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*Students in the plant system class at Churchill County High School
Sammons*

Photo courtesy of Jaime

“A lot of our teams will educate their riders on the areas that we’re riding in, the Native Americans that lived here before us, the mountain ranges that you see when you’re on the trail, and the wildflowers that are next to you as you go by,” Peterson said.

https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2025-01-23/nevada-funds-garden-mountain-bike-and-river-research-programs-for-kids?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8

UNR Extension offers conferences to support agriculture



Extension Horticulturist Most Tahera Naznin harvesting fresh lettuce in Extension's Urban Indoor Farm Project, which focuses on sustainable vegetable and culinary herb production in Southern Nevada. Courtesy Saifur Rahman

University of Nevada, Reno Extension is partnering with organizations to host agriculture conferences.

“Extension is very excited to be able to offer educational opportunities to urban and small farm producers, as well as beekeepers and others, to provide them with the latest research and information on resources to help them be successful,” said Staci Emm, Extension educator. “We realize that our local food systems are extremely important to our communities and want to facilitate long-term sustainability.”

In addition to agriculture producers, the conferences offer learning and networking opportunities for others, such as chefs and restaurant owners, recreational gardeners, youth gardeners, and others, depending on the conference.

The Nevada Small Farms Conference is Feb. 20-22 at the Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave., in Sparks.

Current and new farm owners, local food advocates, chefs, farmers market managers, FFA members and other agricultural stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

The conference will offer a variety of preconference workshops, and the next two days being a series of workshops, presentations and networking events.

Register online at <https://extension.unr.edu/small-farms/registration.aspx>, which includes all workshops and presentations, networking events, breakfast pastries and lunches.

The Bee & Garden Conference is March 20-22 at the Carson Valley Inn, 1627 U.S. Highway 395 North in Minden.

The conference will focus on native bees and other pollinators and the benefits of protecting pollinators for the beekeeper, homeowner and small-acreage producer.

Presentations will provide information on beekeeping, planting for pollinators, mitigating risk and insurance risk management products, designing landscapes for homeowners and small acreages, and specialty crop production.

There will be trainings, presentations and workshops on value-added opportunities in apiculture, horticulture and home gardening, as well as on how to get products to market.

Hands-on opportunities and round table discussions with colleagues and peers will also be available. Register online at <https://extension.unr.edu/beekeeping/register.aspx>. A complete schedule of conference presentations and events will be available next month. Registration for each conference is \$75.

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- [New small-acreage certification program supports beginning farmers and ranchers](#)
- [Small-acreage program supports beginning farmers, ranchers](#)
- [Extension beekeeping workshop offered](#)
- [Virtual beginning beekeeping class Feb. 5-6](#)
- [‘Grow Your Own’ online gardening workshops start April 2](#)

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### Head to Elko, Nev. for the 40th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, featuring more than 40 Western poets, musicians, and artists, and dozens of cowboy-related events.

Gary and Kurin Haleamau of Las Vegas will share their roots as Hawaiiin cowboys or paniolos during a workshop on slack-key, a style of playing the guitar that originated with ranchers on the Big Island of Hawaii.

#### Other special guests from Nevada

Guests from Nevada include Jeff Cunningham (Ruby Valley), Richard Elloyan (Virginia City), Doug Groves (Carlin), Jordan Wright (Tuscarora), Fil Carbitt (Reno), Kathryn Dyer (Washoe Valley), Terri McCall Knight (Butte Valley), **Jack Malotte (Duck Water), Painted Horse (Duck Valley Indian Reservation), Rodney Mike (Duck Water), James Shoshone (Owyhee)**, Jordan Wright (Tuscarora), Agee Smith (Wells); Bob Echeverria, Jonelle Nutting, Yolanda Rosales, Dan and Lauren Landa, Sherry Hooper, and Nick Heguy (Elko); Shane Sutton and the Elko County CattleWomen (Elko County).

**Henry Real Bird** Garryowen, MT , a member of the Apsáalooke (Crow) Nation, grew up ranching on the battlegrounds of the Little Bighorn. He still lives on the Crow Reservation in Montana, saying “this is it, I’m not going anywhere.” A former rodeo cowboy and bronc rider, now a renowned poet, horses picture large in Henry's creative work. He still touches and cares

for horses every day, and in his continual search for extremes, raises bucking horses with his daughter while looking after gentle horses that people can ride safely. A writing mentor for youth, a Crow speaker, a Montana poet laureate, and a self-proclaimed “old-timer,” Henry nurtures horses and grandkids, helping them break each other, while preserving language and thoughts that have been here a long time.

### **Reflect on the past, present, and future of cowboys**

**<https://thenevadannews.com/2025/01/13/your-guide-to-elkos-national-cowboy-poetry-gathering/>**

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Only have a few minutes to learn about the best tech on display at this year’s Consumer Electronic Show? Here are some links to show you the best exhibitors from Nevada, the best in household technology, business tech, accessibility tech, and just cool stuff:

Nevada Companies at CES 2025:

[AloeVR](#) - Mental Health VR for students

[CareWear](#) - Reno based

[Dragonfly Energy](#) - Reno based

[Ecoatoms](#) - Reno based

[Lepro](#) - AI lighting

[Medpro](#) - Aesthetic light therapy for at-home

[Otonomus Hotel](#)

[Pura Vida](#) - Bath and Body

[Realbotix](#) - Customizable, full-bodied, human-like robots

[Richtech Robotics](#) - Robots for the workplace

[Rock West Medical](#) - MedTech for home and professional use

[PaintCam](#) - Paintball Shooting Security Camera (Scywise LLC - dba Emerson Studio)

[Simply Tec](#)

[Teeth Whitening Culture](#) - at home light device

Best at CES 2025:

[Best of CES Winners](#) (according to CNET, PCMag, ZDNet, Lifehacker and Mashable)

The **[best new vacuum technology](#)** (according to Vacuum Wars)

Sarah’s Faves:

[Thinkpal AI Tablet](#) – by Think Academy, basically a homework tutor in a tablet!

[AloeVR](#) - Mental Health VR for students (created by Nevadans!)

[Glide](#) by Glidance – providing accessibility for the visually impaired

Lili for Life – you may remember that Lili for Life debuted **[this lamp](#)** at last year’s CES which helps those with dyslexia read books/documents. This year, Lili for Life debuted **[this monitor](#)** for those who are dyslexic.

Reno high school wildfire science program enters second year (kolotv.com)

— The Bureau of Land Management has launched the second year of its Fire Science Career and Technical Education program at Reno's Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology. This program equips students with essential skills for wildland firefighting, addressing the increasing wildfire threat in Nevada.

Unlocking Student Potential: The Impact of 'Phones Away and Learn Today' Contest

by Marcus Johnson

In a world where smartphones have become an extension of ourselves, schools are grappling with how to maintain focus and foster learning. Enter the exciting contest, 'Phones Away and Learn Today,' which aims to shift the narrative around technology use in education. This initiative has sparked creativity and awareness, encouraging students to explore the benefits of a distraction-free learning environment.

What is the 'Phones Away and Learn Today' Contest?

This innovative contest invites students to create Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that highlight the importance of limiting phone usage during school hours. By targeting the core issue of distraction in education, the contest aims to inspire both students and educators to rethink their relationship with technology.

Key Objectives of the Contest

- **Enhance Focus:** Encourage students to engage more deeply in their studies without the constant pull of their devices.
- **Promote Creativity:** Allow students to express their ideas and solutions through engaging PSAs.
- **Foster Community Awareness:** Raise awareness among parents and educators about the impacts of smartphone usage in classrooms.

Why Technology Limits Matter

With studies indicating that excessive smartphone use can lead to decreased academic performance, this contest comes at a crucial time. Here are some compelling reasons to consider limiting phone use in schools:

1. **Improved Concentration:** Students who are free from the distractions of their phones tend to absorb information more effectively.
2. **Better Social Interactions:** Face-to-face communication skills improve when students focus on their peers rather than their screens.
3. **Enhanced Mental Health:** Reducing screen time can lead to lower levels of anxiety and stress in students.

Celebrating the Winners

The contest concluded with the announcement of the winning entries, showcasing some truly inspiring work. These PSAs not only convey powerful messages but also highlight the creativity and passion of students eager to lead the charge for change.

Looking Ahead

The 'Phones Away and Learn Today' initiative is more than just a contest; it's a movement towards reclaiming classroom focus and enhancing the educational experience. As schools continue to navigate the challenges posed by technology, such efforts will play a critical role in shaping the future of learning.

What do you think?

- Do you believe limiting phone use in schools is effective for student learning?
- Could there be negative consequences to banning phones in educational settings?
- How can schools balance the use of technology with the need for focus?
- Should students have a say in the policies regarding phone usage in classrooms?
- What other strategies could be implemented to enhance student concentration?

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**“Stay busy. Be useful.” — Arnold Schwarzenegger**

[https://www.inc.com/jessica-stillman/arnold-schwarzenegger-says-a-happy-life-boils-down-to-these-4-words-psychology-agrees-with-him/91107058?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.inc.com/jessica-stillman/arnold-schwarzenegger-says-a-happy-life-boils-down-to-these-4-words-psychology-agrees-with-him/91107058?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

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April 27-29, 2025: National Tribal Housing Ecosystem Summit – Boise, Idaho

The National Tribal Housing Ecosystem Summit, April 27-29, 2025 will be held at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho. Join voices from across the tribal community to discuss improving housing affordability, homeownership, and local economies. Hear from speakers and tribal leaders from across Indian Country, who bring great experience, expertise, and dedication to tribal communities, including:

- **PoQueen Rivera**, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
- **Wizipan Garriott**, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
- **Donald "Del" Laverdure**, Crow Nation, Ties the Bundle Clan, Legal and Political Strategist
- **Lakota Vogel**, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Executive Director, Four Bands Community Fund

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The Pirate Radio Broadcaster Who Occupied Alcatraz and Terrified the FBI

Over fifty years ago, John Trudell overcame tragedy to become the national voice for Native Americans—and a model for a new generation of activists.

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-pirate-radio-broadcaster-who-occupied-alcatraz-and-terrified-the-fbi>

Owyhee

Owyhee Post Office

Jul. 13, 1889 - Dec. 31, 1890

Dec. 15, 1899 - Present

Owyhee's unusual name comes from early trappers, who called the Owyhee River the Sandwich Island River after natives of those islands were killed by Indians at the river's mouth. After the Sandwich Islands became more widely known as Hawaii, the name of the river changed as well (though a corrupted, phonetic spelling was used).

On October 1, 1863, the Treaty of Ruby Valley was signed by Western Shoshone chiefs and governors of the Nevada and Utah Territories. Though this treaty ceased hostilities between the Shoshone and white settlers and allowed for development of the land, little was done to address needs of the tribe and no reservation lands were given to them. As early as 1870, the tribe began requesting that Duck Valley be set aside as a reservation, but it wasn't until April 16, 1877 that President Rutherford B. Hayes finally signed the order granting the tribe the land; fourteen years after Treaty of Ruby Valley. It was around this time that the town of Owyhee was established.



Owyhee Confectionery c.1940s-50s

Unfortunately, the conflicts did not end there. A corrupt agent for the Western Shoshone Agency redirected government goods to himself until his replacement in 1882, by which time many Shoshone left due to hardship. In 1884, an attempt was made to force the Shoshone to relocate to Fort Hall, Idaho Territory in order to use the land, but was unsuccessful. On May 4, 1886, the reservation was expanded by President Grover Cleveland to accommodate Northern Paiute returning to Nevada following the Bannock War of 1878 (they had been interred at the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington Territory since the war's conclusion). Another order signed by President William Howard Taft on July 1, 1910 further expanded the reservation to its current size.

By 1881, a stage line was established to Owyhee from [Elko](#), and that year a \$1800 schoolhouse was built. In 1884, the population was around 300 and a new school was built to educate the town's twenty-five students and a boarding school was established. On March 24, 1886 the *Duck Valley News* was put into publication, but it lasted less than a month. In 1892, Owyhee gained its first physician, and by 1893 600 people lived in town. In 1897, a one-room infirmary was built. Ranching was the mainstay, and Indians dealt directly with local horse and cattle buyers, earning a great deal of respect.

After the turn of the century, Owyhee continued to grow. Telephone service arrived in 1904, and the new Swayne School was constructed to replace the earlier school buildings. In 1911, the boarding school closed and three rural day schools were established. In 1914, a hospital replaced the 1897 infirmary. By 1931, the Great Depression forced closure of the day schools, funneling all 120 students to a new school building; high school classes were added in 1946, before which upper grades were sent to boarding schools. Before the end of the 1930s, construction was undertaken on fine, new native stone buildings, including a new hospital completed in 1937. That same year, Wild Horse Dam was also completed, ending decades of water problems. Today, around 1000 people live in Owyhee, which is still a thriving agricultural community.



[Duck Valley Cafe](#)



[Owyhee Presbyterian Church](#)



[Owyhee Tribal Gym](#)[Tribal Gym](#)



[Shoshone Paiute Tribal Court](#)



[Power House](#) [1937]



[Old Jail](#)



[Hospital](#) [1937]



[Stone Barn](#) [1931]



[Owyhee](#)



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**The American Missionary and the Uncontacted Tribe**

John Chau had ambitions for a great awakening. But what awaited instead was tragedy.

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-american-missionary-and-the-uncontacted-tribe?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-american-missionary-and-the-uncontacted-tribe?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

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Nevada's Lithium Could Help Save the Earth. But What Happens to Nevada?

Many climate experts see its deserts as a place to build the green-energy future. For two local activists, the price is too great.

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/24/magazine/nevada-lithium-mines.html?unlocked_article_code=1.rk4.6W-M.fN76FdNQENNe&smid=em-share

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**Reports of Navajo people being detained in immigration sweeps sparks concern from tribal leaders**

The DOJ argued in court that Indigenous people don't have birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment, so neither should children of noncitizens born in the US

<https://azmirror.com/2025/01/24/reports-of-navajo-people-being-detained-in-immigration-sweeps-sparks-concern-from-tribal-leaders/>

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Can Medical Schools Funnel More Doctors Into the Primary Care Pipeline?

<https://katiecouric.com/health/primary-care-doctor-shortage/>

The Kiwanis Club of Oakland proudly presents our **College Scholarship Application** for 2025.

This year, we are giving out more in scholarships than ever! Up to \$18,000 will be awarded to each of our twelve (12) scholarship recipients based on academic performance, financial need, character, service to community, and leadership potential. Awards will be given to qualifying students who will be attending a four-year university.

The deadline to apply is February 28, 2025. The application can be found at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/25okscholarship>

[Nevada funds garden, mountain bike, and river research programs for kids \(kunr.org\) — Reno is launching a river research program for middle schoolers, focusing on the Truckee River's ecosystem and water quality. This initiative is part of a broader state-funded effort to engage kids in outdoor educational activities.](#)

[Continuing the Data Science Initiative with second annual Data Science Conference \(unr.edu\)](#) — The University of Nevada, Reno hosts its second annual Data Science Conference from February 18-20, featuring workshops, panel discussions, and keynote speakers. This event aims to inspire and connect students and researchers in the field of data science.

What Trump revoking the Equal Employment Opportunity executive order means for businesses and workers

Trump on Tuesday rolled back the 60-year-old Equal Employment Opportunity executive order. Here's what that means for businesses and workers.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-revoking-equal-employment-opportunity-191906934.html>

California just debunked a big myth about renewable energy

One of the biggest myths about renewable energy is that it isn't reliable. Sure, the sun sets every night and winds calm down, putting solar panels and turbines to sleep.

Read in Grist: <https://apple.news/Ab6pq09PmR5OkhFWUrXtAIQ>

[Federal employees are told to name colleagues who work in DEI roles or risk 'adverse consequences'](#)

Emails sent to government workers at numerous agencies gave employees 10 days to report if a colleague's job relates to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/federal-workers-told-name-dei-colleagues-risk-adverse-consequences-rcna188871>

U.S. Copper Corp. releases new economic assessment

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Renewed interest in Moonlight-Superior mining project near Greenville