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SILVER LININGS

A Note from the Editor

Thanksgiving has been part of life on the Comstock for more than 150 years. The earliest Nevada papers—the Territorial Enterprise of Virginia City and the Gold Hill Daily News—carried annual reminders each November that the holiday mattered here. Nevada formally recognized Thanksgiving as a state holiday in 1864, declared by the state’s first governor, Henry G. Blasdel, and soon after, the local papers began reflecting that new tradition. Throughout the 1860s, ’70s, and ’80s, the Enterprise and the Daily News printed the Governor’s annual Thanksgiving Proclamation, calling residents to “refrain from labor,” gather with family and friends, and set aside the day for gratitude. This ritual, repeated year after year in our own local press, tells us something important: Thanksgiving wasn’t an afterthought on the Comstock. It was embraced.

Dining notices in the Gold Hill Daily News show that boarding houses, hotels, and restaurants across Gold Hill and Virginia City served special holiday meals—roast fowl, potatoes, preserved fruits, relishes, cakes, and the pies so central to Victorian American celebrations. And thanks to the astonishing speed of 19th-century

Thanksgiving on the Comstock, Then and Now

supply chains, oysters appeared on Comstock Thanksgiving tables, too. As a Los Angeles Times historical feature notes, residents here in the 1870s were “crazy about oysters,” which arrived by rail in remarkable quantities and showed up in soups, stuffings, pies, and holiday spreads. A miner in 1874 might very well have had oyster stew as the first course of his Thanksgiving dinner.

Yet even then, the holiday was less about the specific dishes and more about the spirit behind them. For miners far from home, merchants who stayed open through the holiday, and families carving out lives in these rugged hills, Thanksgiving offered a moment of comfort and community. A warm seat at a hotel table, a shared meal in a boarding house, or a family gathering in a small hillside kitchen provided just enough softness to balance the demands of Comstock life.

Today, our celebrations look different—pies exchanged in driveways, recipes shared across town or via text, turkeys picked up at the grocery store, and casseroles assembled in kitchens warmed by modern stoves. Our mom-and-pop shops donate rolls and desserts for community meals, help families gather

last-minute ingredients, and show the same quiet generosity that kept this region together in the Victorian era. Some neighbors invite an unexpected traveler to join their table; others make room for those who might not have anywhere else to go—not out of pity, but out of the same instinct that defined the Comstock from the start: if you’re here, you’re welcome.

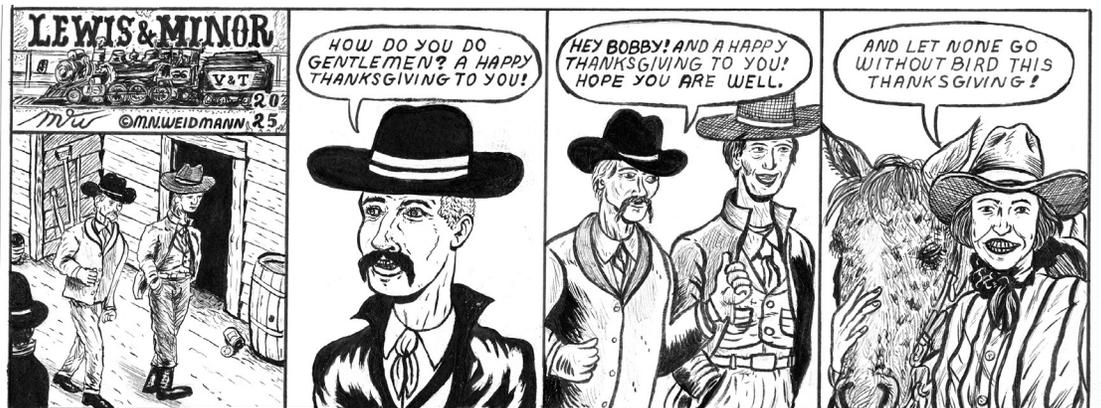
The details have changed. The heart has not.

From the pages of the Territorial Enterprise to the boardwalks of today’s Virginia City and streets of Dayton, Thanksgiving on the Comstock has always been about gathering, sharing, and remembering what we’re grateful for. Whether the meal is filled with old family recipes or new traditions, whether the table is crowded or intimate, the thread that connects us across time is unmistakable.

May this year’s table carry that continuity—between past and present, between the Victorian kitchens that once dotted these hills and the warm homes of our modern community. Gratitude is still the foundation of the Comstock. It always has been.

~ Interim Editor,
The Comstock Chronicle

Lewis & Minor by Matt Weidmann



The Miracle Worker

PINE NUTS

By McAvoy Layne
The Ghost of Mark Twain



With a nod to Anne Sullivan, who Mark Twain dubbed “The Miracle Worker” for her wonderous work with Helen Keller away back in the 19th century, I nominate my chiropractor, Dr. Jon, as The Miracle Worker of the 21st century.

Granted, he did not have sight and hearing issues to deal with like Anne did with Helen, but I brought Dr. Jon a pain in my back that would make a cow bellow.

I have felt bone pain before, and I have felt muscle pain before, but my introduction to nerve pain commanded my total attention, and dropped me to the floor like a stone. Yes, the Sciatic Nerve carries with it all the high-voltage and fire power of the third rail in a New York City subway, and when it comes to surprises there is nothing quite like the Sciatica.

Where muscle pain will elicit a cry of, “Ouch!” Bone pain will call for a stronger word like, “Damn!” But Sciatic pain is guaranteed to sally forth a laundry list of tightly knitted expletives, as in, “@#\$\$%&*!” (I cleaned that up for the benefit of this fine family journal, but you get the idea.)



So, enter Dr. Jon, who regards the Sciatic Nerve as a member of his family, a member that needs to be cared for and invited to Christmas dinner. He showed me with a model how nerves weave in and out of the spine, and get easily pinched, which hurts like H.E. Double

Hockey Sticks, if you know what I mean...

Then he pulled and pried me until I was as flexible as a circus performer, and I’ve never been quite so tall in my long life. But the real miracle came with the exercises Dr. Jon gifted me to take home. I did not take much stock in them at first, but they have earned my endearing respect.

My favorite, and last to come to the table,

is the Sciatic Nerve Floss, where you stretch your extended leg out and about like doing the Hokey Pokey, but different. This procedure flosses the Sciatic Nerve and allows one to slow dance with a minimum of sporadic cries of pain, which comes as a pleasant relief to your dance partner.

There is more good news to share, but the bottom line is I believe I could run the high hurdles tomorrow morning, or perhaps the low hurdles, and finish in the top three.

One of my chief pleasures in life is to witness people at work who are really good at what they do, and Dr. Jon is one of those who commands respect and admiration in his chiropractic practice. I might add, it brings even more pleasure yet to witness a dedicated professional while the pain in your back that is running down your leg, is slowly ebbing away.

In case Mr. Sciatica should ever come calling on you, Dr. Jon’s practice is called

Backcountry. And to bring a smile, you might mention that you were referred by one of Dr. Jon’s contented backalaureates...

Comstock Foundation’s Inaugural Gala: A Sold-Out Celebration of Preservation and Community

By Alexia Sober

The Comstock Foundation for History & Culture’s first-ever Gala was a sold-out success! Held on Nov. 15, 2025, inside the storied walls of the Gold Hill Hotel, the evening brought together local officials, historians, preservation advocates, and supporters from across the

region — all united by a shared commitment to protecting the Comstock’s living history.

In the warm, historic glow of Nevada’s oldest operating hotel, guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining, community conversation, and an exceptional raffle filled with handcrafted

and historically inspired items. A standout piece — a barbecue meat hook forged from an original railroad tie — symbolized the volunteer-driven effort to bring blacksmithing classes back to the Donovan Mill. Additional treasures included a pure Comstock Silver Medallion and rare archival photographs, each offering a glimpse into the people and work that shaped the Comstock.

surprise contribution to a local youth sports program — reminded everyone that the Foundation’s mission is built not only on preservation, but on community.

We are proud to share that the Gala raised \$6,520 to support the Foundation’s preservation work — an extraordinary milestone for our first event. Even more meaningful, the evening helped us welcome new members into the Foundation, expanding the circle of advocates dedicated to protecting and celebrating the

The night also featured stories of innovation, resilience, and legacy, including the history of the Donovan Mill and the remarkable individuals who continue to shape its restoration today. A moment of unexpected generosity — a

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King's Corner

By Jeff Headley

It was early on the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving—the kind of gray, muted morning that makes you wonder if the sun took an early holiday. It had rained most of the week, and everything was soaked: the yard, the fields, the road, even the air felt waterlogged. The drizzle was light but persistent, like it didn't want to be dramatic—just irritating.

From the kitchen window, I saw the horses standing under their shelter, gazing out with the same expression I imagine I had: Again? Really? Even from across the property, they looked tired of November.

My Ring camera chimed, and there was Theresida—my neighbor, friend, and the only hairdresser I trust—picking her way through the mud and the “obstacles” generously donated by the wild horses that roam our road. Navigating that entrance is not for amateurs. Theresida has walked it so many times she could probably do it blindfolded... though the horse deposits make that a risky leap of faith.

She used to come often to visit my dad, Mark King, whom she knew well and admired. Her visits now feel like a thread connecting past to present.

This morning she wore her oversized waterproof coat—the one that makes her look like she might be smuggling a camping tent. She lifted her feet high with every step, trying to keep her boots somewhere in the realm of respectable.

The moment she pushed open the gate, the dogs burst out like a furry welcoming committee. Tails up, barking wildly, acting as if she were Santa Claus with

pockets full of treats. They swarmed around her legs, splashing mud onto the tent-coat, and she scratched their heads without breaking stride. Across the yard, the horses heard her voice drifting through the damp air and answered with soft nickers, greeting an old friend—which she is.

She came through the side garage door—because anyone who really knows me uses that entrance—and as she stepped inside, shaking droplets from her coat, I handed her a warm mug.

“Coffee?”

“Oh yes,” she said, gripping it like life support. “This morning requires coffee.”

“Talking day or thinking day?” she asked—her usual greeting.

Theresida can be quiet... in theory... but those conditions rarely occur in nature. She's a talker by design: neighbors, coworkers, her Catholic church, her grown son, the grandchildren's adventures—you name it, she has a story for it.

“Well,” I said, settling into the kitchen chair she calls my personal salon throne, “today probably has to be a thinking day. Thanksgiving is Thursday, and I still need a sermon for tomorrow.”

She set down her coffee, unpacked her professional tools, and gave me a grin. “Think all you want,” she said. “But the thinking is gonna have competition.”

And with that, she launched into her stories—about coworkers, neighbors, a salon misunderstanding, the choir director, and whatever her grandchildren had been up to that week. As

Finding Thanksgiving in the Ordinary

she draped the apron around my neck and began trimming, her words filled the kitchen with the warm, steady liveliness she brings wherever she goes.

At one rare pause, I asked, “Theresida, earlier you said you don't really think about Thanksgiving deeply. Did you mean that?”

She clipped a section of hair before answering. “Of course I meant it. I say thank you all the time—to customers, in the grocery line. But sit and really think about Thanksgiving?” She shrugged. “Life's too full. You work, you help the kids, the church wants everything... who has the time?”

“I get it,” I said. “It's Saturday, and I haven't been thinking about it either—and I'm the one who has to preach tomorrow.”

She laughed. “See? Even pastors are human.”

Then she told me about a retreat where she'd imagined her “perfect last day”—travel, adventure, the works—only to hear another woman say she would simply sit on her porch at sunrise, pray, greet her children one by one, cook breakfast, watch them play, and knit beside her husband.

“All my big plans,” Theresida

said, “felt silly after that.”

The house grew quiet except for the gentle snip of her scissors. The dogs lay nearby, proud of their earlier greeting duties. The horses shifted in their shelter, visible through the misted window. And in that moment—in the middle of a muddy, ordinary Saturday morning before Thanksgiving—I realized this small, unglamorous scene held its own quiet thanksgiving, if I would only notice.

When she finished, she brushed off my neck and stepped back. “There,” she said. “That's as good as it gets with what you bring me.”

I laughed. “How is it you work so hard, and I still look the same?”

Theresida snapped the apron loose with a flourish. “There's only one miracle worker,” she said. “And I'm not him.”

And I realized—that was it.

That was the sermon I needed.

There is only one miracle worker.

We are not him.

But He is with us always.

And that alone is enough reason to give thanks.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025 • 10:00am

“Men at the Manger - Nabal the Innkeeper”

Jeff Headley



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Alf Doten: The Man Who Wrote Nevada's Memory

By Chris Pattison - Proprietor of The Odeon, Dayton

Sometimes a story lands in your lap and sometimes you've got to dig.

I never knew much about Alf Doten. Back when I first started digging into Adolph Sutro, I remember UNR and Ron James mentioning some of their findings on Sutro in the Doten journals, but the project wasn't finished yet and they weren't ready for anything to go public. So I tucked the name away in the back of my mind and left it there - until it all came flooding back.

If you're into local history, get ready. Doten wrote about everything.

If you spend enough time around old mining camps and ghost towns, you start to notice something: for every loud, famous name on a monument, there's usually a quiet one in the background who actually wrote everything down.

For Nevada, that quiet man was Alfred "Alf" Doten.

Doten was born in Massachusetts in 1829 and headed west in 1849 for the California Gold Rush. He tried mining, farming, and all the usual paths that either made you rich or broke

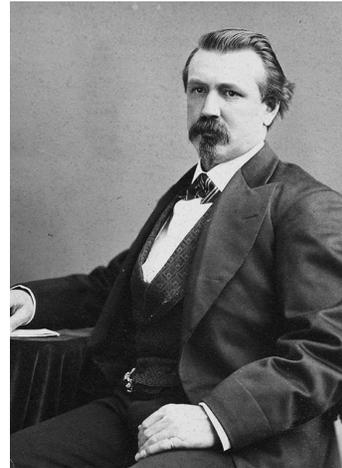
you. What he ended up becoming was something different: a newspaperman and a compulsive diarist.

In 1863 he crossed into Nevada, taking work at the Como Sentinel, the little paper serving the mining camp up in the Pine Nuts above Dayton. I've been told countless times that Como was the county seat before Dayton. Turns out that isn't true. Dayton/St. Mary's was established as the county seat when Lyon County was created in 1861 and stayed that way until 1909, when the Dayton Court House burned down and the seat was moved to Yerington, in 1911.

From there, Doten moved through the heart of the Comstock: Dayton, Virginia City, Gold Hill, Austin, Eureka, Reno, Carson City. If there was a boomtown with a press, chances are Doten set type or wrote copy there at some point.

But his real masterpiece wasn't a newspaper at all.

Starting the day he sailed out of Plymouth in 1849, Doten kept a private journal. He never really stopped. By the time he died in 1903, he had filled seventy-nine volumes with more



Alfred "Alf" Doten

than 1.6 million words. One entry per day, year after year, covering nearly every day of his adult life.

No big speeches. No polished memoir. Just weather, bar fights, funerals, mining deals, bad luck, good whiskey, and the kind of gossip a man usually only confesses to a notebook.

Nevada scholar Lawrence Berkove once said that "no detail was too trivial, no scandal too politically dangerous to be recorded," and compared Doten's journals to those of England's Samuel Pepys. That's not exaggeration. If you want to know what people in 1860s-1890s Nevada actually

believed, not just what they put on public monuments, you will eventually run into Alf Doten.

This is where historian Ron James comes in.

For years, most readers only had access to an abridged three-volume edition of the journals, edited by Walter Van Tilburg Clark in 1973. That set is huge, but it still left out about 45% of what Doten wrote. The rest sat in Special Collections at UNR, locked away in the original notebooks.

Ron and a team led by Donnelly Curtis at UNR took on the monster project of transcribing everything - every line, every scrap - plus nearly 4,000 notes to explain who's who and what's what. As of 2021, the full text is transcribed and checked. Their goal is to make the whole thing publicly searchable online so anyone, from scholars to curious Nevadans, can wander through Doten's world.

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The Spark That Built the West: How the Comstock's Past Still Powers Its Future

Part 1 of 12 in the Comstock Chronicle Series:
 “From Gold to Green—The Evolution of the Comstock”

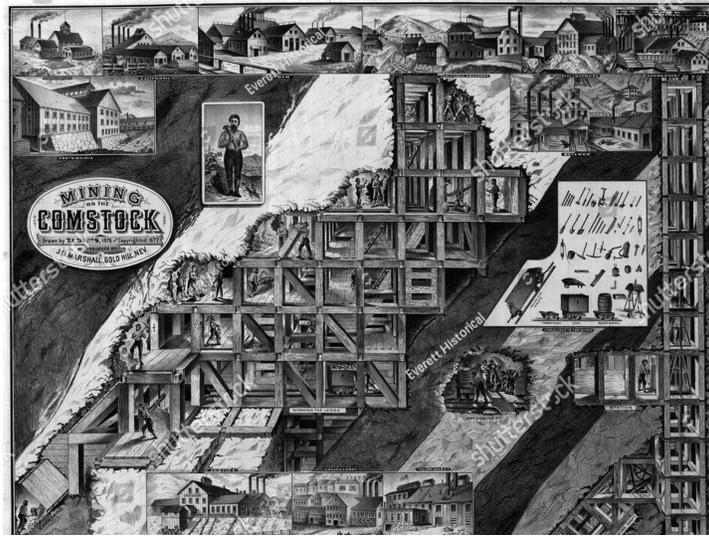
Part 1 will run each week this month.

by Rob Dyer, Comstock Inc.

It's easy to take for granted the stability and fun of Virginia City today—the boardwalks, the laughs and chatter, the echo of boots on wood, the smell of pine and sage drifting over Mount Davidson. But 165 years ago, this hill roared with an entirely different energy that quite literally helped build Nevada and the American West.

When miners first struck the Comstock Lode in 1859, they didn't just find silver—they uncovered a force that reshaped technology, sense of possibility and the nation's economy. Silver from these hills bankrolled the Union during the Civil War, monetized San Francisco's rise, and drew miners, inventors, engineers, and dreamers westward. In its own way, the Comstock was Silicon Valley before there was one—where risk-takers, innovators, and fortune-seekers gathered to do whatever had to be done, and often, had never even been done before.

Yet what truly defined the Comstock wasn't just wealth that was created—it was **ingenuity**. The challenges of these mines pushed human creativity to its limit. The ore bodies treacherously deep, the grounds unstable, and the heat unbearable. To survive it, miners and engineers here invented entirely new ways of working underground. The square-set timbering system, devised by Philip Deidesheimer



in Virginia City, became a global standard for deep mining. The Sutro Tunnel, a feat of engineering precision, driven through solid rock, changed the world paradigm about drainage and ventilation. These were but a few of the world changing breakthroughs.

This was innovation born of necessity—and that spirit of practical ingenuity continues to define the Comstock today.

The echoes of that early enterprise still run through the DNA of the modern Comstock story. The original booms and busts left behind not only tailings and tunnels but also an incredible culture of resilience and reinvention. Generations later, the same hills that once produced silver now give rise to something even more valuable: **knowledge about how to restore, reclaim, and reuse.**

That's the story that Comstock Inc. carries forward. From the reclamation efforts that began under Comstock Mining to the decarbonization technologies of today, the company's evolution mirrors the arc of the region itself—transforming from extraction to innovation.

It's a transformation we can all appreciate because we've seen this land change before. Where the Bonanza Kings once dug for precious metals, today's Comstock companies recover metals like silver, copper, and aluminum from solar panels, capturing and reusing resources instead of exhausting them. The old mills gave birth to the industrial age; the new ones are helping build the circular economy.

For those who walk these streets every day, it's worth

remembering: the Comstock has always been about more than mining. It's been about solving the hardest, seemingly impossible problems. About finding light underground—sometimes literally, sometimes metaphorically.

That pioneering energy, the same drive that once fueled the hoisting engines and stamp mills, now powers new technologies aimed at elevating humanity and sustainably enabling our communities. And just as the Comstock Lode once proved the West could lead the world in industry, it may yet again prove that this same ground can lead the world in sustainability.

So, the next time you look across the canyon or hear the wind whistle through an old head frame, think of what was born here—not just a boomtown, but a blueprint. The Comstock Lode showed America what happens when determination meets imagination. Today, its descendants are showing what happens when innovation meets responsibility.

Because history has never sat still here for very long. It evolves—one discovery, one invention, and one new chapter at a time.

Learn more about Comstock Inc. and its mission to restore, reimagine, and reuse at www.comstock.inc.

Celebrating the Amazing Life of Sheri Ayn Brantingham Millhollin

By *Laura Tennant*

I am writing this article with tears flowing and heart aching because it honors the full life of our daughter Sheri Ayn Brantingham Millhollin who lost a two and a half year valiant battle with a rare and aggressive cancer. Sheri was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and parents. She loved planning family events and brought endless energy to every family gathering. During most of her last two and a half years, I was blessed to share Friday walks with her and her sister, Laurie, along the Carson River, at Spooner and Marlette Lakes. She walked and did aerobics no matter how awful she felt after traveling to Arizona for her six hour chemo infusions. Sheri passed away peacefully at her home in Reno on Oct. 31 at the age of 63 surrounded by family. She set foot in this world as a little dynamo and never let up until she was finally called away. Her biography would fill an entire volume, so I must exercise much brevity here.



Sheri was born in Carson City on Nov. 27, 1961, and grew up in the small town of Dayton, Nev. At 9 years old, she joined 4-H in Dayton and was actively involved from elementary through her high school years, eventually becoming a "teen leader". Sheri did so well that when she was 18, she was selected above 300 others, with just one in four nationwide selected, to represent Nevada at a Washington D.C. Leadership Conference, where she met President Carter.

In the 1970's, Dayton was a small town without a high school, so Sheri attended Carson High School where she was a member of the Cross Country team. She graduated in 1979 and enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno on the E.J. Questa 4-H Scholarship, where she joined the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She participated in UNR's first Women's Cross Country team and began her career of pushing the envelope to expand the barriers to women's opportunities in sports.

After graduation from UNR with a degree in Home Economics, Sheri earned

her teaching credentials. Before long, she met and married David Millhollin, a teacher at the Dayton Intermediate/High School. Dave and Sheri moved to California where she began her successful teaching and coaching career. Once again Sheri was breaking barriers. A long article in the Sacramento Bee entitled "Millhollin Labors Against Stereotypes" tells the story of how she went into labor and continued to coach her high school boys' basketball team even after her water broke during the game. She coached her team to victory and then went to the hospital to deliver her son just hours later. For thirty-four

years, Sheri coached Boy's Freshmen and Junior Varsity basketball teams. She also coached both high school girls' and boys' volleyball while teaching Home Economics, Health and Child Development. During these years, Sheri generously gave her time to mentor and coach children of all ages, including her own children, nieces and nephews. After 38 years of teaching and coaching, Sheri and her husband Dave moved back to her home state of Nevada, but she had also just been diagnosed with cancer. She would tell other women, if you have groin pain and complain; yet no one listens, it is possible you have cancer.

The day after Sheri's passing, her sister Nicole posted a remembrance of her on Facebook that captures the woman Sheri was. Here is part of that post:

"For the past two and a half years, she has fought with such grace, strength, and

dignity, even during the hardest, painful days. Her faith was strong and unwavering. She was one of the most caring, energetic, selfless, giving, dedicated, fun and extraordinary women I have ever known. She gave everything to everyone and always tenfold. Sheri was always so full of life and bravery that she breathed life and joy into everyone she met along her earthly journey. Sheri truly was dynamic like no other. Our oldest brother Darrell reminded us to thank God who gave us Sheri as a gift and to remember how fortunate we still are to have had her in our lives for she will always be alive in our hearts."

Sheri's spirit drifted away on Nevada Day shortly after darkness had fallen and at

exactly the same time across the state of Nevada, the skies were erupting with music and fireworks. What beauty she must have seen as she left.

Sheri is survived by her husband David Millhollin, daughter Shasta Millhollin, son Cruise Millhollin (significant other, Casey McKenzie), and son Tyus Millhollin; three grandchildren, Chloe, Covee, and Blaze; her parents, Laura and Stony Tennant; her siblings, Darrell Brantingham (Lori), Laurie Crom (Sean), Matthew Brantingham (Tracy), Melissa Nitta (Russ) and Nicole, and many other beloved nieces and nephews.

There will be two celebrations of life held in her honor:

1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2026, 8 at Green Valley Church in Placerville, CA and

1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at the Dayton Community Center in Dayton, NV

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF NEVADA**

**NOTICE OF JOINT APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On November 18, 2025, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (together, "NV Energy") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") a joint application, designated as Docket No. 25-11017, for approval of the second amendment to its Joint Expanded Solar Access Program Implementation Plan for period 2024-2026 to make unutilized program capacity available to low-income customers.

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 evidence.

NV Energy filed the joint application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to, NRS 704.7865.

Interested and affected persons may file petitions for leave to intervene pursuant to NAC 703.578 through 703.600 at either of the Commission's offices on or before WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NAC 703.655, the Commission has scheduled a PREHEARING CONFERENCE in this docket to be held as follows:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025
9:30 a.m.
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By the Commission,
TRISHA OSBORNE,
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada
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Storey County Adds Community Health Workers to Support Residents and First Responders

By Julia Moreno-Fritz

When deputies in Storey County respond to certain calls, they won't always arrive alone.

Alongside them may be one of the county's new Community Health Workers — professionals trained to provide immediate support and connect residents with resources that aren't always easy to access in smaller, rural communities.

For Dani Brown, the role is about being present in the moments that matter most.

"It's going to be a boots-on-the-ground kind of job," Brown said. "We're able to meet people at their homes, meet them where they are, and help them get to where they want to go. We're in addition to pretty much anything you could think of. That might mean helping someone learn coping strategies or just being there to listen when they can't wait for a therapy appointment. We're not therapists, but we can be that bridge — we can hear your story and help you take the next step."

Brown, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Community Health Services and is pursuing a Master's in Clinical Mental Health, said part of what drew her to Storey County is having to find creative ways to connect residents with care.

"I think Storey County is really unique," she said. "It's not just how the community comes together for one another, but also how we provide services and meet community needs. You don't have an abundance of resources or agencies to refer people to, so you have to be creative. You must think outside the box to get people what they need. That's part of what drew me to this work."



Haylee Butler (left) and Dani Brown (right) are the two new Community Health Workers who are trained to provide immediate support and connect residents with resources. Photo Credit: Dani Brown

The focus of a Community Health Worker includes crisis intervention, substance abuse, suicide prevention, and mental health emergencies.

Like Brown, Haylee Butler, the other Community Health Worker Storey County hired, brings a complementary perspective to the role. Butler began her career at the senior center as a homemaker and is now pursuing an Associate of Arts degree, with plans to earn a Bachelor's in Psychology.

"Dani and I are very mobile, so we can go to people's homes, and residents can also come to us," Butler said. "We can be active in the community, at events, and all over the county. Being a community health worker is about providing peer support and mental health services, while also showing that we are here to help. Out here, it's really about the outreach."

Her work centers on helping

residents manage mental health challenges and find peer support, with a particular focus on children and adolescents.

"Our main goal is helping with mental health," Butler said. "We provide peer support and connect people with resources they might not be able to find on their own. That could mean helping someone find a doctor who takes their insurance or assisting someone reentering the community after incarceration. A lot of the time, once people start talking about practical needs, they'll also open up about what's bothering them. Even the small things can lead to bigger support."

Working Alongside Deputies and Community Partners

Both Brown and Butler will accompany deputies on specific calls, particularly those involving mental health concerns.

Their presence enables law enforcement officers to respond more effectively, while providing residents with immediate access to health and social services.

"This isn't about replacing law enforcement," Butler said. "It's about giving residents a professional who can help guide them through a difficult moment."

In addition to working with the Storey County Sheriff's Office, Brown and Butler are collaborating with Community Chest, where they receive supervision from a licensed clinician.

Connecting Residents to Support

Brown and Butler want the community to know that support is available in multiple ways, and that reaching out to

them is confidential, and respectful process.

"I want the community to know we do have a referral form on the Storey County website," Brown said. "People can submit a referral if they're concerned about someone — it doesn't have to be about themselves. You can even do it anonymously. They can call us as well. And it's not just for community members — anyone who works in the county with concerns can reach out."

Brown, who grew up in Spring Creek, Nevada, and Butler, a Mark Twain native, draw on their experiences in small communities to guide their work. They understand the importance of confidentiality, treating everyone with respect, and approaching each resident as an individual.

"I like to remind myself to go in there with empathy and not sympathy," Butler said. "That's the biggest thing as a community health worker and peer supporter: to get down on their level. We've experienced some of the same things, and I use that to guide how I treat people. The rule I go by is something we've all been taught since we were little: treat people the way you want to be treated. What can I say or do to help them feel heard, and not hurt or embarrassed?"

Brown and Butler aim to strengthen community trust, improve access to health services, and foster a healthier, more resilient Storey County.

"Our goal is simple," Brown said. "To meet people where they are, help them find the support they need, and remind them they're not alone."

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Holiday Edition

DAYTON

Christmas Tree Sale
Community Roots & Shoots
Starting Nov 26

Kiwanis Christmas Home Tour
Register your home for the tour by Dec 10
Nov 28 - Dec 25: Map Sales
<https://k12884.site.kiwanis.org/fundraisers/>

Shop with a Sheriff Toy Drive
A Scoop or Two
Drop off a new toy until Dec 1

Sip n' Shop & Christmas Cart Parade
Dayton Valley Golf Club
Dec 12 at 4 pm

Small Town Christmas
Dec 6: Santa Photos, Tree Lighting, Entertainment
Kay Winter's Park, starts at 4:30 pm

'Twas the Night Before Christmas - Misfits Style!
The Odeon
Dec 5-6 at 7 pm; Dec 7 at 2 pm

One-act play, Christmas carols and Ho Ho Ho Contest

Friday proceeds will be donated to the Dayton Food Pantry

GOLD HILL

Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon
Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day Dinner,
1 pm - 4:30 pm - Reservations

Dec 11: Spirits of Christmas Past,
doors open at 6 pm

Dec 14: Special Presentation -
Return of the Rat Pack, show at 7 pm

Dec 15: Santa's Workshop, 10 am

SILVER SPRINGS & STAGECOACH

Nov 19-Dec 11: Santa's Christmas Tree
Showdown

Dec 13: Hometown Christmas - Parade of
Lights, Santa Arrival, Tree Lighting, 5 pm

VIRGINIA CITY

Christmas on the Comstock
December: SCSO Operation Blue Santa
Dec 1-22: Believe Again Christmas Cheer
Shopping Giveaway

Dec 5: Christmas Tree Lighting,
Bucket of Blood lot at dark

Dec 6: Grinch Made Me Do it
Saloon Crawl, 1 pm - 5 pm

Dec 6: Parade of Lights Down C Street
& Magical Christmas Fireworks Show,
starts at 5 pm

Dec 13: Parade of Lights Down C Street
& Christmas Drone Show, starts at 5 pm

Dec 13: Rennervation Foundation Christ-
mas on the Comstock, sponsor a foster
child: www.rennervationfoundation.org/coc-donate-2025

Dec 19: Ashlee's Toy Closet Giveaway
on the Comstock

Mackay Mansion
Dec 5: Nightmare Before Christmas
Tea Party, 7 pm

Dec 12, 13, 19 & 20: Christmas
Candlelight Tour, 6:30 pm;
Vegas Afterlife Investigation, 8:30 pm

Piper's Opera House
Dec 12: Holiday on the Hill,
Storey County Holiday Party, 5:30 pm

Dec 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21:
Miracle on C Street, times vary

St. Mary's Art Center
11th annual Holiday Faire
Dec 6, 10 am - 4 pm; Dec 7 10 am - 3 pm

Storey County Senior Center
Dec 6, 7: Holiday Craft & Bake Sale,
10 am - 5 pm

V&T Railroad
Candy Cane Express and Train O' Lights -
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Crossword Answer on Page 3

THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ACROSS

1. Shapeless form
5. Hot springs resort
8. Not square
11. Private theater box
12. Relating to ear
13. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
15. I ___ you so!
16. *The opposite of a store the day before Christmas?
17. *"Auld Lang Syne" poet
18. *Partridge's perch (2 words)
20. Vegas numbers
21. New Zealand's indigenous people
22. Fuss
23. Tabby's favorite herb
26. More so than swell
30. Big-headedness
31. Resembling an ape
34. John Wayne Gacy's ___ the Clown

35. Photographer Dorothea of "Migrant Mother" fame
37. Type or kind
38. Like a sheep after a haircut
39. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
40. Superlative of #33 Down
42. U.S. central bank
43. Wilma and Fred's hometown
45. *Latke's main ingredient
47. Word of possibility
48. Turning token taker
50. Exclamation of sorrow
52. * ___ Odbody of "It's a Wonderful Life"
55. Raspberry drupelets
56. Sainly glow
57. Letter opener
59. Hunts for food
60. Banana leftover
61. Guesstimate phrase
62. *Color on a Kwanzaa flag
63. Not divisible by two
64. Scholarship criterion

DOWN

1. Deli acronym
2. Chicago's central district, with The
3. Gawlk at
4. Wish harm upon, arch.
5. One of The Beatles
6. Pileus, pl.
7. "The Road Runner" corporation
8. Group of cows
9. Bed-and-breakfast alternative, pl.
10. *"The Nutcracker" step
12. Certain cephalopod, pl.
13. It's sometimes humble
14. *Chuck Berry's "Run, ___, Run"
19. Reason to strike
22. Grass bristle
23. Famous one, slangily
24. Open-mouthed
25. Like a well-defined muscle
26. Hot alcoholic beverage
27. Washing sponge
28. Type of heron

29. Rondeau, alt. sp.
32. *Santa's beverage of choice
33. Not well
36. *Original home of Christmas tannenbaum
38. Fur shawl
40. Extremely unfriendly
41. Plane trick
44. Reprieve in a desert
46. Muscle to bone connector
48. Skidded
49. Weighed
50. 4,840 square yards
51. Told an untruth
52. Head of family
53. Wrap in waxy cloth
54. Comfort
55. Financing acronym
58. Stewart of "Maggie May" fame

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

Comstock Sheriffs Bring Cheer to Children this Holiday Season

By Steph Norby



Photo via Lyon County Sheriff's Office

On Nov. 20, Sheriff Brad Pope and the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off the Yuletide with Shop with a Sheriff Christmas Toy Drive and Mixer at A Scoop or Two in Dayton. Families, business owners, community members and local organizations stopped by throughout the evening to donate funds as well as new toys, ensuring children and families across Lyon County receive something special this holiday season.

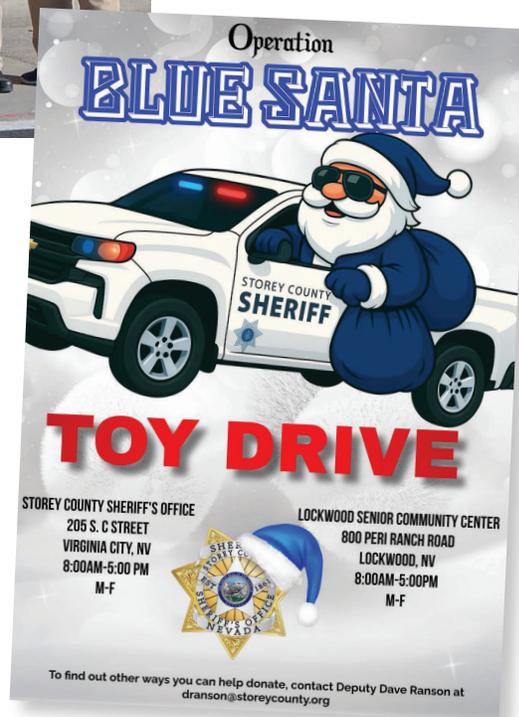
Thanks to the generosity of the community, Sheriff Pope collected more than \$2,600 in cash and gift cards on the first

night! A Scoop or Two (720 U.S. Hwy 50, Dayton) is accepting new toy drive donations Nov. 15 - Dec. 1.

Lyon County Sheriff's Office continued the momentum with its Stuff Santa's Boot events on Nov. 23 at the Dayton Smith's and the Fernley Walmart, where community members showed tremendous support. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.lcsonv.com/shop, which goes directly to the Lyon County Shop with a Sheriff program.

Just up the hill, the Storey County Sheriff's Office is also launching its annual

Operation Blue Santa Toy Drive, dedicated to helping local children experience a magical Christmas. Community members can donate new, unopened toys as well as cash and check donations at either the Storey County Sheriff's Office (205 C Street, Virginia City) or the Lockwood Senior Community Center (800 Peri Ranch Road, Lockwood). For more information about Operation Blue Santa, contact Deputy Ranson at dranson@storeycounty.org.



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