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## Gearing Up

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# Our Nevada Iowa

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## The Opener

**By Dr. Steve Gray**  
**Nevada Schools Superintendent**



While last school year seems like it just ended, we are busy gearing up for the 2022-2023 school year. Summer activity programs, enrichment programs, free meal offerings, technology and curriculum updates, maintenance repairs, and deep cleaning are all in full swing. Summer is definitely not a quiet place in the Nevada Schools!

A few important dates to note as we approach the end of July and start of August:

- **Online Registration Week** — July 25-29 (see our pages in this issue for more information)

### Back to School Orientations

- High School — August 4, Tope Auditorium. Academic at 6 p.m., Activities at 7 p.m.
- High School 9th Grade & New Students — August 22, 10 a.m., Tope Auditorium
- Middle School 5th Grade — August 10, 5:30 p.m., MS Gym
- Middle School — August 17, MS Gym. Open House 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Activities at 6:30 p.m., Fall Sports at 7 p.m.
- Elementary Open House — August 22, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Preschool — August 29, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (by appointment)

We look forward to seeing your children return this fall!

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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.





Pictured L to R: Leanne Harter (Board), Tom Maier (Board), Marty Chitty (Board), Nile Beymer, Joe Anderson (Board), Amici Hayek (Board), Dave Kroese (NCSD)

## Nevada Residents Thanked for Donation

Nile and Betty Beymer, longtime Nevada residents, were recently thanked by the Nevada Community School District School Board. The Beymer's donated \$88,750 worth of equipment to the District, which will be used primarily in NCSD's Industrial Technology Education programs. Thank you, Nile and Betty, for your generosity and for ensuring today and future generations of students are well equipped to learn!

## 2022-2023 School Year Registration

During the week of July 25-29, registration will be open to sign your children up for the 2022-2023 school year!

### REGISTRATION RESOURCES

Registration Website: <https://nevada.powerschool.com/public>

*New families to the district - send an email to [registration@nevadacubs.org](mailto:registration@nevadacubs.org) to get started.*

Immunization and Health Screening Requirements - <https://bit.ly/3zr2GyW>

Building Handbooks - <https://www.nevadacubs.org/parents/handbooks/>

Supply Lists - <https://www.nevadacubs.org/parents/supply-lists/>

## REMINDER: FREE MEALS END NEXT YEAR

When the 21/22 school year ended, so did free meals for every student. While the federal government funded a program that allowed all students access to free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress recently declined to continue funding this program. This means all families will need to carry a positive balance in their student's meal account when school begins next fall if they plan to eat school meals.

We understand this change may cause you to worry. There are important steps you can take today to make sure your student receives the meals they need next year.

- Budget for the cost of school meals (if your student does not qualify for free meals)
- Deposit money into your student's meal account
- Families that do not qualify for free meals can start depositing money into their lunch accounts through our payment system, RevTrak ([nevadacubs.revtrak.net](https://nevadacubs.revtrak.net)) to prepare for the cost of school meals next year
- Complete an application for free and reduced meals (if you feel you meet the income guidelines and do not currently qualify)

If you complete the online free and reduced application before July 1st and qualify for free or reduced meals, you are given a 30-day grace period at the start of the 2022-2023 school year to complete another application for next year - but will need to fill out the application again for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 school year application will be available on the District's website after July 1, 2022 to complete.

As a reminder, even if you've filled out the application in the past, you will need to fill it out again as it's required to be filled out each year.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSISTANCE

Does your family need help getting supplies for the start of next school year? Our Family Services team has you covered! Visit <https://bit.ly/3sqWx1p> to learn more.

## ANNUAL STATEMENTS & NOTICES

The District is required to post annually required statements & notices. Those may be found to review at <https://bit.ly/3O3sEwv>

## SUMMER READING

Did you know the Nevada Community School District offers thousands of books to our students online for free? Let them continue their summer reading with ebooks and audio books!

Visit <https://www.libib.com/u/nevadacsd> to get started. Books with a computer icon are ebooks, and books with a headphones icon are audio books. Students may need to sign in using their school email to access these resources.

## FREE SUMMER MEALS

Breakfasts and lunches are available at no cost to children 18 and younger this summer!

When: June 13 - July 21; Mondays - Thursdays

Time: Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: NHS Cafeteria

Please note, all meals are served on site and must be eaten on site - no grab and go options are available. Location will be closed on July 4.

## HUMPAL-PASH RECOGNIZED

Benjamin Humpal-Pash, a 2022 NHS Graduate, was recently congratulated for his 3 years of service as a Student Board Member on the NCSD School Board.



## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST WINS TOP AWARD IN IOWA HS MUSICAL THEATER AWARDS

Every year the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards sends three adjudicators to critique all aspects of shows. This past March NHS Drama had the opportunity to perform Disney's Beauty and the Beast. This year Nevada High School won eight awards.

Long before the show opened, the build team started to bring the idea of the Beast's Castle together. They began over the holiday break with work on the cement balusters and created a castle with a variety of special effects. Their hard work and design led to the Build Team winning the top award for Behind the Scenes work in technology and set design. Frank Engstrom, Jacob Mumm and Brendan McGaffin participated in two awards ceremonies for their top award for set design and construction on June 1 and June 18.

This was only the beginning of the awards. Jackson Baker was awarded Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role and competed for top honors at the state-wide Triple Threat Competition. The entire ensemble won the award for Outstanding Ensemble.

Ben Humpal-Pash, Ella Check, Eayon Phipps and Lily Miller were awarded Special Recognition for their performances in leading roles. Ella Check, Eayon Phipps, Olivia Beauchene and Joseph Dodson were featured performers in the finale number of the showcase.

By winning in all three areas: creative work, technical and performance, NHS Drama qualified for the

highest award the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards can give to any school- Outstanding Musical Production. This award is given to the top Iowa High School performances

regardless of size.

Watch for the IHSMTAs on Iowa Public Television throughout the summer.



## Congratulations, Retirees!

At the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year, 8 staff members left their schools for the last time and headed into a new journey - retirement! Congratulations and thank you to these great people for their many years of service.



**RON CLATT**

MS Maintenance, 33 years



**DIANE STEPHANY**

4th Grade Teacher, 32 years



**LESA DAVIS**

Elem. Nurse, 30 years



**COLLEEN WRAGE**

Preschool Teacher, 21 years



**CHRIS SPORRER**

MS Admin Asst., 16 years



**JULI TANNER**

Elem. Associate, 16 years



**JANET WILLIAMS**

Elem. Associate, 11 years



**DE ANN FREEL**

MS Associate, 6 years



# The NEDC's 'Fiscal' Year in Review

As we move into the new fiscal year, the Nevada Economic Development Council has numerous achievements and projects to celebrate.

Business retention and expansion efforts have been very active throughout the past year. Eighty-seven percent of Nevada companies do business with regional, national or international markets and 43 percent are increasing their market share. As market shares grow, many businesses will need to explore the idea of expansion and 86 percent of Nevada companies report they would consider expanding in Nevada. Finally, 100 percent of businesses are back to their normal operating hours since COVID-19, and of those, 17 percent have added hours.

This past year, the NEDC along with Nevada Main Street went on an Inter-City visit to Osage, Iowa. Inter-city trips are a great way to share ideas between similar-sized communities and learn how the other navigates opportunities and challenges that arise during projects. Trip highlights included a walking tour of downtown Osage, Work-Based Learning Initiatives, a Cedar River Complex tour, and a Limestone Brewery tour.

The NEDC provided significant support in raising funds for key community initiatives including the Camelot Theatre and Nevada Fieldhouse projects. We are excited to

see these projects come to life in the near future.

Last year we created a Nevada Rental Report using data from the recent U.S. Census Bureau study, combined with other reliable sources, detailing a comprehensive analysis of the Nevada housing market. Sources mentioned evaluated the city's available rental stock, while indicating future rental units needed to accommodate incoming tenants. This information will help Nevada develop a plan that will ensure readily available housing for residents at various socio-economic levels.

We launched the NEDC Facebook page in March 2021 and have been impressed with the engagement and growth we've seen in just over a year. This page is used to share news about local businesses, promote upcoming events and job opportunities and ultimately encourage community members to stay connected with one another across industries. If you haven't already, be sure to follow the page @NevadaEDC!

We look forward to what 2022-23 will bring to our community! If you are interested in getting involved with or investing in the Nevada Economic Development Council, please visit [NevadaLowaEDC.com](http://NevadaLowaEDC.com) and click "Invest with NEDC."

## Have you been reading this series?

The NEDC recently began this series of stories on our Facebook page to highlight the great people who are working at our "investor" businesses! Find out more about the people who work in our communities — what led them to their current profession, what they love about their job, their hobbies, and more.



This series began with Bonnie Brown's story on April 20. Our goal is to post new stories every other week if possible.



# Who's ready to celebrate Nevada's historic highway?

The 1980s brought many new great things into the world, Macintosh Computer, the Minivan, compact discs, and in Nevada a celebration of the Highway that helped form the community. The event has evolved over the last 30 years and formed into the festival we all know today, Lincoln Highway Days.

But why celebrate a highway? What is so important about this stretch of asphalt that warrants a celebration every year?

When the Lincoln Highway first crossed the nation, less than 8 percent of America's roads were paved. A paved and well-marked road across the entire nation was viewed as a monumental task. Let alone one that would cross the "muddy bog of Iowa." This highway used clearly marked routes, with safe and consistent paving that made long-distance travel easy. It grabbed the attention of a new generation of Americans discovering the freedom of road trips.

Locally, the Lincoln Highway helped mold our community into a transportation hub. Over 10 gas stations, three banks, and two hotels called Nevada "home" during the highway's heyday. This era of growth and development was felt across the nation in towns along the Lincoln Highway, eventually leading to the road gaining the nickname of "America's Main Street." Along with the businesses that the road brought to this community, it brought people. These people would often just be passing through, but in some cases, they stayed and called Nevada home. Their first introduction to Nevada was the Lincoln Highway, serving as a welcome mat. The physical highway is a critical part of this community's heritage, but it is not the only thing being celebrated on the last weekend in August. The second celebration is the people and the stories that the highway brought to us, and how they and their families made Nevada the town it is today.



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On August 27, Lincoln Highway Days 2022 will continue with that great legacy. It will feature our beloved parade, a vendor fair, food trucks, carnival rides, a car and tractor show, and the award-winning Nevada Community Rodeo.

A huge thank you to our presenting sponsor Mid-States Companies for making this event possible. To find out more, you can visit the Lincoln Highway Days website: [www.lincolnhighwaydays.org](http://www.lincolnhighwaydays.org), or follow the Lincoln Highway Days Facebook page.



# Should I stay, or Should I go?

The older crowd recognizes those lyrics from a song by the Clash and the younger crowd can look it up so they can make fun of their elder's music. The reason Story County Emergency Management used that title for an article is that there are times during a disaster you may be directed to 'shelter in place' (stay) or 'evacuate' (go). In either case, you need to be prepared to move quickly.

The most important aspect of either situation is to get the word that a disaster has happened and to be informed as to which action to take. The best way to stay informed is to register for Story County Iowa Alerts at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3019>. Through this system the City of Nevada will be able to alert you to the hazard and give you instructions on how to react to the situation.

There are many different reasons you may be asked to evacuate, but the most likely would be a hazardous materials leak. In most situations, you'll be asked to evacuate and will

be provided an evacuation route to avoid the hazard. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has a link <https://www.ready.gov/evacuation> with good information on how to evacuate and what you need to take. Have you ever thought about what you need to take with you? That you also need to consider your pets? That you should car pool to help keep evacuation routes flowing as best as possible? That you need to make sure you'll get updates on the evacuation so you can get home as soon as possible? All of these topics are covered at this website. Additionally, if you own a business, have you considered how you would plan an evacuation to include how you would shut down ongoing activities to ensure your building will be safe and secure when you leave it?

On the flip side, there may be situations where the environment outside your house is more dangerous than staying where you are at, this is when you'll be asked to shelter-in-place. FEMA also has a link for that <https://www.ready.gov/shelter> with the im-

portant information at the bottom of the page. It has recommendations on what you need to reduce the chance that the hazardous materials can enter the house and some supplies you should have on hand. The main thing is to shut off your heat or air conditioning which brings in outside air and to seal up the house as best as you can. Again, businesses should consider how they might shelter-in-place.

There are other things to think about during a disaster like how much fuel is in your car if you have to evacuate, who and how will you communicate with your family if this event happens while you are separated, and how will you stay informed while you're evacuating or sheltering-in-place. The Story County Emergency Management website <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/99/Emergency-Management-Agency> has preparedness information or you can call us at 515-382-7315 with your questions. And as the Clash said, "Well come on and let me know, should I stay or should I go?"

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# Hickory Grove Lake is open again



Hickory Grove Lake is officially open for public use since the partial lake drawdown in 2018. Due to drought conditions in previous years, it took longer than expected for the lake to naturally fill. Story County Conservation is excited to announce the elevated lake levels allow for recreation use. Enjoy Hickory Grove Lake with swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and fishing. Concessions for the beach are open this summer for weekend use on Saturday-Sunday. We allow electric only trolling motor boats, gasoline-powered motors are prohibited. Please visit the Story County Conservation website for all park rules and regulations.

## CROP Walk is returning to Nevada

After what is believed to be about a four-year hiatus, the Nevada CROP Walk will return this fall on Sunday, October 2 for the 50th anniversary of the first CROP Walk ever held in Story County.

Ron Orth, who is treasurer of the Ames Area Walk, has done a lot of research into CROP — Christian Rural Overseas Program — which has the goal of providing for food needs worldwide. CROP's forerunner was the Friendship Train, Orth said.

"The Friendship Train happened in 1947. It started in California and went to New York, adding cars of canned milk, flour, grain, and more as it went through different states," he said. "It was a big deal. This train was probably Church World Services' first effort in combatting hunger."

Following the Friendship Train was CROP (organized also under Church World Services), which started nationally in the late 40s or early 50s, Orth said. He recalled from his childhood at Waverly, that his father Leo went out in his pickup truck and collected grain from his rural neighbors, taking it to the elevator for CROP.

CROP didn't have a walk in the early years. The first CROP Walk was in 1969, and both North Dakota and Pennsylvania claim to have held the first one, Orth said.

Ames held the first Story County Walk in 1972, 50 years ago. Orth, as an Extension retiree, said he was delighted to read that the first Story County Walk was organized by the



Story County 4-H Council.

It's uncertain when Nevada held its first CROP Walk, but newspaper archives show that the community was very active with CROP Walks up to the late 2010s. Area churches have generally been the organizers of the Walk, and for many years, Brad Braley, former Central Presbyterian Church pastor, led the communi-

cations efforts for the Walk.

This year, Ames organizers were looking to bring back a greater Story County Walk, or to re-invigorate Story County communities to once again hold walks. Orth has attended several planning meetings in Nevada to help with the effort. Memorial Lutheran Pastor Kathleen Lotz has taken the lead planning position for the churches involved.

The SCORE Pavilion will be the headquarters for Nevada's Walk on October 2. Many other details of the local walk are still in the planning phase, including the possibility of allowing for people to participate remotely.

CROP Walk generally has its participants collect donations from friends, family, and neighbors. Seventy-five percent of the funds collected will help in the worldwide fight against hunger, and 25 percent will go to local organizations that help provide hunger relief to residents here.

If you would like to be part of the planning efforts, please reach out to Pastor Kathleen Lotz at 515-382- 6509 or by email: [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org).



New Sunridge Estates signs went up recently at the 10th Street entrances to the manufactured homes community in Nevada. Pictured are a few of the Flummerfelt Homes Team: (from left) Jordan Jones, grounds & maintenance; Rob Ellsworth, assistant manager; April Clendenen, lead sales; and Jeff Clendenen, general manager. Other Flummerfelt Homes team members include Mike Flummerfelt, owner; Matt Flummerfelt, sales & management; Diane Flummerfelt, office manager; and Robert Norris, service manager.

# More positive improvements for Nevada neighborhoods

For 30 years, Mike Flummerfelt has been opening new doors to manufactured home living in Nevada, Iowa.

On May 2, 2022, Mike expanded his operations in Nevada when Flummerfelt Homes became the owner of Homeacres Mobile Home Court along 10th Street. The manufactured homes community has been renamed Sunridge Estates.

With his latest purchase, Mike Flummerfelt, who has been in business in Story County since 1984, now owns all four Nevada manufactured homes communities. In addition to Sunridge Estates, there are:

- **Country Club Estates**, in south Nevada, east of S-14. This area was known as Gas-lite Village when Flummerfelt purchased it in June of 1992. "It was in extreme disrepair and needed a lot of management attention," he commented. Flummerfelt Homes has expanded the park twice.

- **Heather Glen**, which sits across from Country Club Estates on the west side of S-14. Mike has put in one addition to this community, and if not for his newest purchase, he likely would have added a second addition to this park right away. "Eventually, we'll get to that," he said.

- **Knollridge**, which is located west of S-14, along West N Avenue.

The four Nevada communities are part of Flummerfelt Home's nine communities in Central Iowa. Flummerfelt's main office and sales site are located in Nevada at 837 Maple Street, south of Highway 30.

## Changing hands

Flummerfelt and his Nevada team appeared before the Nevada City Council at the regular May 9 council meeting to talk about the latest purchase. "We'd been in conversations (with the previous owner)

for a few years," Flummerfelt said. He said the park had been part of a family ownership situation, and finally, this year, the family was ready to sell.

The first item of business for Flummerfelt's team was to fill in major potholes and cracks in the roads inside the community. "Day one, we brought in five large loads of rock," he said. "And people have been very appreciative of that." Along with new rock on the roads, Flummerfelt Homes set up two commercial-sized dumpsters and encouraged people to begin cleaning up their lots and surrounding areas; and a tree service began removing overgrown and unsightly trees.

The rock, dumpsters and tree removals are just the beginning.

Those who know Mike Flummerfelt know that he is not afraid of making drastic improvements to be certain his

manufactured homes communities are presentable and respected parts of the community at-large. And, plainly put, “Homeacres was in disrepair,” he said.

Nevada City Administrator Jordan Cook said Mike Flummerfelt has flipped the narrative on mobile home parks. “He has made these areas beautiful places with beautiful homes, which adds value to these neighborhoods and to the entire community,” Cook said.

Mike said his team is very excited about the project, and he believes many of the people living at Sunridge Estates are happy to see change. “I don’t want to use the word overwhelming, but it’s been overwhelming the positive response we have gotten from many of the residents. There are a lot of really nice people who live there. We’ve met them,” he said.

## Goals

Flummerfelt said his team will be very visible in the community, especially during this time of clean up. “We want to be sure we’re constantly trending in the right direction, and I think we are,” he said, reflecting on their first weeks of ownership.

“Our first goal,” he said, “is to work through legally demolishing and removing approximately 19 abandoned homes. That’s goal number 1.”

The process of being able to remove the abandoned homes is easy with some and has a few more steps with others.

“A few previous owners had the title to these homes, and some have been passed on to me. On those, I can start an immediate process of asbestos abatement and demolition,” he said.

“But, there are a few abandoned homes that the previous owner did nothing with, so I don’t own them, and I have to go through a process at the state and county level. We deem them abandoned, and then we work through the process to declare them ‘valueless,’ which means the home is worth less than the cost of demolition and the back lot rent,” he explained. Once they’re deemed ‘valueless,’ we can work on removing them.”

He predicted the process will take a few months.

The second goal, Mike said, is to get to know the people and introduce them to his community standards. “We’ve sent everyone packets with a lease, our community policies, and other information. We’ve also started from scratch to develop a tenant registry.”

It goes without saying that improving the community comes with a price. For homeowners at Sunridge Estates that price is a \$50 per month increase on their lot rent, which Flummerfelt described as previously being “way under value” for the marketplace. Another change that will soon happen is having individual city utility services for each home.

## Rules

Flummerfelt knows from experience that implementing rules — outlined clearly in his ‘community policies document’ — into a community that didn’t have many or any rules can be hard for some residents.

“Those who don’t want to be (in our community), we understand. Our communities are not for everybody. We want to attract a certain behavior,” he said.

“There are three things I tell people when they say, ‘Wow, you’ve got a lot of community policies.’ I tell them that all these policies wrap around three basic concepts of living: 1) Pay your bill on time; 2) Take pride in your home. Mow, trim, don’t have junk laying around...; and 3) Respect your neighbors. You do these three things, and we will get along great.”

## The layout of Sunridge Estates

Currently, Sunridge Estates has about 105 lots, but Flummerfelt Homes plans to re-divide some of the property. “We’re going to take some of the smaller lots and combine them together to give people a nicer lot,” he said.

Flummerfelt Homes also purchased the 30 acres straight east of the present area and has a goal of expanding Sunridge Estates onto this 30 acres in

the future.

## A big undertaking

Any time you take on an existing mobile home park, you don’t know exactly what to expect. But, Mike said, “I wasn’t afraid of the challenge. I’ve purchased other challenging properties, like my first in Nevada — Gaslite Village. I don’t have a problem knocking on anyone’s door.”

Flummerfelt’s Nevada team, made up of about four office staff and several seasonal employees, has enjoyed its first few weeks of being out in the neighborhood. It is important to Mike that the residents of Sunridge Estates see his team. “They need to see us, and know that we’re people too, and we just want to do the best we can for them. I’ve always said to my staff, if you don’t know what else to do, focus on ‘quality.’ Because if we focus on quality, then good things are going to happen. We might take a few steps backward and have a few vacant lots for a while, but we have to create a quality environment for those who want to live here.”

Mike describes manufactured homes living as “the quintessential affordable quality home ownership. You can walk into your own house, hang a picture where you want, sit in your own kitchen, have your own lawn and your own private parking. It’s your home. A lot of people wouldn’t be able to be a homeowner if they didn’t have this opportunity.”

## Accepted in Nevada

Flummerfelt describes Nevada as being a business-friendly community with leadership that accepts and appreciates the need for affordable housing.

“I think they view us as one of the solutions for affordable housing in Nevada,” he said, and he’s glad City leaders appreciate his vision of how manufactured homes communities should look.

“If we can do this (manage respectful and presentable manufactured home communities), why don’t we do more of this?,” Mike asks, “and keep people living in Nevada that might not otherwise be able to live here.”

# Nevada Library News

## Summer Reading Finale

Join the Nevada Public Library to celebrate the end of our Summer Learning Challenge and all of the hard work you've put in over the last five weeks!

We're having "Movie Under The Stars" at the SCORE soccer field on July 15, starting at 9 p.m. (weather-permitting)

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and some snacks and settle in for the viewing of "RV" starring Robin Williams.

## Off the Map: Stories of Abandoned & Disappearing Towns Around Iowa

Thousands of towns and communities were established during Iowa's pioneer and railroad era. Discovering and learning about them helps to keep their names and memories from oblivion.

Join us in our meeting room on Saturday, July 16, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. as presenter Rosa Snyder takes us on a tour around Iowa exploring a sampling of these idiosyncratic communities in photographs and stories.

Directions and a brief description of each town will be made available.

# Thank You

The Nevada Library thanks the following sponsors of our Summer Reading Program:

**FarmGrounds and Fareway** for Summer Kickoff BBQ.

**Friends of Nevada Library, Bricktown Bakery, McDonalds, Starbuck's Drive-In, Nevada Parks and Rec, Iowa Cubs, Casey's General Store, and Blank Park Zoo** for prizes.

**Amanda Flynn of Iowa Farmhouse Dreams, Steve Manternach and Dog-Eared Books of Ames** for the adult and teen prize basket items.

## News & Notes

### Utility Rate Reminder

Your monthly water/sewer bill will show a rate increase this month. Periodic rate adjustments are necessary to prepare for future growth. This month's increase is the annual 3 percent water increase. We could see more increases this year or in the coming years related to the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility. Those increases are yet to be determined as the City's bonding expert and Council members determine how much revenue is needed.



### Head Start Information

Nevada's Head Start is taking children who are age 3 or 4 by Sept. 15, 2022, for this year's free preschool. Families must meet income requirements to qualify. If you have questions or would like more information about Head Start, contact Zimmie Greene with MICA at 641-691-8462 or email her: [Zimmie.greene@micasonline.org](mailto:Zimmie.greene@micasonline.org).

### When out with your pet

The City loves opening its parks and trails to your pets. We do ask, however, that you keep pets off of our athletic playing fields. This is important for both maintenance and safety. Athletic fields are for athletes, and the City has plenty of other outdoor spaces to be fully enjoyed by residents and their pets.



Please remember when using City parks and trails with your pets to bring along pet waste bags or pick them up from our public dispensers. Please also remember to keep your pet on a leash.

# Recognizing our City Board of Adjustment

Volunteers play a major role in your City government. They serve on boards and commissions which help determine the direction for many decisions within our community.

Members of the City's Board of Adjustment handle many matters pertaining to zoning regulations, such as applications and appeals by individuals, special permits, planning and zoning exceptions, and more.

This board often meets less regularly than every month, holding meetings when there is a need for them to discuss or rule on a matter. The City's Zoning Official and City Clerk sit in on every Board of Adjustment meeting.

We'd like to thank these members of the City Board of Adjustment. If anyone in our community is interested in serving on this or any of our boards and commissions, the first thing to do is fill out a Board/Commission Member Application on our website ([cityofnevada-iowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application/](http://cityofnevada-iowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application/)).



Current members of the City's Board of Adjustment are (front row, from left) Sharon Johnson and Dianna Haley; (back row) Adam Egeland (chair), Greg Madsen, and Fred Samuelson.

## Follow the rules & enjoy this 4th of July

The 4th of July is an anticipated holiday for many each summer. If you plan to celebrate by shooting off some of your own fireworks, it is very important that residents follow the rules, as stated in our City Code.

The City of Nevada allows residents to shoot off fireworks during the following dates and times only:

**July 1-3: Fireworks can be discharged from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**July 4: Fireworks can be discharged from Noon to 11 p.m.**

A few more important rules about fireworks, as outlined in the City Code, include:

- You must be 18 or older to discharge a DOT 1.4 class consumer firework without parental supervision.
- Any person discharging fireworks assumes responsibility for their operation and the consequences thereof. Do not discharge them in a reckless

manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage. Do not set off fireworks on a public street.

- Discharge fireworks only on property you own or property where the owner's consent has been given and the owner of the property is present.
- No one can discharge fireworks who is showing visible signs or is determined to be intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.

The City of Nevada provides a fireworks show at dusk for all area residents to enjoy. Fireworks are shot into the air eastward along 19th Street at the edge of SCORE Park. Spectators can view them from the SCORE Park area and at other places in town that have a good line of sight to the sky east of SCORE.

Earlier in the day on Monday, July 4, we remind residents of the Annual Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$6 per person, \$3 for children age 3-10,

and free for children age 2 and under. Serving starts at 7 a.m. at the Fire Station and goes up to the parade start time of 10 a.m.

The American Legion-sponsored parade route starts at E Avenue and goes north on 6th Street to N Avenue.

Those wishing to be in the parade can gather along E Avenue, between 7th and 9th streets starting at 9:15 a.m. There is no fee to be in the parade, however everyone must fill out a liability waiver when they sign in.

Immediately following the parade, the Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner will be served at the American Legion dining hall, 1331 6th St. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person (\$5 for kids age 10 and under). In addition, root beer floats will be served outside of the building, for a free-will donation. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the meal and treats, which also include fresh-baked pies. The meal may be eaten at the Legion or carry-out is available.



Maxwell Clinic staff Ashley Adamovicz; Josh Roberts, RN; and Michelle Jans, PA-C

# Roberts Honored for Care

## Maxwell Clinic Nurse Named Winner of 2022 DAISY Award

Josh Roberts, RN, Maxwell Clinic, was named Story County Medical Center's DAISY Award honoree at a special ceremony on May 6. In total, nine nurses were recognized at the event.

This is the second year Story Medical has recognized nurses with the internationally-known DAISY Award. Nominations for the DAISY Award are made throughout the year by patients, their family members, caretakers, and community members.

Josh has worked as an RN at Story Medical since 2018.

His nomination came from a patient who drives a great distance to see him and provider Michelle Jans, PA-C at the Maxwell Clinic. After the patient's medicine was accidentally spilled, Josh went above and beyond to make sure the patient had the medication she needed. This included Josh advocating for the patient with her insurance company to ensure the refill would be covered.

Josh is respected for his calm nature, the way he genuinely cares about the well-being of his patients, and a fun personality that both calms patients and brightens their days.

Other nominees recognized at the ceremony included Acute Care RNs Randi Jones and Trixie Barger; Acute Care Patient Care Coordinator/RN Barb Hansen; Emergency Room RNs Jeff Helbing and K.C. Tuttle; Outpatient Care RNs Bekka Hanson and Christina Goodlaxson; and Nevada Clinic RN Amy Clark.

All nominations were filled with gratitude for the compassionate care these nurses provide. To learn more about how you can nominate a nurse, visit [storymedical.org/DAISY](https://storymedical.org/DAISY).

# Acupuncture Available at Natural Health Clinic

The Story Medical Natural Health Clinic in Ames offers a variety of Oriental Medicine therapies, including acupuncture.

During acupuncture treatments, provider Valerie Stallbaumer, LAc, MSOM, uses sterile, thin needles inserted under the skin to stimulate underlying muscles and connective tissue to cause a therapeutic response.

Acupuncture is used all over the world for a variety of health issues. The World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health recognize that many common conditions can be helped using acupuncture and other treatment methods of Oriental medicine including back pain, knee pain, headaches, depression, fatigue, allergies, post-COVID problems, women's health, insomnia, stress, general 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 about the range of services Valerie offers, visit [storymedical.org/acupuncture](http://storymedical.org/acupuncture). Ames Natural Health is accepting new patients. To schedule, please call (515) 232-2979.



Valerie Stallbaumer, LAc, MSOM  
Story Medical Natural Health



## Foundation Scholarships Awarded to Trio of Nevada High Seniors

Annually, the Story Medical Endowment Foundation awards multiple \$600 scholarships to local high school seniors who are pursuing a career in healthcare.

This year we proudly honored Nevada High School seniors McKinley Spaid, Mayzi Weig, and Abby McLeod. They were recently recognized by Foundation Board President Mark Cahill (photo above).

Congrats McKinley, Mayzi and Abby!

## News & Notes

### FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS OFFERED TO SCHOOL-AGED ATHLETES JULY 20, AUGUST 1

Story Medical Clinics are offering free sports physicals from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20 at the Nevada and Maxwell Clinics, and Monday, August 1 at the Nevada Clinic only. The free sports physicals are open to all area school-aged athletes. No appointment is necessary. Download the required sports physical form at [storymedical.org/sportsphysical](http://storymedical.org/sportsphysical).

### WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

We are always recruiting at Story Medical and currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open. Learn more about what is available 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!

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in 2022



## 'Have a Senior Moment'

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.

**Saturday, August 6, 2022**

Check-in at 7 a.m. | Race at 8 a.m.

**\$75/team youth division | \$100/team adult division**  
**Start/Finish at Story Medical South Campus**  
**640 S. 19th St., Nevada | Register at [runnevada.org](http://runnevada.org)**

This event is supported by an Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant

**RACE T-SHIRT GUARANTEED IF REGISTERED BY JULY 13**



An Affiliate of UnityPoint Health

**Snap Code to Register >**



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# Calendar of Events

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

## CITY FIREWORKS SHOW

July 4, Dusk  
SCORE park

## COMMUNITY COFFEE

July 9, 9-10 a.m.  
FarmGrounds  
Visit with Nevada leaders

## NEVADA PARKS & REC BOARD

July 20, 5:15 p.m.  
City Hall

## FOURTH OF JULY FIREFIGHTERS' BREAKFAST

July 4,  
7-10 a.m.

Nevada Fire  
Station



## COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

July 5 & July 12  
City Hall Campus

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

July 11, 11:30 a.m.  
Senior Center (by City  
Hall)  
Bring a dish to share. Serv-  
ing starts at 11:30 a.m.  
and a program follows.

## NEVADA LIBRARY BOARD

July 18, 5 p.m.  
Library Meeting Room

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

July 4, 10 a.m.

Parade route is on 6th  
Street, starting at  
E Avenue and going  
north to N Avenue

## STORY COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

July 6, 4 p.m.  
Story Co Admin Bldg.,  
Nevada

## MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX & MINGLE

July 20, 4-6 p.m.  
Story Hotel Building,  
937 6th Street  
Multiple businesses  
participating

## FOURTH OF JULY LEGION MEAL & ROOT BEER FLOATS

July 4, Immediately  
following the parade  
American Legion Hall

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

July 8, 5-7 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
Choice of fish or meatloaf.  
Suggested donation is \$10  
per meal (\$5 for children  
10 and under)

## STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

July 11, 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Center,  
56461 180th St., Ames

## STORY COUNTY FAIR

July 20-24  
4-H Fairgrounds, Nevada  
Find a full fair schedule at  
[www.sc-fair.com](http://www.sc-fair.com)

## CITY COUNCIL

July 11 & 25, 6 p.m.  
City Hall  
Watch for agenda on the  
City Website, [cityofnevada-  
daiowa.org](http://cityofnevada-iowa.org), under Agen-  
das/Minutes.

