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Historic Train Depot Destroyed By Fire

by Denise Crites



On Wednesday, June 17th, Dayton was dealt a blow when the historic 1881 Carson and Colorado Railroad Depot on the corner of Highway 50 and Main Street burned to the ground, fanned by strong winds out of the north-northeast.

The depot is one of three remaining Carson and Colorado Railroad Depots and the only one remaining in Nevada.

Lyon County owned the land and the depot. The Historical Society of Dayton was doing the restoration.

The Carson and Colorado Railway was a three-foot narrow gauge railway that ran from Mound House in Nevada to Keeler, California.

Construction began on the railway on May 31, 1880.

The history of the depot is long and hard to follow without a timeline, but the depot was moved a number of times and was modified over the years when it was used as a residential home.

The fire, now called the Dayton Depot Fire, was called in at 3:35 by Alicia and Christian Greenwood.

"It looked like a little campfire inside the building", said Christian Greenwood.

Alicia Greenwood added, "If it was just something that started out of thin air, there was nothing that could be done

about that because of all the dry kindling all over the place, but it looked intentional in my opinion."

According to Central Lyon Fire Chief Rich Harvey, "The first engine was on scene at 3:31 pm from Station 35."

Assistant Fire Chief Ryan McIntosh of Central Lyon Fire said, "The depot was well involved in the interior with signs of exterior involvement on the northeast corner when we arrived."

"We had a Lyon County Sheriff's Deputy at the Sinclair filling up. He saw the fire when he heard the tones and by the time he was able to make it across the intersection to the building, he looked in the building and it was fully involved and rolling across the ceiling," added McIntosh.

McIntosh continued, "Obviously that old train depot has been vacant since it's relocation and was not boarded up, so it was not controlled for access. That was an old timber building, very heavy fire loading in the structure and it was indefensible by the time



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Perfect Life-Long Attendance For Fernley Grad

Submitted



Aspen Kennison

A life-long student of Lyon County School District (LCSD) graduated from Fernley High School (FHS) with the incredible accomplishment of perfect attendance since kindergarten. This is the second student from FHS to walk away with thirteen years of perfect attendance!

Aspen Kennison grew up in Fernley where she attended Cottonwood Elementary School, Fernley Intermediate School, Silverland Middle School and most currently Fernley High School.

Aspen had been working toward perfect attendance her whole school career with inspiration from her mother who had achieved perfect attendance in her academic career.

When asked if there were ever any days in those thirteen years that she just didn't feel 100% up to going to school, Aspen admits that there were a few times, but even so, she realized how far she had come and how close she was to accomplishing this goal that she never missed a day.

Senior year sometimes presents student-initiated activities like "Senior Ditch Days" although the move

to remote distance learning changed this, among many things, for the Class of 2020. If this class had been in school, she might have been tempted but would likely not have missed any days and "kept focus on the prize at the end," says Aspen.

Aspen also says that the most rewarding aspect of her accomplishment is never missing any instruction time and always being able to turn in her work on time. Her family would always make sure they planned a family trip around school so they wouldn't miss any school days.

Her favorite school memory was being able to attend high school football games with friends. Additionally, Aspen says, "I would like to give a shout-out to my mom for always making sure that I got up everyday for school, no matter what, and always encouraging me to do my best."

Next up, Aspen wants to attend a university and become a pediatrician.

Congratulations, Aspen and Class of 2020!

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we got there. That was even before our fire units were able to get there. We are using the entire region right now for coverage.”

McIntosh added, “We have even reached out further and have a call into Truckee Meadows and East Fork, just to have them come over and help cover our fire district while we have everything committed here.”

Owner of the home located at 135 Silver Street, Madeline Wagner Stallings, watched as her family home burned.

“This is my family’s home since 1940. My mom and dad lived there when they had the Old Corner Bar,” said a distraught Stallings.

The home had a shake roof and caught fire when an ember from the Depot fire landed on it. The damage was limited to the attic, according to authorities. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Harvey was interviewed at length about the Dayton Depot Fire.

“We had a large cloud flock of embers coming off the Dayton Depot fire that started a lot of little nuisance fires in and around the downwind side. We had crews out there patrolling and we even had the public stomping out some. If they landed in a receptive fuel bed, they gave us a little concern,” said Harvey.

As with the residence on Silver Street, the small outbuilding on River Road had a wood shake roof. The small fire was quickly extinguished.

Harvey continued, “In the middle of all of this, we picked up three medical calls. Storey County Rescue covered two of the calls and North Lyon Fire Rescue 62 out of Fernley covered the call in Silver Springs.”

“Our volunteer response was strong,” commented Harvey. “Station 36 from Mound House sent a fully-staffed Type 1 engine with four firefighters.”

Harvey explained that Squad 36 is built to

replenish the air supply to the self-contained breathing apparatuses the firefighters were using.

Another small brush fire was reported upwind of the Dayton Depot Fire at 5:54 pm, well after the depot fire was extinguished. The Third Street Fire, as it was called, was located on Third Street just east of Community Gardens on Highway 50.

At 7:31 pm, two small brush fires were reported in the Dayton State Park just east of the Gold Ranch Casino. The small fires were relatively small and close to each other.

Harvey added, “We were still well mobilized. No one had gone home yet and we jumped all over them.”

“There were some civilians that observed a guy trying to start the second fire,” said Harvey.

The Lyon County Sheriff’s Department arrested Kurt Selzer, 63, of Ventura, California at approximately 7:33 pm.



Kurt Selzer

Selzer was found lying near a small brush fire in the park, with a lighter in his possession and a nearly empty jug of acetone nearby.

According to a press release from the sheriff’s office, Selzer has been charged with two counts of Third Degree Arson, a felony and is currently being held on a \$10,000.00 bail.

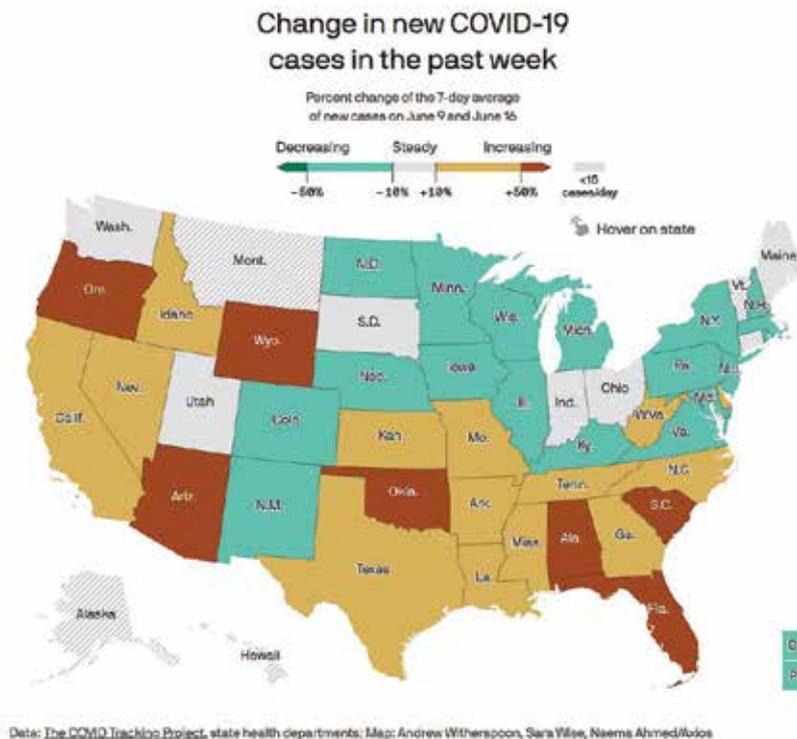
The investigation into the Dayton Depot Fire continues, according to Chief Harvey.

“We are almost complete with the investigation on the Dayton Depot Fire. The thing you do in an investigation

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MAZE OF TWISTY LITTLE PASSAGES

By Jim Poston • poston@vch-nv.us



News across the country is that COVID-19 cases are on the rise. Many states, including Nevada, have seen their largest one-day increase in cases.

But so what?

Governor Sisolak has reacted to the news by saying that the current phase of the shutdown will continue through the end of June.

Way back in the beginning

of COVID-19 time, we were told the shutdown was to avoid overwhelming the emergency rooms. Remember “flatten the curve”? In Nevada, we never came close, but in population-dense hotspots like New York, they did.

Shutting down businesses so people had nowhere to go, slowed the increase – it flattened the curve. It slowed it so much that emergency

hospital ships rushed in to New York and California were practically unused.

But the shutdown was only implemented to buy time. Shutting the economy down could never eliminate the virus, just limit the spread. Until the virus can be stopped through a vaccine, it will continue to spread. Maybe at a slower pace, but it will spread, so it’s inevitable that almost the entire population will catch it.

For almost everybody, the coronavirus is a fever and cough that clears up in a couple of weeks. For a few, mostly older adults, it’s more severe and can be fatal, although several people over 100 years old have survived.

A New Mexico man survived the virus at 108 years of age. Another woman from New York survived at 102. She was born in 1918 during the Spanish flu.

Catching the coronavirus

isn’t a death sentence. Even for those over 80, researchers have found that nearly 87% of infected patients recover, compared to 98.75% of those in their 50s, and 99.6% of those in their 40s.

The CDC did report that those 65 and older account for 80% of the deaths from COVID-19, but that demographic also represents 78% of all deaths from internal causes (that is, other than accidents, murders, overdoses, etc.)

Much of the justification for shutdowns has been to protect the elderly. Those under 24 years of age have statistically zero risk of dying from the coronavirus. They have much more risk from dying a car crash.

But given the statistics above is shutting down the schools and the rest of society preferable to building an even better wall around our elderly? The side effects of the current strategy have been devastating in themselves.

By the way, is a mask effective against COVID?

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really, is you don't set out to determine what caused it, but rather what didn't cause it. We know it was not lightening. There wasn't any that day," said Chief Harvey. "There were no power surges because there was no power to the building. No one was working in the building, so it wasn't caused by power tools. There was nothing stored in that building. The Historical Society was very careful not to have anything that that could start a fire."

The State of Nevada Fire Marshall's Office was called in to assist in the investigation. According to Harvey, "They brought in what is called a 'sniffer'. It is a high tech device that samples the air around the fire, to see if there is

anything there that smells funny. We also took samples from around the fire and those have been sent off to the lab to be analyzed."

The sniffer smells the air around the fire, looking for hydrocarbons. The sniffer test was positive and the lab results from the samples have not been returned.

Harvey said, "We have a strong suspicion that human intervention played a part in what happened at the Dayton Depot."

The ongoing investigation includes viewing video from the surrounding businesses, cell phone video from passersby and eyewitnesses. The CLFPD has been in contact with the Lyon County District Attorney and will submit their results as soon as possible.

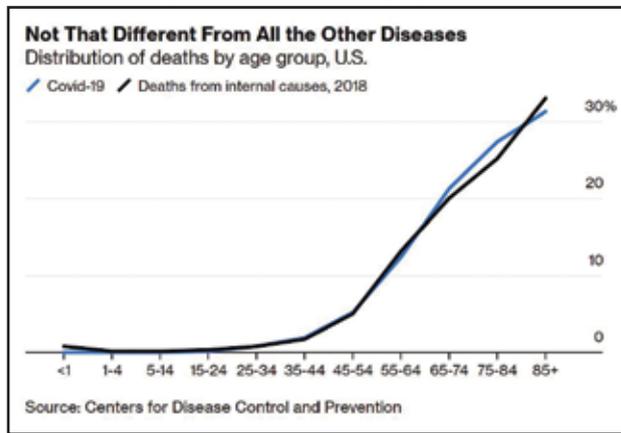
Chief Harvey was very pleased with the performance of his district, as well as the assistance from the sheriff's office and the

coverage sent by Carson Fire, Storey County Fire and East Fork Fire.

"In the situation that they had, they did a really amazing job. Battalion Chief Ryan Johnson was the incident commander and coordinated three structure fires within a block or two of the Dayton Depot fire. He still handled the medicals, handled the traffic and he and all the firefighters did a phenomenal job. Johnson did a real good job of prioritizing, making sure we had



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Will it really protect you from catching the disease? If so, why are we getting all Karen about who's wearing one or not? Why can't those who fear the virus wear one, and those that don't, don't?

Seems to me it's a little like seat belts: I can protect myself by wearing one but I can't protect you.

Except, I think anyone who's infected and coughing and sneezing should be required to wear one, or better yet, shouldn't be going out in public.

One urban legend cityfolk have believed in is cow-tipping, where you can supposedly sneak up on a sleeping cow and tip it over.

(The person telling the story is always someone who's never been closer to a cow than the grocery's beef section. Cows weigh nearly a ton, and besides,

they sleep lying down, unlike horses. Strange you never hear anything about horse-tipping. In case you did believe in cow-tipping, you should file it right now in the same folder with snipe-hunting and jackalopes so someone doesn't dupe you. But I digress.)

In today's Crazyland, there is such a thing as statue-tipping. All the Wokes are doing it. Anybody who served in the Confederate Army – tip 'em. Anybody who owned slaves, or even knew someone who owned slaves – tip 'em. Anybody who freed slaves – tip 'em.

Yeah, a demented mob in Washington, D.C. plans to destroy the Emancipation Memorial, which represents Abraham Lincoln in his role of the "Great Emancipator" freeing a slave. The memorial was funded by donations

from emancipated black slaves in 1876. Frederick Douglass spoke at the unveiling.

President Trump vowed to protect the national monuments and the nation's capital from the violent anarchists: "There will never be an 'Autonomous Zone' in Washington, D.C., as long as I'm your President. If they try they will be met with serious force!"

Twitter hid his statement behind a label citing "abusive behavior, specifically, the presence of a threat of harm against an identifiable group."

Good grief. Yeah, an identifiable group: criminals damaging property belonging to the people.

Speaking of autonomous zones, Seattle's mayor might be re-thinking whether it was a good idea to let protestors run amuck in

the CHOP (Capitol Hill Occupied Protest) after three black people have been shot there, with one dead. She's planning to re-occupy the East Precinct.

On the other hand, protestors arrested in Seattle for obstructing police, assault, theft, reckless endangerment and attempted property damage won't be prosecuted. They're going to be sent to counseling ... to a group currently occupying the CHOP and negotiating with the city to extend the occupation.

In Portland, the mayor suddenly found an aversion to autonomous zones when one was erected in the block outside of his downtown apartment. It was cleared out early the next morning.

You can't make this stuff up.



SENIOR MENUS

All 4 Lyon county centers are still offering the same lunches as planned at the same service time of 11:30-12:30. Meals on wheels is also unchanged. If individuals are interested, our lunches are a drive through take out option, as our buildings are closed to the general public. If you have questions you can reach us at our Senior Center phone numbers. 246-6210, 575-3370, 577-5014 and 463-6550.

DAYTON

June 29

Lemon Baked Fish, Brown Rice, Peas, Tossed Salad, Creamy Italian Dressing, Wheat Bread, Grapes

June 30

Turkey Sandwich on WW Brad, Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad on Bed of Lettuce, Fresh Orange, Strawberries, Oatmeal Raisin bar

July 1

Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Fresh Orange

July 2

Hamburger/Hot Dog, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, 3-Bean Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Chips, Watermelon

July 3

CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY

FERNLEY

June 29

Lemon Baked Fish, Brown Rice, Peas, Tossed Salad, Creamy Italian Dressing, Wheat Bread, Grapes

June 30

Turkey Sandwich on WW Brad, Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad on Bed of Lettuce, Fresh Orange, Strawberries, Oatmeal Raisin bar

July 1

Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Fresh Orange

July 2

Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, 3-Bean Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Chips, Watermelon

July 3

CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY

SILVER SPRINGS

June 29

Lemon Baked Fish, Brown Rice, Peas, Tossed Salad, Creamy Italian Dressing, Wheat Bread, Grapes

June 30

Turkey Sandwich on WW Brad, Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad on Bed of Lettuce, Fresh Orange, Strawberries, Oatmeal Raisin bar

July 1

Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Fresh Orange

July 2

Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, 3-Bean Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Chips, Watermelon

July 3

CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY

YERINGTON

June 29

Lentil Soup, Chef Salad, Mandarin Orange, Oatmeal Muffin Square

June 30

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Colorful Salad, Dressing, Bread, Smart Balance Margarine, Strawberry Yogurt

July 1

Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Fresh Orange

July 2

Hamburger/Hot Dog, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, 3-Bean Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Chips, Watermelon

July 3

CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY



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people where they were really needed. Everybody was safe and everybody had a good plan of attack," added Chief Harvey.

Chief Harvey did add that one of the engines backed into a fence post and popped a tire. "So during all of this, we also had to change a tire," chuckled Chief Harvey.

Chief Harvey closed with, "The Lyon County

Sheriff's Office was outstanding. Those guys did a great job with the



traffic and crowd control."

"We did a really good job but its hard to say that when the heart and soul of Dayton Burns

down. It was a good job keeping it to what it was. It could have been much worse with roofs catching on fire all over Old Town Dayton. It could have been so much more without a solid response, but its also very sad," closed Chief Harvey.

The Dayton Valley Dispatch will follow up on this story as more information becomes available.

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