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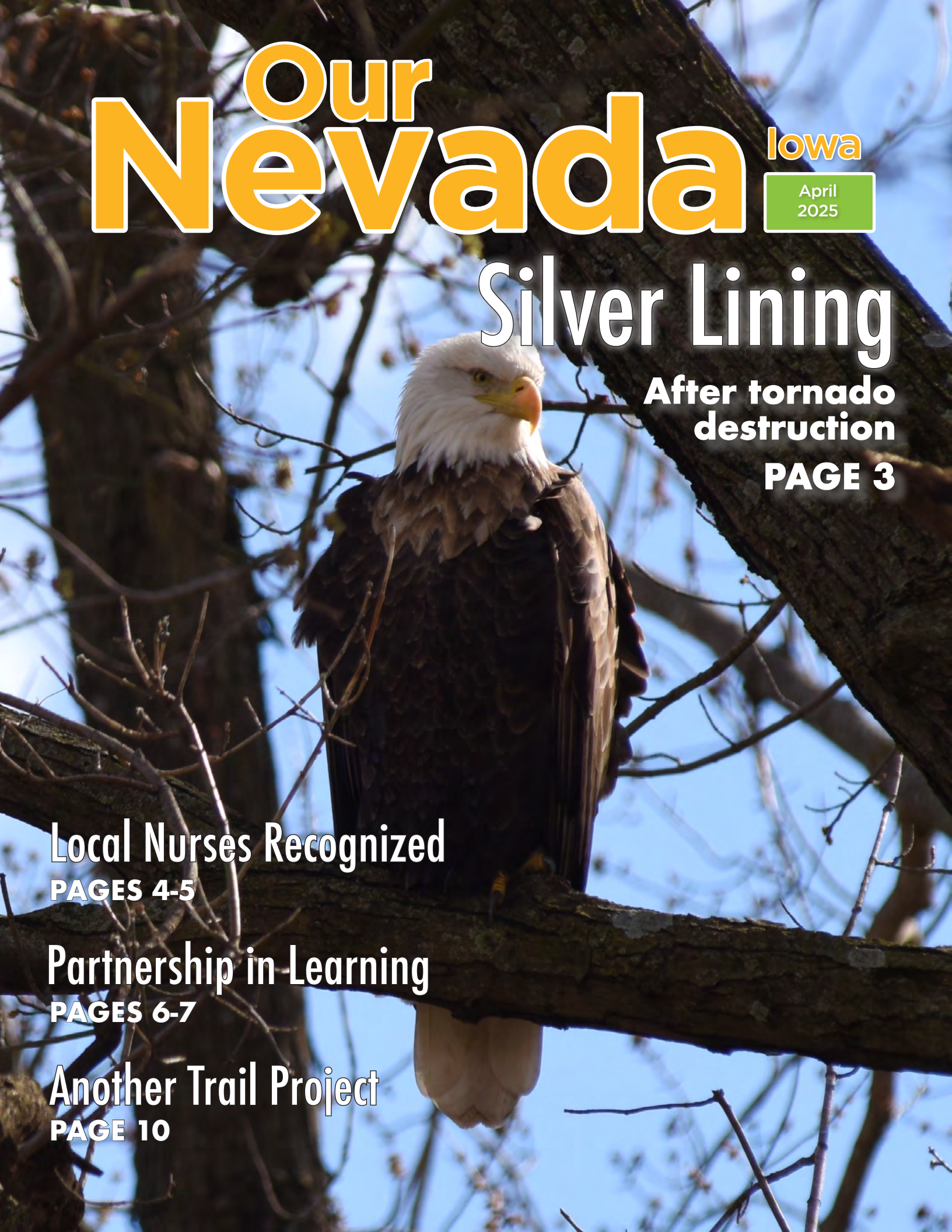
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UPDATE ON SEASONS OF GIVING

The Nevada Foundation Seasons of Giving campaign has raised nearly a quarter of its goal for 2025. The first TOAST men’s and women’s events were held in quarter one and saw 60 attendees raise over \$3,000 for the campaign. This money will go into a grant fund, which will be awarded to Nevada non-profits in the future to help with financial needs.

Nevada Food at First and Harmony Clothing Closet spoke at the TOAST events to share awareness of how they are supporting the community’s needs and to help attendees understand how they might use the grant money. These organizations fall into the category of “Helping Hands,” which is the type of organization the quarter-one money raised will benefit.



Quarter two will see the TOAST events raising money for the “Building Nevada” category of the Seasons of Giving campaign. This could be beautification projects, art, park betterment projects, etc.

Applications for these grants are not available yet, but the Nevada Foundation hopes to have more information out soon.

You can attend the next women’s TOAST event on May 1 at 6 p.m. at The Well Brewery + Market. The men’s TOAST event is May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

The Nevada Foundation is made up of volunteers creating community betterment through philanthropy.

ON THE COVER: This beautiful eagle photo was taken by Barb McBreen of Cambridge.

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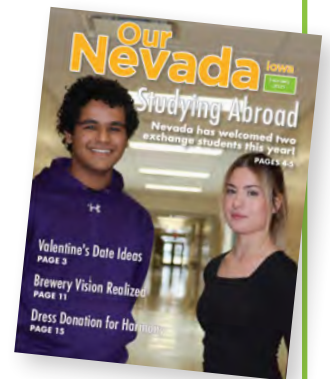
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



Destructive Natural Disaster has a silver lining at Jennett Heritage Area

One of Story County Conservation's (SCC) wildlife areas, Jennett Heritage Area (south of Nevada along S-14) was in the direct path of the EF-2 tornado that struck on May 21, 2024. The storm destroyed nearly every tree at Jennett — including the beloved Bald Eagle's nest many have watched from afar.

A gnarled mess of storm debris posed risks to public safety and created log jams downstream, while posing challenges to future management of the Jennett property.

Damaged trees and debris have recently been removed, as is noticeable from S-14. Very few trees are left standing on the property; however, a few desirable trees like white oaks were spared along

West Indian Creek. Many of the damaged trees removed were "weedy" or invasive species like white mulberry and honeysuckle, growing thick enough they had shaded out the understory. This left bare soil, leading to erosion and water quality concerns.

So, what's the silver-lining? The storm and clean-up provided SCC the opportunity to restore the property to its historical nature—a continuous grassland. Disturbed areas from debris removal have already been sown with a native prairie seed mix. Removal of invasive trees will mean less seed sources of invasive plant species able to be carried downstream. Also, Jennett will become more desirable to many imperiled native grassland birds, including Henslow's sparrows and

Bobolinks, who avoid nesting near trees, because trees equal predators. A favorite naturalized bird species — pheasants — will also likely benefit. For Jennett Heritage Area, the future should hold a more diverse ecosystem, improved water quality, and improved recreational opportunities.

So, what about the fate of the displaced eagles? Sadly, the tornado claimed the lives of the eaglets that were in the nest at the time, but the surviving adult eagle pair didn't go far and have built a new home just outside Jennett—on the other side of S-14, still visible from the roadway. If we are lucky, perhaps we may all spend this spring watching from afar as these resilient raptors raise their next brood of young.

Building closure notice

The Story County Administration Building, located at 900 6th St., Nevada, will be closed on Friday, April 11 and Monday, April 14. The closure is required to shut off utility power to the building while a new generator is installed.

These offices and departments will be closed:

- Board of Supervisors
- Treasurer's Office
- Recorder's Office

- Assessor's Office
- Auditor's Office
- Planning and Development Department
- Environmental Health Department

All other Story County offices, departments, and buildings will be open for normal business.

Questions? Please call 515-382-7200, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., to be directed to the appropriate office or department.

National County Government Month

National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer. Story County will celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) during the month of April to showcase how the county achieves healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. This year, the theme is consistent with NACo President Bryan Desloge's initiative, "Brilliant Ideas at Work." The theme encourages counties, parishes and boroughs to feature their most innovative and successful programs — those truly making a difference in residents' lives

2025 Conservation Nature Camps

Experience nature through creek walks, catching insects on the prairie, playing games and going on adventures in Story County Conservation's parks. Older campers will explore outdoor skills, like water sports, survival tactics and even overnight camping trips.

Camps offered for children entering kindergarten to ninth grade.

Preview the 2025 Nature Camp schedule now at www.mycountyparks.com. Registration opens Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m. Camps will fill quickly!



Need financial assistance?

Inquire about NatureConnect for 75 percent off the cost of program and nature camp registrations. Coupon code should be obtained BEFORE registration opens on April 17. Call 515-232-2516 or email conservation@storycountyiowa.gov for coupon code, no questions asked.



Duo Among Iowa Greats

Story Medical Nurses
Receive Statewide Honor
Recognizing Excellence

Story Medical's Paige Reinhart, RN, of Story Medical Clinic - Nevada, and Mandy Schiefert, RN, Director of Emergency Services, have been recognized as 2025 Great Iowa Nurses. This prestigious honor celebrates nurses across the state who go above and beyond in providing compassionate, high-quality care while serving as leaders and mentors in their field.

The Great Iowa Nurses program was originally launched in 2004 and annually honors nurses who make a lasting impact in their communities. Honorees are selected based on their dedication to patient care, leadership in the nursing profession, and commitment to improving healthcare for all Iowans.

Both Reinhart and Schiefert exemplify the qualities celebrated by the Great Iowa Nurses program.

An Honor to Serve

Reinhart is a registered nurse at Story Medical Clinic - Nevada, where she is known for her compassionate approach, strong advocacy for her patients, and ability to form lasting connections with those she serves. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure each patient receives the best experience every time.

"I chose nursing because I love helping people and I love

being part of a hardworking, loving community," says Reinhart, who has served at Story Medical for a decade. Reinhart earned her RN degree at Northeast Iowa Community College, and her BSN through Upper Iowa University. She is also a Certified Health Coach. "I am still in utter shock to even be nominated. "I am beyond grateful that someone thought of me to be nominated. It inspires me to continue to strive to be a great Iowa nurse."

Paying it Forward

Schiefert is the Director of Emergency Services at Story Medical, leading her team with expertise, dedication, and a deep commitment to providing life-saving care. Her leadership has helped advance emergency services at Story Medical, ensuring the highest level of care for patients in critical situations. She earned her RN degree at Des Moines Area Community College and her MSN degree at Walden University. Schiefert has worked as a nurse for 15 years, the last three at Story Medical.

"I knew since I was a child that I wanted to be a nurse to help others and be there to help them through their hardest days," Schiefert says. "I became a nurse leader to take that same principal of helping others and translate it into helping and supporting team members so they can be the best care providers they can be."

"Being part of this elite group is an honor," she continues, referencing the Great Iowa Nurses recognition. "Receiving this award fuels my commitment to my dedication to the profession, advocating for our patients, and continuing to support team members as a leader in nursing. I would not be here without the support and mentorship from so many other nurses who have shaped my journey and this further encourages me to pay that support forward."

A Source of Pride

The selection of Reinhart and Schiefert as 2025 Great Iowa Nurses highlights the outstanding nursing talent at Story Medical and reflects the organization's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence in patient care.

"We are incredibly proud of Paige and Mandy for receiving this well-deserved recognition," says Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson. "Their dedication, compassion, and leadership have made a meaningful impact on our patients, our organization, and the community as a whole."

The Great Iowa Nurses program recognizes nurses from across all healthcare settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, and clinics.

Selected nurses demonstrate exceptional leadership, mentorship, and service, continuously raising the bar for nursing excellence in Iowa.

See all the 2025 Great Iowa Nurses at greatiowanurses.com

News & Notes

NEW CNO JOINS STORY MEDICAL

Story Medical has named Becca Power, MSN, BA, RN, CMSRN, as its new Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). Power brings a wealth of experience in nursing leadership and patient care, with a deep commitment to serving the healthcare needs of the community.



As Chief Nursing Officer, Power will oversee nursing operations, patient care initiatives, and staff development across Story Medical, ensuring that the organization remains at the forefront of exceptional, compassionate healthcare.

"I am most excited about getting to know the people at Story Medical—the patients in the community we serve and the dedicated team I will lead and work alongside," Power says. "I have already felt so welcomed, and I can't wait to be a part of the incredible work being done here."

RECOGNIZE AN EXCEPTIONAL NURSE WITH DAISY NOMINATION

If you have received exceptional care from a nurse at Story Medical, you can recognize that service by submitting a nomination for the DAISY Award.

The DAISY Award is an international program that awards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses every day. Story Medical is proud to be a DAISY Award partner in recognizing nurses who deliver exceptional care.

To nominate a nurse, visit us online at storymedical.org/daisy.



Service and Science: A Partnership in Learning

Service learning is a vital part of students' educational experience across the district. Each year, 8th grade students participate in meaningful projects that connect them with different age groups and members of the community. In the fall, they visit all five nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Nevada, delivering hand-painted pumpkins, handmade cards, and sharing jokes to brighten the residents' day. In the spring, they dedicate their time to supporting the Special Olympics. This year, the students wanted to add a new project that allowed them to engage with a younger audience. Thus, a partnership with the multi-age 1st- and 2nd-grade students was formed, creating an opportunity for mentorship, collaboration, and fun learning.

The Inspiration Behind the Project

The service learning projects are deeply connected to Capturing Kids' Hearts Leadworthy lessons, which focus on character development. Each month, students explore a new CKH term, which in February was Kindness. Around the same time, the MA 1-2 teachers expressed interest in incorporating cooperative learning into their science curriculum. This alignment of kindness and collaborative learning sparked the idea for their newest project.

The teachers developed a theme, selected age-appropriate materials, and planned engaging activities. After introducing the idea to the 8th-grade students, teachers sent an open call for volunteers interested in becoming "student teachers" in which 27 students stepped up to the challenge. These students took on the responsibility

of leading four different stations, each covering a unique science concept. Once the student teachers were selected, they worked in groups to plan lessons during their lunch breaks and Cub Pride time. They demonstrated incredible dedication and leadership with less than two weeks to prepare.

Day of Learning and Fun

On the day of the project, the student teachers arrived early to set up their stations. Shortly after, the rest of the 8th graders arrived and were paired with their MA 1-2 buddies. The excitement was evident as introductions were made and the learning stations came to life. The four learning stations included:

Winter Yoga and Stretching

Students explored movement through winter animal-themed yoga poses. The student teachers created posters with fun facts about each animal, making the session both interactive and informative. The group ended with a game of Duck, Duck, Goose, a highlight for both big and little buddies.



Hibernation, Migration, and Adaptation

Here, the younger students learned about these three survival strategies. They were given mini books to read with their big buddy, reinforcing reading skills and encouraging mentorship.



Life Cycle of a Snowflake

Students learned about the formation of snowflakes and then collaborated to make a life-cycle booklet. They also designed their own snowflakes by painting with saltwater, creating unique crystallized patterns once dried.

Polar Bears

At this station, students discovered interesting facts about polar bears before creating a polar bear puppet. The activity required teamwork, as the 8th graders helped guide their younger buddies through the crafting process.



Each session lasted about 25-30 minutes before groups rotated to a new station. Throughout the morning, smiles and laughter filled the room as students of different ages worked together. The younger students were eager to learn their science standards focus on understanding how plants and animals use their external parts to survive, grow, and meet their needs, as well as observation, description, and prediction of patterns in the movement of objects in the sky. The 8th graders embraced their roles as mentors and leaders. By the end of the event, both groups had gained valuable experiences—whether it was practicing patience and guidance or discovering new scientific concepts in a hands-on environment.

The Impact of Service Learning

This project reinforced the importance of connection and community engagement. By incorporating service learning throughout the year, these experiences broaden students' perspectives and help instill a lifelong commitment to kindness and community involvement. The success of this new initiative highlights the power of mentorship and interactive learning. Nevada is excited to continue expanding service opportunities that allow our students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally while making a meaningful impact on those around them.

PTA Hosts Carnival

The Nevada PTA successfully sponsored another amazing Carnival at Central Elementary. Cassie Rutherford, PTA president, worked tirelessly on this event with her crew of helpers. During the carnival, students moved from room to room to play games earning tickets to turn in at the end of the evening for prizes. This year a fun new addition was a magician. He was amazing and kept the students and parents engaged and laughing throughout his performance. Another big hit was Mike Emery's ice cream cart, with a long line throughout the night! Wristbands for the carnival were \$20 which allowed students to play unlimited games all night. The PTA also donated a number of wristbands to families who might not have been able to attend otherwise.

This event is the largest fundraiser to support the school. The PTA uses the funds raised for free events such as: VIP & Me Glow event, VIP & Me Snowflake Dance, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) event, 5th and 6th skate afternoons, 7th/8th Mixer, teacher conference meals, preschool T-shirts, teacher appreciation, two \$750 scholarships for post-high school education for graduating seniors, and the book fairs. They also donate money to all three schools for field trips and funds to support their teachers.

Thank-you to everyone who participated, donated, and worked this valuable event!





Nevada Foundation supports community

The Nevada Foundation has been changing the landscape of our community for the past five years.

It started when a group of volunteers came together in 2019 and created this nonprofit public charity which could accept general gifts for community betterment. The Nevada Foundation encourages volunteerism and philanthropic contributions to support local projects and events.

“The most important thing the foundation has been able to do for the community is by far and away, the capital campaign for the Field House,” said Foundation Board member Michelle Cassabaum, who took a very active role in that campaign.

The Foundation has been able to foster collaboration between the community, Story County, and the State of Iowa for projects that benefit not only Nevadans, but those in other nearby communities. The Nevada Field House is a shining example of this.

“Building these connections takes effort, but seeing the resulting unity is something to be proud of,” said Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Oxley.

Nevada is Oxley’s hometown, and it’s where she’s chosen to live, work, and raise a family. She is proud to be part of The Nevada Foundation to model “civic responsibility” to others, especially her children. “By actively participating in something that benefits our hometown, we’re teaching them that being a part of a community means not only receiving, but also contributing to its growth and success,” Oxley said. She hopes the impact of The Nevada Foundation can resonate in the Nevada community for years to come.

The Nevada Foundation Board consists of people who come from a variety of backgrounds and are at various stages of their lives. One of its members is Ken Nelson, a Burke Corp. retiree. “Serving on the Nevada Foundation has been a rewarding experience for me, particularly witnessing the progression and completion of the Field House project,” he said.

Cassabaum said she believes the Field House endeavor was just the beginning of creating a culture of giving and philanthropy through The Nevada Foundation.

“I feel we have created some great momentum toward that mission,” Cassabaum

Nevada Foundation Board members pictured are:

(front row, from left)

Melissa Sly
Sara Clausen
Emily Schaack
Lisa Oxley, Secretary-Treasurer
Marlys Swanson-Brehm

(back row, from left)

Marty Chitty
Ken Nelson
Riley Vier
Brett Barker, President
Jordan Cook
Steve Gray, Vice President

Board members not pictured include:

Michelle Cassabaum
Brenda Dryer
Tim Hansen
Brian Hanson
Sharon Johnson
Gary Luppen

said. “I personally feel that there is a strong connection between the health and vitality of a community and having philanthropy as a cornerstone of that community. I serve on this board because I love our community and hope that I can make a difference that will last long after I am gone.

In addition to the Field House, other notable involvements for The Nevada Foundation include its work with the Camelot Theater Foundation and revitalization of that historic downtown building, collecting Pandemic Relief Funds during the pandemic, sponsorship of Pizza Pie Looza, which has brought thousands of people to the Main Street District, and its partnership with the City of Nevada to support nonprofits that address basic human needs through the Human Services Fund.

One of the Foundation’s newer promotions is called Seasons of Giving, whereby the group encourages focusing on and giving to a variety of needs in the community throughout the entire year.

To learn more about The Nevada Foundation, people are encouraged to visit its website: www.nevadaiaowafoundation.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY TO MAIN STREET NEVADA'S SUCCESS

April is Volunteer Appreciation month. As a volunteer-powered organization, Main Street Nevada would not exist without the help of community members. From our 14 Board of Directors, to the 15 committee volunteers, every single person who helps in our organization is a necessity.

The programs and events hosted by Main Street Nevada come from the ideas of volunteers. Our volunteers bring more than just ideas though, as they are the engine that powers everything we do.

Main Street Nevada has four committees that make up our organization's roots. Promotions, Economic Vitality, Design and Organization. These committees are the foundation of all Main Street programs. Additionally, our local program also has a Grant committee, a Farmers Market committee, a Leadership Nevada committee and sporadic volunteers who help with things like Welcome Bag deliveries.

Thank you to all of our hard-working volunteers who take time out of their week or month to make a positive impact! You are community heroes!

Interested in joining us to help provide opportunities for Nevada residents and local business owners? We are always accepting helping hands. Email our Director at director@mainstreetnevada.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER-POWERED

EVENTS

- Downtown Trick-or-Treat
- Christmas on Main
- Mix-N-Mingles
- Farmers Market



EDUCATION

- Business Trainings
- Community Education
- Downtown Tours
- Welcome Bag Deliveries

BEAUTIFICATION

- Downtown Planters
- Light pole Banners
- Grant Applications
- Design Services



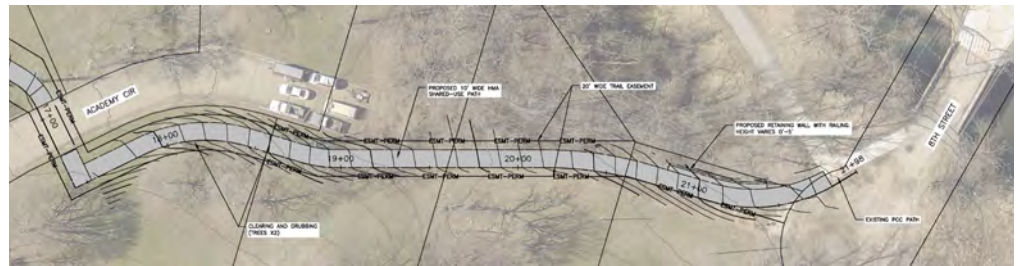
Join our efforts to provide fun opportunities for the Nevada community. Email your interests to director@mainstreetnevada.org.



Oak Park Estates Trail project to connect 6th Street and 8th Street

A project that will increase safety for pedestrians and bike riders wanting to get back and forth from the southwest part of town to north of Highway 30 over the new overpass bridge will happen this year.

The City Council passed a design and construction phase services contract with City Consulting Engineers HR Green in February for the trail extension. HR Green said the goal will be to complete design and bid the project in



mid-2025, with construction completed by end of 2025.

In HR Green's design drawing above, the gray indicates how the trail and

existing pavement can be utilized to travel through the Oak Park Estates addition to get to 8th Street or 6th Street and to access the City's trail system at 8th Street.

Spring cemetery clean-up planned

Spring clean-up of the municipal cemetery will happen this month during the week of April 21-25.

During this time, Nevada Parks and Recreation staff will dispose of all decorations, including those placed in vases, saddles, or on shepherd hooks if they are damaged or unsightly.

Any decorations you wish to keep must be removed before April 21 when our spring clean-up begins. You may put out new decorations after the clean-up period, starting April 28.

If you have questions, please call the cemetery office at 515-382-6240 and talk with Sexton Gene Fritz.

Special Election Held in March

CURRENT MAKEUP OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND WHICH SEATS ARE ON BALLOT THIS FALL

Mayor Ryan Condon
Seat on the Ballot Fall '25



Henry Corbin, Ward 1



Luke Spence, Ward 2
Seat on the Ballot Fall '25



Sandy Ehrig, Ward 3



Dane Neelson, Ward 4
Seat on the Ballot Fall '25



Jason Sampson, At-Large



Steve Skaggs, At-Large
Seat on the Ballot Fall '25

Want to know your Ward?
Check out the Ward map
for Nevada at: <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13840/NevadaVote> or call Story County Auditor's office with your address.

National Library Week is April 6-12

Join us for fun and reading as we celebrate National Library Week!

We have many fun activities planned for you! Here are the fun things we have planned!

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Display

Have you heard of Blind Date with a Book? Well this book display is the same idea, but each packaged book will have a "plane ticket" to a specific destination. Check out the mystery book, and enjoy the story that takes place in that exciting location.



Book-face Challenge

The rules for this challenge will be posted on Facebook! This will be available all week.

Movie

This event takes place Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., in the NPL meeting room.

Read-A-Thon!

Stop in during open hours and READ on Friday, April 11. Choose a spot to read anywhere in the library!

All Ages Movie

This event will happen Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. in the Story Time Room.

To find out more about these Library Week activities and all other regular programming, visit the Nevada Public Library website: <https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/>. The Library will be closed April 7 for staff development.

Scavenger Hunt

Start at the Children's Desk to take part. This activity runs all week.

Librarian/Book Matching Game

This activity is available all week.

2025 FAWCETT FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER INFORMATION

The following is important information for all persons interested in visiting Fawcett Family Aquatic Center.

Dates of Operation/Hours

June 1-August 17, 2025

Adult Lap Swim: 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

Shallow Water Swim: Noon-12:50 p.m.

Open Swim: 1-6 p.m.

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

Group Pool Parties

Groups of 40 or more can book a party from 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. To schedule, visit nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home. Group parties can bring in approved food/beverages. Fee \$250.

Aqua Aerobics

Information regarding the potential for structured Aqua Aerobics will be available as the season gets closer.

Swim Lessons

Nevada Parks and Recreation swim lesson program will include four 40-minute lessons/session with a 1:4 instructor/participant ratio. The following classes will be available.

- Pre-School (4 & 5 year olds)
- Water Basics (6 years +)

Swim Lesson Session Dates:

June 9 - 12 (make-up June 13)

June 16 - 19 (make-up June 20)

June 23 - 26 (make-up June 27)

July 7 - 10 (make-up July 11)

July 14 - 17 (make-up July 18)

Level information and link to online registration is available on the following Page: cityofnevadaiaowa.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/swim-lessons/

Swim Lesson Registration

All registrations must be made online at: nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Please note swim lesson registration will open on Tuesday, April 1. 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. **Fee is \$40/session. DO NOT register your child for more than one session.**

Aquatic Center Rates & Fees

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

Season Pass Options:

Individual Season Pass: \$60 +tax

Senior Season Pass: \$50 +tax

Toddler Season Pass: \$50 +tax

General Admission: \$6

Senior Admission: \$5

Toddler Rate (2-3 years): \$5

Children 1 and under: FREE

All passes are discounted \$5 if purchased April 1-21.

Aquatic Center Important Info.

Check us out on Facebook for hours and other information including weather-related closings, search Fawcett Family Aquatic Center.

- 7 year-olds and under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older.
- Lifejackets are the only form of flotation device allowed.
- No Coolers.
- All patrons must pay to enter the pool facility regardless of their intent to swim or not.
- Wear appropriate swim attire. No t-shirts, cutoffs, jean shorts, or any swimwear with a metal buckle. Appropriate attire is ultimately determined by facility staff.
- Food items must remain in the concession area.
- Snorkel masks are NOT allowed.
- No hard balls. All toys at the discretion of facility staff.

All passes are discounted \$5 if purchased April 1-21

NEVADA LIONS CLUB

EASTER

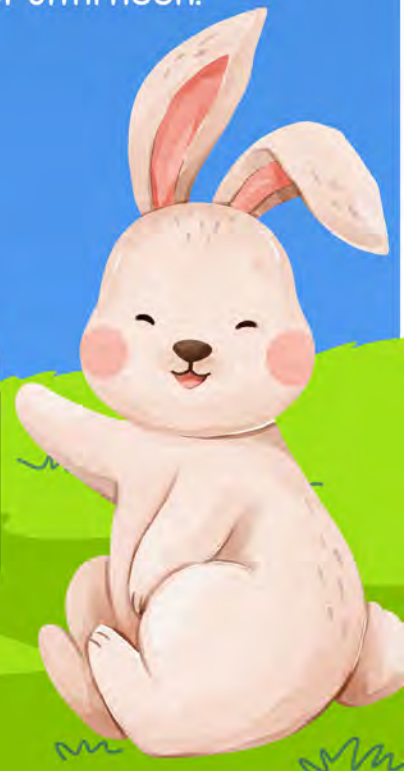
EGG HUNT &
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

Join us April 5 for the Lions Club pancake breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt!

This is a freewill donation event. Pancakes, hashbrowns & sausage will be served from 7:00–11:00 a.m. at the Field House.

Egg Hunt tickets will be available at the breakfast.

Egg Hunt groups start at 8:00 a.m. and will run every 1/2 hour until noon.



SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2025

Breakfast 7–11 AM: Field House

Egg Hunt 8:00 AM – Noon: SCORE Complex



EVENT HELD RAIN OR SHINE.

**EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD AT THE FIELD HOUSE IN
THE EVENT OF POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.**



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

**MAKE THIS THE YEAR YOU APPLY TO
BECOME A NEVADA FIREFIGHTER!**

**Nevada's firefighters fill some of the most impactful
volunteer positions in our City. You can make a
difference and we can help you develop the skills!**



Call Fire Chief Ray Reynolds at
515-382-4593 if interested.

Learn more on the City Website:
www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org



Springtime open burn season is back: April 1 through May 15

As you start your outside cleaning, the Nevada Public Safety Department reminds you of City of Nevada Ordinance 105.05 about open burning.

Springtime open burning season for yard waste is April 1 through May 15, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.



waste.

- **An adult must attend any fire until it is completely out.**
- **You must have a source of extinguishment near the open fire; one suggestion — a garden hose.**
- **Flammable liquids shall not be used to start or aid fires. Moreover, it's just a bad idea.**
- **You may not burn in the street or alley.**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

It is important to remember these additional requirements to comply with the law and to remain safe while burning yard waste:

- **Yard waste must be 40 feet from any structure (including wooden fences and utility poles).**
- **An approved incinerator for yard waste is permitted no closer than 15 feet from structures.**
- **Burn barrels are not approved for burning rubbish or yard**

Please respect your neighbors when burning. Never burn when it's windy or conditions are not absolutely perfect for burning. We recommend informing your neighbors when you intend to burn, so they do not inadvertently call the fire department.

Those who violate this ordinance will face a first offense fine of \$300, with court costs of \$95. No fire is worth this, so burn at the appropriate times and within the dates provided. If you have questions about the burning ordinance, contact Fire Chief Ray Reynolds at 515-382-4593.

Trail & Track Challenge

Are you up to the challenge! A new trails and track challenge begins Monday, April 1! The goal of this program is to promote community health and wellness

through moving on our beautiful trail system and Field House track. No matter your current fitness level, this program has something for you and is an individual challenge. Total miles and total time



will be tracked. Participants will report weekly via a Google Doc. Fee for first time participants is \$10. Be sure to call Parks and Rec to get registered by 10 a.m. on Mon-

day, April 1, to participate! Only those new to the program must pay the fee, previous participants can choose to get another t-shirt or participate at no cost.

October/November Individual Challenge Winner: Joyce Hardisty
January/February Team Challenge Winners:
Kenzie Alderson and Rhonda Maier



COUCH TO 5K TRAINING

Do you want to run a 5k race but don't know how to prepare? This six-week class will take you from simply walking to completing the Pizza Pie Looza 5k run in Nevada. Additionally, you will learn about nutrition, hydration, injury prevention, and other running topics. Class fee is \$30. Participants must also complete and pay for their own registration to participate in the Pizza Pie Looza 5k run on May 10. Call Parks and Rec for more information.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

TACO TUESDAY

April 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post

STORY MEDICAL BOARD of TRUSTEES

April 3, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

April 4 & 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRIES

April 4 and 18, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Meals feature an alternate choice of main course. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)

CAMELOT SHOW

April 4, 7 p.m.
April 5, 2 p.m.
April 6, 2 p.m.
Story Theater Company's Teen Play Festival

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
1110 11th Street
Provides food for children, families, & seniors in need in our community

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

Mondays, 4-7 p.m.
1122 6th Street
Provides free clothing. Donations may be dropped off at this time.

LIONS CLUB/PARKS AND REC EASTER BREAKFAST & HUNT

April 5, 7-11 a.m.
Nevada Field House

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

April 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Story County Admin. Bldg.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
American Legion Post
\$5 plays all games.

CAMELOT FAMILY MOVIE

April 12, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
"Hop"

CAMELOT CLASSIC MOVIE

April 13 & 16, 2 p.m.
"Royal Wedding"

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

April 14, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.
Bring a dish to share. Program will begin around 12:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

April 14 & 28, 6 p.m.
City Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

April 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
American Legion Post
Spring Luncheon (\$12 per person; \$5 per child, age 10 and under)

CAMELOT MOVIE

April 17 & 18, 7 p.m.
"The Notebook"

MIX-N-MINGLE

April 23, 4-6 p.m.
Nevada Field House

CAMELOT SHOW

April 25, 7 p.m.
April 26, 2 p.m.
Footlights Homeschool Drama Program presents: "Bedtime Stories, as told by Our Dad (Who Messed Them Up), a comedy by Ed Monk

CAMELOT CLASSIC MOVIE

April 27 & 30, 2 p.m.
"North by Northwest"

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

April 25, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Spring Grill Out (\$12 per person; \$5 per child, age 10 and under)

COMING IN EARLY MAY

THE WOMEN'S TOAST
May 1, 6 p.m.
The Well, 1117 6th Street
A time for women to gather, socialize and raise funds for local nonprofits.