

's strategic plan

accomplishments, long-term goals for Carson City, and strategic objectives for the next five years. At the workshop, attendees voted for the city's top priority objectives. In October, the city administered an online public survey to gauge community input on the proposed goals and objectives intended to steer city operations for the next five years. Based on the information collected from the workshop and the public survey, staff drafted the 2021-25 strategic plan. On March 4, staff will present to supervisors the draft 2021-25 strategic plan, online public survey results, and any additional public comments received on the draft plan.

CHS junior third at American Legion speech contest

Submitted

Ryan Soulier a junior at Carson High School placed third in the State American Legion High School U.S. Constitutional Speech Contest, at Western Nevada College on Feb. 20.

The American Legion State Commander, Jim Stewart, awarded Ryan with the Patrick Henry Bronze medal, and prize money.

The Legion congratulates all the winners, first place was Eleanor Reynolds a senior from Las Vegas, and second place was Phenix Urcioli a sophomore from Henderson.

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The American Legion State Commander, Jim Stewart, awarded Carson High's Ryan Soulier with the Patrick Henry Bronze medal.

Legion Capitol Post 4 works with high school counselors and teachers to identify interested students to speak at the oratorical

contest. This is their opportunity to be represented at the local contest, which was held at Western Nevada College each year.

Contestants are encouraged to contact the American Legion or their high school speech and debate teacher in the fall to find out about next year's competition.

Each contestant delivers a prepared 8-10 minute oration constitutional topic as well as an randomly assigned 3-5 minute constitutional topic.

The program objectives are to develop leadership, strengthen speaking ability, develop good study habits, and to prepare students to accept the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

For information, visit www.legion.org/oratorical.



Mary was very proud of her years leading Girl Scout Troop 264 (1965-1977). From camping and backpacking in the Sierra Mountains, to rafting the Rogue River, to hosting a National G.S. event (Sierra Stomping 77") she enjoyed sharing her love of the outdoors with her 'girls'. She gave every endeavor her absolute all – with high standards, a warm heart and a helping hand when needed. She even received the Triumphant Honoree Award from the Girl Scouts

Not many knew, but Mary was afraid of water (the irony of this statement will be made clear). When she was afraid (often on family boating excursions) if she had a camera to look through, it calmed her (even when the camera held no film – which was often the case). Thus developed another passion of Mary's, photography, which she enjoyed and pursued until her death. She especially loved black and white landscapes.

It was in the early 80's that Mary and AL bought SUNSHIP and spent the next 20 years cruising and living on the sailboat. They sailed from Alaska, south through the Panama Canal, the Caribbean and up the Northern Seaboard. Mary learned to love the water (with many photographs to show for it). She became a certified Scuba Diver while in her mid 60's and loved diving in Belize and the warm waters of the Caribbean. Mary and AL would often moor the boat to travel where the boat could not, such as driving up the Alaskan Highway (summer and winter), backpacking the John Muir trail, or home and see their growing family.

Upon returning home to stay, Mary became active in the community when she learned that the freeway bypass through Carson City had no landscaping planned. Mary (a Master Gardner) was the force behind a grass roots movement to bring Landscaping and Art to the freeway corridor. GROW (Gardeners Reclaiming Our Waysides) was formed in 1997 and occupied Mary's time and focus for 14 years. Among the numerous awards she and GROW received over the years, she was so humbled when the CC Chamber Board of Directors included her among the "10 exceptional women who have been – and will continue to be – important in the history of this city" – the 2020 Carson City Women of History recognition.

While looking forward to more travels, adventures and meeting her first great grandson, Mary's life ended. Mary is survived and will be missed by her loving