

nd calves



**Teri
Vance**
*Teri's
Notebook*

let her new baby nurse. Even more, she was trying to kill it, head-butting it and throwing it across the field.

When Leanna stepped in, she got head-butted and thrown.

While I was bruised emotionally and likely financially, Leanna was nursing actual physical bruises.

We commiserated over our mutual terrible day.

But our conversation was interrupted when Gary, finally out of his meeting, got my phone call and text. He rushed over to make sure everything was OK.

Having to consolidate cars, I agreed to work out of his office at Basalite for the day to make things more convenient.

I cleared a space for my laptop among hard hats and clip boards and tried to do my job — with Gary shushing me whenever I tried to chat. It felt like detention.

Then Bob called.

It wasn't the alternator or the power steering pump at all, but a bad serpentine belt that was making them seem broken — my words, not his. I don't speak that language.

I ended up driving my car home that evening, spending a couple of hundred dollars (including an oil change and new air filter) as opposed to the thousands I had feared.

I called Leanna.

"Guess where I'm calling from?" I asked. "My car!"

"We got the calf to suck," she replied.

She told me how they roped the heifer and milked her a little, coaxing the seemingly lifeless calf with a syringe full of milk.

She cried when she told me the moment the calf finally latched on.

We agreed it was a good day.

THE UNSPOKEN WORD



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Carson City Fourth Grader Lilyan Montes Wungnema, 11, of Empire Elementary School, reads and signs while Alina Edwards, DHH (deaf and hard of hearing) interpreter, voices Henry Cole's book 'Unspoken' to Ms. Alicia Trujillo's fourth grade class and other students Thursday afternoon for Reading Week. Lilyan has been signing since she was 2 years old and is one of two deaf students at the school.

THERE HE IS



FAR LEFT: Benjamin Nelson is crowned Mr. Carson High as well as Mr. Personality Friday night at the Carson City Community Center. **LEFT:** Tanner Kalicki and his dog 'Buddy' perform tricks during the talent competition Friday night.

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