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YOUTH EDUCATION



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Ambassadors and community members attended the local 4-H's Go Green day event in Elko, in support of the program and National 4-H Week.

Going green for 4-H week

Ambassadors host event, games to celebrate youth program



Elko Centennial Tower lit up green in support of National 4-H Week.

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ELKO COUNTY – Local 4-H program ambassadors kicked off National 4-H Week with a Go Green day event in Elko on Monday evening.

The Centennial Tower was lit up green in support of the program.

University of Nevada, Reno Extension College's 4-H Professional Britany Marich coordinated with the city for the event.

4-H is a youth program available at public universities across the country, focused on skills development and hands-on learning.

Ambassadors talked about their 4-H experience, how they have learned from others and gained confidence in their skills.

The event also had information on 4-H, glow stick bracelets and glasses, popcorn and a green Hawaiian Punch-based drink.

Ambassadors also led group games. National 4-H Week which will run through Oct. 10.

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Charge safe to avoid fires

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The number of fires linked to lithium-ion batteries continues to rise. In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10, the American Red Cross of Northern Nevada Chapter is warning residents about the risks associated with the batteries and how to reduce them.

The National Fire Protection Association's theme for this year's prevention week is "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower." Fire officials warn that lithium-ion batteries that are damaged or charged with incompatible equipment can overheat, catch fire or explode.

Lithium-ion batteries are in everyday devices such as cellphones, laptops, power tools, e-bikes and toys. The Red Cross warns that damaged batteries or improper charging practices can create serious safety hazards.

The Red Cross recommends the following safety tips:

- Use the charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer.
- Charge devices on a hard, flat surface such as a table, desk or bare floor, rather than on beds or couches.

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Elko's Nevada Day heritage

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Nevada Day, a holiday which traces back to 1933 and celebrates the statehood day of Nevada on Oct. 31, 1864, has long been a time of shared traditions for residents of the Silver State.

Elko's Nevada Day parade was started in 1988 by Jim and Rose Conner. Jim Conner came from Carson City, where the Nevada Day parade is a major local tradition. He wanted to bring a similar tradition to Elko, local historian Jan Petersen explained. The Connors' daughter Sarah Cothrun currently teaches at Northside Elementary School.

"The railroad used to run right through the middle of town here, so they would have to carefully stage the parade around the times of the trains coming through," Petersen explained.

Petersen recalled the old process of building parade floats by stuffing chicken wire with paper napkins.

As Nevada Day coincides with Halloween, it can be a day of patriotic observances in the morning and trick-or-treating in the evening. Elko's Sprouse-Reitz store, which underwent a major renovation in 1950, was a popular place for Elko children to get Halloween costumes according to Petersen. The store sold a wide variety of goods such as clothing and pots and pans. Rubies Sports Bar now occupies the store's former space.

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Inside a couple's beekeeping dream

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SOUTH FORK – Justin and Amanda Neal from Silver Sage Honey became beekeepers about 15 years ago. They got their start through mostly self-taught means, such as YouTube tutorials.

Now, they sell their honey through Facebook, as well as local farmer's markets and craft fairs.

They currently live in South Fork, moving there from Spring Creek after acquiring more and more beehives.

Silver Sage's honey is naturally flavored from clover and alfalfa flowers. However, Amanda Neal also makes honey with artificial treat flavors, including a root beer flavor.



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One of Silver Sage Honey's hives with crates of honey next to it, Monday.

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