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## SILVER LININGS

A Note from the Editor

Some days it feels like for every extra minute of sunlight we gain, we somehow add an hour to our to-do list. Mother Nature is gently nudging us into a new rhythm — Daylight Saving Time begins March 8, and the Spring Equinox arrives March 20 at 7:46 a.m. Brighter evenings, busier calendars, and that familiar itch to get things done are right around the corner.

As the weather warms and activity ramps up, The Comstock Chronicle is gearing up, too. We're continuing

to add new voices and fresh perspectives so our Comstock community and friends can stay informed and inspired to get involved in this remarkable corner of northern Nevada we call home.

Our goal is simple: grow thoughtfully, both online and in print, so our Storey and Lyon County communities feel less like neighbors and more like one connected family. We'll keep shining a spotlight on local businesses, nonprofits, services,

schools, and the people who make this place tick.

There will be seasons of challenge and seasons of celebration — often at the same time. Let's move through them together. So get out there. Show up for one another. Support local, get involved, and make 2026 a year filled with connection, laughter, and stories worth sharing

Forward Together,  
Steph Norby, Editor

# Monthly Dementia Friendly Nevada Storey County Community Meetings

Article by Steph Norby



In late 2025, Storey County announced its new designation as a Dementia Friendly Community under the Dementia Friendly Nevada (DFNV) initiative, part of the national Dementia Friendly America program. This statewide initiative is focused on, "cultivating and strengthening communities in becoming more respectful, educated, supportive, and inclusive of people living with dementia and their care partners".

DFNV supports local community groups through

Zoom-based public forums, information sessions, and speaker series, among other events. As the new DFNV Storey County group gets started, organizers are inviting community members to participate and help identify the goals and objectives that would be most beneficial to local residents living with dementia and their care partners.

If you are interested in attending the Storey County Community Group monthly meetings, mark your calendar for the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at Piper's Opera House in Virginia City.

For more information, read our December 2025 article "Storey County Joins Dementia Friendly Nevada as 10th County in the State" by Julia Moreno-Fritz. Contact scanon@storeycounty.org and sviles@storeycounty.org with questions specific to the Storey County initiative.



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# Flocking Together

## PINE NUTS

By McAvoy Layne  
*The Ghost of Mark Twain*



Most friends who have visited Twain Haven (my home) over the past nine years have met Huckleberry, my pet Steller Jay who stops by every afternoon at Happy Hour for a Beer Nut. We have a special relationship, a bond we only wish we could pass along to our more antagonistic two-legged friends...

I was just reading about birds of different feathers actually preening, and some birds will sit on eggs not their own to keep them warm. Hey, if birds of a different feather can flock together why can't we? The way I see it, Mother Nature is working on the birds now, and we're next.

The Hope Academy in Carson City is employing the performance art of Chautauqua to enhance the teaching of conflict resolution. It's heartening to see a 12-year-old stand up and extol the virtues of non-violence in the guise of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. And the list goes on with the teaching of living history through enrichment programs in the classroom. It

will warm the coldest of hearts to witness a 12-year-old depicting Sarah Winnemucca's broadmindedness for differences in people...

Next, we are going to take Chautauqua out into the public square, where families can gather to experience living history and learn from our colorful past.

Currently I'm reading a book of American history that is deadly dull and almost painful to read. But I entertain myself by imagining Chautauquans acting out our history in period costume...

Kim Harris has been successful in presenting youth Chautauqua out at Dangberg Ranch in Carson Valley. Want to smile a smile that will stay with you for days to come? Just stop by for one of her Youth Chautauquas this summer. I will bet my Golden Gloves that these kids will soon take the next step, embody the virtues of the characters they portray, and carry those virtues with them into the future to make our world an even better place.

Can't you picture a young Chautauquan portraying Marie Curie, and then going on to bring us advancements in saving lives? It can happen, as art so often becomes a catalyst for creativity.

I would go on, but Huckleberry is here and is banging on the window with his beak. He waves that beak to the beat of "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" as I whistle to him while placing a Beer Nut on the railing outside. Our nine-year friendship is built upon trust. I dropped a Beer Nut once and it landed on my slipper. Huckleberry smiled with his eyes, then dived down to fetch it. He trusted me to stand still while he retrieved that Beer Nut. I thought I heard him chuckle, though it could have been my imagination. Truth is, in spite of our vast differences, we humans can learn to flock together in kindness and courtesy, and while we're at it, we might want to start drawing down our weapons of mass destruction. But excuse me, Huckleberry has arrived...

## Dayton's RoadRunner Cafe Opens in Carson Plains Casino

Article and photo by Steph Norby

After leaving its original location more than two months ago, Dayton's beloved RoadRunner Cafe fired up the grills once again on Saturday, Feb. 28 — this time in its new home inside Carson Plains Casino. If opening morning was any indication, the community was more than ready. The parking lot was full by 8 a.m., and Cafe Manager Shannon Mackey shared, "When I opened at 7 a.m., there was already a line through the casino!"

RoadRunner Cafe has been serving up hearty breakfasts and

hometown favorites in Dayton for more than 40 years, and the team is thrilled to welcome regulars — and new faces — back to the table. The cafe is open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (cash only) and the staff is ready to keep your coffee hot and bellies full.

Carson Plains Casino is located at 6996 U.S. Hwy 50 in Dayton. Check out our Comstock Chronicle Local Business Focus on RoadRunner Cafe from July 2025: [thecomstockchronicle.com/local-business-focus-roadrunner-cafe/](http://thecomstockchronicle.com/local-business-focus-roadrunner-cafe/)



RoadRunner Cafe staff on reopening day, Feb. 28



# King's Corner

By Jeff Headley

When my dad, Mark King, was young, he didn't believe much in staying put.

He worked at dude ranches in Wyoming, herded cattle, and rode in rodeos from the Texas/Mexico border all the way up to Canada. He loved the image and the lifestyle of the "Old West." Wide horizons. Open country. Freedom.

But sometimes if you're trying too hard to live up to the image, it can get the better of you.

The rodeo season roughly parallels tornado season. It begins down in Texas in late February or early March, and as the weather warms, the circuit slowly moves north until July brings the Calgary Stampede. That year Mark decided he would leave Wyoming on horseback and ride south to the Houston Rodeo to compete.

It was late winter. The ground was still stubborn in places. The wind had not yet decided to be kind.

He had a saddle already — high quality, broken in, comfortable. It had carried him through miles of work and competition. But it didn't look impressive. It didn't have the kind of shine that turned heads. It didn't whisper, "Here comes someone important."

So he traded it in for a beautiful, brand-new saddle just before setting off on his 1,500-mile ride from Cody, Wyoming, to Houston, Texas.

Some friends suggested that was like starting a long hike in brand-new boots.

Young Mark was confident. He figured he could ride 35 miles a day and make the trip in about six weeks. After all, how different could one saddle be from another? Leather was leather. Pride was lightweight. Or so he thought.

Just short of the Wyoming-Colorado border, he woke one

morning to find a young tan-colored dog licking his face. He shared his breakfast without hesitation. From then on they were a team.

The dog trotted alongside the horse through long stretches of open country. At night it curled close to the fire. When Mark cooked, the dog sat patiently beside him, knowing he would share. And he always did. All his life, Mark shared his meals with his dogs. They were never just pets. They were companions.

This one was no different.

But each day that unforgiving saddle began to take its toll.

At first it was irritation. Then soreness. Then the kind of ache that doesn't politely go away when you wake up. He shifted left. He shifted right. He stood in the stirrups longer than necessary. He developed a sudden and profound appreciation for dismounting.

Vanity became a real pain in the rear end.

For a while he told himself it was just "breaking in." Surely the saddle would soften. Surely he would toughen. Surely pride would be rewarded with endurance. But the miles kept coming, and the saddle remained unmoved.

By the time he reached southern Colorado, he found himself doing quiet calculations in the saddle. At this rate, even if he reached Houston, he would hardly be able to ride rodeo once he arrived. The saddle that was meant to make him look like a champion was quietly disqualifying him from competing at all.

The dog, unaware of any miscalculation, kept trotting faithfully alongside.

Do you remember the moment you realized you were going to have to say goodbye to a dream?

Some dreams direct our lives. They give us focus and stretch us beyond what we thought



possible. But sometimes something slips in — close enough to the dream that we don't see the difference until it costs us.

Mark had to take a stand and make those decisions. He couldn't sit down anyway.

This is one of those moments in life where you sit down — if you can — and have a serious talk with God.

Out on the range there is a lot of silence. And in that silence, thoughts return. The voice of pride grows quieter when pain grows louder. Somewhere between discomfort and disappointment, a man has to decide which voice he's listening to.

In very remote stretches of the West there were railroad switching stations — lonely little booths in the middle of nowhere where a single man pulled levers to route trains one way or another.

Mark tied up the horse and the dog and went inside to speak with the switchman. The man agreed to buy the horse and saddle. He also agreed to care for the dog. And he turned a blind eye to a young cowboy hopping onto a railcar that might lead him toward Houston.

The hardest part wasn't selling the saddle.

It wasn't abandoning the ride.

It was walking away while that dog cried and strained at the rope, confused and desperate to follow. Mark could still hear the yelps long after the train had pulled away.

That sound stayed with him for years.

The saddle he chose to look like a cowboy had kept him from riding rodeo at all.

But what lingered wasn't the lost competition. It was the memory of loyalty left behind because he wanted to look the part instead of live it.

Bring your dreams to God early. Let Him sort out image from calling. The right dreams will take you far — and they won't ask you to leave what matters most tied to a post beside the tracks.

*Jeff Headley is pastor of the Dayton Valley Community Church, and a storyteller who blends humor, honesty, and hope. His weekly column reflects on resilience, grace, and the surprising ways faith shows up in ordinary life.*

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# Silver Stage High School Students Tour Comstock Metals Recycling Facility

By Rob Dyer, Comstock Inc.

Recently, 18 students from Silver Stage High School stepped out of the classroom and into the future of clean energy with a visit to Comstock Metals' truly sustainable, closed-loop solar panel recycling and critical mineral reprocessing facility in Silver Springs.

The field trip gave students a firsthand look at how end-of-life solar panels are completely and responsibly recycled and how valuable materials can be recovered and returned to the domestic supply chain. During the tour, students walked through the facility, observed the company's advanced material recycling processes, and learned about the growing need for sustainable solutions as millions (soon to be tens of millions and then hundreds of millions) of solar panels across the country approach the end of their useful lives.

Comstock Metals has developed one of the nation's first industrial-scale, zero-landfill solar panel recycling operations. Located right here in Silver Springs, and the facility is designed to process large volumes



of retired panels (millions per year) while recovering critical materials such as aluminum, glass, and other valuable components for reuse.

For many students, the visit offered a new perspective on what true recycling can look like at an industrial level. Rather than simply placing materials in a curbside bin, they saw the engineering, safety standards, super sacks of clean, reusable

materials and all of the logistics required to operate a modern recycling facility. Comstock team members explained how solar panel recycling supports both environmental stewardship and economic development in Northern Nevada.

Following the tour, students participated in a question-and-answer session with facility leaders and staff. Topics ranged from how solar pan-

els are constructed to what happens to them at the end of their lifespan. Students also asked thoughtful questions about career paths in recycling, engineering, operations, and environmental management.

Comstock Metals representatives highlighted the wide range of job opportunities available in the recycling and clean energy sectors. From skilled technicians and equipment operators to engineers and environmental specialists, the industry offers diverse roles that combine technical expertise with purpose-driven work.

The visit reflects Comstock's broader commitment to community engagement and workforce development. By opening its doors to local students, the company hopes to inspire the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and industry leaders.

For the students of Silver Stage High School, the experience offered more than just a tour. It provided a glimpse into future opportunities in Silver Springs and the role they could play in building a more sustainable Nevada.



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# Starting with Schools: A New Approach to Emergency Management in Storey County

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

When most people think about emergency management, they think about disasters.

But according to Storey County Emergency Management Director Adam Wilson, much of the work happens long before an emergency ever occurs.

“Most people don’t realize Emergency Management exists,” Wilson said. “Those who have heard of us don’t know what we do day to day.”

On any given day, Wilson and his team are writing plans, coordinating with partners, securing grants, and training alongside first responders. During disasters, they support operations in the field. Afterward, they manage reimbursement and compliance with state and federal agencies.

“We like to say, ‘we know a guy,’” Wilson said. “If responders need something, we find it and get it for them.”

Now, Wilson is focused on strengthening one of the county’s most important partnerships: local schools.

County Manager Austin Osborne echoed that sentiment, emphasizing that the work with local schools reflects a broader county-wide commitment to collaboration.

“I’m proud of the seamless collaborative relationship that exists between the county and the school district on numerous fronts,” Osborne said. “When agencies work together proactively, our entire community benefits.”

## Starting with Schools

Wilson said the renewed focus on schools began when his office recognized a gap.

“Our schools are a critical

part of our communities,” he said. “They have strong relationships with residents; they can help share information, and we can help them with training, exercises, planning, and finding resources to make schools safer.”

He described the impact as exponential.

“When a student or staff member learns about preparedness, participates in an exercise, or receives resources, that information goes home,” Wilson said. “Our readiness expands again. As students grow older, they carry that knowledge with them. Starting at the schools allows us to build resilience across the entire county.”

That partnership now includes regular collaboration between Emergency Management, the Sheriff’s Office, the Fire District, and the Storey County School District.

Storey County Sheriff Mike Cullen said his office plays a leading role in many school drills, depending on the scenario, and focuses on ensuring first responders and school employees are aligned.

“We plan for worst-case scenarios and train for them,” Cullen said. “Training, planning, and school drills include both man-made and natural disaster scenarios. We brief, conduct training, and debrief so that each event becomes a learning event.”

## A Unified Approach

For Sheriff Cullen, familiarity is foundational. He describes it as being “tuned in.”

Deputies walk campuses, learn the layouts of facilities, build relationships with staff, and understand how schools

function on a daily basis, from emergency procedures to routine pickup and drop-off operations.

He noted that partnerships between the agencies have significantly improved in recent years.

“We have seen a 100 percent improvement in that relationship,” Cullen said. “Our ability to put our communities first and provide the best service possible as a group has been outstanding.”

From a law enforcement perspective, Cullen said effective planning starts with strong relationships and flexibility.

“You start with a solid foundation,” he said. “That’s having strong partnerships and working together. You stay flexible and adapt to changing conditions with the goal in mind.”

## Faster, More Focused Response

Storey County Fire Chief Bob Ryser said having Emergency Management embedded in school planning has fundamentally changed how the Fire District responds to school incidents.

“It lets us focus on our piece, which is critical to the speed of our operation,” Ryser said. “We know the integration is already in play.”

With emergency management coordinating logistics and reunification, and law enforcement handling scene control, fire personnel can concentrate on their specialized roles, including emergency medical services and technical rescue.

“You can’t do anything well if you’re stretched too thin,” Ryser said. “In the fire service, we

sometimes try to be 100 yards wide and only an inch deep. With this structure in place, we can narrow that focus and go deep in our skill set instead of trying to manage the entire incident.”

That shift, he said, directly impacts response time.

“It’s changed dramatically,” Ryser said, describing unified response improvements between the Fire District, the Sheriff’s Office, and Emergency Management. “We’re not waiting as long to engage.”

In the past, fire crews might have staged outside a scene until certain benchmarks were met. Today, through joint training and clearer integration, responders are prepared to move in more quickly when circumstances allow.

“If it’s critical for us to get in, we’re going to be able to engage much faster,” Ryser said. “That decreases the potential for loss.”

## Raising the Standard

Storey County School District Superintendent Joe Girdner said safety planning is a top priority for the district.

“Nothing is more important than the safety of our students and staff,” Girdner said. “Without planning and regular training, we would not be ready to respond when it matters most.”

With nearly three decades of experience in Northern Nevada school districts, Girdner described Storey County’s collaboration with emergency services as exceptional.

“This is the strongest working relationship with local emergency services I’ve ever seen,” he said.

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**, from page 6

Emergency Management, the Sheriff's Office, and the Fire District are active members of the school district's Emergency Operations Committee and help shape the district's Emergency Operations Plan. They also participate in training on school campuses, so they are familiar with each facility.

"That level of involvement ensures our plans are realistic, coordinated, and well thought out," Girdner said.

District staff trains monthly on emergency response

procedures. Girdner said the visible presence of emergency partners during those trainings has increased staff confidence.

Seeing familiar faces, building relationships, and training side-by-side reinforces trust," Girdner added.

**Behind the Scenes**

For parents, much of this work is invisible.

"We are always planning and strategizing," Cullen said. "We train, we conduct drills, and we meet and discuss how we

can do better to best serve our community."

And Girdner echoed that sentiment, calling school safety a shared responsibility across the community.

"For students and families, it means school safety is not something we handle alone," he said. "It's a shared responsibility with strong coordination and clear communication."

**Looking Ahead**

Wilson's long-term vision extends beyond plans and drills.

"I want Storey County to be a shining beacon across the state of coordination, preparedness, and resilience," he said. "I want kids from Storey schools to grow up knowing what emergency management is."

For Wilson, the goal is not just responding to emergencies but building a culture of preparedness.

And in Storey County, preparedness is no longer just a plan on a shelf. It's a partnership in motion.

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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.



**The Lyon County Republican Convention will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026, in the Silver Stage High School Gym at 3755 W. Spruce Ave. in Silver Springs.**

You must be a registered republican to attend. Elected Republican officials and local candidates will be in attendance as well as state GOP representatives. Our keynote speaker is retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Tony Grady.

This convention is your chance to join the Lyon County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) and show your support for our dedicated Lyon County Republicans. Become a member to help advance conservative values, participate in local decision making, and build a stronger future for our community. Your involvement can make all the difference!

The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person which can be paid at the door. The funds help to cover the continental breakfast and other expenses. Please RSVP to LCRCC Chair Lorrie Nelson at: [lln@fastmail.com](mailto:lln@fastmail.com). Please, we need to know how many patriots we can expect.

This is also your last opportunity to serve as a delegate at the 2026 Nevada State Republican Convention; date and location to be announced.

For more information visit the LCRCC website at: <https://lyoncountygop.org/> and Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/lyoncountyrepublicansofnevada](https://www.facebook.com/lyoncountyrepublicansofnevada). To verify your election precinct, party affiliation and voting status, go to: [www.NVSOS.gov/votersearch](http://www.NVSOS.gov/votersearch).

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**NOTICE OF REPORT ON EXPANDED SOLAR ACCESS PROGRAM PLAN**

On February 26, 2026, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (collectively, "NV Energy") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") an informational report, designated as Docket No. 26-02026, concerning the progress of its Expanded Solar Access Program Plan for the period 2024-2026.

NV Energy filed the report pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Chapters 703 and 704 and Section 11(5) of the regulation issued in Docket No. 19-06028. Pursuant to NRS 703.190 and NAC 703.527 et seq., NV Energy requests that certain material in the report receive confidential treatment.

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.

Interested and affected persons may file comments electronically through the Electronic Filing System on the Commission's website or at either of the Commission's offices on or before WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026.

The report is on file and available for public viewing at the Commission's website at: <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

3/2/26

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# Pi Day Auction Brings Infinite Deliciousness: Bake, Bid, Support

By Maya Spoon

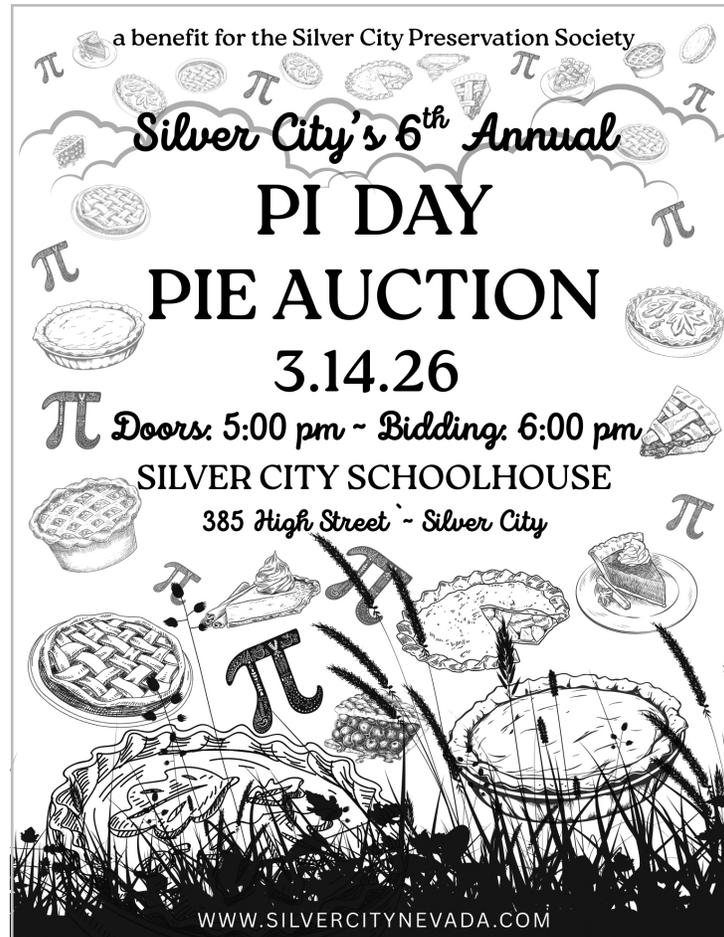
The Silver City Preservation Society (SCPS) is gearing up for its 6th Annual Pi Day Pie Auction — a delicious blend of math, merriment, and generosity on Saturday, March 14.

Doors open at 5 p.m. at the charming Silver City Schoolhouse on 385 High St. Bidding kicks off at 6 p.m. with an energetic experience led by comedian-entertainer and volunteer auctioneer, Sean Laughlin. The event, which typically draws about 70 enthusiastic attendees from across the region, procures hours of rich community enjoyment with bidding on more than 40 pies.

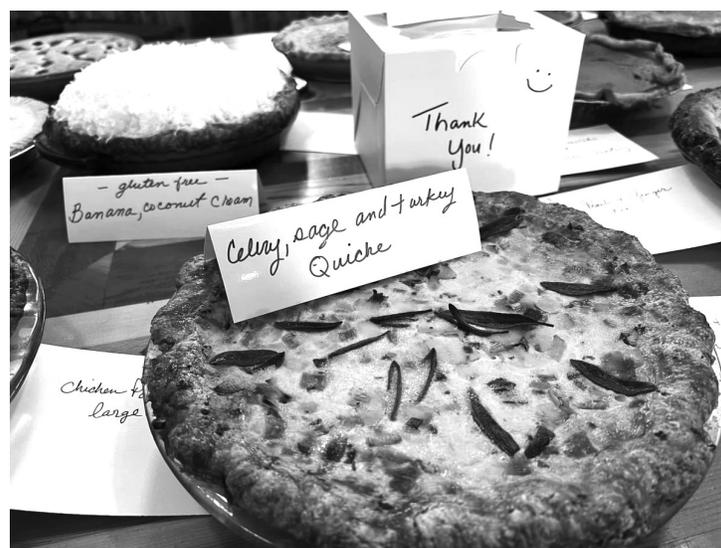
Bakers like Angela Teale exemplify the depth of soul that goes into the pie-making process. A longtime Pi Day celebrant of 22 years along with her husband, Teale carves  $\pi$  or 3.14 into her crusts every year. She annually plays math games with her children, measuring the angles of pie slices, and eating their favorites, such as French chocolate silk, pecan butterscotch, and strawberry rhubarb.

“When I heard about the Silver City Pi Day Pie Auction, it only made sense that I should share my love of baking and eating pies with those who would enjoy the fruits of my labor,” Teale said.

Prepare for masterful pies — sweet, savory, and whimsically decorated. An array of talented bakers in Silver City, Virginia City, Carson City, Dayton, and the broader Comstock area contribute their best and tastiest creations. Past high bids went to a delectable lemon meringue and a crowd-pleasing sage sausage quiche. Prices vary to keep it accessible, with mini pies and affordable pricing brackets to en-



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sure everyone can join the feast.

“Pie is my favorite food,” said Evangeline Elston, SCPS board member, event promoter, and lifelong Silver City resident. Even with gluten-free limitations, her taste buds can’t resist pie. She raves about favorites like lemon meringue, chocolate, berry, and thick-crust apple.

The auction — born from Elston’s vision alongside Meg Burns of the Silver City Arts Committee — has run strong for six years. Elston emphasized her heartfelt appreciation for the community volunteers who hold the schoolhouse together and make every event possible, and successful. It’s a volunteer-powered labor of love, raising funds for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit’s vital work: leasing and managing the schoolhouse as a vibrant public hub for concerts, art shows, book signings, fairs, and more. SCPS champions thoughtful, inclusive community building with prospective projects to include safety, health, and wellness initiatives, town projects, and environmental stewardship.

Attendees sip on beer or wine and cheer as pies go to the highest bidder. Winners can covet their beloved pie or slice and share on-site, with staff happily assisting. Come hungry, snag your bidding number, and help preserve a piece of Nevada charm — one irresistible slice at a time.

To donate a pie, email [silvercityschoolhouseenv@gmail.com](mailto:silvercityschoolhouseenv@gmail.com) — you’re welcome to drop off your pie before or at the beginning of the event for prime display and a description card. For details, visit [www.silvercitynevada.com](http://www.silvercitynevada.com) and stay connected on Facebook.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING FOR INTENT AND DECISION TO LEASE THE "OLD CORNER BAR"**

**Storey County Board of County Commissioners Meetings**

The Storey County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public meeting, at its regularly scheduled meeting, on March 17th, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Storey County Courthouse, District Courtroom, at 26 South "B" Street, Virginia City, Nevada 89440. The meeting will include Discussion/For Possible Action: Adoption of Resolution: 26-817 of Intent and Decision to lease the "Old Corner Bar", or the saloon area of Piper's Opera House, as authorized within NRS 244.283; and other matters properly related thereto.

The Public hearing on this resolution and proposed lease agreement will allow for any comments to this action and confirmation of decision as required within NRS 244.283. The Storey County Board of Commissioners will discuss this on March 17th, 2026, Board of County Commissioners Agenda in accordance with NRS 244.283 to allow for any objections to this real property action, hold public opening, examination, and declaration of all sealed bid proposals, and call for oral bids. Qualified/responsible bidders must conform to all terms and conditions specified in the adopted resolution.

The Storey County Board of County Commissioners reserves the privileges provided in NRS 244.283. If the Board deems such action to be in the best public interest, to reject any and all bids, either written or oral, and withdraw the property from lease.

In addition to provisions of the NRS, any person may complete and return to the Board a statement supporting or opposing the proposed Intent and Decision to lease the "Old Corner Bar" saloon area within Piper's Opera House. Additional information, including but not limited to, copy of the Resolution in its entirety, may be obtained from the agenda and/or bid sections on the Storey County website at: storeycounty.org, or by contacting the County Manager's Office at (775) 847-0968 or by emailing aosborne@storeycounty.org.

Austin Osborne  
County Manager  
Storey County, Nevada

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 17th day of March 2026, at the hour of 10:30 am, a public hearing will be held at the Storey County Courthouse located at 26 S. B Street in Virginia City, Nevada, by the Board of Storey County Commissioners for the second reading to discuss and possibly approve **BILL No. 148 ORDINANCE NO. 26-336**. All persons are invited to attend and participate in the discussion of the proposed amendment.

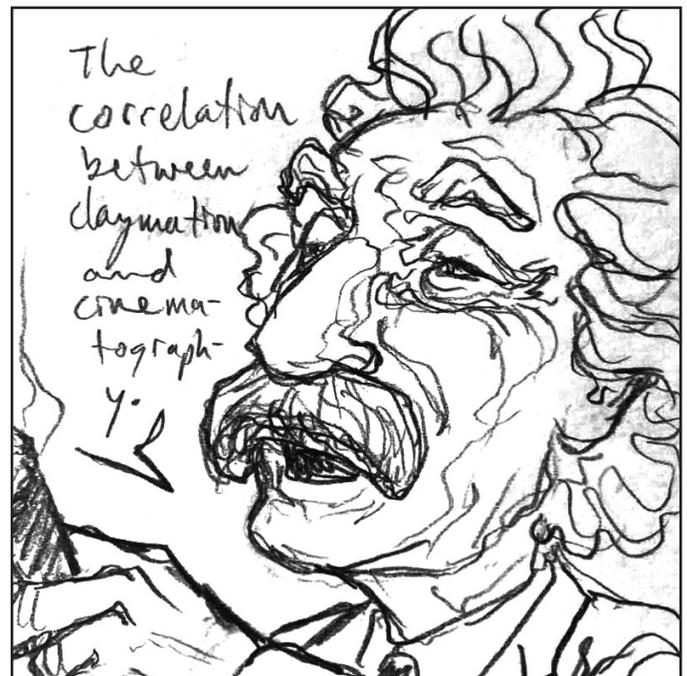
**SUMMARY:** An ordinance amending Storey County Code Chapter 5.10, section C, Cannabis Establishment Licensing, to reduce the requirement for cannabis licensees to remit a fee equal to three percent (3%) of gross revenue to zero (0%).

**TITLE:** An ordinance amending Storey County Code Chapter 5.10, section C, Cannabis Establishment Licensing, to reduce the requirement for cannabis licensees to remit a fee equal to three percent (3%) of gross revenue to zero (0%).

A copy of the proposed ordinance, as well as the referenced uniform codes and their amendments, has been filed with Storey County Clerk's Office at 26 South B Street in Virginia City, Nevada and is available for public examination.

Jim Hindle  
Storey County Clerk & Treasurer

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# Stop Signs, Election Filing and TRI Traffic Meeting Highlight County Updates

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

## Storey County School District Board of Trustees to Hold Special Meeting for Superintendent Interviews

The Storey County School District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 11:00pm, to conduct interviews for the district's next superintendent.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at Virginia City High School Training Room, and is expected to include interviews with finalist candidates selected through the district's superintendent search process. The board will question candidates on their leadership experience, educational philosophy, and plans for addressing the district's needs.

According to district officials, the special meeting is part of the board's ongoing effort to identify a superintendent who can provide strong instructional leadership, ensure fiscal responsibility, and support students, staff, and families across the district.

The interviews are expected to be conducted in a public setting, in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. Following the interviews, the board may deliberate on the candidates and discuss next steps in the selection process, though no final action is anticipated at this meeting unless otherwise noted on the agenda.

Community members are encouraged to attend and observe the interview process. The official meeting agenda, will be posted in advance on the Storey County School District website and at designated public locations.

The appointment of a new superintendent is a significant decision for the district, as the role oversees daily operations, academic programs, and long-term strategic planning for Storey County schools.

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Storey County residents will soon see new stop signs installed in several areas as part of ongoing traffic safety improvements.

Public Works Director Jason Wierzibicki reported that new STOP signs are being installed in Mark Twain, the Virginia City Highlands and the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, also known as the TRI-Center, to improve safety and traffic flow.

The traffic discussion comes ahead of a Northern East Connector Open House hosted by the Regional Transportation Commission. The drop-in meeting will take place March 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the County conference room in the TRI-Center, 1705 Peru Drive. The open house will be informational only, with no formal presentation. Attendees may review project materials and complete a survey.

## Election Filing Period Opens March 2

The Storey County Clerk's Office will accept filings for non-judicial offices from March 2 through March 15 in Virginia City. Candidates must file in person and provide valid identification and proof of residence. Officials recommend contacting the Clerk's Office in advance to help reduce wait times.

Clerk and Treasurer Jim Hindle also reported recent voter roll maintenance efforts. A total of 358 voters were moved to inactive status, with 228 removed after confirmation. The County now has 3,674 active voters out of 4,209 total registered voters.

## Emergency Management Updates

Storey County's new Mobile Emergency Operations Center

was delivered under budget, coming in \$5,000 below projected costs and roughly \$200,000 less than other estimates.

The Emergency Management office at the TRI-Center is now open. Beginning March 1, an Emergency Manager will be available Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist the Fire District and local businesses with hazardous materials plan reviews.

Officials also noted that ongoing federal funding disputes could temporarily affect online FEMA training platforms, potentially pausing some current training efforts.

At a recent Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association conference, Storey County was recognized for strong interdepartmental and regional collaboration, with other counties expressing interest in adopting similar programs.

## Parks Study, Drainage Planning and Other Updates

Town halls are anticipated in April as part of the County's parks and recreation study. The meetings will gather community input on priorities and future park improvements.

County Manager Austin Osborne reported that a potential grant funding opportunity may support major components of the Lockwood Drainage Plan, including bridge and channel improvements.

The Fire District is exploring an online scheduling platform for inspections, with a goal of launching the system by mid-March to streamline processes for contractors.

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**Public Notice**

**Notice of Applications to Change Point of Diversion, Place, and Manner of use of Water in Storey and Washoe Counties**

At 10:30 a.m., on April 7, 2026, at the Storey County Courthouse 26 South B Street, Virginia City, Nevada, the Board of Storey County Commissioners, in accordance with

NRS 533.363, will discuss, consider, and possibly provide recommendation to the Nevada State Engineer regarding applications changing the point of diversion and place and manner of use of surface and or groundwater sources located in Storey County and Washoe County as described in the following list. Copies of applications and supporting maps may be obtained at the Nevada Division of Water Resources website at <http://water.nv.gov> or by contacting the Storey County Commissioner's Office at 775-847-0968 or at [countymanager@storeycounty.org](mailto:countymanager@storeycounty.org).

Lisa Maciel, Administrative Officer, Storey County, Nevada

Dates of Publication: March 6, 2026, March 13, 2026, March 20, 2026.

Applications filed with Nevada Division of Water Resources by Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) or other applicants:

TMWA Filed Applications 92313, 92314, 92317 on January 6, 2023. Applications 92313, 92314, and 92317 proposes change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of a portion of certain Truckee River Claims and the place of use is in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

Plumas Street Reno, LLC C/O George Graham filed Application 92616 on April 21, 2023. Application 92616 proposes to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of a portion of Claim 244 of the Truckee River Decree and the place of use in in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

TMWA filed Application 93730 on July 16, 2024. Application 93730 is protested and proposes to change the point of diversion of Permits 75418 and 75419. The place of use remains in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

TMWA filed Application 93731 on July 16, 2024. Application 93731 is protested and proposes to change the point of diversion of Permits 75420 and 75421 to a new point of diversion. The place of use remains in Washoe and Storey counties identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

TMWA filed Application 94213 on February 28, 2025. Application 94213 proposes to change the point of diversion of Permit 44595. The place of use remains in Washoe and Storey counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

Washoe County filed Application 94270 on March 20, 2025. Application 94270 proposes to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of a portion of Permit 68666 whose base rights are portions of Claims 177/204 and 178/262 of the Truckee River Decree, and the place of use remains in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

Robert and Elizabeth Coombs filed Application 94300 on April 2, 2025. Application 94300 proposes to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of a portion of Claims 113 and 114 of the Truckee River Decree, and the place of use remains in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

TMWA filed Application 948125 on November 25, 2025. Application 94812 proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use Permit 59823. The proposed point of diversion is located in Washoe County, and the proposed place of use is in Washoe and Storey Counties, identified as the "current TMWA service territory".

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**STOP SIGNS, ETC., cont'd from page 12**

Community Development will launch a "Stop Feeding Pigeons" education campaign this spring using flyers, outreach and social media.

The Virginia City Tourism Commission announced upcoming events including the March 14 Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, parade and crawl.

The County's OnBase cloud records migration project remains on schedule, with completion expected in April. A new project manager has joined the Storey

County team to help launch and oversee major initiatives, including the Justice Center and pool projects, ensuring they stay on track and move forward efficiently.

**Commission Actions**

Commissioners authorized an additional fiscal year 2027 federal community project funding request for the Siphon project. County representatives traveling to Washington, D.C., will also meet with Nevada's congressional delegation to clarify the

phased funding process for the \$10 million authorized in the 2024 Water Resources Development Act.

The Board approved a Division of Land into Large Parcels request (File 2026-006), splitting a 606.78-acre parcel near the Storey/Lyon County line into two parcels exceeding 40 acres each.

Commissioners authorized the County Manager to sign an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to pay \$24,280 in expedited right-of-way

processing costs for the Silver City water main replacement project.

They also granted consent to Great Basin Gas Transmission Company to access two County-owned locations in the TRI area for its planned 2028 expansion project.

Residents may review the full meeting agenda and supporting documents on the Storey County website.

# Horses, Highways, and a Heap of Fencing

By Tom Darby



AI graphic

Reno, in its infinite wisdom, has decided that wild horses and motorists should no longer play a game of “Guess Who Gets Hurt First” along the Virginia Foothills. To this noble end, the city has forked over a cool \$702,000 to a company called Soli-Tech, which sounds like a business that ought to be selling futuristic toasters, but apparently, they also know their way around a fence post.

Christened the Horse Protection Project—South Phase, it will get new fencing, cattle guards, and a few gates installed along NV 341 from Kenneth Way to Toll Road. In plain English: the horses stay on their side, the humans stay on theirs, and everybody learns that concrete and wire can be a mighty fine substitute for common sense.

The North Phase, done last May, already proves that horses can indeed get gathered

without any lawsuits erupting, so naturally, the South Phase is going into effect with the finishing touches this summer. The money from the General Capital Projects Fund, with NDOT agreeing to reimburse the city. Or, in other words, someone else’s money is paying for the privilege of keeping our four-legged friends from taking a joyride on the highway.

City officials say the project is “aimed at keeping drivers, pedestrians, and wild horses safe.” And who could argue? It’s a rare day when a horse looks both ways before crossing a road, and one can only hope the fences will teach them manners.

All told, it’s a testament to modern civilization: a few hundred thousand dollars, a few miles of fence, and the eternal struggle to keep nature politely contained, at least until the next wild idea comes along.

# V&T Railroad St. Patrick’s Day Event Train Leaves the Station March 14

By Jenna Goldberg



Image credit: Virginia & Truckee Railroad

The Virginia & Truckee Railroad is celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with “The Emerald Express Murder Mystery” on Saturday, March 14, 2026, leaving from the original 1870 passenger depot in Virginia City. V&T will take guests back in time to help solve a murder and robbery of the Shamrock of Killarney. Invite your friends and work with other passengers to solve the mystery on the Emerald Express.

Attendees can expect theatrical entertainment and fun with an animated cast of characters

from Funtime Theater while experiencing legendary Comstock mining history on the scenic ride down to Gold Hill. Guests take their seat in an elegant Pullman car powered by a vintage diesel engine and enjoy appetizers, refreshments, and interactive entertainment with a St. Patrick’s holiday twist.

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Meet at the depot on 166 F St. Trains leave at 2:30 p.m. (sold out!) and 4:30 p.m.

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### Sudoku Answer on Page 2

### Crossword Answer on Page 2

THEME: SINGERS & SONGWRITERS

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1. Comprehend
6. It has no staying power?
9. Auditioner's hope
13. Prevention measure?
14. Ill temper
15. Poetic although
16. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
17. Downhill equipment
18. Beau
19. "What Was I Made For?" singer
21. "Fast Car" singer
23. Part of URL
24. Peephole glance
25. Morning drops
28. 1920s art style
30. Reduce, as in standing
35. Big Bang's original matter
37. Lad's counterpart
39. Connection

40. Milton Bradley's game
41. Tea from certain region of India
43. Some bent pipes
44. Rose oil
46. Zeus' wife
47. Remove from a manuscript
48. What bird did, homewise
50. Hyperbolic sine
52. "\_\_\_ and the City"
53. Prejudice
55. "Wow!"
57. "Song Sung Blue" singer
61. "I Just Called to Say I Love You" singer
64. Barrel racing meet
65. \_\_\_ Maria
67. Shockingly graphic
69. Not upright
70. Bathtub libation
71. Food contaminant
72. W on a light bulb
73. Consume
74. Ayes

**DOWN**

1. Former Portuguese colony in India
2. Deceptive maneuver
3. Naysayer's favorite prefix
4. Upbraid
5. 1/3rd of a hockey game
6. Phish homophone
7. One of Indiana's quests
8. Prepare for winter takeoff
9. Alka-Seltzer sound
10. Nucleus plus electrons
11. Actress Perlman
12. Tattered's partner
15. Rouse
20. Inscribed pillar
22. He had
24. Own
25. "Hurricane" singer
26. Like March Madness' eight
27. Hair extensions
29. "Folsom Prison Blues" singer
31. "Walk on the Wild Side" singer

32. Wheel shafts
33. Tutu fabric
34. English county
36. Source of protein
38. Delhi wrap
42. Popular lassi fruit
45. Restart computer
49. Clamor
51. "The Boys of Summer" singer
54. "Bad news travels fast", e.g.
56. Draw a conclusion
57. Pull out a pistol
58. Letter before kappa
59. Type of mine passage
60. Cheesy sandwich
61. Hit the road
62. Cupid's counterpart
63. Rub the wrong way
66. Road, in Rome
68. Bad-mouth, slangily

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