County is against the law. It might seem harmless, but feeding non-domesticated pigeons can lead to overpopulation, property damage, and health risks. That's why Storey County

Code makes it a misdemeanor to feed feral pigeons in public areas. This ordinance was put in place after previous surges in the pigeon population caused serious cleanup and nuisance issues—especially in Virginia City.

Title 6 Code: tinyurl.com/mv85xf9x

Help us keep our historic district clean, safe, and pigeon-responsible. Please don't feed the pigeons.

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DAYTON

Dayton High School

Every Thursday: Silver Squares family-friendly square dancing, 6:30pm - 8pm.
Contact jimrenfree@msn.com or (775) 781-0673

Feb 21: Silver Squares Red & Black Mardi Gras Night, starts at 3pm

Dayton Taphouse

Open Mondays at 7am for breakfast

Friday Karaoke Nights with Troy Baumgartner, 8pm

Feb 21: Open Mic, all ages event, 7pm

Feb 22: Tutors with Talent Performance, 5pm

Feb 28: Live Music with Brother Dan Palmer, 6pm

Dayton Valley Branch Library

February: Story time every Friday at 10am

Check out the library calendar for yoga, bridge, and other classes each month!

Dayton Valley Community Center

Monday Bingo – Historical Society of Dayton Valley. Doors at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm

Feb 22: Dayton Main Street Community Meeting to discuss Dayton revitalization work, 6pm - 7pm

Mar 22: Old Town Dayton Cleanup Day with Dayton Main Street, 10am - 2 pm, register as a volunteer: tinyurl.com/57skapr4

Dayton Valley Golf Club

Mar 21: Save the Date! Dayton Area Chamber Chili Cookoff, 11am-3pm, register as a cooker or vendor: daytonnvchamber.com/event-6499333

The Odeon

Feb 20: Comedian Bret Ernst, 8pm

Feb 22: Odeon Oldies Lecture Series - "Brotherhood on the Comstock: The Story of Amity Lodge No. 4" presented by Audie Robinson

Mar 15: Comedian Kevin Farley, shows at 4pm and 7pm

*Check out Odeon on Facebook for ticket information

GOLD HILL

Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon

Feb 26: Dinner & Ghost Tour, tours at 7pm or 8:30pm

LOCKWOOD

Lockwood Senior Center

Fridays: Food pantry, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

SILVER CITY

Silver City Schoolhouse

Feb 20: Winter Dance featuring Margret's Funk Band, 7pm

Mar 14: 6th Annual Pi Day Auction, doors at 5pm, bidding at 6pm

STAGECOACH

Prospector Pizza

Feb. 21: GRAND OPENING: Vendors, raffles, pizza, and more! 5925 Apache Dr, Stagecoach. 11am - 5pm

Stagecoach Bingo & Community Center

Bingo every Saturday, doors open at 4 pm. CLOSED 2/21

VIRGINIA CITY

Storey County Chamber of Commerce

Board member nominations open. Become a member today: storeycountycommerce.com

Bonanza Saloon

Fridays Live Music, 7 pm
Saturdays Live Music 12 - 4 pm, 7 pm

Bucket of Blood

Saturday and Sunday, Live Music, 2 pm

Cider House at Canvas Cafe

Saturdays, Canyon White Live
Typically 12 - 2 pm but times may vary

Delta Saloon and Sawdust Corner Steakhouse

Sawdust Steakhouse currently closed - stay tuned for reopening details

Historic Fourth Ward School Museum

Jan 9-Apr 30: Winter Season hours
Friday-Monday, 11 am - 3 pm

Mackay Mansion

Feb 21: Guided Paranormal Night Tour, 8pm

Maddy's Place

After hours private candle making parties available, call 775-508-1613 or online at relaxingatmaddysplace.myshopify.com

Piper's Opera House

Mar 10: Virginia City Monthly Mix & Mingle Networking Event, 5:30pm - 7pm.
Info at storeycountycommerce.com

Apr 25: Renegade Orchestra, 7pm - 9pm

Ponderosa Saloon

Friday Steel Rockin' Karaoke, 8pm
Feb. 21: Spur Crazy live, 8pm

Red Dog Saloon

Feb 18: Open Mic Jam/Host
Gary Wheeler, 7pm

Feb 20: Gary Wheeler band, 7pm

Feb 21: Rebekah Chase band, 7pm

St. Mary's Art Center

Jan 1-Apr 4: Closed for season, private tours & rentals available

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Food Bank: 2nd Wednesday each month in parking lot, 10 am - 12 pm

Tahoe House Hotel

Fridays: Live Music, 7 pm
Alternating Saturdays: Open Mic and Karaoke, 7 pm

VCTC

Mar 14: 36th Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry

Check out all 2026 events and get tickets at visitvirginiacitynv.com
V&T Railroad
Feb 14: Murder and Music ... two unique Valentine's themed train rides, several departures

V&T Railroad

Mar 14: Murder Aboard the Emerald Express, 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Tickets online

Washoe Club

Ghost tours daily, run every hour from 12 pm - 5 pm. Check in early.

CROSSWORD

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Crossword Answer on Page 9


THEME: THE 1990s

ACROSS

- 1. *First cloned mammal
- 6. Fuel economy acronym
- 9. Land measure
- 13. Pascal of "The Mandalorian" fame
- 14. Second O in EVOO
- 15. a.k.a. sergeant fish or robalo
- 16. Plant fungus
- 17. ***"Titanic" star
- 18. ***"The ___ Whisperer" (1998)
- 19. *PepsiCo offering
- 21. *One of the Walsh twins, 90210
- 23. Long reef dweller
- 24. Reach a high
- 25. Color of passion
- 28. Agitate
- 30. Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka
- 35. Gave the boot

- 37. Arab League member
- 39. One of Florida Keys
- 40. Summer month
- 41. Polished diamond surface
- 43. Safecracker
- 44. Lazybones
- 46. Before "saw" and "conquered"
- 47. Glitch
- 48. Watercraft
- 50. Remains repository
- 52. Like some martinis
- 53. Comfort
- 55. One in a pod
- 57. * ___ bubble
- 60. *The 1990s, a.k.a. post-___ decade
- 64. Biblical patriarch
- 65. Sensitive subject?
- 67. "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
- 68. ___ shopping cart
- 69. Father's progeny
- 70. Trojan War epic
- 71. Difficult situation

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku Answer on Page 9

- 72. Like jalapeño
 - 73. So out it's in
- DOWN**
- 1. Design detail
 - 2. München mister
 - 3. Jittery
 - 4. Irregularly notched
 - 5. *Harry of Privet Drive
 - 6. Gangster's gal
 - 7. **"American ___" (1999)
 - 8. Geography class prop
 - 9. Any minute, arch.
 - 10. Cut at birth
 - 11. Parks on a bus
 - 12. ___ out a living
 - 15. Israeli monetary unit
 - 20. Remote in manner
 - 22. Did a marathon, e.g.
 - 24. Mollify
 - 25. *Assassinated Gandhi
 - 26. Radiate
 - 27. Small wooded hollows
 - 29. *Apple offering
- 31. Simon does what?
 - 32. Influencer's creation
 - 33. Daytime moth
 - 34. *Snoop ___ Dogg
 - 36. Coloring substances
 - 38. Nautilus' captain
 - 42. Allegro or lento
 - 45. Repeat an echo
 - 49. Pathet ___
 - 51. *Fresh Prince's town
 - 54. * ___ Mouth of "All Star" fame
 - 56. Discombobulate
 - 57. *Jeff Bridges in "The Big Lebowski," with The Made in Vegas
 - 58. Made in Vegas
 - 59. Makes lace
 - 60. One-tenth of a dime
 - 61. *** ___ Wait... Don't Tell Me!" on NPR
 - 62. Petri dish gel
 - 63. Do over
 - 64. Fruit spread
 - 66. * ___ Goo Dolls of "Name" fame

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