

UPCOMING DATES

July

- 22-26 SPC; Washington D.C.
- 29 NATA Meeting; Carson City
- 30-1 NACTE Conference;
Lake Tahoe

August

- 20-24 State Fair; Reno
- School Begins
- 22 Reno Sporting Clay Shoot
Registration Due

September

- 13 Sporting Clay Shoot; Reno
- 17 Greenhand, ZOT,
Soils & Range; Fallon

October

- 22-25 National Convention;
Indianapolis

November

- Nevada Farm Bureau
Conference
- Nevada Cattlemen's
Convention

December

- Happy Holidays

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Learn and Serve Funds Used to Improve Local Communities

Students Teach the Community About a Healthy Environment

Agriculture education students from Smith Valley High School started the school year by learning about soil, water, and healthy ecosystems. Besides educating younger students and the community members, these students also started a free soil testing service. People can drop off soil samples at the school where students analyze them and then return the results to the owners. Because of this service, the students are assisting in creating a soil map of the valley. The partners who assisted in this project were Smith Valley Cattle Feeders, Andregg Geomatics, Lyon County Schools and Comptrollers, Extension Service, Smith Valley FFA Alumni, Rosachi Dusters, Farm Assist Incorporated, Soil Conservation District, and Marriott Construction.

Garden Brings Community Together

Since Gerlach is over 100 miles from Reno, the need for fresh vegetables is important to the community. Teachers, community members, and students began a community garden in 2007. To further this endeavor, Gerlach High School applied for a Learn and Serve Grant to build a greenhouse. The majority of the school year was devoted to planning and building the greenhouse while students and teachers started plants. Students from kindergarteners to high school seniors were involved in the project. The greenhouse will be used to develop other gardens and provide another "classroom" for students. Partners who assisted in the project were USG, Nevada Cement, Black Rock Solar/Burning Man, Fernley Electric, Washoe County Roads Dept., Courtney Rock and Transport, Fernley Preservation Society, and Mull Construction.

Students Provide for Others

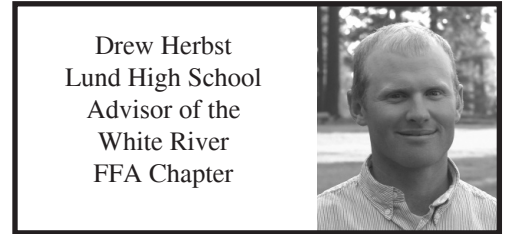
Family and consumer science students from Lincoln County High School, Panaca, used their skills in creating textile items to provide for community members. The students learned how to use sewing and embroidery machines to create various items. These items were then sold during the students' craft fair. The money earned from the event was donated to Feed the Children. They also used their culinary skills to provide an appreciation lunch for hospital staff. On February 13, they visited long-term hospital patients where they gave out Valentine's Day cards, baked products, and small quilts. The project's partners included Carol Mathews, Vanae Cumming, Jennifer Dorman, Lincoln County High School, and the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America group.

Welcome to Nevada!

Please help us in welcoming the following individuals to our state.



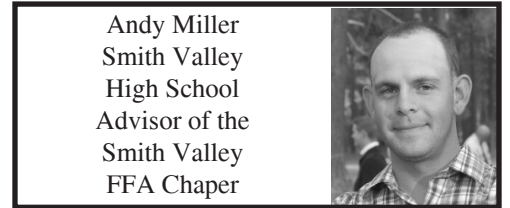
Jim Callender
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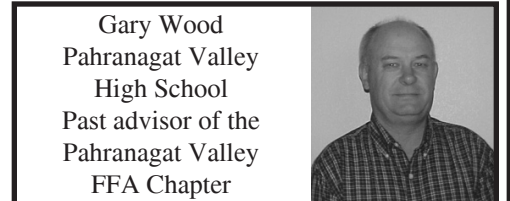
Andy Miller
Smith Valley
High School
Advisor of the
Smith Valley
FFA Chapter

Thank you for your dedication!

We wish you the absolute best in your retirement.



Dennis Digenan
Spring Creek
High School
Past advisor of the
Silver Sage
FFA Chapter



Gary Wood
Pahranagat Valley
High School
Past advisor of the
Pahranagat Valley
FFA Chapter

Not pictured is Carol Mathews, Lincoln County High School, Past advisor of the Lincoln County FFA Chapter