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Notes From The CABIN IN THE SKY

by Asa Gilmore

*There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved.
It is God's finger on man's shoulder. - Charles Morgan*

My life is full of surprises, but usually opening the local newspaper is not one of them. Those pages, in ordinary times, are ones I've seen already. Imagine, then, my shock last week when I opened the paper to see my own face staring back at me!

It was a complete surprise. I had no clue that it was coming, and it was too late to retrieve the insert from each and every copy. Of course, as I read it, my heart melted. I was and am deeply grateful to have such wonderfully kind people in my life, even if they did take over this publication briefly and shock the gentle readers with

my mugshot. Thank you, to all of you, for the birthday wishes.

On a more practical note, I want to direct our readers once again to our ever growing website. As print and mailing costs continue apace, we are going to be supplementing our print version with our online presence. Starting this week, you'll be able to not only access archived copies of each week's printed paper, but also read and share articles, including some that we couldn't quite squeeze into print this week.

As always, the print version is our *raison d'être*, and you can count on it to be delivered

every week, containing fresh surprises (hopefully for you and not for me) in each issue.

As I watch the sun rise once again from the Cabin in the Sky, it occurs to me that each moment, really, is a surprise. If we look at it with fresh eyes, that giant glowing orb suspended in the heavens to give us light and warmth is quite an astonishing sight. So I shall start this day, pleasantly surprised by its unfolding.

Signing off,

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What Starlings Can Teach Us

PINE NUTS

by McAvoy Lane
The Ghost of Mark Twain

We don't have Starlings up here at the Lake of the Sky, though I wish we did, as recent research has discovered that Starlings give care to birds to whom they are not related. And they administer that kindness regardless of those other birds' political beliefs. Say what?!

I believe I must have been a bird in my last life, because when I whistle to my pet Jay, Huckleberry, he waves his beak like a baton to the rhythm of my tweets, and in return, my arms start to flap. Yes, I have seen neighbors cover their mouths and laugh when they witness this interchange. They must think Huck is a genius, while I am the proverbial birdbrain, and they might be right...

Those little beggars up at Chickadee Ridge will land in your open hand to take a pine nut, and then sometimes pass that pine nut along to a fellow Chickadee in need. It's the right thing to do, and they know it, whereas we humans sometimes forget. Where kindness comes naturally to birds, we seem to need to acquire it and preserve it with all the reminders we can muster...

Recently I had an engagement at our wonderful Historical Museum at South Shore to

celebrate Western Days, and when I arrived I was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by a large artistic sign: RESERVED PARKING FOR MARK TWAIN! It's the little things that smooths people's roads out the most...

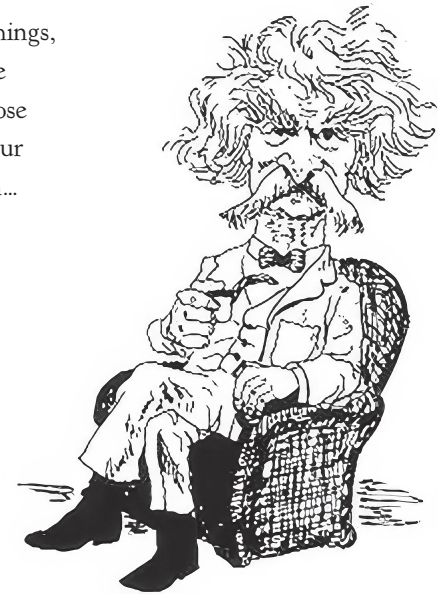
Our lighthearted fraternal Old Lake Tahoe Athletic Club recently lost a valued member and true gentleman, Don Bell. Our esteemed president Rob Robins appealed to our Third of July Parade announcer, Kristen Miller, to give a shoutout to Don when we OLTAC members file by.

That tip of the hat will give all of us and everyone who knew Don, a warm feeling...

I know of a dedicated educator, Kathryn Kelly, founder of Hope Academy, who on her days off visits youth Chautauqua programs to support gifted kids in their portrayal of admirable characters in history. For most of us, helping others is a part-time job, while for those like Kathryn, helping others is a full-time job, with overtime. The measure of a woman is not in her net worth, but I have to believe the measure of a woman is in her net humanity...

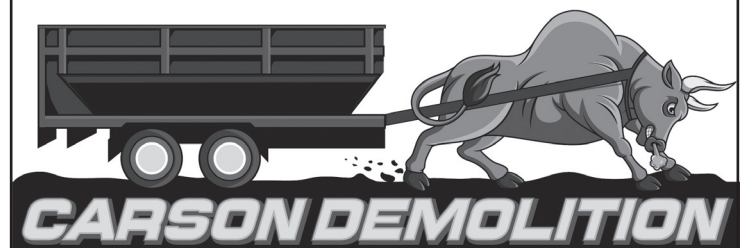
In the grand scheme of things, we can learn much from the Starlings. I might like to close here with a thought from our mutual friend, Mark Twain...

"Never refuse to do a kindness unless the act would work great injury to yourself, and never refuse to take a drink under any circumstances."



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King's Corner

by Jeff Headley

Childhood Dreams

For his fourth birthday my dad, Robert Mark King, received a gift that would change his life. The latest technology for playing pre-recorded music had just been released. These days that might be a new type of music streaming device, or greatly improved earbuds or headphones. That year – 1930 – RCA Victor produced the first vinyl record, 12" in diameter playing at 33 1/3 revolutions per minute (RPM), and a record player. His mother was single, divorced, so a major expense like this for her "Bobbie" was a sacrifice.

It came with an album by a 'cowboy' singer, filled with songs about the old west. They played it so many times that he could still sing some of the songs when well into his 90s. These were utterly out-of-place to a child in the rough urban neighborhoods of New Jersey, but that was their appeal. There was a better life "out west" where horses, rodeos, gun-shooting challenges and occasional romances happened in wild, wide open spaces.

The bible – in Proverbs – says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it." Bobbie's mom gave him a dream as they sang to the songs on the record over and over again. She was giving him a gift of a new technology they could both enjoy. He was receiving the vision of a life he could only imagine, but became eager to embrace.

And the 'wild' part of the 'wild west' inspired him to get up to a few antics. Just the next year he was enrolled in a strict, tradition Catholic School run by young Father Stone and a group of inflexible nuns. He soon discovered he could slide down the tile roof, play with the delivery man's horse, and interrupt his teacher's stern lecture to him in the classroom by having his pet snake pop its head out of his desk's inkwell hole right by her hand.

His mom was determined he would be a "good Catholic boy" as well as an altar boy. What she didn't realize was that she'd already taught him a deeper lesson, imprinted a deeper longing that no amount of discipline was going to take away from him.

Each of us have our childhood dreams even if – as an adult – we've tucked them away in a corner we can barely remember. We each have childhood moments and places we fell in love with, that bring us special delight when we revisit those memories.

When we find friends – and later, lovers – who share our dreams and joys, then we feel like "someone gets me" at a deep level. These relationships bring us joy. They show us that someone cares that we are here, and that they share our passion. These give us the sense that we are understood, that we are "seen".

What if there's an even deeper imprint in you? We've discovered that babies often know their mother's voice from before they're born, and often father's voice if he also was talking to 'mommy's tummy'. And not just parents. As the prophet Isaiah said, "The Lord called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name". What if God imbued you with gifts, talents and a deep passion from the youngest age?

We want to be seen and heard and understood and recognized by God. To feel his unconditional love. And to be shown who we really are and what we're capable of being. To be truly "known" in the deepest way. And then to be inspired to put all of that into action, to chase that dream.

Sometimes you get shaken into taking that action.

At ten years old "Bobbie" was still in New Jersey. He was a big kid, and had no trouble winning fights, but this was far from his dream life. He and several friends rode their bicycles down to the field with a mooring mast where a hydrogen-filled airship carrying 97 people was coming in. They couldn't ride out onto the field, so they stood by the booth where Herbert Morrison was announcing the evening's events by radio.

As the Hindenburg went to dock, it tossed ropes from the bow to the ground crew working

to secure it. Static electricity ran skyward up the ropes and almost 300 feet above, fire broke out. An explosion at the rear of the airship broke its back; the tail crashed into the ground while fire engulfed the bow, all in thirty seconds.

Bobbie stood near Morrison as he narrated, "There's smoke, and there's flames, now, and the frame is crashing to the ground, not quite to the mooring mast. Oh, the humanity, and all the passengers screaming around here!" Thirty five passengers died in the flames.

Bobbie and his mom cried together that night. He desperately wanted to leave. She knew someone who could take them to a family farm in Wisconsin, and by the morning they'd organized it. They would finally move west, and begin a whole new life that just might fulfil his childhood dream.

What are your dreams? And what deep longings has God put in your heart? And are you still chasing them? Can you trust him for guidance, and wait for his sometimes unexpected timing?

Jeff Headley, like his dad, has had rich and varied experiences in life. He is speaking each Sunday morning during June at Dayton Valley Community Church.

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By Melody Hoover

The Cider House at Canvas Cafe

Saturdays 12 - 2 PM
Live Music with Award
Winning Canyon White

Red Dog Saloon

Friday Live Music 7PM
Alice Wallace

Saturday Live Music 7PM
Lonesome Boys

Wednesday 7pm - 10pm
Open Mic

Bonanza Cantina and Bar

Live Music Saturday 11 - 2pm
and 6pm, Sunday 12 - 4pm

Ponderosa Saloon

Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 Bingo

Friday Evening 8pm - 12am
Karaoke

Saturday Evening 8pm
Live Music

Bucket of Blood

Live Music
June 6 & 7: 12 PM - 5 PM
June 8: 2 PM - 6 PM
Lady An The Tramps

Delta Saloon

Friday Live Music
7 PM - 11 PM

Saturday Live Music
2 PM - 5 PM &
8 PM - 12 AM

The Washoe Club

Ghost Tours Daily, generally
every hour from noon to five,
check in early for reservations

The Tahoe House Hotel

Live Music Friday night
7 PM - 10 PM

Historic Fourth Ward School Museum

Open Sunday through Saturday
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

St. Marys Art Center

Open Wednesday through
Sunday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Art & Cocktails June 19 for
ages 21 + 6:00 PM - 9:00PM

Father's Day Scavenger Hunt
June 15 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Details at Visitor Center

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Historical Society of Dayton Valley Bingo

170 Pike St, Dayton, Every
Monday 5pm doors open, \$10.00

CHURCH SERVICES

Dayton Valley Community Church

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Service at 10:00am

St. Mary In The Mountains

Catholic Church Mass Sunday
11:30am and Wednesday 9:00am

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday 9:30am

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Local Rockers Continue Legacy

by Melody Hoover



Glenn, Molly, Larry, Frank, and Steve.
Image from Glenn and Molly.

Glenn Buschine and Molly Malone have been gracing Virginia City stages since the early 2000s. Glenn, a veteran of David John and the Comstock Cowboys, later formed Western Swing bands, performing at the Washoe Club and Sergeant Majors Silver Dollar Saloon. Molly, invited by a friend, rode her Harley to Virginia City but found the scene lacking. However, she and Glenn became friends, and she returned to hear his band, "Those Guys," with Jesse James and Cowboy Steve Neal. When their drummer fell ill, Glenn asked for a drummer in the crowd. Molly stepped up, playing "Wipeout" to a thrilled audience, soon becoming the band's regular drummer.

One night, Loren from the Red Dog Saloon called when his scheduled band canceled. Glenn and friends, dubbed "A Moment's Notice," filled in, keeping guests dancing at a busy

venue. Molly, initially singing from behind her drums, was deemed the band's best-looking member. A new drummer joined, allowing Molly to sing center stage, to fans' delight.

Glenn and Molly excel at taking audience requests, once performing an unpracticed song with Molly finding lyrics online while Glenn playfully "consulted" the artist via his phone. The crowd loved it, unaware it was their first time. These musicians believe they're nothing without their audience.

"Lady an The Tramps" is a dynamic dance band playing country, blues, rock, disco, and oldies, available for private events. For over 15 years, Glenn and Molly have performed at the Bucket of Blood, Hot August Nights in Virginia City, and the main stage in Sparks, NV. Follow them on Facebook for tour updates.

Local Weddings



John and Brooke Henry, from Idaho, eloped to the Gold Hill Hotel with Reverend Francis officiating.



Tiberius & Sibylle Matusiewicz, from Germany, married 6/9/2025 at the Silver Queen Chapel. Rev James presiding.

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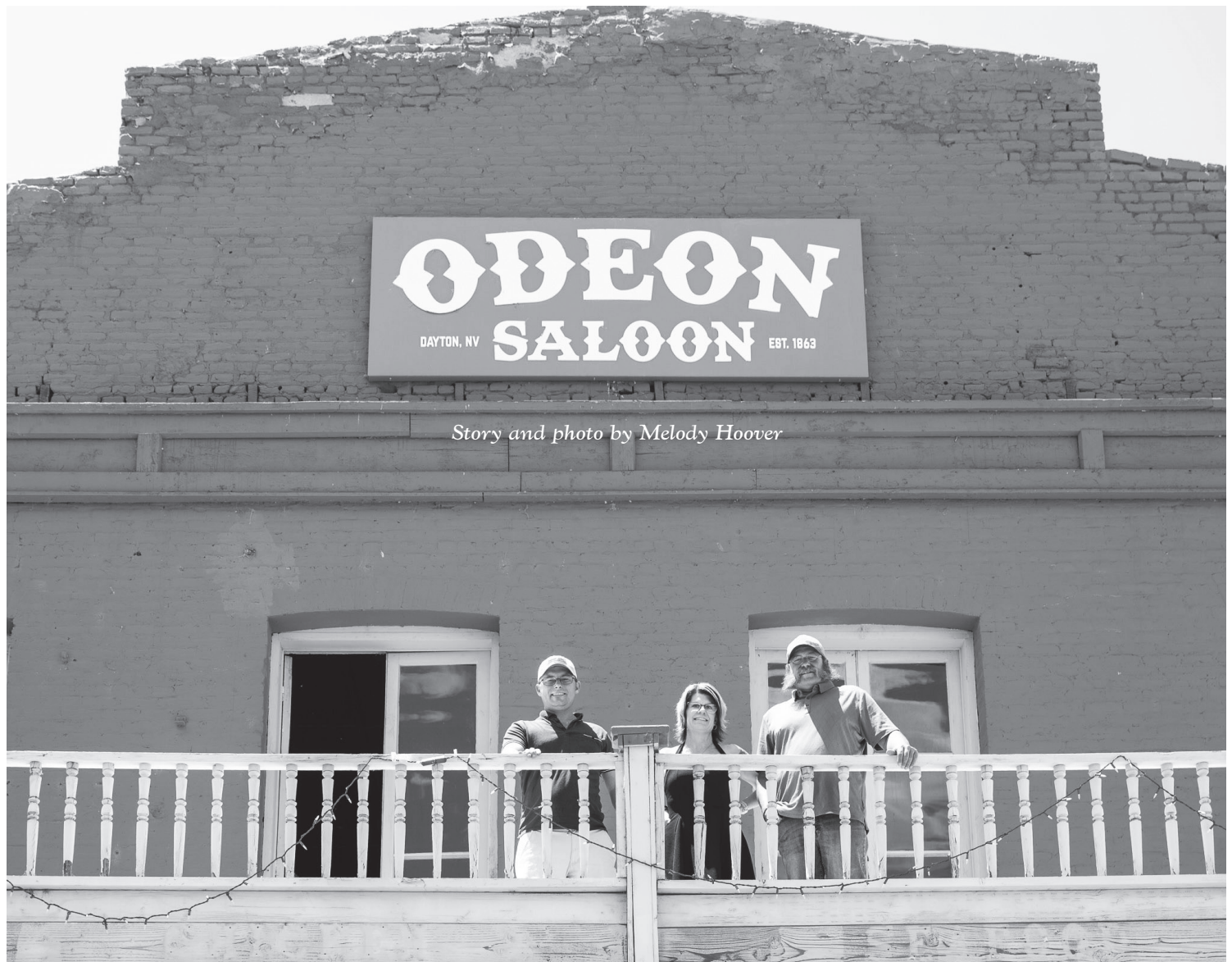


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Story and photo by Melody Hoover

Chris, Jenn, and Spencer

The historic Odeon Saloon has new owners and management dedicated to revitalizing the venue and preserving its history. Chris Pattison, along with his managers Jenn Bentley and Spencer Davidson, is excited to continue the legacy of the Odeon Saloon located on Pike Street in downtown historic Dayton, NV.

Permits for liquor and food have already been submitted and are currently awaiting approval. Chris plans to reopen

the kitchen to offer "basket" meals, along with Saturday and Sunday brunch. The number of pool tables will be reduced to two, with one located downstairs in the bar area and the other upstairs. Chris hopes to bring live events and historic talks to the building soon for the community to enjoy, along with occasional entertainment.

Plans are in place to add lawns to the side and back areas of the building, creating outdoor seating and encouraging visitors to enjoy games such as Jenga

and cornhole. A gold panning station may be included soon, as Dayton is the site of Nevada's first gold discovery.

They are collaborating with a local historian to ensure that all upgrades and painting are done accurately. There are hopes of getting the elevator operational again to provide accessibility to the upstairs venue.

Community members are invited to share local history photos of family, events, structures, or anything that

represents Dayton's history. A designated wall will showcase these photos; please keep them at size 8X10 or smaller.

It may take some time to establish a smooth flow while implementing these changes and additions. Everyone looks forward to creating a fun, historic space for guests to enjoy with family and friends. In the meantime, the venue is available for private parties and events with kitchen and bar area available for use.

Lyon County Fire Chief Harvey to Retire

Story and Photo By Melody Hoover



Chief Harvey

After nearly 9 years as Fire Chief for the Central Lyon County Fire Protection District and 37 years in the Nevada Fire Service, Rich Harvey is retiring. "It's been a great ride; I worked

with incredible people, ran many calls—some large, some small, but all significant to those involved. I climbed mountains, sloggged through valleys, and I'll miss it, but it's time.

Rich never planned to be a firefighter. A Bay Area native, he left for Feather River College in Quincy, CA, intending to work at a gas station during summer break. Instead, friends convinced him to take a seasonal firefighting job with the US Forest Service. His first fire, the Spring Fire of 1979, hooked him. Mesmerized by the flames, he hesitated during a fallback until his Engine Boss pulled him to safety. "I knew then I liked big flames," he recalls. "They're an incredible adrenaline rush."

That summer sparked a passion for forestry, leading to a degree from Feather River College and a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management from Humboldt State University in 1987. Rich then joined the Nevada Division of Forestry in Winnemucca, running an inmate crew and earning EMT and structure firefighter certifications. Over 26 years with NDF, he rose

through the ranks, serving as Fire Chief in Elko County and supervising the statewide Fire and Aviation program before retiring in 2015 as Deputy State Forester. Retirement lasted four months before he joined Central Lyon Fire, initially part-time with Storey County Fire.

"I'm grateful for the people of Lyon County and the men and women of Central Lyon Fire," Rich said. "We've opened new fire stations, reduced response times, saved lives and properties, and served our communities. Being Fire Chief is about public safety and service, and it's been a pleasure."

When asked how he knew it was time to retire, Rich shared a story of seeing a boat named "Next Chapter" pass him on Hwy 50. He took it as a sign, ready to leave things in God's hands. Thank you, Chief Harvey, for your dedication and service.

For the Song

Story and Photos By Melody Hoover

For The Song and VC Live Summer Music Events brought extraordinary live music to the hill on June 7 at the Red Dog Saloon and Piper's Opera House. If you weren't there, you truly missed out

on exceptional musicians of critical acclaim—the talent and entertainment were outstanding. Nether Hour performed at Piper's Opera House and Jimbo Scott and Yesterday's Biscuits played on



Nether Hour



Jimbo Scott and Yesterday's Biscuits

Ruby's Stage at The Red Dog Saloon. For The Song organized this event with support from The Red Dog Saloon and Piper's Opera House. All proceeds went directly to the artists with the goal of keeping them touring and sharing their music. Visit

<https://www.forthesong.com/northern-nevada-events> for information on upcoming performances in Virginia City and don't let this incredible opportunity pass you by; come out and support these extraordinary musicians!



Cards in the Cavern: Successful Grand Opening of the Sutro Tunnel Extension

Story and Photos By Steph Norby

The Sutro Tunnel was echoing with sounds of the past and present on Saturday during a special Sutro Social & Cards in the Cavern affair. Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity and the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed more than 300 people to celebrate the official opening of the tunnel extension for the summer 2025 season. The public can now safely walk 200 feet into the accurately restored adit and gaze down the unrestored section that Simerson Construction will continue work on this fall.

One guest stated, "that looks like a tunnel down there," pointing at the unrestored cavern beyond, "but this new part looks like a fancy hotel, it's beautiful."

Volunteer docents were stationed inside the tunnel and in buildings around the property to answer questions and share in the excitement with attendees.

Sissy's BBQ and A Scoop or Two ice cream shop kept

stomachs happy while cold drinks for kids and adults kept folks cool in the heat. Rob "DJ Steel" Harmon played great tunes throughout the afternoon plus special guest local singer/songwriter Carson Chandler graced the stage for a few

memorable songs.

At 4 p.m. nearly 70 seasoned and novice poker players took their seats for the Cards in the Cavern Texas Hold'em tournament led by Shilo and her team from O'Brien Event Management. Top three winners all received cash from the Nevada Fence tournament purse, a bottle of Frey Whiskey or 10 Torr Gin and a rare 150th anniversary Comstock silver piece pressed at the Nevada State Museum on the historic Carson City Mint Press.

Follow Sutro Tunnel Restoration Project on Facebook and Friends of Sutro Tunnel on Instagram for event photos, details and future happenings. Visit thesutrotunnel.org for tunnel history and public/private tour information.



Volunteer docent Pat Neylan answering questions in the tunnel



LOCAL BUSINESS FOCUS: Country Financial

Story and Photos By Steph Norby

No one wants to plan for worst-case scenarios in life. However, when tragedy strikes and the event takes an emotional and financial toll, you want to have someone in your corner that will help make sure you have a solid plan. That is precisely what COUNTRY Financial Insurance Agent Sarah Schembri offers.

“There are going to be those tragedies that are going to happen and it’s my job to be there for that,” Schembri stated.

Schembri works with English and Spanish speaking clients on

their home, auto, business and life insurance needs. She is on a mission to educate and empower families about their coverage options, taking the time to break everything down, explain how different policies work, what they do and don’t cover, and not just blindly send you proof of insurance.

Life insurance, specifically, has become a passion for Schembri after her own family tragedy. When her grandmother passed away in 2015, the life insurance policy in place helped Schembri’s grandfather pay off

some debts and stay out of home foreclosure.

“Helping people to understand their coverage and just know that on the worst day, we’re going to be here to provide whatever type of financial assistance to pay the claim,” Schembri said.

Schembri’s husband Robb, who is also an agent, focuses on their farm and commercial clients but is also starting to help on the life insurance side. Between the two, they have 25

Nevada families are protected when it matters most. And when life takes an unexpected turn, clients can rely on Schembri and her husband to guide them through the storm.

Schembri mentioned one such client, a younger woman who lost her husband last year and, “having the insurance is what allowed her the time to grieve and not have to worry about going to work on Monday – that insurance also allowed her the piece of mind to know she’s not going to lose her assets because of something unexpected happening.”

Schembri is licensed to serve all of Nevada, as well as Arizona and Washington. While the couple has clients as far away as Elko and Dyer, they would love to serve more clients from the Dayton, Stagecoach and Silver Springs areas. They have also helped many local residents with manufactured home coverage—often a challenge in rural communities.

Outside the office, you will find them at local events like the Chili Cook-Off, RE/MAX Wine Walk, Kids Day in the Park, Dayton Valley Days and Trunk or Treat—often with fun giveaways or raffle prizes in hand. And, of course, their annual “Say Hi, Get a Pie” Thanksgiving pie giveaway.

“It’s a great way to get our name out, but really, it’s a way to give back and enjoy bits and pieces of the community too,” Schembri explained. “We’re a little mom-and-pop shop, family-owned and run. We want to be here and we live here so when people chose to do business with us, it does affect Dayton’s economy – it’s helping us grow and then we’re able to give back more.”



Robb and Sarah

years of experience and can help anyone with their insurance needs.

The couple grew up in Reno but moved their family to Dayton in 2020. They are raising two children here (plus two dogs) and are proud to be part of this community.

“I wanted my kids to be able to play in the dirt and play outside and go on adventures,” Schembri said. “I just think it’s important to have that sense of community, we’re all just trying our best to make a living and stick together with our families to get through life.”

The duo is blending professional expertise with small-town heart to ensure

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Sudoku Answer

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CASE NO. 25-RP-00002 1E

ROBERT A. REPIN, an individual, Plaintiff,

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days after the last publication of this Summons, file with the
Clerk of the First Judicial District Court of Storey County,
located at 26 South B Street, Virginia City, Nevada 89440,
a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance
with Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, together with the
appropriate filing fee.

You must also serve a copy of your response upon Plaintiff's
attorney at: Luke Andrew Busby, Esq., 316 California Ave.,
Reno, Nevada 89509.

Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon
application of the Plaintiff, and this Court may enter a
judgment against you for the relief demanded in the
Complaint, which could result in the loss of any claimed
right, title, or interest in the above-described property.

If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney, you should
do so promptly to ensure your response is filed timely.

This Summons is published pursuant to Nevada Revised
Statutes Chapter 40 and Rule 4 of the Nevada Rules of Civil
Procedure.

Issued at the direction of:

By: _____
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Attorney for the Plaintiff

CLERK OF THE COURT – STOREY COUNTY

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Request for Statement of Qualifications

Storey County Fire Station 75 Build out
300 Italy Dr. off USA Parkway

INTRODUCTION and OWNER INFORMATION

Storey County Fire Protection District is seeking Statements of Qualifications from design firms or teams for a design-bid-build project in Storey County. The objective of the request is to select a highly qualified team of full-service Architectural design expertise capable of producing documents and services for design, bidding and construction in accordance with public safety infrastructure standards. The "Scope of Work" will be proposed by the selected consultant team for review and consideration by Storey County Fire Protection District during the negotiation process. The final "Scope of Work" will be collaboratively developed and agreed upon by the selected Consultant and Storey County Fire Protection but at a minimum will include planning, design, drawing, detailing of a proposed build-out of the property located at 300 Italy Dr, cross street of USA Parkway into a fire station facility and bidding support. This is an existing shell building and available for a site visit prior to submittal, upon request.

Project Owner: Storey County Fire Protection District

Funding Agency: This project is self-funded.

Project Location: 300 Italy Dr, McCarran, NV 89434

Storey County Fire Protection District will be accepting Statements of Qualifications for the above referenced project "Storey County Fire Station 75 Build-out", from consultants interested in providing Architectural and Engineering Consultant services for Station 75

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

The purpose of this project is to finish construction of the facility to provide amenities and spaces to serve a growing fire service and changing demographics of fire service personnel. The project proposes to complete the construction of the building currently located on the property with the footprint of the existing 15,000 sqft. eight-bay structure. Existing columns on the first floor need to be relocated and area fitted for storage of apparatus. The second-floor areas will serve to house administrative offices and dormitories for on-duty personnel. The project estimated budget is approximately \$8,000,000 for construction. Selected firm will advise and work within the budgeted amount.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The Procurement will be in accordance with CFR Title 7, Subtitle B, Chapter XVIII, Subchapter H, Part 1942, Subpart A, Sec 1942.18 and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and Owner policies and procedures. Consultants who assisted the Owner in the RFQ preparations may not propose or participate in this Request. The owner specifically

waives this prohibition if the following apply:

The role of the Consultant was limited to provision of preliminary design, reports, or similar "low-level" documents that will be incorporated into the Procurement and did not include assistance in the development of instructions to Respondents or evaluation criteria, and all documents and reports delivered to the Owner by the Consultant are made available to all Respondents.

Documents provided by consultant for this project are limited to existing architectural and engineering designs and shall be made available to all Respondents upon request.

Respondents are required to conduct the preparation of their SOQs with professional integrity and free from lobbying activities. Communication with the Owner regarding this Request shall be via email or regular mail and directed to the following Owner's Representative: Shane Dixon, sdixon@storeycounty.org P.O. Box 603, Virginia City NV 89440. Do not communicate about the Request or the Procurement with any other Owner employees, representatives, or consultants. Such communication may result in the Respondent being disqualified from submitting under this Request. Any verified allegation that a Respondent (or agent thereof) has made such contact or attempted to influence the evaluation, ranking, and/or selection of short-listed Respondents may be cause for Owner to disqualify the Respondent from submitting an SOQ and/or to discontinue any further consideration of such Respondent.

All costs associated with responses to this Request shall be the sole responsibility of the Respondents.

All documents or materials submitted pursuant to this Request shall become publicly available information unless specifically indicated by Respondent at the time of submittal as "Confidential".

PROCEDURE

The date of publication of this Request for Qualifications is June 12th, 2025. Statements must be received by no later than July 12th, 2025, at 3:00 PM local time. Statements received after this date and time will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender. Statements must be clearly marked on the outside of a sealed envelope or in the subject line if submitted by email. Storey County Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any Statement or to accept the Statement which is deemed to be in the best interest of the County. An Evaluation Committee will evaluate submitted statements, along with the firm's qualifications and experience with similar projects and select not more than two firms for further evaluation and possible solicitation of additional information. The Committee will then select a successful firm and will seek Storey County Fire Board of Commissioners' approval. Following that, staff will invite the selected firm to enter negotiations with Storey County Fire Protection District to develop a detailed technical and

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business proposal plan with specified not-to-exceed costs.

Submitting firms will demonstrate the ability to fulfill the following tasks or provide the following deliverables.

1. Review and evaluation of existing preliminary architectural plans, provide specific critiques with alternative solutions (if any).
2. Collection and assimilation of requirements from stakeholders and relevant agencies with jurisdiction.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with codes that govern fire stations including IBC and NFPA.
4. Provide three (3) examples of similar projects to include new construction and expansion or renovation of existing facilities.
6. Demonstrate ability to deliver biddable construction documents to include drawings and specifications.
7. Demonstrate experience in and ability to provide support during construction including RFIs, submittal review, periodic inspection, punch list and closeout.
8. Provide any experience with federally funded projects and an understanding of compliance with federal funding agencies' reporting and contractual requirements.
9. Provide specific examples of cost saving measures that resulted in significant savings to the project budget.
10. Provide brief resumes of key personnel and their general availability for a project of this nature.

Submittals shall be limited to 15 total print pages.

All interested parties must be qualified to submit Statements and Proposals in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes.

All hard copy submittals should be sent to:

'Storey County Fire Station 75 RFQ'
Storey County Fire Protection District
Shane Dixon, Battalion Chief
P.O. BOX 603
145 N. C Street
Virginia City NV 89440

All electronic submittals should be sent to:

Sdixon@storeycounty.org
Subject Line: 'Storey County Fire Station 75 RFQ'

Shane Dixon
Battalion Chief
Sdixon@storeycounty.org
775-720-9593

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BEFORE THE NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO EXISTING TARIFF

Sunset Limousine Services, LLC filed an application to modify tariff rates under Docket 25-05034.

Persons with a direct and substantial interest in the filing may file Petitions for Leave to Intervene at the Authority's office. Such Petitions must conform to the Authority's regulations and must be filed on or before June 23, 2025.

The full detailed notice of the application may be viewed on the Nevada Transportation Authority's website at <http://nta.nv.gov> on the "Public Notices" link or at the Authority's office at 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

By the Authority,

_____/s/_____

Amber Haggard, Administrative Assistant IV

Dated: June 9, 2025

Las Vegas, Nevada

Publication date: 6/13/2025

APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 94306

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 08th day of April 2025 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nixon, Nevada made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the place and manner of use of 51.75 acre-feet annually, a portion of water heretofore appropriated under Permit 82786 and Claim 3 of the Truckee River Decree. Water will remain in the Truckee River at a point located within Pyramid Lake being within the N1/2 SW1/4, Section 19, T20N, R23E, MDB&M. Water will be used for wildlife purposes as decreed. Water was used as decreed.

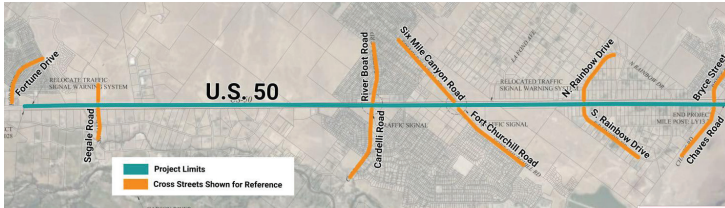
Adam Sullivan, P.E.
State Engineer
AS/mh

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U.S. 50 Preservation Project

By Melody Hoover



The Nevada Division of Transportation (NDOT) is currently completing the final design phase for roadway improvements, with construction scheduled to begin in the spring of 2026. The U.S. Highway 50 East of Dayton Preservation Project aims to rehabilitate a segment of highway that stretches approximately 5.7 miles, from just east of Fortune Drive to 500 feet east of Chaves Road in Lyon County. This project includes pavement preservation, drainage enhancements, and

traffic safety improvements, such as median installation and access modifications. Additionally, two new traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Cardelli Road/River Boat Road and Six Mile Canyon Road, along with improved signage and new roadway striping.

Follow this website to keep up to date on the progress.

<https://www.dot.nv.gov/projects-programs/u-s-50-east-of-dayton-preservation-project>



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THEME: SUMMER VIBES

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1. Baking ingredient

5. Accounting pro

8. Depletes

12. ___ reflection

13. Painter Chagall

14. Feeling of resentment

15. Member of Germany's NSDAP

16. ___ lily

17. Light shade of blue

18. *Summer thirst quencher

20. Same as tsar

21. Subside

22. Tierra ___ Fuego

23. Taken without consent

26. Even greener, as in fruit

30. Dot follower

31. Largest hot dessert

34. Australian palm

35. Evian, backwards

37. A in FANBOYS

38. *Like a lightning bug

39. Prima donna

40. *Midsummer's maypole dance, e.g.

42. *William Blake's "To Summer," e.g.

43. Any voting citizen

45. *Sun to ice cream

47. Feeling of veneration

48. Two-door

50. *Beach bag, usually

52. *Summer rays

55. Rock bottom

56. Altar location

57. Milk ___, candy

59. Small stream

60. Turned to the right, like a horse

61. Starchy tuber

62. *It's knee-high by the 4th of July

63. Ctrl and Delete partner

64. Type of tide

5. Diamond weight unit

6. Bluenose

7. Climber's destination

8. *Intensely hot

9. Greenish blue

10. Make like a cat

11. "Monkey ___, monkey do"

13. Sometime in the future

14. Indianapolis basketball player

19. With BMI over 30

22. Piece of evidence, acr.

23. Type of probe

24. *Summer hiking path

25. Nose of a missile

26. Pakistani tongue

27. Sitcom trial

28. Lyric poem

29. Less experienced

32. *Boat ___, don't care!

33. *Uninvited picnic guest

36. *Break from summer routine

38. First in Hebrew alphabet

40. Fish eggs

41. Entertained

44. Twist plus jerk

46. City in Netherlands

48. Precious metal extraction cup

49. Early stages

50. #61 Across cousin

51. ___-Eaters

52. Literary genre

53. In the buff

54. Collection of Norse mythology

55. Oldest of the "Big Three" TV networks

58. Dip into liquid

DOWN

1. *___-kissed

2. Birthstone after sapphire

3. Nod off

4. Kind of instinct

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by Matt Weidman

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