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## The Opener

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**Story Medical**  
**Senior Care Administrator**



In this month's Our Nevada, we are excited to share information about the new Story Medical Senior Care. We broke ground on the facility and held a ceremony to mark the start of construction on May 2. More information is included on Page 4.

The new facility is set to transform the level of care we provide seniors in our community. While our residents remain at the center of everything we do, the new facility represents a significant change in the way long-term care is provided.

It is not a stretch to say that this project represents a milestone in Nevada.

It is the fulfillment of a promise to provide the kind of environment our older adults want—and deserve—to age in. It is a commitment to evolve in a way that makes senior care more accessible and attractive to the rapidly growing older adult population in our community. It is an investment in the community where we live and work.

- Our promise inspires us to create a setting that offers private rooms, memory care support and more.
- Our commitment to evolve ensures we can meet the discerning needs of the Baby Boomer generation locally with a design that offers a home-like feel that facilitates active aging and fellowship with family and other residents.
- And our investment in Nevada is two-pronged. We are bringing economic activity to the community by building the new facility adjacent to the medical center, while making our current facility available as an attractive development opportunity on the south edge of Nevada's revitalized downtown.

On behalf of the Board and leadership team, I thank all who have played a role in getting us to this stage of the project. We are excited to see the new Story Medical Senior Care take shape and cannot wait to welcome our first residents late in 2024.

On the Cover: Liz Hertz, Story Medical Hospital Board of Trustees; Melissa Opperman, Administrator, Story Medical Senior Care; Ashley Wilson, Director of Nursing, Story Medical Senior Care; Nate Thompson, CEO, Story County Medical Center; Gaylan Scofield, Story Medical Hospital Board of Trustees; Brett Barker, Mayor, City of Nevada; Dr. Audra Poterucha, Medical Director, Story Medical Senior Care and Family Medicine Physician Story County Medical Center.

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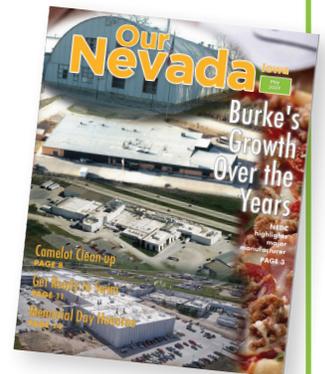
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## ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



# Plan ahead to enjoy the 4th of July in Nevada

The Nevada American Legion invites the public to take part in Nevada's 4th of July activities on Tuesday, July 4. A parade begins at 10 a.m. The parade route is on 6th Street, starting at E Avenue and going north 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 prior to the start of the parade. Pick up a form at the Main Street Nevada Office ahead of time or fill out the waiver the day of the parade.

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, and cost is a free-will donation with proceeds going toward the City Fireworks program. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the meal and treats, which also include fresh-baked pies. The meal may be enjoyed at the Legion or carry-out is available.

A fireworks show will happen at dusk in Nevada. 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 with a good line of sight to the sky east of SCORE.

As for those who wish to enjoy fireworks of your own over the holidays, the City of Nevada does allow residents to shoot fireworks during the following dates and times only:

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

**July 4 (Tuesday): 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.





# Ushering in a New Era for Senior Care in Nevada

Story Medical breaks ground on new 59,000 square foot facility set to open in late 2024

At a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony on May 2, members of Story Medical leadership and the Board of Trustees shared the vision for the new Senior Care facility to be located adjacent to the medical center, just south of Highway 30 on the east side of Nevada. That vision paints a picture of a facility that will transform what senior care in the area looks like.

When complete, the 59,000-square-foot Story Medical Senior Care will include 60 private rooms that are designed to provide a home-like feeling. From front porches to landscaped courtyards and more, there are an array of special touches providing a pleasurable living experience and a true sense of community.

"Senior Care has evolved significantly over the years," says Story Medical Senior Care Administrator Missy Opperman. "While the level of care provided in the more 'institutional' environments is adequate, older adults and their families expect more these days. The new Story Medical Senior Care is designed around the resident experience. We have gone to great lengths to create an environment that encourages our residents to remain active physically, mentally and socially."

In addition to private rooms and attractive spaces that encourage community, the facility includes memory care support, family gathering spaces, a therapy room, a communal dining area and more. Its location adjacent to the medical center is an added bonus.



At left, a ceremonial groundbreaking was held at the site of the new Story Medical Senior Care on May 2. Renderings of the new facility (above, clockwise): Outdoor courtyard, an overhead view of the complex, the well-appointed dining space, and the therapy gym.

"Our residents typically require the services of the medical center more frequently than older adults in an independent living or assisted living environment," Opperman says. "Having ready access to such comprehensive services greatly reduces the barriers presented by having to travel by bus or arrange private transportation for care. This is a huge benefit for residents and offers tremendous peace of mind for families."

Story Medical has offered Senior Care in Nevada since the opening of a long-term care unit in 1969. The service was expanded in 1977 and now occupies all of the former Story County Medical Center on the southern edge of downtown.

"We have a long history of providing exceptional care to seniors in this community," says Nate Thompson, Story Medical CEO. "This project represents a significant commitment to ensure we can continue to provide these vital services locally, long into the future. We have created an ambitious vision, and it is exciting to see it come together."

To learn more about our new facility or to reserve a room for a loved one, please call Story Medical Senior Care at 515-382-7019.

## News & Notes

### STORY MEDICAL 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.

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).

### WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

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



# Recycle cellphones & other devices to help with gorilla habitat

A critical component in smartphones and other devices is a substance called coltan. Eighty percent of the world's supply of coltan is found directly in the center of gorilla habitat in the Congo. Mineral mining for smartphones has fueled bloody conflicts and gorilla habitat loss.

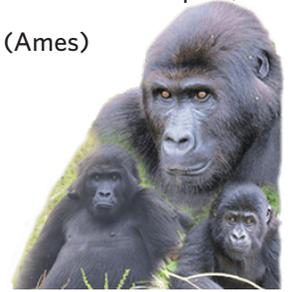
The best way you can reduce this impact is recycling old smartphones and limiting unnecessary upgrades to a new device.

Story County Conservation has partnered with the Blank Park Zoo and ECO-CELL to recycle your old smartphones (and iPad, tablets, mp3 players, handheld gaming systems, chargers, and device accessories). ECO-CELL is a nonprofit which reclaims the precious minerals found inside these devices. Recycling these items helps save endangered gorillas by reducing the demand for coltan while 100 percent of the proceeds from this project go directly toward

reforestation in the Congo and care for rescued gorillas.

You can bring your devices to multiple Story County buildings during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

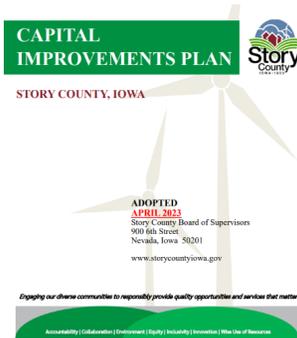
- Story County Conservation Center (Ames)
- Administration Building (Nevada)
- Human Services Center (Ames)
- Justice Center (Nevada)
- Animal Shelter (Ames)



You can find out more information about the initiative on the Blank Park Zoo website: <https://www.blankparkzoo.com/>.

# Capital Improvements Planning

The Story County Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a multi-year guide to the construction and/or improvement of county facilities and the acquisition of equipment. Through the process of preparing and updating this CIP, the County meets the need for orderly maintenance of the County's physical assets. It is a planning tool and structured to illustrate



Story County's long-range capital needs and to be used as an implementation tool for the acquisition, development, construction, maintenance, and renovation of public facilities, infrastructure, and capital equipment.

You can review the Adopted Capital Improvements Plan - Story County, Iowa at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11577/Final-Adopted-CIP-PDF>.

The CIP runs on a fiscal year (FY) basis beginning July 1st and ending June 30th, and defines projects on a five-year timeframe. The following project timeframes

are identified in the CIP:

- Year 1 FY 24: July 2023 – June 2024
- Year 2 FY 25: July 2024 – June 2025
- Year 3 FY 26: July 2025 – June 2026
- Year 4 FY 27: July 2026 – June 2027
- Year 5 FY 28: July 2027 – June 2028
- Projects in the current FY cycle (FY23) are listed as Current Projects.

The CIP adopts the 5-Year Story County Secondary Road Construction Program, updated and adopted annually, by reference.

# Find out more about floodplains in Story County, Iowa

When flooding occurs, flood waters don't stop flowing when they hit a city/county boundary. Floodplain maps, developed through the National Flood Insurance Program, recognize this. While individual jurisdictions have authority over areas within their boundaries, the same maps and information are used to inform decision makers.

To find out if your property is located in the "Special Flood Hazard Area" — the official name of the floodplain — these tools may help you.

- Visit the Story County Assessor's website at: [www.storyassessor.org](http://www.storyassessor.org). Enter your address in the search box, and once the report comes up showing your property, click on the "map" icon in the upper left corner and turn on "FEMA Flood Data" in the legend.

- Another great resource to find an official flood map, access flood



hazard products, and understand flood risk is FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at: <http://msc.fema.gov/portal>. On this site, you can search by address and use other tools to find your property.

- Real-time flood information is provided by the stream and river sensors installed across the state of Iowa. If you're tracking progress of floodwaters, visit the Iowa Flood center IFIS tool at: <http://ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis/>.

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For more information on Story County's floodplain management program, visit Story County's website, [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov) and go to Offices and Departments > Planning & Development > Floodplain Management or call the Planning and Development Department at 515-382-7245.

# Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Story County is excited to host Brown Bag Luncheon events throughout the year. Come and learn about the different departments and the services the County offers. All events are scheduled from 12-1 p.m. These sessions will all be hosted in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada.

Bring your own lunch and join in!

If you've missed a previous Brown Bag Lunch & Learn, go to the links below to watch the videos!

Role of Park Rangers, Ryan Wiemold, Parks Superintendent, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9bTzOPXq5c>

Floodplain Management, Amelia Schoeneman, Planning and Development Director, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9VnjS0teyg>

## Brown Bag Luncheon Series

### WATER QUALITY

Join us for a lunch of learning about water quality in Story County.



**When:** June 30th  
**Time:** 12 PM - 1 PM  
**Where:** Story County Administration Building, Public Meeting Room

\*bring your own lunch

**Sara Carmichael**  
Watershed Coordinator



We're Hiring! Join Our Story!

## Story County

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/storyia>

## Story County is hiring; check out our job opportunities

Do you want to find out more about working for Story County, including current openings and how to apply? Visit our website at [www.storycountyia.gov](http://www.storycountyia.gov) and select the round "Employment" button. You can also view our recruitment video and learn more about Story County at <https://youtu.be/k6zulOfgpPw>.

**THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED THAT COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY. OFFICES WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, JUNE 20.**

## Band concerts start this month

The Nevada Community Band started in 1999 as a Leadership Nevada initiative by Rob Bacon, FC Parrish, Jim Mattke, and Jody Melcher. This summer, concerts will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in front of City Hall. The summer 2023 concert dates are as follows: June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4 (Patriotic Concert), and July 11. The July 11 concert will feature the Nevada Community Jazz Band. The band will also perform in this summer's Fourth of July parade.

Throughout the history of the Nevada Community Band, local and area musicians have performed for our loyal audience, and we welcome new audience members to enjoy our concerts. You can bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

Directors for the summer include Wade Presley, retired Nevada Schools band director, and Drew Barker, current director of the Nevada High School Band and 8th Grade Band.

Weekly guest performers for intermission this year include Jack O Leary, Tom Richards, Deb Malsom, Kristi Kenealy, and Shawna Dumbaugh, among others.

This summer, weekly concerts are possible through the financial support of sponsorships from local businesses. At this time, concert sponsors include Hawcott Lawn Care and Wirtzy Construction. Special thanks to our Season Sponsor, Chris Clark, owner of The Flower Bed.



# Peddlers, Solicitors & City Rules

Door-to-door peddlers can be found throughout the year, but spring and summer tend to

be the busiest season.

**Did you know you can prohibit peddlers and solicitors from knocking at the door? Place a "No Peddler or Solicitor" sign conspicuously by your main entrance. A violation of this, if convicted, is \$250 first offense. (City Ordinance 122.17)**

Typically, a peddler is someone "carrying or transporting goods or merchandise who sells or offers for sale for immediate delivery such goods or merchandise from house-to-house or upon a public street." Examples of a peddler are a person who is selling merchandise, candy, trinkets, and similar items. This is different from what is referred to as a solicitor.

A solicitor is someone who "asks or attempts to ask, from door-to-door, orders for commercial goods, wares, subscriptions, publications, periodicals, merchandise, or services to be delivered or fulfilled at a future date."

City of Nevada ordinance Chapter 122 covers the rules regarding peddlers

and solicitors. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect our community against fraud, unfair competition, and intrusion into the privacy of our homes. Any peddler or solicitor found guilty of violating the ordinance is subject to a \$300 fine, first offense. (City Ordinance 122.06)

A City Permit indicates police have verified this person is who they claim to be. A permit is created for the person, not their company, not their supervisor, but the individual who is going door-to-door. A copy of the permit, showing the dates it is valid, is placed on the City website and Facebook.

If a peddler comes to your door, ask the person to show you his or her City Permit. A peddler is required to have a permit, unless they fall into the following exceptions: "A person who contacts another person at his or her residence without a prior invite to procure support for or against or to solicit funds for patriotic, political, philanthropic, charitable, or religious purposes." So, for example, a political candidate and/or supporters are fine, as is the Girl Scout with her cookies.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nevada Public Safety Department.

## Bicycle Safety Tips from the Nevada PSD

With the weather becoming warmer and more people out and about, the Nevada Public Safety Department would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips when out riding your bike.



- In warmer weather, you can easily forget to hydrate. Make sure before you do any exercise like bike riding, you hydrate. Drinking water is the best thing you can do to stay hydrated.
- Wear light, loose clothing when riding your bike, this will reflect the sun's heat and the light weight of the clothing will help regulate your body temperature.

- Make sure your tires are properly inflated, your brakes work and your chains are tight and have proper lubrication. Any deficiencies with your bike can lead to possible injury.

- If you ride in the roadway with traffic, follow all traffic laws. Do not ride your bike against traffic, ride with traffic.
- Make sure to wear a bike helmet, gloves, eye protection, and any other protective gear you see fit to put on before you ride your bike.
- If you ride your bike at night, be sure to wear reflective clothing or light-colored clothing. Do not wear dark clothing. Wearing dark clothing will make it very difficult for drivers to see you.
- If you ride on the street at night, make sure to have a white light to the front, and a red light or reflector to the rear. If drivers can see you better at night, it will reduce your likelihood of crash or injury.

If you have any other questions regarding bicycle safety, please stop by the Nevada Public Safety Department. We have officers certified and trained in bike patrol who can help you with your questions or with issues you may have concerning your bike. Thank you and ride safely!

—Nevada Public Safety Department

# Nevada Public Library News

## FIND YOUR VOICE AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

Once again, the Nevada Public Library is hoping to help kids and teens beat the "summer slide" by hosting a **Summer Learning Challenge**.

Scholastic estimates that, on average, children lose about 20 percent of the literacy gains they made during the school year each summer. Our challenge aims to decrease that learning loss by encouraging the community to read and spend time at the library.

From June 5 to Aug. 12, log your reading on Beanstack (QR code at right) to be eligible to win awesome prizes!



Throughout June and July the library will be hosting many events for patrons of all ages. Join us to kick off summer on June 5 from 4-6 p.m. for Bouncing and Bubbles outside the library. Then make sure to check

out our calendar of events for fun all summer long!

*Note: Some events require preregistration.*

We hope to see you at the library this summer so you can Find Your Voice!

Registration opens June 1. *Note: Some events require preregistration.*

## CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR

The library's Calendar of Events can be found at <https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/programs-events>.

Click on event to learn more and register. You'll find things like The Karen Land MUSH! event on June 23. Library staff says this event is "really cool" and fun for all ages!

## SUMMER READING INFO

More Summer Reading info can be found on our website here: <https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/atthelibrary/summer-learning-challenge>.

## Boards, Commissions have vacancies

The City could not run efficiently without the efforts of those who serve as volunteers on our Boards and Commissions, which include: Board of Adjustments, Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Senior Community Center Board. These volunteers are community-minded people, willing to give their time, and really consider the details in the service of their role.

If you are interested in serving on one of these Boards/Commissions, please take a moment to fill out an application form, which can be found at: [cityofnevadaiaowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application](http://cityofnevadaiaowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application).

## City Notes

### Annual water rate increase on the July bill

The City increases water rates yearly at 3 percent to cover increasing costs combined with demand. The increase will be effective for bills due on and after July 1, 2023. A significant impact to these costs are chemicals. The City is also preparing for upgrades to the Water Plant in the next few years.

At this time there are no planned wastewater rate changes. The new wastewater facility is to be completed by 2024. Rates will be reviewed once operational costs of the new plant and bond payments are known.

### Jefferson Highway Tour group stopping in Nevada on June 6

A Jefferson Highway Tour group is planning to stop in Nevada on Tuesday, June 6, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community leaders will have a small ceremony in the city hall park to welcome them. All residents are invited to take part in the event, which will feature some classic cars that may have ridden the Jefferson Highway long ago. If you have any Jefferson Highway stories or memorabilia to share, please bring them to the event, and watch for special appearances by "Thomas Jefferson" and "Abraham Lincoln."

### Mosquito spraying

Want to know when 'Mosquito Spraying' will happen? The City offers the following notifications: 1) The Alert box on the front of the City website; 2) An Alert notice (sign up on the City website to receive); 3) A post on the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page

### Curfew for Minors

The city would like to bring light to city ordinance 46.02: *No person under the age of 16 years of age shall be on or remain in or upon any of the public streets, alleys, or public places in the City at night between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following morning, unless such person is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian.* Violation of this ordinance is subject to a fine of \$300. Repeat offenses are subject to a \$500 fine.



# Flags Over Main Street

Main Street Nevada has now unveiled all three light post banners that will change out with the seasons. The current patriotic banners will be up through Labor Day. In September, the purple cub paw will return and be up until the winter snowflakes are needed for Christmas on Main. The colorful banners have made such an impact on the scenery downtown. These banners were not only a beautification project for our downtown district, but also a fundraiser. Main Street Nevada hopes to purchase speakers for our downtown with the money raised. If you'd like to help support this project and want to see your organization's name on a set of banners, please email [director@mainstreetnevada.org](mailto:director@mainstreetnevada.org) for more information. We have plenty of light poles waiting to be dressed up.



# Welcome Program making a comeback

Main Street Nevada, in cooperation with the City of Nevada, is bringing back the Welcome Program.

New residents, identified through calls to the Main Street Nevada office or through City utility sign-ups, will be visited by a member of the "welcome committee" shortly after their arrival. During the visit, they'll be given this bag full of useful City and community information to help them adjust to life in their new hometown!

Main Street Nevada investor businesses are also able to pay a small fee to put their own welcome gifts in the bag, which may include small items and or coupons and gift cards.

If you are interested in becoming part of this program, which, if you aren't already, would include becoming part of Main Street Nevada, please call Emily at the Main Street Nevada office, 515-382-6538, for details.

If you are a new resident, please call the MSN office, 515-382-6538, to get your name on our list for a visit!



## Volunteerism to be front & center

Residents will be hearing more about volunteer opportunities in our community, as City leaders make "caring and connecting with others through volunteerism" a focal point here.

Wanting to learn more about how to create a successful volunteer base and provide rewarding volunteer experiences, a group of community leaders, made up of Jordan Cook, Barb Mittman, and Marlys Barker from the City; Emily Schaack and Lisa Oxley from Main Street Nevada; and Brenda Dryer from the NEDC, has taken part in several sessions through Volunteer Iowa. By participating in these sessions and working through other requirements, grant funding may be available to the

City for use in establishing volunteer protocols.

Among the steps already taken to improve our focus on volunteerism is the creation of a Facebook page: Nevada, IA - Volunteer Opportunities, where people can share volunteer needs, and find ways to volunteer.

Another step we've taken is to begin listing City of Nevada and Main Street Nevada volunteer opportunities/needs on the Volunteer Iowa website. We'd like residents to sign up for an account through Volunteer Iowa as a way of finding out about volunteer opportunities and to track your own volunteer hours.

Volunteer Iowa sign-ups for Story County are processed through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), so don't be confused when sign-ups take you to their website. To start your volunteer sign-up process, go to <https://cirsvp.galaxydigital.com/agendy/detail/>.

Also on the horizon is a Volunteer Fair being hosted by the Nevada Public Library in early August. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about community volunteer needs and opportunities, and we can help you sign up for Volunteer Iowa. Stay tuned for more information in next month's Our Nevada publication!

# New Farmers Market arrives in Nevada!

Nevada Farmers Market is in full swing and the community has been showing wonderful support for this new event! The organizers were blown away with the turn out on the first night, May 4. The weather was perfect and many people came to eat supper, shop, and socialize. It was just what we all needed after a cold start to spring that often kept us indoors.

The market takes place downtown on 6th Street every Thursday night through Aug. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vendors range from produce, to baked goods, to flowers and homemade arts and crafts. Some weeks will even have a food truck or two. In addition to the market vendors, many of our downtown businesses are open later on Thursday nights as well. Bring family and/or friends, and enjoy downtown Nevada on Thursdays. Thank you to 2022 Leadership Nevada graduate, Bre Taege, for bringing this idea to life!



Bre Taege

# NEDC's Gold Investors and their available jobs



Nevada, Iowa is centrally located and has a population of nearly 7,000 and is part of a broader county region. Nevada and Story County possess an enviable richness of highly productive and educated citizens as well as a diverse economic base of industrial, agricultural, educational, and service enterprises.

This community is fortunate to have a hard-working, skilled, and educated workforce. Our proximity to Ames and Des Moines provides several quality private and public higher learning institutions, which enhance our workforce. Being so close to metropolitan areas also allows access to additional cultural events and attractions. If you are searching for your first job, thinking about your next career opportunity, or wanting to start a family, we hope that you consider Nevada, IA.

## 21st Century Rehab

- Occupational Therapist (Full-Time)

## Allen L Kockler Co.

- www.centraliowaaccountant.com

## Alliant Energy

- www.alliantenergy.com/careers

## ALMACO

- Embedded Software Engineer (Nevada)
- Engineering Director (Nevada)

## Ames Lincoln

- Detailer

## Availa Bank

- Universal Banker (Bank Teller)

## Burke

- Sanitation Laborer
- Micro Lab Tech

- Truck Driver 3rd Shift

## RMH Architects

- rmharchitects.com

## State Bank & Trust

- banksbt.applicantlist.com/jobs

## Woodruff

- Pre-construction Manager
- Construction Worker
- Concrete Craftspeople
- Steel Erector
- Superintendent
- Carpenter
- Estimator/Project Manager
- Crane Operator

## DMACC

The Des Moines Area Community College has an opening for a Pathway Navigator, located in the Ames Hunziker Center/Ames. The Pathway Navigator will work with existing efforts to build capacity and provide supports for DMACC's Workforce Training Academy (WTA) Story County applicants. Will assist with recruiting students, the enrollment & eligibility process, student tracking while in class and employment, placement & data tracking upon completion. Will work with Story County partners to identify employment opportunities for WTA graduates.

<https://jobs.dmacc.edu/postings/9745>



# 2023 Central Elementary Tree Planting

Students made like a tree and leaf'ed out of Central Elementary to plant trees around the community!

34 trees were planted north of the SCORE soccer fields this year. You would not believe it, but a total of 164 trees have been planted throughout Nevada since the start of the effort in 2018.



Funds to purchase trees came from fundraisers, a grant from CNH Industrial, and leftover funds from last year's fundraising.

Thanks, students and staff, for all your effort - you're tree-mendous!

Earlier, during the High School's Day of Service, an additional nearly 50

trees were planted at SCORE Park

## NHS DAY OF SERVICE

In a heartwarming display of community service, Nevada High School students came together to participate in the Dr. Heather Ludwig Day of Service. Equipped with tools, gloves, and a willingness to help, our students volunteered their time to help local organizations in need.

The event was organized by the High School in partnership with over 28 organizations in and around Nevada and Ames. Students chose amongst several service project to participate in.

The students worked tirelessly throughout the day, motivated by the knowledge that their efforts were making a difference in their community.

The day of service was a huge

success, with students and organizers alike expressing their satisfaction with the outcome.

The success of the day of service has inspired many of the participants to continue volunteering in our communities. As the students returned to their classrooms, they did so with a renewed sense of purpose and a greater appreciation for the impact they can have on the world around them.

## 145<sup>TH</sup> NHS ALUMNI WEEKEND

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

### Saturday June 24th

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Breakfast at the High School (\$6 per person, ticket required)

10 a.m.  
Tour of the Secondary Campus  
(Middle & High Schools)

1 p.m.  
Community Tour  
Want to "Scoop the Loop" plus get a tour of the town? What is the new Fieldhouse? What's new on Main Street?

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

Alumni Dinner, Gates Hall  
4 p.m. Social Hour

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

## Sunday June 25th

2 p.m. Community Speaker  
Josephine Tope Community Auditorium

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

Reservations can be made no later than 6/15/23 by texting/calling 515-291-4733 or 515-238-5053 or emailing [kls.alumni@icloud.com](mailto:kls.alumni@icloud.com) or

[bullocksherry628@gmail.com](mailto:bullocksherry628@gmail.com).

## STUDENTS EARN AWARDS AT STATE HISTORY DAY

Two Nevada Middle School website projects were chosen as alternates to National History Day at the State History Day Contest held recently in Des Moines.

Dexter Walker placed third in the individual website category for his project "First Successful Organ Transplant: Breaking the Barrier of Organ Rejection." Luke Hassel and Cooper Wheelock also placed third for their group website "1965-66

Texas Western University Basketball: Breaking the Color Barrier in NCAA Hoops."

Only the first and second place projects from each of the nine NHD categories at the State level advance to the National competition.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSISTANCE



Could your family use some assistance with school supplies next year? Our Student Services team are now collecting requests for free supplies next school year.

LEARN MORE: <https://bit.ly/310xiep>

## KELLY NAMED STATE FFA OFFICER

Josephine Kelly of the Nevada FFA Chapter was elected North Central District State Vice-President of the Iowa FFA Association. The newly elected officers were introduced at the conclusion of the 95th Iowa FFA Association Leadership Conference.

Kelly has been an active member of the Nevada FFA Chapter since her freshman year participating in numerous leadership contests, career development events, and conferences.

In addition, she has served as a chapter and district officer for two years. Kelly also earned her state FFA degree at the 2023 State Conference.



Kelly is the first Nevada FFA Chapter member to be elected to a statewide officer position.

## FREE SUMMER MEALS

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

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

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

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

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

## NHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD FOOD PRIZE IOWA YOUTH INSTITUTE

Six Nevada High School students and two Middle School students participated in the World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute held recently at ISU.

Students began researching and writing scholarly articles on topics focusing on improving the lives of others in countries all over the world.

Upon arriving to the ISU Memorial Union, students heard from several speakers, including Paul Schaeffer, former CEO of Pioneer HiBred, Secretary of Ag Mike Naig, former Governor Terry Branstad, and ISU President Wendy Wintersteen.

Students were divided into small groups to share their research topics.

Some of the Nevada students' topics included water & sanitation in Uganda, sustainable agriculture in Mexico, water & sanitation in Haiti, water scarcity in Guatemala, soil erosion in Columbia, and how climate change is impacting Japan.

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# Calendar of Events

## SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

**June 1, 11:30 a.m.**  
Story Medical Center

## FARMERS MARKET

**Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Main Street District

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**June 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**June 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Nevada Public Library

## MUSIC AT THE MANSION

**June 3, 4-9 p.m.**  
Evergreen Lane on H Avenue  
*Bring a lawn chair to enjoy free live entertainment. Food and drink vendors will be on site.*

## NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

**June 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium

## AMERICAN LEGION TACO TUESDAYS

**June 6 & 20, 4:45-6:30 p.m.**  
American Legion Post

## NEVADA COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

**June 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 7 p.m.**  
*Concerts are free; held in front of City Hall. Bring your lawn chair.*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

## BINGO

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

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

**June 9, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*Fish Fry or Tenderloins. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)*

## CAMELOT THEATER FDTN MOVIE - 'Caddyshack'

**June 11, 6:30 p.m.**  
Admission: \$5 (& concessions available)

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

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

## CITY COUNCIL

**June 12 & 26, 6 p.m.**  
City Hall

## CAMELOT THEATER FDTN PRESENTS 'THE REMEDY'

**June 17, 6:30 p.m.**  
Admission: \$5 (& concessions available). *Come enjoy this classic rock & country cover band.*

## MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

**June 21, 4-6 p.m.**  
Hertz Farm Management

## COMMUNITY COOKOUT

**June 21, 5-7 p.m.**  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
*All residents invited. Cost is a free-will donation, with all funds raised supporting the "Good Samaritan Fund" to help Nevada residents in times of need.*

## MIDWEST AUTHOR SERIES-BETH HOFFMAN

**June 21, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
Nevada Public Library  
*Registration Required on Library's website!*

## NHS ALUMNI WEEKEND

**June 24-25**  
Alumni Dinner is Saturday evening, 4 p.m. (begins with social time, meal at 6 p.m.)  
*Reservations required. See previous page for reservation information.*

## MAIN STREET NEVADA 'THE GRIND'

**June 27, 7-8 a.m.**  
Copper Spaces  
*Stop in for coffee and catch up on business happenings.*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**June 30, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*Spoonburgers, green beans, applesauce, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)*