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## The Opener

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In this issue, the Nevada Economic Development Council (NEDC) is pleased to showcase several economic development projects our local businesses are engaged in as we collectively pursue innovation and growth for our community.

When describing economic development, many people first think of new businesses coming to town or local business expanding and creating jobs. Couple those efforts with our community culture, quality of life, diverse opportunities, and local engagement and the result is a vibrant local economy and forward-thinking community.

We have seen tremendous economic growth the last two years in spite of the various challenges the pandemic has created. There have been millions of capital investment dollars poured into existing businesses. Local entrepreneurs have opened small businesses, dozens of jobs have been created, and we are emerging stronger than ever.

This month we will celebrate National Economic Development Week and are excited to recognize the many people and businesses that work hard every day to cultivate economic development in Nevada. From ALMACO, Story County's oldest business, to Burke Corporation's massive expansion to Story Medical's unwavering commitment to quality care, we are proud to partner with both large and small businesses and industries to drive economic and residential growth, talent attraction, entrepreneurial opportunity and downtown development in Nevada.

**On the Cover:** Pictured is the Nevada, Iowa VERBIO facility located at the west edge of the Nevada city limits along Lincoln Highway. Verbio is one of the featured industries in the Nevada Economic Development Spring Showcase, featured on page 4 of this issue. VERBIO will have a Grand Opening dedication on Friday, May 6.

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## ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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





# Paying Tribute

The Nevada Patriotic Council plans and organizes the annual observance of Memorial Day in Nevada. For years the majesty of the American flags flying at our City cemetery and along our main community avenues, along with the carefully planned and detailed Memorial Day services, have brought our residents together on this important and treasured holiday.

The weekend starts with putting up flags. Volunteers are needed to help with this task.

To volunteer, residents are asked to meet at the Nevada City Cemetery gate along First Street at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28. After all flags are placed, a breakfast will be served for all volunteers at the American Legion Hall.

The annual Memorial Day observance will be held on Monday, May 30. Services begin with a flag-raising ceremony at the downtown Story County Administration Building (former courthouse) at 9:45 a.m. New military enlistees will be introduced during this ceremony. Once this ceremony ends, there will be a procession to the cemetery. Community members are invited to watch the procession, which will travel from J Avenue, north on Sixth Street to Lincoln Highway, and then west on Lincoln Highway to First Street, where it enters the City Cemetery.



Harold Brinkman (seated) and Dean Heintz are this year's Honorary Parade Marshals.

The program at the cemetery begins around 10:30 a.m. In the event of rain, the alternate location for the program will be Christy Hall, 220 H Ave., next to the fairgrounds.

This year the Council has selected two Honorary Parade Marshals, Dean Heintz and Harold Brinkman. Chaplain for the service will be Pastor Mike Albert of the Christian Church, and the featured speaker will be Zach Skelton, a Major with the United States Army Reserves. The service always includes recognition of "new veteran flags," put in place since the previous year.

A lunch, open to the public, will be served at the Legion Hall following the Monday services.



# Economic Development Spring Showcase

## ALMACO

ALMACO has been busy leading the charge on innovation in their industry and within their company culture. They received the 2022 Best Place for Working Parents Business Designation and are currently expanding their operations in Nevada which will create 60 jobs.

## BURKE CORPORATION

It's no secret that Burke Corporation is growing at a rapid pace. In addition to their significant expansion and creation of jobs, Burke also received the 2021 Safety Excellence Award from parent company, Hormel Foods. The company is committed to be recognized throughout the community for many things including great pizza toppings, competitive wages, and a safe and productive work environment for every person on the Burke Team.

## M&R PROPERTIES

Last fall, M&R Properties broke ground on their second location in the Nevada West Industrial Park. The facility features 7,600 square feet and offers five additional units for start-ups and small businesses to utilize.

## MID-STATES

Mid-States Material Handling and Fabrication took their industry influence to a new level last fall when they were featured on "Manufacturing Marvels." This unique opportunity showcased one of Nevada's key employers



to a national audience while promoting their innovative solutions.

## ON TRACK

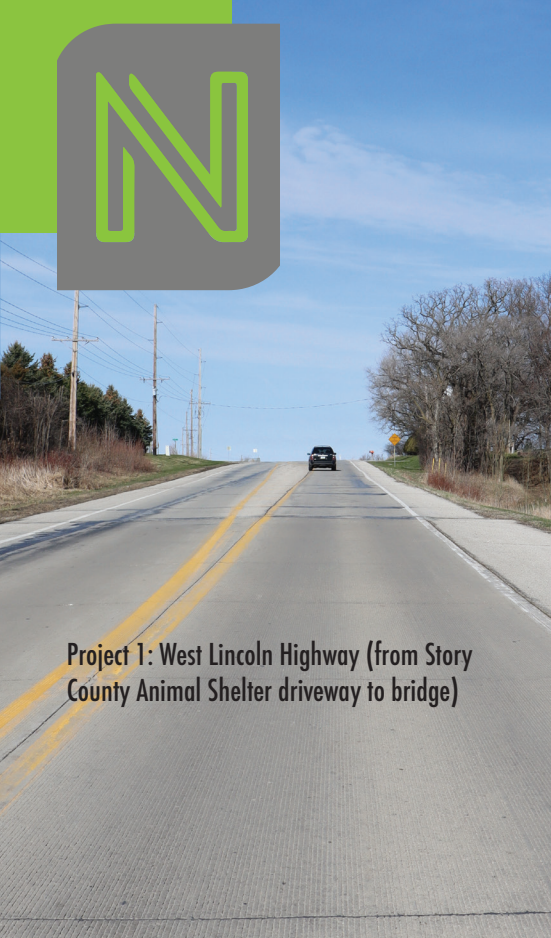
On Track Construction completed their beautiful facility in Nevada last month. The new building consists of 15,600 square feet of floor space between two stories, including office and shop space, as well as a wash bay for equipment. Deepening their investment in Nevada, On Track chose local partners including Woodruff Construction, RMH Architects, Fox Engineering and State Bank & Trust to bring their vision to life.

## STORY MEDICAL

Story Medical is dedicated to providing the safest and most effective healthcare services possible and received affirmation on their efforts by earning full certification to the ISO 9001 Quality Management System. This certification empowers Story Medical's mission by helping create clear and consistent processes for patient care and demonstrates to the community their commitment to pursuing quality with discipline and transparency.

## VERBIO

VERBIO became the first U.S. industrial scale renewable natural gas facility using agricultural residues last December. This significant achievement sets the stage for long-term sustainability and growth for both renewable gas production and economic development in Nevada and surrounding communities. To celebrate this milestone, VERBIO is hosting a Grand Opening dedication with special remarks, lunch and facility tours on Friday, May 6.



Project 1: West Lincoln Highway (from Story County Animal Shelter driveway to bridge)



Project 2: 11 Street (from U Avenue to W Avenue)



Project 3: S-14 (from M Avenue through the RR underpass)

# 2022 City Street Improvements to happen in three segments

The 2022 Street Improvements plan for Nevada includes three segments. The following should help you understand more about when road closings will happen and where the road closings will be.

## West Lincoln Highway

The first project is an asphalt overlay on Lincoln Highway (west side of town) from the bridge that goes over the railroad tracks to just west of the driveway for the Story County Animal Shelter.

According to Nevada Engineer Larry Stevens, of HR Green, work will begin around May 1. "This is a routine roadway maintenance project, where we will mill 2 inches from the asphalt surface and put down 3 inches of new asphalt," he said.

The project is anticipated to last about two weeks, and while local access will be allowed for those living in the Indian Ridge subdivision, the road will be closed to through traffic.

## 11th Street from U to W

The second project will happen right after the first project is completed on 11th Street from U Avenue to W Avenue at the northeast edge of Nevada. "This will be reconstruction of the existing roadway as full-depth asphalt is put down," Stevens said. "This will remain a ditched roadway, but we'll regrade and rebuild the foundation and ditches. When completed, this road will have 8-inch, full-depth asphalt pavement."

The 11th Street project is expected to take four weeks.

## S-14

The third street improvements project will not begin until late summer or early fall.

This project will be full pavement reconstruction, including concrete curb and gutter and 10 inches of full-depth asphalt paving. It will happen on S-14, from M Avenue north and through the Union Pacific Railroad underpass.

"The pavement will be thick here because this is a truck route," Stevens said. "The project will also include storm sewer and sub-drain work."

During the project, access to N Avenue will be maintained at all times, so people living west of S-14 can get in and out of the area. Work for the project will be completed in two stages to help with that access. The S-14 project is expected to take two months.



Burning of yard waste (top photo) is allowed by City Code only two times per year. We are in the midst of one of those times – April 1 to May 15.

Recreational fires, utilizing firewood, (bottom photo) are allowed throughout the year in contained pits or devices made for such use.



# Know what you can burn & when?

The Public Safety Department receives calls frequently asking about open fires. Not every fire throughout the year is an illegal fire. In fact, recreational fires are permitted year-round. Who doesn't like having a few friends over to sit around the fire pit with a good natural fire.

Open burning of yard waste — dry leaves, small branches — is not permitted year-round. This type of burning can only take place Oct. 1 through Nov. 20 and April 1 through May 15. Also, burning leaves in a fire pit does not constitute recreational burning. Only cut firewood can be used for

recreational fires, which must be done in a contained pit or device made for small fires.

More information about burning and the hours of burning can be found in the City Code, 105.05, "Open Burning Restricted," available through the City Website.

## Warmer months are a perfect time to align

Spring is the perfect time to make sure your mailbox is positioned in accordance with City Code.

As outlined in the code, section 135.18, the face of the mailbox must be flush with the back of the curb (as shown in the photo).

Proper position is especially important during the winter months when snow removal is happening, and any mailbox sticking out too

far is at risk of being hit by a plow. The City pays up to \$50 to replace a mailbox that was hit, IF it was properly installed.

If your mailbox is not in proper alignment with the curb, please take time during the warmer months to reposition it. If you have questions about this, please call City Hall, 515-382-5466, and speak to Public Works Director Jeremy Rydl, or email Jeremy at [jrydl@cityofnevadaiaowa.org](mailto:jrydl@cityofnevadaiaowa.org).



Proper mailbox, curb alignment is shown here. The face of the mailbox should be flush with the back of the curb, as indicated by the red line.

# Library receives Federal Humanities Grant

## FUNDS HELP TO BRING IN MIDWEST AUTHOR SERIES

The Nevada Public Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries nationwide for the American Library Association's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries opportunity, an emergency relief program to assist libraries that have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

"We are incredibly proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Library Director Erin Coughlin "This grant will help us to better serve our community and plan engaging humanities programs as we come out of the pandemic."

The Nevada Public Library will use the grant funds to host a series of events featuring Midwest Authors.

The library's Midwest Author Series started April 12 when the library hosted Rena Olsen. It continues this month with the appearance of William Kent Krueger, writer of Cork O'Conner Mysteries, and Nicole Baart, writer of "Everything

We Didn't Say." Both will be at the library on Wednesday, May 18.

Other authors coming to Nevada are: Genevieve Gornichec, June 14; Loretta Ellsworth, Aug. 18; Denise Williams and Tracey Garvis Graves, Sept. 28; Leah Johnson, Oct. 4; and Heather Gudenkauf, Oct. 25.

American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021."

**Registration is required to attend each author event. Please use the QR Code at right to go to the registration page, or type "t.ly/Rf5a" into your browser.**



## News & Notes

### HYDRANT FLUSHING

In May, City Water Department crews will work at flushing fire hydrants. Water may run down the street as we do this. The City flushes water lines in both spring and fall through fire hydrants, an essential preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is necessary to maintain the water system's integrity and provide the highest quality water possible to our customers. It is also a way to ensure hydrant effectiveness for fire control purposes. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at 515-382-2074.

### CEMETERY NOTICE

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.

### OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

All City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 31.

### PARKS & REC, CEMETERY SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

As we enter the busy spring and summer months for the Parks and Recreation Department and Cemetery, our staff is often busy with outside duties/jobs. At this time of year, we encourage you to call and make an appointment if you need to speak with someone. If someone is 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 that we can address your needs in a timely manner. Parks and Recreation Office: 515-382-4352. Cemetery Office: 515-382- 6240.

### REMINDER TO CITY PET OWNERS

Your pet license renewal was due Jan. 1. If you have not done so yet, please take a current rabies certificate to the police station and renew today!





# Camelot

THEATER FOUNDATION

For years the Camelot Theater has stood as a landmark in Nevada's downtown district. Since 1928, many in Nevada and surrounding communities have enjoyed coming to the historic theater to see feature films and live performances. This atmospheric movie palace with a ceiling of twinkling starlights and the impression that you were sitting in an outdoor courtyard made it a truly special entertainment destination for generations.

A recently formed local group is committed to continuing this tradition. The Camelot Theater Foundation, a non-profit organization, formed to own, revitalize, and sustainably manage the historic Camelot Theater in Nevada, has completed the purchase of the theater building and equipment from The Iowa Talent Factory. With this milestone behind them, the group will soon announce details for a \$2 million capital campaign to support renovation and expansion plans.

"Community support for the Camelot Theater project has been tremendous," said Melissa Sly, President of the Camelot Theater Foundation. "So many people have an emotional connection to this special place and want to see the theater continue to serve the community and thrive for years to come."

The first phase of renovation will focus on the building facade and marquee, as well as the two upstairs apartments that have not been occupied for decades. Future renovations will include reconfiguration of a portion of the theater seating and an expanded lobby with a bar and dining space. The work will commence as soon as funding is secured.

According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "Historic theaters are proven community revitalizers and economic drivers, they catalyze other big developments, create jobs and improve the local quality of life." The social, cultural, and economic role that the Camelot Theater fulfills will play an important part in the area's downtown revitalization efforts and recovery from the pandemic.

It is hoped that the renovated theater will promote the growth of existing downtown businesses and help attract new ones.

After the renovations, the theater will have the flexibility to accommodate a variety of events. This will be a desirable venue for movies, live music, plays and musicals, children's theater, educational events, business training, weddings, formals, birthday parties, and more.

The Camelot Theater Foundation has been focusing on actions for securing the theater and renovations for about a year. Lingering effects of the pandemic have delayed the process, but the group will start its public fundraising efforts soon. The project has already received funds from a number of groups and individuals, including the City of Nevada, Nevada Economic Development Council, Burke Corporation, State Bank & Trust, South Story Bank, and more. The group has also applied for a number of grants from local, state, and federal sources and is awaiting the outcome of these.

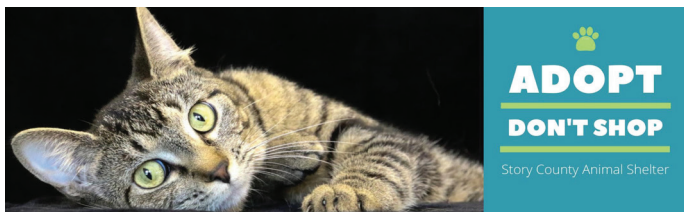
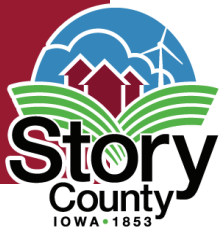
The capital fundraising campaign will include the opportunity to sponsor a component of the renovations, including theater seats. "People who have special memories and love for the Camelot will have the opportunity to have their name right on it," Sly said. Details for the theater's capital campaign will be released later this spring.

The Iowa Talent Factory will continue to have live shows at the Camelot Theater during this process. Thanks to an interim lease agreement with this group, the theater operating costs will be covered during the fundraising campaign and throughout the majority of the repairs.

Come to our Mix-N-Mingle on May 18 from 4-6 p.m. at the Camelot Theater, 1114 6th Street, to learn more about the capital campaign, renovation plans and volunteer opportunities. Find us on Facebook or email Melissa at [camelottheaterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:camelottheaterfoundation@gmail.com) with any questions or for volunteer opportunities.







As you head out of Nevada on Lincoln Highway heading west, you pass by the Story County Animal Shelter, home to Story County Animal Control. Animal Control is charged with the care and management of animal issues within rural areas of Story County and areas that contract with Story County for their animal control needs. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Enforcing ordinances regarding the treatment and control of animals in our jurisdiction such as stray animal pick-ups and animal welfare checks
- Investigation and management of animal complaints, animal bite reports
- Limited wildlife management

We also provide housing, care and adoption for the animals in our custody.

The team at the Story County Animal Shelter are a dedicated group of individuals with a common goal of providing a public service and protections of animals within the county and within our care. If you are out in rural areas and see an animal in need, you can visit the County's website and fill out a form at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/FormCenter/Animal-Control-16/Report-a-lost-pet-98>. For more information, you can call Story County Animal Control at 515-382-3338, located at 975 W Lincoln Hwy, in Nevada.

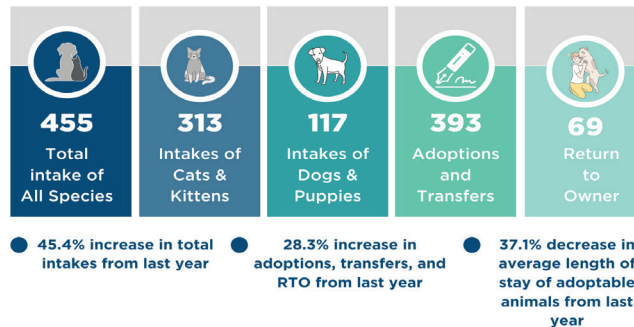
## Story County Attorney's Office Alternatives Program

Story County Attorney's Office Alternatives Pre/Post Arrest Diversion Program is an arrest diversion program for people with substance use disorders. The mission of the Program is to enhance public safety and benefit our community through a collaborative effort to offer services to individuals who struggle with substance use disorders (SUD) with or without serious mental illness (SMI); and who either are at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system, or have low-level, non-violent misdemeanor charges. The program strives to create positive, long-term change in individuals by improving their quality of life, and reducing involvement with the criminal justice system, while decreasing crime in our community and controlling the high costs of untreated SUD/SMI. To qualify for the program individuals must have a Substance Use Disorder and be

a risk for involvement with the criminal justice system, or already be involved with the criminal justice system. Individuals who qualify may be diverted from the criminal justice system pre-arrest by referral of community partners, law enforcement, or self-referral. Law enforcement may also make a referral in lieu of arrest for low level non-violent offenses. The Story County Attorney's Office may also make referrals post arrest after reviewing a case and determining that it would be in the best interest of justice. Participation in the program at any level of diversion is voluntary and participants may have charges dismissed post arrest upon completion of initial participation goals.

To make a referral, please contact Jessica Martin, Program Coordinator at 515-520-0856 or Shelby Gibson, Program Care Coordinator, 515-766-8767.

### 2021 Statistics 94.5% Live Release Rate



## Sheriff's Office News

The safety of the community is a top priority for any law enforcement agency; equally important is the safety and security of our local schools. The Story County Sheriff's Office remains engaged with local school districts on matters concerning school safety and provides ALiCE training to staff and students.



ALiCE training prepares our schools in the event of a violent intruder or an active shooter. Often, red flags are present before a violent incident occurs; unfortunately, many of these red flags do not get reported. The implementation of P3 Campus aims to address this issue and more.

The Story County Sheriff's Office covers the P3 Campus subscription cost for every K-12 student in Story County. The Sheriff's Office has also partnered with local law enforcement to implement P3 Campus into community school buildings within their jurisdiction. P3 Campus is an anonymous reporting software utilized on a smartphone app or the web. The goal is to encourage students, staff, and community members to report school safety information anonymously that may not have been reported otherwise.

Initially implemented to thwart a potentially violent act in school, P3 Campus has proven beneficial in many other ways. A submitted tip simultaneously gets received by school administrators and law enforcement. This prompts close and immediate collaboration between the two and allows the concerns to be addressed efficiently and effectively. Tips submitted through P3 Campus have also allowed school administrators and law enforcement to intervene on other issues such as suicidal individuals, sexual and physical assaults, harassment, drug usage, etc. Story County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Nicholas Lennie states, "this program has proven invaluable to law enforcement and school administrators as we strengthen our partnerships and make our schools safer."



Ellen Hines (left) visits with Dr. Sherman Jew of Story Medical Occupational Health

# Creating Healthier Workplaces

Story Medical Occupational Health partners with local employers to help maintain safe and healthy employees

As the oldest business in Story County, a lot has changed for ALMACO since its founding in 1884 as Allan's Blacksmith and Welding. One thing that has remained throughout more than 130 years is a commitment to best practices that ensure the best for customers and foster a safe, healthy and happy workforce.

In recent years, ALMACO has partnered with Story Medical Occupational Health to implement strategies and processes to ensure employees remain healthy and well.

"We began partnering with Story Medical when they established their service (in 2018)," says Ellen Hines, ALMACO HR Manager. The company has long put an emphasis on safety, recently celebrating 2 million hours without a lost-time incident. "We were looking for an option that was local and could serve our employees close to our facility and get them in right away. They offered that, and we have developed a close relationship."

In addition to serving employees with acute needs, the Story Medical Occupational team remains in close contact with Hines and her team, providing guidance on workplace safety issues, workers comp and more.

"I like that I can call and I know that I am going to get good information," Hines says. "Especially when it comes to workers comp. It can get really complicated. But the team at Story Medical provides additional support and guidance to make things easier for us."

Story Medical Occupational Health serves businesses across Nevada and central Iowa. To learn more visit [storymedical.org/ochealth](http://storymedical.org/ochealth).

# News & Notes

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW RACE BENEFITTING SENIOR CARE

The Story County Medical Center Endowment Foundation's *Have a Senior Moment Relay Race* is Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Presented in partnership with Runners United Nevada (RUN), the race raises funds for Story Medical Senior Care, specifically the planned new Senior Care facility.



Each participant in the 3-person relay will run a 5K. The race will begin and end at Story Medical's South Campus.

There will be a youth division (middle school through high school age) and an adult division (18 years and older). Walkers can form teams as well, walking together instead of doing a relay.

Cost is \$75 per relay team in the youth division and \$100 per relay team in the adult division. The event is supported by an Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant.

Register and find more information at [www.runnevada.org](http://www.runnevada.org).

## WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

We are always recruiting at Story Medical. We currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open. Learn more and apply online at [storymedical.org/careers](http://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!



## Aiming to Save Lives

STOP THE BLEED® is a national campaign to encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. It is a public/private partnership led by the Department of Defense and many other stakeholders.

The Story Medical Foundation, through their corporate honor roll program, has purchased two kits to donate to local schools and training is being led by Ray Beaty of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

Uncontrolled bleeding is a major

cause of preventative deaths. Approximately 40% of trauma-related deaths worldwide are due to bleeding or its consequences, establishing hemorrhage as the most common cause of preventable death in trauma. In providing tools and training to address uncontrolled bleeding, lives can be saved.

We thank the Story Medical Foundation for investing in this program and Ray for being generous with his time and talent in providing training to our local schools!

## Occupational Health Offers DOT Physicals

Story Medical Occupational Health offers appointments for Department of Transportation (DOT) physicals.

The comprehensive exam is required for CDL holders, non-CDL truck drivers and all commercial drivers.

Successfully completing the driver physical exam is necessary to continue to carry or hold your CDL license and to continue to drive

commercial vehicles.

In most cases, the exam takes as little as 30 minutes and we will provide you with all the appropriate documentation required by the DOT.

To schedule your appointment, give us a call at 515-382-7120. To learn more about Story Medical Occupational Health visit [storymedical.org/occhealth](http://storymedical.org/occhealth).



## Nevada High School Teacher receives award

A Nevada High School teacher found out recently that she has been selected as the 2022 Iowa Academy of Science recipient of the Excellence in Science Teaching Award in general/multiple science.

Katie Borton, who has been teaching in the Nevada Schools for 10 years, said she is honored by the recognition, especially at this point in her career.

“Moving to high school from middle school was a significant, exciting change for me,” said Borton, who started at Nevada as a seventh-grade science teacher for four years and then became an instructional guide/coach for the next three years.

“I remember being so nervous, as I loved working with the teachers and students at the middle school as an Instructional Guide, but my heart was and is in full-time classroom teaching.”

She loved returning to the classroom, and now teaches Integrated Science and Biology. She is also the high school’s social emotional learning building lead.

The true joys of teaching for Borton are developing cur-

riculum, building relationships with students, challenging “thinking,” and creating learning experiences that “lead students to understand more than science but build skills that will last them a lifetime,” she said. “Being in the classroom full-time again has allowed me to tap into my creativity and problem-solving. Still, these last couple of years have also had additional stresses and required further flexibility and critical thinking. I believe that might be why this honor means so much this time.”

In her own classroom, she likes to see students engaging in conversations, labs, technology, or other experiences that keep them questioning and thinking as they learn new things. “I use my students’ understanding, individually and as a group, to help me make every instructional decision in my classroom. We talk about data. We talk about assessments. We talk about their understanding ... a lot. Because at the end of the day, lesson, or unit, I want students to understand what they know and what they may still need to understand.”

## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Central Elementary is still taking signups for preschool and kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have a child who will be four (preschool) or five (kindergarten) by September 15, 2022 -- please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up. (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.



## FFA Banquet Held

Over 265 students, parents, and guests were in attendance for the annual Nevada FFA Banquet. Paige Handsaker, Nevada FFA chapter treasurer reported the Nevada FFA chapter activity account balance is \$43,500 with current grain inventory of 1,500 bushels of corn at KEY Cooperative, and 400 bushels of soybeans. Degree awards included recognition of Samantha Black for receiving the prestigious American FFA degree at the National FFA Convention last fall. Other awards included both FFA skill CDE's and leadership CDE's (career development events). Star freshmen greenhand went to Lily Henderson, and star chapter member was awarded to senior Ella Toot.



## The Nevada School Board Salutes NEVADA PTA

Pictured L to R: Amici Hayek (Board), Leanne Harter (Board), Tom Maier (Board), Marty Chitty (Board), Jen Sills (PTA), Jessica Starbuck (PTA), Marie Burrows (PTA).

## Last Day of School

The Nevada CSD School Board has decided that Friday, June 3rd will be the last day of school for students this year, and will be a 2-hour early out.



# Nevada Community Band to begin 2022 season soon



Nevada is fortunate to have its very own Nevada Community Band. Formed in 1999 as a Leadership Nevada initiative, the Nevada Community Band performs several concerts each summer. Summer concerts will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Campus. Bring your lawn chairs, and join us for entertaining music.

The 2022 concert season starts

Tuesday, June 7. Remaining concert dates are June 14, June 21, June 28, and July 5. On July 4, a small group of musicians will participate in Nevada's 4th of July parade. The July 5 concert at the City Hall Campus will feature patriotic music.

The Nevada Community Band is always looking to invite new band members to join. The emphasis is on the community aspect of the band.

The band is in particular need of brass players and clarinet players. Starting on June 6, rehearsals are held on Monday evenings in the Nevada High School Band room from 7-8 p.m. Music is chosen that will entertain the audience and be true to the rich tradition of community bands in Iowa. If you want to join the Nevada Community Band, please email Wade Presley at [pres64@gmail.com](mailto:pres64@gmail.com).

## 'It's Not Just a Banquet Anymore,' It's a Nevada Reunion Weekend

Tickets are on sale, \$20 each, for the Nevada Alumni Reunion Banquet, June 25, at Gates Hall. Social time starts at 4:30 p.m. But the banquet is only one part of a weekend full of activities to help you reconnect with your high school days!

Along with the banquet, here are some of the other activities going on June 25: **Golf Outing** at Indian Creek Country Club, shotgun start at 10 a.m., must make a reservation at 515-291-4733; **Breakfast** from 8-11 a.m. at the high school cafeteria; and **Three Fun Tours** -- 9 a.m. tour of the school buildings and Tope Community Auditorium; 11 a.m. hour-long bus tour of the Nevada area, or 11 a.m. Main Street Nevada walking tour to explore current projects in the downtown area.

On Sunday, a softball game will be played at the high school field celebrating 55 years of girls' softball at Nevada High School. Gates open at 1 p.m., the game begins at 2 p.m. No ticket or reservation is needed for this event.

Order your tickets for the Saturday morning breakfast and banquet or make reservations for tours by calling 515-291-4733. Reservations are required to make this entire weekend a success.

## Don't Forget!

Nevada's first-ever Pizza•Pie•Looza is happening in the downtown area Saturday, May 14. Cheer on runners and walkers in the 1 p.m. 5K event (happening on the trail at the fairgrounds), and then head to main street for free music and lots of free kids/family activities. Plus, purchase pizza, pie and other treats from a variety of food vendors.



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If concert tickets remain, you may purchase them at the gate to see country superstar Jo Dee Messina in concert in front of City Hall. Also performing is special guest Jason Pritchett. Gates open at 6 p.m.; tickets are \$30.

# Raising funds for Nevada's historic mansion in an entertaining way



Next month, an event that has been over three years in the making will finally happen at Nevada's historic Evergreen Lane.

Organizers Marlys Brehm, Cindy Grismore, and Deb Locker (pictured above from left to right) were ready to roll out "Music at the Mansion" in 2020, after a year of planning. "Then Covid hit," Locker said.

Finally, 2022 looks to be the year the three Historical Society members (all former Historical Society board members) can bring their event to the people.

**Music at the Mansion, a fundraiser for ongoing renovations and upkeep of the Evergreen Lane property, will be held Saturday, June 18, from 4-9 p.m. and will feature live music, food and craft vendors, along with tours of the house, buildings and grounds.**

Locker, who comes from a musical family, said the idea for the event is "kind of my fault! I thought it would be fun. My husband and I go out to a lot of music events like this."

Featured musicians will provide two different entertainment sounds for those who gather on the Evergreen lawn.

First, from 4-6, is a band that features Locker's daughter-in-law. New to Nevada, The June Bugs is an Iowa cover band showcasing favorite songs written and/or performed by women. Locker shared a link ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8xllMA91-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8xllMA91-M)) to them performing Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams" as an example of the type of music the group likes to perform.

Second to perform, from 7-9 p.m., is local favorite Danny Grause, who does a mix of country, blues, funk and rock. Grause's music can be found on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/user/TheDannyGrause](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheDannyGrause)).



Those attending can bring their own beverages/coolers if they want, while enjoying what food vendors have on sale for the evening. One vendor planning to be at the event is 2014 Nevada High School graduate, Riley Huhn, who operates Huey's Mini Donuts food truck.

Local businesses have generously provided the funding to cover performers' fees, so the event organizers are hopeful that those attending will be generous with free-will donations, which will be collected during the event. The money raised through donations will go toward continuing the maintenance and improvements needed at Evergreen Lane.

"We certainly hope those attending will take time to tour the property, especially the house, so they can see the amount of work the members of the Nevada Historical Society has been doing in recent years," Grismore said. "I think people will be amazed. The staircase alone will blow everyone's minds with how it turned out."

Several bedrooms and the staircase have been revamped with new drywall and wallpapers. Jess DeWaller and Winkler & Sons did an amazing job on this project, according to Locker, Brehm and Grismore. Lighting and window treatments have also been updated in the house. A State of Iowa grant provided funds for painting the interior and exterior of the Halley School. And, the women added, Mary Lou Haddock has been busy in the flower gardens already this spring.

"We think this will be a great summer event to bring families together," Brehm said. "Bring your lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening outside listening to music, visiting with friends, and taking in the beauty of one of Nevada's greatest treasures — Evergreen Lane."

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# Calendar of Events

## **NCSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**May 2 and 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium

*Watch for agenda on the School Website, nevada-cubs.org, under District/School Board/Agenda.*

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

Story Co Admin Bldg,  
Nevada

## **STORY COUNTY P&Z**

**May 4, 4 p.m.**

Story Co. Admin. Bldg.,  
Nevada

## **STORY MEDICAL BD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 5, 11:30 a.m.**

Story Medical Center

## **STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

**May 9, 5:30 p.m.**

Conservation Center,  
56461 180th St., Ames

## **SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK**

**May 9, 11:30 a.m.**

Senior Center (by City Hall)

*Bring a dish to share. Serving starts at 11:30 a.m.*

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**May 9 and 23, 6 p.m.**

City Hall

*Watch for agenda on the City Website, cityofnevada-iowa.org, under Agendas/Minutes.*

## **AMERICAN LEGION MEAL**

**May 13, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post  
*Suggested donation \$10 per meal (\$5 for children 10 and under)*

## **NEVADA PTA CARNIVAL**

**May 13,**

**6-8 p.m.**

Central Elementary School



## **PIZZA•PIE•LOOZA**

**MAY 14**

**2-9:30 P.M.**

*Family fun, music, food trucks in the Main Street District from 2-6 p.m. Jo Dee Messina Concert gates open near City Hall at 6 p.m. Concert tickets \$30 at pizzapielooza.com, or at the gate if tickets are still available.*

## **NEVADA LIBRARY BOARD**

**May 16, 5 p.m.**

Library Meeting Room  
*Watch for agenda on the City Website, cityofnevada-iowa.org, under Agendas/Minutes.*

## **NEVADA PARKS & REC BOARD**

**May 18, 5:15 p.m.**

City Hall

*Watch for agenda on the City Website, cityofnevada-iowa.org, under Agendas/Minutes.*

## **NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

**May 28, 2 p.m.**

Nevada High School

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL**

**May 27, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post  
*Suggested donation \$10 per meal (\$5 for children 10 and under)*

## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**

**May 30, 9:45 a.m. Admin Building & 10:30 a.m. Cemetery**

*Help is needed to erect flags on May 28, starting at 6:30 a.m.*