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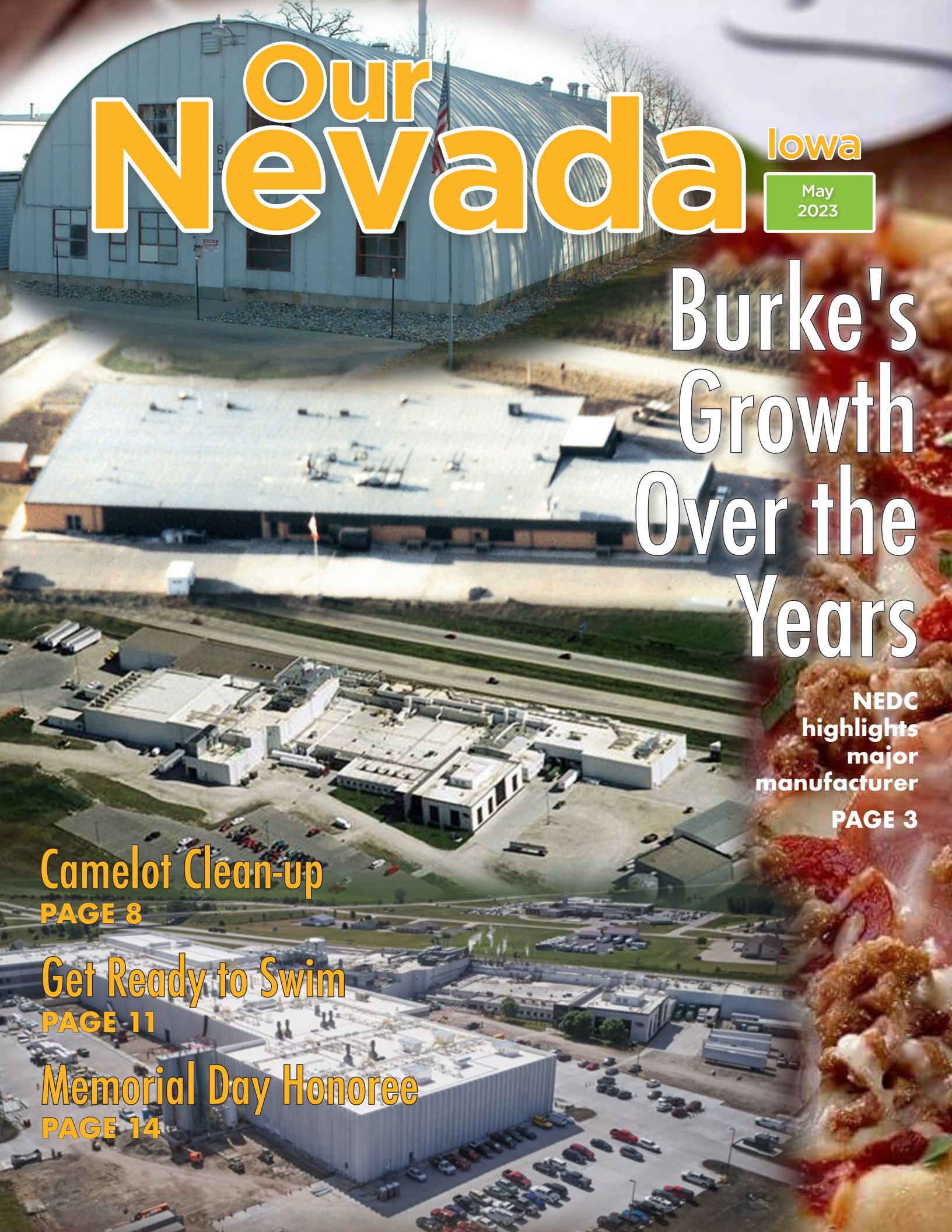
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The Opener

By Brenda Dryer
Executive Director of the Nevada Economic Development Council



Each May, we celebrate Economic Development Week. This week provides those of us who work and volunteer in economic development a platform to showcase the Nevada community and the contributions made to our local economy throughout the year.

We have much to celebrate on the economic development front. We have seen existing business growth, new industry investing in Nevada, increased housing units, plans for new subdivisions, and strong small business starts.

In this issue of Our Nevada, we feature Burke Corporation. In 2018, we announced a significant expansion at this long-standing Nevada industry. This \$150 million economic development project pledged to create 210 new jobs and double their operations in the community.

Today, almost 5 years later, we are seeing the full implementation of this project. Burke employs 558 team members in Nevada. They continue to invest in community projects and the growth and development of their team. Products made in Nevada are transported throughout the United States, and their presence in Nevada has led to other economic development projects.

Join me in celebrating all the outstanding businesses and industries that call Nevada home!

Happy Economic Development Week 2023!

On the Cover: Photos of Nevada's Burke Corporation show its beginnings in a quonset hut in Ames (top picture) to its sprawling 500,000 square foot, recently expanded facility today. Read more about Burke on the next page.



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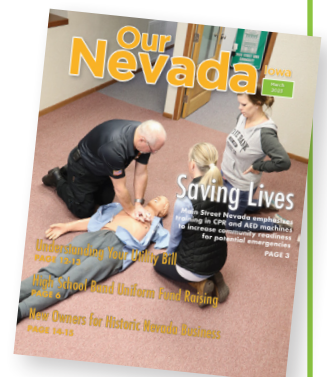
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

Our Nevada is a monthly joint publication between the City of Nevada, Nevada Community School District, Story County Medical Center, Story County, NEDC, and Main Street Nevada.



Celebrating Burke Corp.



In 1974, Bill Burke Sr. had the vision to become the leading manufacturer of customized crumbles and meatballs in the pizzeria industry. Through the work of the last 49 years, Burke Corporation has not only met, but exceeded that company vision and become an economic development success story for the region.

Burke Corporation started with three employees and 3,000 square feet in a quonset hut in Ames, and now has over 500,000 square feet and more than 550 team members in Nevada.

Burke's approach to the marketplace is simple: Give customers what they want when they want it. Of course, this mantra is easier said than done, but it continues to guide the entire Burke team.

"Our approach to the marketplace is unique," states Burke president and CEO, Chad Randick. "While our competition is trying to tell the customer what they should be buying, we work with our customers to develop a unique and proprietary product that fits their needs exactly. We are developing products for customers with virtually no minimum requirements with the hopes that they will be successful and that we will grow together."

And grow they have! In 2020, Burke opened its \$150 million expansion which they attached to their existing facility in Nevada. "We were very fortunate to have a 14+ acre front lawn and community partners that are pro-growth," says Randick. "Economic development is never a seamless process, and it truly takes a team and community approach to be successful."

On the expansion, Randick said, "Once we determined that we had the support and partnerships from the city, state, and community that were needed, we had to ask ourselves if we really felt we could get the needed employees to be successful. We could not go into the process with a 'build it, and they will come' attitude and instead implemented a robust 12-month long recruiting campaign led by Shelli Seibert and Kim Houston in our Human Resources area."

Shelli remembers when the leadership team at Burke needed one last commitment before proceeding with the expansion — the commitment of confidence in securing the 210 team members to staff the new facility. "Here we are, at a time when unemployment is at an all-time low for the state of Iowa and Story County, and I need to confirm my confidence and ability to execute on a 210-team member hiring spree," reflects Shelli. "But I knew my team and I could accomplish this with proper planning and the right resources. So, I pitched Chad on what I thought it would take to get this done, and he said, 'Okay'."

That is when Better at Burke was born.

Better at Burke launched in the summer of 2019 as a result of needing to fill 104 jobs for the first phase of the plant production. Collaborating with a creative ad agency allowed

Burke to create videos that were used for the campaign. Those ads started running on social media platforms in June 2020 and the applications came pouring in. From July 1 to the end of 2020, Burke hired over 150 employees. Part of that was a result of Burke providing a great benefits package that includes vacation time, 401(k) match, and college tuition assistance opportunities.

Burke is more than just a corporation. Being the largest employer in Nevada, Burke understands how important investments in the community and quality of life are for its team members and Nevada residents. Burke has taken an active role in many community projects, some of which include:

- Josephine Tope Auditorium
- SCORE Park
- Nevada Public Schools
- Nevada Historical Society
- Nevada Library
- Nevada Fairgrounds
- Nevada Parks & Recreation
- Main Street Nevada
- Nevada Firefighters, Inc
- Nevada Fieldhouse
- Runners United Nevada
- Camelot Theatre Renovation
- Pizza Pie Looza
- Harmony Clothing Closet
- Nevada Community Rodeo
- Nevada Community Cupboard
- Mosaic
- Story County Medical Center

Did you know?

Burke produces over 1,200 different meat and non-meat crumbles that are used across the United States and all over the world. They ship nearly 100 truckloads of product every week out of Nevada, and Burke products can be found in over 10 countries in both Foodservice and Retail outlets. Here are a few additional facts:

- They have 1,248 active SKU's currently.
- Burke processes approximately 100,000 microbiological and chemical tests per year.
- They ship 60-80 customer samples a week.
- In 2022, they had over \$1,000,000 in sales from newly developed products.
- There are 16 identified languages at Burke





Preparation, Persistence Help Prevent Skin Damage

During this season of sun and fun, make sure you are showing some love for the skin you're in.

After a long, cold winter, it is common for those of us in the Midwest to throw caution to the wind as the summer weather arrives.

While basking in the sun may feel fantastic in the moment, Rosa Stocker, ARNP, cautions that overexposure to the sun could be doing permanent—and potentially serious—damage to your skin.

But it's not impossible to reap the rewards of spending time outdoors without risking serious damage to your skin. Stocker says it simply takes a little bit of preparation and a commitment to persistence.

Most notably, Stocker says it is important to cover up if you are going to be out in the sun with either sunscreen or clothing that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of somewhere in the range of 30 to 50. She also recommends reapplying sunscreen every couple hours and avoiding spending time in the direct sunlight between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. if at all possible.

"The important thing is to be aware of your situation," Stocker says. "When it comes to sunscreen, it is really effective, but after about two hours, it starts to lose its potency. Because of this you really need to reapply on a regular basis."

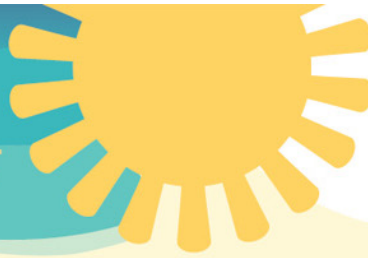
Stocker says that when it comes to your skin, the old saying proves true: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"I like to say, your skin is like an elephant. It never forgets,"



Rosa Stocker, ARNP
Story Medical Outpatient Clinic

PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Use a Layered Approach for Sun Protection.



Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.



Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 to protect exposed skin.



Wear a hat, sunglasses, and protective clothing to shield skin.



Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

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Stocker says. "So even back when we were teenagers and we're laying in the sun with out any protection, our skin remembers that as we get older."

"As adults we should be paying attention to ourselves, but also to our children," she continues. "You want to role model proper skin care and how important it is to protect from those damaging rays."

Stocker practices at Frontline Dermatology and sees patients in the Outpatient Clinic at Story Medical. She says that in addition to practicing healthy habits when spending time outdoors, adults should have a relationship with a dermatologist.

"I think it is a good idea to have a skin check at least annually," Stocker says. "When it comes to your skin, the sooner we can identify an issue the more options we have to address it."

Dermatology Care at Story Medical

Led by Rosa Stocker, ARNP, we work with each patient to develop an individualized plan to diagnose and treat disorders of the skin, hair, nails, and mucous membranes.

To schedule an appointment, please call Frontline Dermatology at (515) 666-5417 and ask to be seen at Story Medical.

News & Notes

STORY MEDICAL OFFERS ACUPUNCTURE IN AMES

The Story Medical Natural Health Clinic in Ames offers a variety of complementary therapies, including acupuncture. During acupuncture treatments, provider Valerie Stallbaumer, LAc, MSOM, uses sterile, thin needles inserted under the skin to stimulate muscles and connective tissue to cause a therapeutic response.

Acupuncture is used all over the world. The World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health recognize many common conditions can be helped using acupuncture including back and knee pain, headaches, depression, fatigue, allergies, post-COVID problems, women's health, insomnia, stress, aches and pains, and more. It has also been shown to be an effective preventative health care practice and many choose to receive regular treatments.

Several insurance companies cover acupuncture. To learn more, visit storymedical.org/acupuncture. To schedule, call 515-232-2979.

WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

We are always recruiting and currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open. Learn more about what is available and fill out an online application at storymedical.org/careers.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

You can keep up with all that is happening at Story Medical by following us @StoryMedical on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Nevada High School Students competing in front of judges for their project on Cub Embroidery. L to R: Sam Garcia, Natalie Emery

FCCLA Leadership Conference

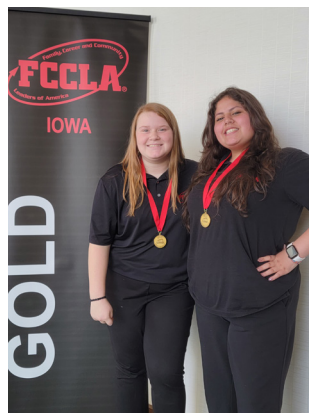
The Nevada FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) chapter attended the State Leadership Conference held recently in Cedar Rapids making their first appearance at State FCCLA as an accredited chapter. Nevada started an FCCLA chapter for the first time this year and took two students to state to compete in STAR Events.

Sam Garcia and Natalie Emery have made their school proud by earning gold in the Entrepreneurship category in STAR Events at the State FCCLA Leadership conference. Their successful venture, Cub Embroidery, impressed the judges with its unique concept, solid business plan, and overall execution.

Cub Embroidery is a student run business that offers personalized and customized embroidery on a range of items such as hats, bags, and

clothing. The judges were impressed by their attention to detail, creativity, and marketing strategy.

Their outstanding performance has earned them a spot to compete at National FCCLA Leadership conference, which will be held in July at Denver, Colorado. The dynamic duo is determined to showcase their entrepreneurial skills on a national level and bring home a high rating.



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@NevadaCSD

Last Day of School

The Nevada CSD School Board has decided that Friday, June 2nd will be the last day of school for students this year, and will be a 2-hour early out.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Central Elementary is now taking signups for preschool and kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year!

If you have a child who will be four (Preschool) or five (Kindergarten, not currently attending Nevada) by Sept. 15, please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up at 515-382-2383.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Did you know that it's state law to stop for school busses?

When approaching a school bus from the back, if you see flashing red or amber warning lights, you are not permitted to pass the school bus and must stop. Stop when the school bus stops (no closer than 15 feet) and the stop arm is extended. Remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and the school bus starts moving again. Be mindful, however, as kids may still be walking near the road.

When approaching a school bus from the front, you must slow your vehicle to 20mph max and be prepared to stop. Stop in front of the school bus when the school bus stops and its stop arm is extended. Remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and the school bus starts moving again. Be mindful, however, as kids may still be walking near the road.

145TH NHS ALUMNI WEEKEND

If you graduated from Nevada High School, you are officially invited to the 145th annual Nevada High School Alumni Weekend, held by the NHS Alumni Association on June 24-25, 2023.

Saturday June 24th

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Breakfast at the High School

(\$6 per person, ticket required)

10 a.m.

Tour of the Secondary Campus (Middle & High Schools)

1 p.m.

Community Tour

Want to "Scoop the Loop" plus get a tour of the town? What is the new Fieldhouse? What's new on Main Street?

Learn what's happening in and around the area from our Mayor - Brett Barker. The tour will begin at the High School entrance. Reservations are required.

Alumni Dinner, Gates Hall

4 p.m. Social Hour

6 p.m. Meal by Flame & Skewer (\$25 per person, ticket required, no alcohol)

Sunday June 25th

2 p.m. Community Speaker Josephine Tope Community Auditorium

Andrew Allen, former NHS Student and current President/CEO of Youth & Shelter Services of Story County. Freewill donation to YSS. Community members are also welcome to attend.

Reservations can be made no later than 6/15/23 by texting/calling 515-291-4733 or 515-238-5053 or emailing kls.alumni@icloud.com or bullocksherry628@gmail.com.

Free Summer Meals!

Free meals will be again served this summer at Nevada High School!

All meals must be eaten on campus. Open to the public- you do not have to be a NCS D student to get a free meal. Bring your kids, grandkids, etc. Any child ages 0 through 18 eats free! Adult meals available for \$4.20.

Monday-Thursdays June 12 - July 20 (closed July 3,4)

Breakfast - 8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Lunch - 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Nevada National Honor Society Clean Up Trees

Nevada High School National Honor Society chapter officers picked up and gathered tree limbs for a farmer southwest of Nevada to raise funds for scholarships. Paige Handsaker, Chloe Peterson, and Bridget Cahill met at the high school and traveled to the farm and accompanied the farmer to a sidehill buffer strip that had limbs that were reaching into the field. Students gathered limbs and piled them amongst the trees. While in the field, several coyote dens were identified as somewhat active. In addition, some rocks near the area were picked up in the field.





Organizations join forces to clean Camelot Theater

VOLUNTEERS TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME DURING THE PROCESS

Cleaning is never on anyone's list of fun, but seven organizations said, "Absolutely!" to helping the Camelot Theater Foundation get the theater cleaned out in preparation for a future remodel.

This wasn't just any spring cleaning that happened on Saturday, March 25. The decades-old theater needed some major elbow grease. Windows were scrubbed, floors were mopped, stickers and signage were scraped off and bathrooms were scoured. Nevada Hardware donated many of the cleaning supplies for this big feat.

Cleaning wasn't the dirtiest job of the day, however. The Nevada Cubs football team got a work-out unlike any other. Coach Kleeman had his team carrying very heavy old items down several flights of stairs from the apartments on the second and third floors. These burly athletes were sweaty and sore after a couple hours of heavy lifting and carrying. Their hard work was very much appreciated by the older generation, whose backs hurt just watching! Food was donated by 21st Century Rehab to refuel all volunteers.

Pratt Sanitation donated three large dumpsters for this event and all were filled to the brim. Old appliances, theater equipment, and apartment walls were some of the discarded items.

The theater crew didn't throw everything away, however.

Anything that was salvageable was advertised on social media, free for the taking. Old vintage doors were picked up, along with theater chairs and fake trees and plants.

It is in the deep cleaning, that history is uncovered. Thoughts of what used to be danced in the minds of the volunteers working that day. One could almost feel how alive the theater was in its hay day. The apartments in the upper floors told stories of a life long ago.

Too often we get busy with our own agendas and schedules, and we forget to slow down and appreciate what was. We forget to stop and help others. On this day, dozens of volunteers did just that. They all came together for a common purpose -- to help others, to help our theater, to help the future of our community. They felt an appreciation for what was and also for what is to come.

As the theater prepares for its future, which includes live entertainment, event rentals, a bistro and outdoor rooftop seating, movies will be shown monthly for a small admission. The next movie will be "The Blindside," on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Attending the movies gives you some last glimpses into the theater as it stands and helps fund its future. If you have old memories of the theater or just want to be a part of its rich history, make plans to attend a movie or two.



Members of the following organizations were tremendous help with the theater clean-up efforts: Main Street Nevada, Nevada Jaycees, Nevada Kiwanis, Nevada Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club of Nevada, NHS Football Team, Kevin Cooper, and fellow community members. Jeff Spencer with Story County Home Inspections has also been valuable on this project.



Use this QR Code to learn more about the Camelot Theater Foundation and future plans for the historic theater.

Public input requested for County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update



Story County is in the process of updating the County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan analyzes the county's vulnerabilities to natural and manmade hazards and identifies mitigation actions the jurisdictions in the county can take to minimize property damage, reduce injuries and loss of life, and lessen the overall impacts of disasters. If you live, work, or play in

Story County, please help us incorporate your experience and opinions into the plan by taking this short online survey. This will help the planning team better understand the vulnerabilities across Story County and its communities, as well as solicit input on ways to best mitigate, or reduce, the impacts of hazards before they occur. The survey consists of 8 questions, and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Please complete this survey by May 15, 2023. Thank you for your participation! You can take the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/yVpya8JUwe>

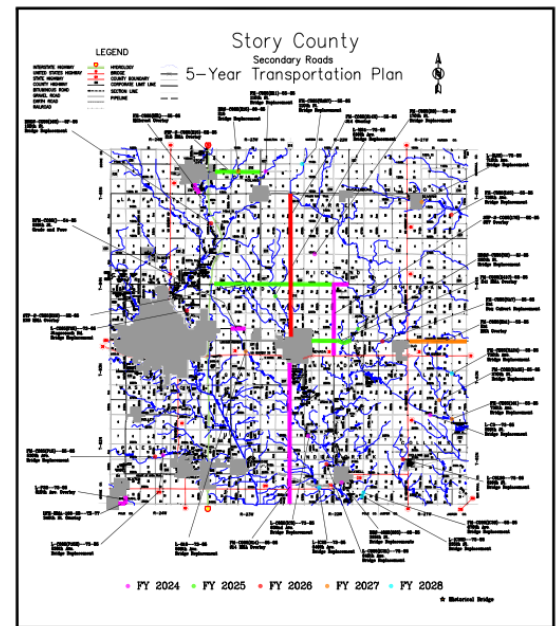


Story County 5-year Construction Program

The Story County Secondary Road Construction Program is updated each year at the same time the budget is approved by Story County. This usually occurs during the first part of the year. You can view the adopted program online at:

<https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6053/5-Year-Secondary-Road-Construction-Program-PDF>

and look at the map to see where and when projects are scheduled at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6051/5-Year-Secondary-Road-Construction-Program-Map-PDF>



Celebrate Public Service Recognition Week

Celebrated the first full week in May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is a time set aside to honor those who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. Throughout the nation and the world, public servants use this occasion to educate others about the work they do and why they have chosen public service careers, as well as the many ways government services make life better for all of us.



Volunteer Drivers wanted!

Interested in serving your community?

Consider driving Veterans to their medical appointments. Routes include Des Moines, Marshalltown, Carroll and Fort Dodge.

Veterans Affairs Van provided; no out of pocket expense for drivers. You don't need to be a Veteran to be a volunteer driver.

Contact Story County Veterans Affairs (515) 956-2626 or email veteransaffairs@storycountyiowa.gov for more information about the volunteer driver application.





City of Nevada, Nevada Foundation announce Human Services Grant Funds

The City of Nevada and Nevada Foundation have formed a partnership to provide grant funding to nonprofit organizations addressing the basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing for the citizens of Nevada. It is anticipated that the City of Nevada will commit \$40,000 to the Nevada Foundation for these grants after July 1, 2023.

Brett Barker, Mayor of Nevada explained, "We are pleased to partner with the Nevada Foundation to make

these grant funds available for such important causes in our community. Our missions closely align; we appreciate their willingness to partner with us on this initiative."

Applications for these funds are due by 4 p.m. on May 31. The final award announcements will be made no later than June 27. Application materials can be found on the Foundation website: www.nevadaiowafoundation.org.

Are you keeping up with City news?

Are you keeping up with highlights from Nevada City Council meetings? By resident request, we prepare a writeup with highlights from each City Council meeting, when there are items of interest to report. You will find them on our City Website in the "Recent City News" section.

Some interesting things reported earlier this year, include:

- Council members approved the purchase of land adjacent to the City's well field for future water needs.
- City Administrator Jordan

Cook shared that a pre-construction meeting was held for the Highway 30/S-14 flyover project, which will include three phases. Dirt work (phase one) will begin this year, and the dirt work will need to settle for a year before phase two begins. Traffic flow isn't expected to be interrupted for the dirt work this year.

- City leaders and leaders from other agencies met with Union Pacific Railroad officials to talk about the frequent occurrence of trains blocking tracks. This is a concern for leaders in Nevada, Ames, and Story

County. Mayor Brett Barker said, "Hopefully we can get some traction on that issue."

- The Council approved putting in a three-way stop sign at the corner of H Avenue and 11th Street due to increased concerns about pedestrians crossing that intersection safely. City officials have also been asked to look at options for increasing safety along I Avenue/West 3rd Street by the old Billy Sunday Field, where many kids are trying to cross over to the practice soccer field. Councilman Brian Hanson said he sat and observed the area and

witnessed the dangers for himself.

You will also find our episodes of Keeping It Real in the "Recent City News" section of our website. Recent videos have featured information from the Fire Department, Streets Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.

Residents can "stay in the know" about what their city government is doing by keeping up with releases of news on our website (www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org) and/or our Facebook page: City of Nevada, IA.

Pizza Pie Looza is coming up May 13



Don't forget, the Nevada Foundation's Pizza Pie Looza returns this year on Saturday, May 13 with an afternoon of family friendly activities for kids and adults. Free music performances take place near the corner of 6th and K Avenue from 1-7 p.m. Food vendors, featuring pizza- and pie-related items, open at 1 p.m. with many staying until the evening concert is finished.

Tickets for the evening concert, which will happen in front of City Hall, are \$40 each to see country legends, Aaron Tippin, Collin Raye, and Sammy Kershaw on their Roots and Boots Tour, along with special guest Chase McDaniel. Purchase tickets for the evening event and find out more about the celebration at pizzapielooza.com.

2023 Fawcett Family Aquatic Center Info

Location & Phone

515-382-2230
1717 Fawcett Parkway

Dates of Operation/Hours

June 1 - August 20, 2023

Adult Lap Swim:

10:45 a.m.-Noon (daily)

Tot Time:

11 a.m.-Noon (Mon.-Fri.)

Children 8 and under must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian

Open Swim:

Noon-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Noon-6 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Dates and hours of operation are subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstance

Semi-Private Group Parties

Groups are invited to rent the pool from 6-7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., when not conflicting with group swim lessons at a rate of \$100. Groups can have as many swimmers as they would like and can bring in food for their event. Please remember, this special rate is during open swim time. To reserve a semi-private pool party, call the parks and rec office at 382-4352.

Private Pool Parties

Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays and Sundays only from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Rental fee is \$250. Call 382-4352 for available dates and to make your reservation. All rentals must be made at least two weeks prior to the rental date.

Little Tykes Swim

Little Tykes Swims will be held daily from 5 p.m. to close. During this special time, children under 48 inches tall can go down the waterslide with a parent/guardian. Specific rules and regulations apply.



Swim Lessons

Group lessons will now be offered as semi-private. The week-long, 30-minute lessons will be a 1:3 instructor/participant ratio. Nevada Parks and Recreation swim lesson program will include the following classes.

- Parent/Child Water Introduction (6 mon.-3 year olds)
- Pre-School (4 and 5 year olds)
- Water Basics (6 years +)

Session Dates:

June 12-16

June 26-30

July 10-July 14

July 24-July 28

Swim Lesson Registration

An online registration process is in place. All registrations must be made online at <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Online registration has been open since April 3. Classes will automatically fill and cap/close as registrations take place online. Parks and Recreation reserves the right to combine classes that do not fill. No private swim lessons will be offered at the facility. Fee is \$35/session.



Check out the Fawcett Family Aquatic Center page on Facebook for updates and important information, including weather-related closings.

Aquatic Center Rates & Fees

Purchase your season pass online! Passes are available on the following website. <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Season Pass Options:

Individual Season Pass:

\$80

Pass good for one season for an individual.

Senior Season Pass: \$65

Pass is good for one season for individuals 55 years of age and older. Pass is not good for special events outside regular pool hours.

Two-Person Family Pass:

\$115

Three-Person Family Pass:

\$145

Four-Person Family Pass:

\$170

***Family passes are good for one season for individuals living in the same household. Examples: Siblings, parent/children). Pass is non-transferable.*

Additional Family Member:

\$25 each, beginning with the fifth family member (Example: Additional Child). Pass is non-transferable.

General Admission:

\$5/person

All patrons ages 4-54 must pay to enter the pool facility regardless of their intent to swim or not. General admission includes use of all pool facilities.

Toddler Rate (2-3 years):

\$3/person

Children 1 and under: FREE

All children 1 and under receive free admission when accompanied by a paying adult.

Senior Admission:

\$4/person

All individuals over the age of 55 may receive a complimentary \$1 discount off the regular general admission price. The discounted rate must be requested.



Aqua Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 8-August 10 (no class July 4). Available times are 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 5:30-6:15 p.m. Fee is \$100. Each class time is limited to 14 participants. Please register online by visiting: <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Nevada Library's Upcoming Events

• **Midwest Author Talk: Fern Kupfer and Joseph Geha**, May 11 @ 6:30 p.m. Please join us in person to meet authors Fern Kupfer and Joseph Geha, learn about their books and writing, and promote lifelong learning and reading in Nevada. Geha is a professor-emeritus at Iowa State University, and his new book, "Kitchen Arabic: How My Family Came to America and the Recipes We Brought with Us" illustrates the journey of Geha's early years in America and his family's struggle to learn the language and ways of a new world.

Kupfer, a former creative writing professor at Iowa State University, has published several novels and memoirs as well as contributing to the Ames Tribune and Newsday.


• **Seed Saving for the Home Gardener**, May 3 @ 6:30 p.m. Interested in seed saving but don't know where to begin? Join us for a special program presented by the USDA. We'll learn how to plan a garden for seed saving, controlling pollination techniques for saving true to type seeds, as well as how to clean and store seeds for future planting.

• **Fighting Fraud with Iowa Fraud Fighters**, May 18 @ 10:30 a.m. Con artists target people aged 60 and older, swindling more than 7 million Americans out of almost \$3 billion each year. Iowa Fraud Fighters is a public education program which helps Iowans shield their savings from scammers. The program will educate and empower



Iowans to combat and report investment, insurance, and consumer fraud.

• **SmartHer Money**, May 25 @ 6:30 p.m. Join us for SmartHER Money: Designed to boost your money smarts, improve your financial wellness, and secure your financial future. Topics will include planning, budgeting, saving, and investing with the goal of a secure retirement. Prepare to feel empowered, informed, and ready to improve your relationship with money! All genders are welcome to attend.

• **LGBT Inclusivity Training with One Iowa**, May 2 @ 6 p.m. Start your LGBTQ inclusion journey with the library! A special  presenter from One Iowa will layout the foundations of understanding the LGBTQ community with a definition of terms, an explanation of gender & sex, an understanding of the disparities faced by the LGBTQ community, and a brief session on using pronouns.

• **Everything Embroidery Floss**, May 11 @ 3:30-5:30 p.m. Join Dylan and Nicole to make some embroidery floss crafts! We'll have the embroidery floss and the tools you need to make all sorts of creations, from cross-stitching to friendship bracelets and everything in between. Bring yourself and some friends and find out what your creativity can create! For youth in 5th grade through 12th grade.

City Notes

Hydrant Flushing

In May, our City Water Department works to flush fire hydrants throughout the community. Water may run down the street as this work happens. The City flushes water lines in both spring and fall through fire hydrants, a necessary preventative maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process helps maintain the water system's integrity so we can provide the highest quality water possible to residents. It is also a way to ensure hydrant effectiveness for fire control purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department, 515-382-2074.

Entering the 'busy' months

As we enter the busy spring and summer months for the Parks and Recreation Department and Cemetery, our staff is often busy with outside tasks. At this time of year, we encourage residents to call and make an appointment if they need to speak with someone. If we are not available to take your call, please leave a message with your name and phone number, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Your time is important, and we want to make sure we can address your needs in a timely manner.

Parks and Recreation Office: 515-382-4352. Cemetery Office: 515-382-6240.

Holiday Office Closing

City offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 30.

City Cemetery Decorations

All decorations will be removed from the cemetery two weeks following Memorial Day unless in a permanent vase installed on the stone or foundation, in saddles on the stones, or on Shepherd's hooks placed next to the foundation.

Open Burning Ends

A reminder to residents: Open burning ends May 15!



Special presentation at Nevada Council meeting

Jerry Gibson of Nevada, who went into cardiac arrest earlier this year during the Feb. 22 ice storm, was joined at a March City Council meeting by the incredible team of first responders who were able to revive him and get him to a hospital alive on that day.

Nevada Fire Chief Ray Reynolds pointed out that those gathered included representatives of Nevada Fire Department and EMS, Nevada Police Department, Story County Sheriff's Office 911, and Mary Greeley Ambulance, who were responding because the local Story Medical ambulance was busy on another call.

"We had about 10 folks involved," Reynolds reported, and those 10 included four paramedic level responders, something the Nevada Fire Department takes great pride in providing to the community. The response time was 4 minutes for the first responders to arrive, due in part to the fact they were already at the fire station because of the storm.

"I don't remember too much," said Jerry, who was joined by his wife, daughter and two grandsons as he spoke before the council and those in the city hall chambers. "What I've been told is that ... all these wonderful individuals kept me alive."

Reynolds had a surprise for Jerry at the meeting. Reynolds, who is a fan of the Hawkeyes, felt bad that he was the one who had to cut off Jerry's very nice ISU shirt as they were saving his life. Knowing what it is to be a true

Cyclone or Hawkeye fan, once Reynolds knew Jerry was going to make a full recovery, he reached out to the ISU Athletic Department to see if they'd have a nice ISU shirt to replace the one cut up in the emergency.

Not only did the ISU Athletic Department provide one shirt replacement, they gave the major Cyclone fan two new shirts and an ISU sweatshirt. As Reynolds made the presentation, Jerry Gibson was all smiles.

"I'm so grateful and impressed that right here in the community we have people who are dedicated and right there when you need them," Jerry said. "We can't have enough of these people."



Kelsey Sampson, Executive Assistant to the Director of Athletics at Iowa State University, gives Ray Reynolds a donation of two shirts and a sweatshirt to present to ISU fan Jerry Gibson after his near-death experience.

Fire Department Wins Award

The Nevada Fire Department was recently honored as Fire Department of the Year for 2023 by the Iowa Firefighters Association. Several members of the Department attended an awards ceremony on April 1. Iowa has 833 fire departments. Nevada's volunteer fire department was specifically cited for its forward-thinking position on integrating support operations staff as rehab technicians and its use of ultra-high pressure fire attack before very many knew much about the technique. Pictured (from left) are: A representative of the Iowa Firefighters Assn., Destany Ennis, Dept. Chaplain Carl Vogeler, Asst. Fire Chief Fred Malven, Lt. Jason Corbin, Lt. Ashton Arnaud, Griselda Smith, and Nevada Fire Chief Ray Reynolds.





Don Davis

Memorial Day Services set for May 29

Don Davis will serve as this year's Parade Marshal

Nevada's Patriotic Council has been planning for this year's Memorial Day services, which will happen Monday, May 29, starting with a 9:45 a.m. flag raising in front of the Story County Administration Building (south end of main street), then a procession/parade (north on 6th to Lincoln Highway, and west to 1st Street) to the Nevada Municipal Cemetery, and a service at the cemetery (starting around 10:30). In case of rain, the cemetery service will be held at the Community Building or Christy Hall, at the Nevada Fairgrounds. A free-will donation beef burger luncheon will be served at the American Legion post following the program.

The year's Honorary Parade Marshal will be Don Davis of Nevada, a dedicated veterans supporter.

Don was raised on a farm in the Minerva, Clemons area, where he attended the local rural schools. His family

Volunteers Needed for Flags

Can you help put flags up?

When: Saturday, May 27, all who can help, please meet at the Coop gas station next to the city cemetery at 6:30 a.m. After all the flags are up, volunteers will be treated to breakfast at the American Legion Post.

Can you help take flags down?

When: Monday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at the City cemetery

later moved to Albion, where Don finished his high school education. When he graduated from high school, he tried to enlist in the U.S. Army to follow his brother who had served in Korea. But he wasn't 18 yet, and his parents wouldn't sign. So, he went to work in Marshalltown. In 1958 he moved to Nevada to work, and he met and married his wife, Frances Rains.

Don spent a number of years working at Crows Hybrids, becoming the Plant Manager. He began driving a truck,

and even purchased his own truck and drove for Heartland Express and for Charles Toot. He retired after his second heart attack, but still helps haul grain on occasion.

Don and Frances raised two sons. They now enjoy spending time with their one grandson and three great-grandchildren. They also enjoy traveling and camping in Wyoming and Colorado.

Don is a dedicated American and honors his family's strong military history with his membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

Don has worked tirelessly with the Nevada Patriotic Council in helping to plan the services, to raise and lower the Avenue of Flags, and to make numerous signs for the Memorial Day services. He is always available if someone needs help or transportation. Congratulations to Don on being honored this year.

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS TO START

The Nevada Community Band is gearing up for its 23rd performing season. Concerts will be held on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in front of City Hall. The summer 2023 concert dates are as follows: June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4 (Patriotic Concert), and July 11, which will feature the Nevada Community Jazz Band. The Nevada Community Band will also perform in this summer's Fourth of July parade.

Directors for the summer are Wade Presley, retired band director at Nevada Schools, and Drew Barker, current director of the Nevada High School and 8th Grade Bands. If you are interested in playing with the Nevada Community Band, please contact Wade Presley at pres64@gmail.com.

Music at the Mansion Returns



The Nevada Community Historical Society will hold the 2nd annual Music at the Mansion on Saturday, June 3 from 4-9 p.m. at Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace along H Avenue. Pictures shown above are from last year's event. This year's musical guests are Ryne Doughty and The Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (a 1950's & 60's band). Those attending should bring lawn chairs for their seating. There will be vendors selling food and beverages on site.

Some of the City's Parks and Recreation staff members recently placed Nevada's newest sculpture in place near the Kiwanis Butterfly Garden along 11th Street. The sculpture honors longtime, supportive Kiwanis member Bob Ehrig, who passed away Feb. 12, 2021.



Finished sculpture put in place

The "Natural Fleurish" sculpture has been set in place near the Kiwanis Butterfly Garden, which is located along 11th Street near the greenbelt trail.

The sculpture honors longtime Kiwanian Bob Ehrig, who passed away Feb. 12, 2021. His wife, Sandy Ehrig, worked with local artist Kelsey Wilson, who collaborated with AJ's Copper Garden & Metal Art Gallery in Pella to create the sculpture. A sign placed with the sculpture shares that the art piece includes "augmented reality." This means people can scan the sculpture

with their smart phone or tablet and see the sculpture come to "life" with Iowa's pollinators.

Sandy said the Kiwanis Club of Nevada was a designated memorial for Bob, and she was looking for an appropriate, visible memorial that emphasized the work of the Kiwanians while honoring her late husband.

"Bob, along with me, was very interested in community development," she said. "He also enjoyed the trail for walking, running and biking, which made the Kiwanis Butterfly Garden a

spot to enhance."

Sandy said she and Kelsey Wilson chose wildflowers as a visible and natural sculpture leading to the garden.

"I am very proud of the beautiful sculpture and most of all in the interest for public art in Nevada. Not only physical art, but whatever the work of David Williamson leads to as he works with our community on the 'untold stories of Nevada,'" Sandy said. She added that she looks forward to seeing what other public art forms might develop.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Story Co Admin Bldg,
Nevada

NCS D SCHOOL BOARD

May 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium

MAIN STREET NEVADA LUNCH-N-LEARN

May 2, Noon
Copper Spaces
"Cyber Security" presentation

AMERICAN LEGION TACO TUESDAYS

May 2 & 16
5-6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post

BINGO

Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
American Legion Post
\$5 to play all games

FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Main Street District

SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

May 4, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

May 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

CAMELOT THEATER FDTN MOVIE "BLINDSIDE"

May 7, 6:30 p.m.
Admission: \$5

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

May 8, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center (by City Hall),
1231 6th St. *Bring a dish to share.*
Program will begin around 12:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

May 8 & 22, 6 p.m.
City Hall

LEGION AUXILIARY SALAD LUNCHEON

May 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
American Legion Post

MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

May 10, 4-6 p.m.
Copper Spaces

MIDWEST AUTHOR SERIES-JOSEPH GEHA & FERN KUPFER

May 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Nevada Public Library
Registration Required on Library's website!

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

May 12
5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under) Fish Fry/ Baked Spaghetti

PIZZA PIE LOOZA

May 13, 1 p.m.
Main Street District
Enjoy free activities and music from 1-7 p.m. with food vendors on site. Tickets available at pizzapielooza.com for evening concert featuring Roots & Boots.



MAIN STREET NEVADA 'THE GRIND'

May 23, 7-8 a.m.
Copper Spaces
Stop in for coffee and catch up on business happenings.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

MAY 26, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)

NCS D GRADUATION

May 28, 2 p.m.
Nevada High School

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

May 29
9:45 Flag Raising at Admin Building, followed by processional to Cemetery
New military enlistees introduced at flag raising
10:30 a.m. Cemetery Service

COUNTY BROWN BAG LUNCHEON SERIES

May 31, 12-1 p.m.
Story County Administration Building
Topic will be "Structure of Story County Government"