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The Opener

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Story County Auditor



Are you ready for Nov. 5, 2024? There are two questions you should ask yourself to prepare for the upcoming presidential election.

Question 1: Am I registered at my current address in Story County?

If the answer is 'Yes,' move on to Question 2. If the answer is 'No' or 'I don't know,' it is easy to register. Here are some options:

- Complete Story County's fillable, postage-paid registration form. Print, sign, fold, and mail: <https://tinyurl.com/59jcbzww>.
- Register online (Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator ID required): <http://bit.ly/2cMYxIk>
- Use voterready.iowa.gov to register (paper and electronic options available).
- Call the Auditor's Office and request that we mail you a voter registration form: 515-382-7210.

However you choose to register, the pre-registration deadline is Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. Mailed forms must be postmarked no later than this date. It is highly recommended that you pre-register to vote. After Oct. 21, election day registration regulations apply.

Question 2: Do I know the location of my polling place?

If the answer is 'Yes,' you are ready to go to the polls on Nov. 5.

If the answer is 'No,' or 'I'm not sure,' here are a few different ways to find the answer.

- Check the polling place information listed on your voter card.
- Enter your street address into our polling place lookup site: apps.storycounty.com/electionpollingplace/.
- Call the Auditor's Office and give us your address: 515-382-7210.

That's it! You are prepared for the Nov. 5, 2024 election. Happy Voting!

Access more information via the QR code.



ON THE COVER: Story County Supervisors stand in front of a new home in Nevada built by Homes for Iowa. This home was placed through the Story County Housing Trust and supported by the Story County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

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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.



Story County Housing Trust

PLACES TWO 'HOMES FOR IOWA' IN STORY COUNTY

The Story County Housing Trust (SCHT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is designated by the Iowa Finance Authority as the Local Housing Trust Fund for Story County. The goal of the SCHT is to improve affordable housing in Story County.

Through the Story County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program, SCHT is working to not only provide funding to

first-time home buyers, but work with local communities in Story County to purchase, site, and sell Homes for Iowa houses. SCHT is currently placing two homes, one in Nevada and one in McCallsburg. Both are under construction.

SCHT works with a variety of community partners to fund housing programs in Story County. If you would like to learn about funding or organizations who provide assistance, please contact Lucas Young at 515-304-3524 or lyoung@midiowaplanning.org.

Prepare now for 'colder weather' emergencies

September is Emergency Preparedness Month.

Story County Emergency Management suggests people should prepare an emergency kit with at least three days of supplies for you, your family and your pets.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and food for three days
- Flashlight and batteries
- Clothing
- Personal hygiene items
- Cell phone
- Battery operated radio
- First-aid kit
- Bedding
- Money
- Copies of important documents such as drivers' licenses, birth certificates, insurance and other financial information
- Specialty items such as formula, diapers, medications and pet supplies

Property taxes due September 30

Story County property taxes are due on or before Sept. 30, 2024. Sept. 30 is a Monday this year. Property taxes must be paid or postmarked by Sept. 30, 2024 to avoid late penalty. Taxes paid after Sept. 30 will be assessed a 1.5 percent penalty and accrue an additional 1.5 percent penalty on the first of every additional month until they are paid.

Treasurer's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except for the second Tuesday of each month, when they are open from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

For inquiries: email treasurer@storycountyiowa.gov or call 515-382-7340

News from Story County Conservation

WILD WOMEN OF THE WOODS

Wild Women of the Woods is a two-day event (Oct. 4 and 5) at Hickory Grove Park designed to give women of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to explore the outdoors, learn or improve skills, and network with women with similar interests. No previous outdoor experience needed! Improve your compass and navigation skills, learn survival tactics from Park Ranger Olivia VanderHart, discover backyard beekeeping, dip your toes into the world of hunting, and so much more! Cost is \$65. Financial assistance is available.

PAINTING IN THE PARK

Join us Sept. 20, 5:30-7 p.m. at Oriole Ridge Lodge, Hickory Grove Park. Nature, art, and conservation create a beautiful synergy. Join Story County Conservation for a fun series of painting in Story County parks! Naturalist Amber Carpenter will provide step-by-step watercolor painting instructions in the park while discussing some of the park's unique features. This family friendly program is for ages 8 and up. Register

online by Sept. 18.

Visit www.mycountyparks.com for registration form (must be sent via mail) for both events. Questions? Call Story County Conservation at 515-232-2516.

RESERVABLE ARCHERY HUNTING BLIND

- Free archery hunting opportunity for youth (15 & under) mentored hunts and disabled hunts
- Located at Sleepy Hollow Access, which is directly north of Ames
- Reservation slots available in specific windows from September to January
- Story County Conservation is willing to provide mentor for hunt/harvest when planned in advance

Make a reservation: www.storycountyconservation.org > Hunting



Nevada Man Says Stroke is No Joke

Dave Whitney gains appreciation for local care team after medical emergency

When Dave Whitney went to bed on April Fool's Day, nothing seemed amiss. When he woke the next morning his life had changed dramatically.

Dave suffered a stroke in his sleep, a shocking discovery for a man who, at 61, had never been on any maintenance medication. He had no symptoms and even his last physical a couple years prior showed a blood pressure most men his age range would take in a heartbeat.

But none of that mattered as his neighbor rushed him to the Story Medical Emergency Department.

"Nothing had changed in my eating habits or my lifestyle," Dave says. "I had worked my whole life and considered myself to be as healthy as anyone else."

Truly, the stroke struck without warning. Upon his arrival at Story Medical, Dave was immediately assessed and stabilized.

"I was kind of in a fog, but I know they had like five or six people checking on me," Dave recalls, emphasizing the prompt and thorough care he

received. "The medical team was quick to act, performing scans and giving me medication to manage my blood pressure which was very high."

Once stabilized, Dave was admitted to the Inpatient Unit at Story Medical. His two-week stay was unexpected but crucial in building a solid foundation for his recovery.

"For me to be there two weeks, I think I was pretty bad off," he admits. "But despite how bad it was, my experience was exceptional. All the people there were fantastic."

In addition to 24/7 care on the Inpatient Unit, Dave was able to begin his rehabilitation while still in the hospital. By the third day, Dave was already participating in therapy sessions facilitated by 21st Century Rehab.

Rehabilitation was no easy feat; Dave spent the initial days largely confined to his bed, grappling with the loss of function on his left side.

"The left side almost immediately started getting just a little bit better," he says, highlighting the gradual but positive progression in his recovery. "My therapy sessions were tough, but very rewarding. It wasn't long before I could walk a short distance without a cane."

Now a few months removed from the unexpected hospital stay, Dave is continuing his recovery. He continues to attend physical therapy sessions at 21st Century Rehab, focusing on regaining strength and mobility.

"I'm still going for occupational therapy, working on my left hand and my shoulder," he says. "I am so thankful for the comprehensive care I get from the team at 21st Century Rehab and Story Medical."

Reflecting on his treatment and recovery, Dave expresses immense gratitude for the proximity of such high-quality care.

"The fact that I was able to stay close to home, instead of going to a larger city, was a huge weight off my shoulders," Dave says. "A lot of people think it is an advantage to be at a big hospital in a big city. I look at it the other way. Being at a smaller hospital meant that I got a lot more attention. That was important to me."

"And one other thing," Dave adds with a smile. "It may sound cliché, but the food there was great. I wouldn't recommend it as a vacation spot, but all in all, I had a very pleasant stay, and I appreciate the kind of care I was provided."

Learn more about Therapy Services at Story Medical at www.storymedical.org/therapy.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS OF STROKE

The acronym **FAST** is a quick guide to recognizing the symptoms of a stroke, where each letter represents a specific area to check:

- **Face:** Check for drooping on one side of the face. Ask the person to smile to see if one side of the face hangs downward.
- **Arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward, or is one arm unable to rise?
- **Speech:** Listen for slurred or strange speech. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence and see if they can do so accurately.
- **Time:** If you observe any of these signs, call emergency services immediately. Quick action is crucial in treating stroke effectively.

COMPLETE REHABILITATION CARE IN NEVADA

The therapy services department at Story Medical, in partnership with 21st Century Rehab, offers a comprehensive array of inpatient and outpatient services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. In addition, athletic training services are provided for area high schools.

The professional staff consists of physical therapists, athletic trainers, occupational therapists, and speech therapists who work closely with physicians to develop an individualized approach to treatment planning, with an emphasis on education, wellness and injury prevention. Learn more at storymedical.org/therapy.

News & Notes

WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

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

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

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



- **Next milestone for Verbio: Biorefinery Nevada, IA, starts producing ethanol from corn**
- **First industrial-scale biorefinery in North America coupling RNG and ethanol production by using proven innovative technology**
- **Additional revenue streams for Iowa growers to sell corn and stover**
- **Company plans further growth within the US and internationally**

Verbio launches ethanol production at its biorefinery plant in Nevada

Verbio has commenced the commercial production of corn-based ethanol at its biorefinery facility in Nevada. The plant, a subsidiary of Europe's leading biofuels and bioenergy producer Verbio SE, underwent a thorough commissioning process over the past six months resulting in the successful start of bioethanol production.

The completion of this second phase of the Nevada plant's strategy in the US market is the next milestone for the company. Operating as a full biorefinery, Verbio has installed a total capacity to produce 60 million gallons of corn-based ethanol per year and 2.3 million MMbtu of renewable natural gas (RNG).

"The start of ethanol production, in addition to our industrial-scale RNG operations since December 2021, means a landmark moment for us at Verbio," stated Verbio CEO Claus Sauter. "Bioenergy as a growing global market plays

a fundamental role in the transition toward sustainable mobility by providing RNG for transportation fuels, as well as for industrial and commercial uses."

NEW REVENUE STREAM FOR GROWERS AND ADDED VALUE FOR THE REGION

The production in Nevada added eight additional fermentation tanks, new equipment, a corn unloading facility and silo storage, as well as close to 50 full-time jobs. To secure feedstock for RNG and ethanol production, Verbio collaborates with local growers in the region. "By buying not only their ag residues, but as of now, also their corn, we are able to provide growers with additional revenue streams for their businesses. Our goal is to bring added value to the region. The sustainable production cycle we use at Verbio allows us to sell back high-quality co-products from our production, such as humus, two differ-

ent soil amendments and corn oil," explains Greg Faith, Verbio Nevada plant President and General Manager.

Verbio Nevada is the first industrial-scale plant in North America coupling RNG and bioethanol production. The Nevada, Iowa plant has been converting corn stover to RNG since 2021. By using an innovative biorefinery concept, Verbio is now able to expand its operations to the next level. This additional process combines both bioethanol and associated biomethane production from corn stillage, a by-product from the ethanol production. The interaction of RNG and ethanol production, unique to the Verbio brand, incorporates advanced technology developed and successfully used for more than a decade at the company's facilities in Germany. Globally, Verbio now operates three biorefinery plants based on the bioethanol-RNG concept and four stover based RNG plants.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT



October 29



September 15



CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

December 14



Volunteer With US!
Help with these events or
join a committee.

Email us at
director@mainstreetnevada.org

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" SERIES ON PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

HELD AT THE CAMELOT THEATER
FREE EVENT

"My Ascension" for Suicide Prevention

Film & Panel Discussion
October 21st, 6:30 PM

Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age

November 14th, 6:30PM

Collaboration with NCSD and The Red Shirt Foundation

Become an
Individual Supporter
of Main Street Nevada





Nevada FCCLA Members Attend National Conference in Seattle, Washington

Every year, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) hosts a national conference that brings together FCCLA members, advisers, and supporters from across the nation to learn, compete, and network. This summer, a group of dedicated FCCLA members from Nevada High School had the privilege of attending the National FCCLA Conference in Seattle, Wash.

Among the attendees, Payton Klein stood out as a National Access Scholarship winner, granting her the honor of attending the conference free of charge. Payton competed in the STAR Event category "Repurpose and Redesign," showcasing her creativity and ingenuity, which earned her a well-deserved Silver medal.

Joining Payton were Natalie Emery, Samantha Garcia, and Kaitlyn

McGaffin, who competed as a team in the STAR Event category "Event Management." Their teamwork and meticulous planning culminated in an impressive project that earned them a Silver medal. The recognition they received is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit.

The students didn't just compete; they fully immersed themselves in a variety of enriching experiences that the conference had to offer. They attended numerous sessions focused on leadership, and gaining valuable insights and skills, from effective communication and team-building to innovative problem-solving techniques.

Beyond the conference sessions, the group took the opportunity to explore some of Seattle's iconic landmarks. Their adventures included visits to

the bustling Public Market Center, where they marveled at the vibrant array of local produce and artisan goods. They also ascended the Space Needle, taking in breathtaking views of the city and its surroundings. To top off their trip, they attended a Seattle Mariners baseball game.

The trip to the National FCCLA Conference was an unforgettable journey filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. It provided the students with a unique platform to showcase their talents, learn from others, and make lasting memories.

Congratulations to Payton, Natalie, Samantha, and Kaitlyn for their remarkable achievements and for representing Nevada High School with pride and excellence.

NUTRITION UPDATES

As we start the new school year, we want to share important information about the NCS D Nutrition Program.

New Meal Prices

Central Elementary
Breakfast \$2.25 , Reduced .30
Lunch \$3.45 , Reduced .40

Nevada Middle & High School
Breakfast \$2.25, Reduced .30
Lunch \$3.55, Reduced .40

Adult Breakfast \$2.45 Lunch \$4.84

Benefit Applications

If you think that you may qualify for free or reduced meals you can sign up through Linq Connect at <https://linqconnect.com>. If you have not yet done so, you will need to set up an account. If you qualify for free or reduced meals, it allows the NCS D Nutrition Department to share your information with the NCS D Business Office to help with other school fees.

Meal Charge Policy

NCS D will be following the meal charge policy at <https://bit.ly/3OJumq5>. Please review the policy and at any time you have questions and/or need help with this, reach out to the nutrition department for assistance.

View Balance & Set Low Balance Reminder

You can set up an account to assist you in reviewing your account balance and set up low balance reminders. This can be done through Linq Connect at <https://linqconnect.com> as you set up your account.

Add Money to your Nutrition Account

There are several ways to add money to your nutrition account. You can pay by cash or check at your child's school, drop payment

off at the NCS D District Office, or add money to your account online at <https://nevadacubs.revtrak.net>. You will need your child's student ID number (which can be found in PowerSchool).

Menus

Breakfast at school is a great way to start your child's day. Breakfast is served daily, including late starts due to weather. This year we will have a combination of hot and cold items to pick from during the week. Your monthly menu can be found online at <https://bit.ly/nevadamenus>.

Diet Modifications

If your student is in need of a diet modification due to a medical need, please have your medical professional fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3Kx3mru>. Please review the filled out form with your building nurse, and they will communicate with the food service department.

PTA EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

September

9/9/2024
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

October

10/10/2024
Central Elementary Open House

10/14/2024
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

10/24/2024
6th grade skate party, 3:30-4:30 pm, Middle School

November

11/11/2024
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

November Continued

11/16/2024
VIP Glow Event, Central Elementary

11/19/2024 and 11/21/2024
Teacher Conference Meals

December

12/9/2024
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

January

1/6/2025
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

1/25/2025
VIP Snowflake Dance, Central Elementary

February

2/10/2025
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

2/13/2025
7th & 8th grade mixer, Middle School

2/18/2025 and 2/20/2025
Teacher Conference Meals

2/28/2025
PTA Carnival, Central Elementary

March

3/6/2025
5th Grade Skate Party, Middle School

3/10/2025
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

April

4/5/2025
STEM Event, Central Elementary

4/14/2025
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

May

5/12/2025
PTA meeting, 5:45 pm, Central Elementary Library

Saving Lives

FIRE DEPARTMENT SCORES GRANT FUNDS FOR CARDIAC MONITORS

The Nevada Fire Department and EMS team has become quite adept at securing grant funds to help pay for the many devices and necessities it takes to keep this community safe.

At the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting, Assistant Chief and Paramedic/Nurse Jeff Gilchrist told council members how a \$15,000 grant from Prairie Meadows has allowed the department to secure new cardiac monitors, which are vital to helping a person in the midst of cardiac arrest.

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, nine out of 10 people who have cardiac arrest outside of a hospital die. Residents of Nevada, however, have a greater chance of surviving one of these episodes due to the paramedic-level personnel and equipment offered by our volunteer fire department.

"In 2018, I approached Chief Reynolds with the idea of getting an EKG monitor that offered a multi-view of the heart and would help identify heart attacks," Gilchrist said. A gift from Mary Greeley Medical Center equipped the department with two monitors at that time. "Those monitors served us well," Gilchrist said, "...but they aren't being serviced anymore for parts, and we aren't sure how much longer they will work for us."

Department Lieutenant and Paramedic Ray Beaty saw that Prairie Meadows was taking applications for grants, but at the time he saw it, the department had only seven days to get an application in.

"I am now retired for the most part," Beaty said, "so I have some time to work on grants." He immediately went to work on the Prairie Meadows grant and was able to get it.

With the help of the grant award and a 50/50 percent partnership match from the City and the Nevada Fire Association*, the Nevada Fire Department now has two new LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillators. Valued at \$30,000 each, "these have a lot of capabilities," Gilchrist noted.

One of the monitors will be kept in the vehicle of the Fire Chief, who is often first on scene during daytime emergencies. The other will be kept in the department's EMS vehicle.

Beaty said there are some grants you get, some you don't, but he's very happy he was able to secure the Prairie Meadows grant.

"Fire and EMS departments rely on grants to help fund fire and medical equipment as cities are facing budget restraints," he said.

Fire Chief Ray Reynolds commended Beaty and Gilchrist for their continued work on behalf of the department. "The leadership in our EMS section is strong and you are directly responsible for our continued success."

The department has already experienced the joy of saving lives with its paramedic-level staffing and equipment. Reynolds wondered, as he considered the department's training and new equipment, "how many lives will be touched?"

**The Nevada Firefighters Inc. is the nonprofit 501c3 fundraising organization made up of fire department membership.*



Ray Beaty, left, and Jeff Gilchrist, both paramedics and leaders with the Nevada Fire Department's EMS team, hold one of two new cardiac monitors purchased for the department and made possible, in large part, due to a successful grant application. Beaty wrote a grant application to Prairie Meadows and the department was awarded \$15,000 to go toward the cardiac monitor purchase.

Nevada PSD lists bike inventory

PUBLIC HAS 60 DAYS TO CLAIM

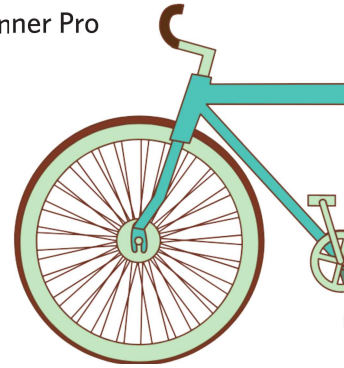
The bikes in this listing have been found and turned in to the Nevada Public Safety Department. If you are missing a bike, you need to come to Nevada City Hall and speak with a member of the police department to describe your bike in detail.

The Nevada Public Safety Department is required to publish the list of recovered bicycles and wait 60 day from this publication before disposing of them.

One thing the PSD advises to all bicycle owners is to have your bicycles registered with us, so that we can return them easily. It is FREE to register bicycles with the PSD.

Red Mongoose
Gold adult bike
Red Tony Hawk
Huffy multicolored
Red Rock Hopper
Huffy red, black, silver Stone Mountain
Genesis Mountain Bike
Black Huffy Net Lusso
Pink Mongoose
Blue Huffy Net Lusso
Blue and silver Mongoose
White black and blue Ambush

Blue Kent
Black and blue Sidewinder
Bronze and Black Victory Bike
Orange bike
Blue Huffy Trail Runner
Next White Gauntlet
Black Hyper Spinner Pro
Black Road Master
Black Huffy
Pink Roadmaster



Q&A with Director of Public Safety about stop signs and speed limits

A new 4-way stop sign will be placed at the corner of Sixth Street and E Avenue. Why is this needed?

Part of what the Public Safety Department does is monitor trends and try to improve the safety of the roadway. This can be anything from increased patrol and enforcement in areas of concern to recommending changes to what is currently in place. In this case, we have seen a drastic increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents at 6th Street and E Avenue. Many of these accidents are caused by traffic on E Avenue attempting to cross 6th Street and not having time and space available.

In this area, traffic usage on 6th Street has increased in 2024. This may be related to the new S-14 flyover bridge. The number of accidents warrant some form of modification. A stop sign will allow vehicles on E Avenue that are traveling east or west to be able to safely navigate the intersection. In addition, we have seen a backlog of vehicles attempting to turn east or west off of 6th Street. The stop sign should also provide a consistent opportunity for those vehicles to turn safely.

When will the additional stop signs go up? The 3rd, and final reading of the ordinance is Aug. 26. The ordinance should be published shortly after that and the signs should then be posted.

The speed limit between E Avenue and I Avenue on Sixth Street is going to be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. Why is this necessary? Knowing all motorists will be stopped at 6th Street and E Avenue, the consideration for 6th Street between E and I Avenue's speed allows for modification. Most residential areas are 25 mph (Lincoln Highway being 30 mph is the only variation). Knowing everything between E Avenue and I Avenue is residential, as well as the future growth in number of residents with the remodel of the old Story County Long Term Care facility, suggests the same speed limit. In addition, going from a stopped position at 6th Street and E Avenue, or traveling south from a stopped position at 6th Street and I Avenue, the vehicles would be accelerating to 35 mph over a short distance and then coming to an additional stop. The 25 mph limit allows for a slower increase in speed, thus allowing for quicker reaction time by the driver in the event a pedestrian was to enter the roadway.

When will the new speed limit go into effect? The 3rd, and final reading, will be on Sept. 9. The ordinance should be published shortly after that and the speed signs replaced.

Library Events & Programs

OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE BACK!

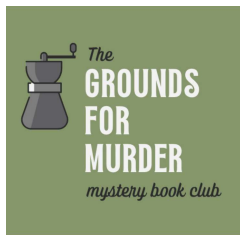
Toddler Time (ages 0-5) - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

NEW program, T.A.L.E.S. (Twins At the Library Enjoying Snacks)(4th-6th grade) - Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Lounge (7th-12th grade)- Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

STEAM Lab (K-3rd grade) - Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

OUR REGULAR MONTHLY ADULT EVENTS



Grounds for Murder Book Club - 1st Saturday of each month (Sept. 7) at 10 a.m.

Books After Dark Book Club - 3rd Tuesday of each month (Sept. 17) at 7 p.m.

Craft and Chat - 4th Thursday

(Sept. 26) of each month at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft project to work on!

SMALL TALK WITH RAISING READERS

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details!

MIDWEST AUTHOR SERIES

Thursday, September 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kali White VanBaale is the featured author for September. Kali has written three novels, most recently *The Monsters We Make*, an All Iowa Reads finalist. She also writes short stories, essays, and articles. She is the recipient of an American Book Award, an Eric Hoffer Book Award, and two State of Iowa major artist grants, among others. She is the managing editor of *The Past Ten* essay journal, and is a core faculty member of the Lindenwood University MFA in Creative Writing Program. She lives in Iowa with her family.



ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Monday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.

Come make a macramé wall hanging!

BEES & BEYOND

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Learn all about pollinators from Valerie Just and Laura Miller of Central Iowa Bee Keepers.



Bees & Beyond

COFFEE 101: FARM TO CUP

Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.

Juliana Zeledon from Down to Earth Coffee in Costa Rica will join us via Zoom.

BANNED BOOKS BINGO WITH ANNIE'S FOUNDATION

Monday, September 23, 5-8 p.m.

Kick off Banned Books Week (Sept. 22 - Sept. 28) with the Nevada Public Library and Annie's Foundation by celebrating the freedom to read with Banned Books Bingo!

Prizes include banned books, bookmarks, stickers, and more! This event is perfect for individuals, friends, and families of all ages!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 & 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nevada Library Basement, Handicap Accessible

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10am - 8pm
Tuesday	10am - 8pm
Wednesday	10am - 8pm
Thursday	10am - 8pm
Friday	10am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 4pm
Sunday	Closed

Learn more: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/nevadaia>



JOIN US FOR CROP WALK 2024

Help us Raise funds to fight hunger! Ask friends and family to donate funds to support your walk, donate funds yourself, and/or come to the walk with your lawn chair and enjoy lunch and music at Evergreen Lane while supporting our walkers with your donation. This is a great opportunity for families with young children, and if kids want, they can be doused with color at the end of the walk!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
EAT AT NOON, WALK AT 1 P.M.



EVERGREEN LANE, 1204 H AVENUE
WALK BEGINS AT EVERGREEN LANE AND HEADS TO SCORE PARK AND BACK

Talk to your church members about forming a team, ask your “besties” to walk, OR just show up and join our community team! You don’t have to belong to a local church to take part!

**ENDING
HUNGER**
**ONE STEP
AT A TIME**
CROP HUNGER WALK



New small business attraction funding announced

The City of Nevada, along with Main Street Nevada and the Nevada Economic Development Council, is pleased to announce a new funding program designed to support the attraction and expansion of small businesses within the community.

The goal of the “Revitalize Nevada Business Grants for Job Support, Growth, and Development” program is to encourage new businesses to locate within the city limits of Nevada, ultimately supporting job creation and business attraction and retention in the community.

The Nevada City Council and the Nevada Economic Development Council will provide funding for the program. Each organization is committing \$10,000 from their current budgets to support the new program. The program's utilization and effectiveness will be evaluated early next year to determine whether additional funds will be directed to it.

Applicants must provide a letter of interest along with a well-detailed business plan, including an executive summary of the business idea, market analysis and an overview of competitive strategy, operations, and management detail, and a financial overview (list of the financing sources, proposed start-up budget, and projected cash flows for the first two years).

Mayor Brett Barker explained, “We are excited to launch this new program to support the attraction of new business to Nevada as well as support the expansion and diversification of our existing small businesses. We are grateful for the partnership we have with both Main Street Nevada and the NEDC.”

Grant funds can be used for the following:

- Capital expenditures related to the purchase of a building in Nevada
- Building improvements (structural or aesthetic)
- Expenses relating to the purchase of machinery, equipment, or tools needed to operate the business
- Marketing or advertising campaigns
- Signage
- Utility expenses

The grant cannot fund:

- Payroll or employee compensation
- State, local, or federal tax obligations
- Fines related to health or safety violations



Because funds are limited, special consideration will be given to business prospects looking to start up one of the following businesses in Nevada:

- Restaurant, Deli, or other retail food service
- Recreational or entertainment venue
- Sporting goods, crafts, or hobby
- Product niche and/or gift store

Grants will be issued at a maximum of \$5,000 each. The funds are available until they have been exhausted for the current fiscal year.

For more information contact Main Street Executive Director for interest in the downtown district or NEDC Executive Director for interest outside of the downtown district. MSN Director Emily can be reached at director@mainstreetnevada.org or 515-382-6536; NEDC Director Brenda Dryer can be reached at brenda@amesalliance.com or 641-420-3556.



Returning to Nevada

Attention Nevadans: Just like the lyrics to the 1978 song, it "Looks like we got us a convoy!"

That's right, a convoy of military vehicles traveling the historic Jefferson Highway route, will be coming through Nevada in October, according to organizers John Varner and Charles "Chuck" Toney.

"We will be stopping for lunch in Nevada on Wednesday, Oct. 9," Toney confirmed.

Some residents may remember that this same group of military vehicles, MVPA (Military Vehicle Preservation Association) Convoy, traveled the Lincoln Highway and came through Nevada during the 2019 Lincoln Highway Days celebration (as pictured above). The timing was purely coincidental, but because they were coming through town, they joined in the Lincoln Highway Days parade that year, making it even bigger than usual.

"This is our 7th transcontinental convoy, and the first along the Jefferson Highway," Varner said. Along with the Lincoln Highway, which the group has traveled twice, other highways traveled include the

BankHead Highway, the Alaska Highway, Route 66, the Yellowstone Highway, and the NW Pacific Highway in 2022 (which was not a transcontinental trip).

The convoy coming through Nevada this October will be traveling from the US border with Canada to New Orleans to celebrate and boost the original Jefferson Highway National Route. Varner and Toney expect 35 to 45 historic military vehicles and 85 to 100 people to be part of it.

"Stopping in small towns and meeting fellow Americans in order to display our historical military vehicles and to honor all veterans," Toney said, are the things participants enjoy most. "One does not really know and understand our great country until one drives around 30 mph down historic backroads, where you can hear the cows 'moo' and the children laugh, and meet every-day Americans in their hometowns."

Varner and Toney hope Nevada residents will take time to visit with them in front of City Hall as they pass through the community. To talk with members of the

MVPA - OUR MISSION

Established in 1976, the non-profit MVPA is dedicated to providing an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport.

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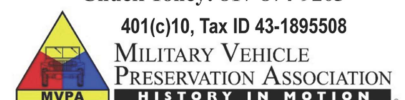
With over 7,000 members worldwide, including nearly 100 local Affiliate Groups from around the world, the MVPA connects you to a network of fellow enthusiasts eager to assist you with vehicles, parts, and information. Vital reference materials, including hundreds of books and manuals, and thousands of original vehicle blueprints are available through the MVPA Supply Room and Historical Archives.

The MVPA is a registered U.S.A. non-profit 501(C)10. Donations can be made to: "MVPA Historical Archives, Convoy Donation" MVPA, PO Box 520378, Independence, MO 64055.

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convoy, Varner said, is to "learn that we're ALL Americans interested in keeping this country great as our forefathers did. They will see historic military vehicles (and learn of the veterans) that helped fight and win wars for this country."

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

LEGION TACO NIGHT

Sept. 3, 4:45-6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post

BINGO

Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
American Legion Post
\$5 a packet plays all games

NEVADA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Sept. 4, 1-6 p.m.
Gates Hall
Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Sign up with LifeServe, call 1-800-287-4903 or drop in.

SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

Sept. 5, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Sept. 6 & 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

Sept. 9, 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

Sept. 9 & 23, 6 p.m.
City Hall

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Fish Fry with an alternate hot roast beef sandwich. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sept. 14, 7-10:30 a.m.
Memorial Lutheran Church
Free-will donation accepted for meal

NEVADA FARMERS MARKET (final market of 2024)

Sept. 15, 12-3 p.m.
Main Street District

CAMELOT MOVIE

Sept. 15, 2 & 6 p.m.
Showing "Beetlejuice"

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium

HOMECOMING PARADE

Sept. 17, 6 p.m.
Starts in the downtown area and ends at the high school

MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m.
Harmony Closet, 1122 6th St.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN STORY COUNTY

Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas, Ames
All county residents invited to this presentation on how the Story County Housing Trust is focused on improving affordable housing in Story County. Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Story County & Ames Public Library

CAMELOT SHOW

Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Rock-n-Roll Comedian Jack Willhite performs

CAMELOT MOVIE

Sept. 22, 2 & 6 p.m.
Sept. 24 & 25, 2 p.m.
Showing "Viva Las Vegas"

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Sept. 24, 5-7 p.m.
Story Medical Center
Learn more about the services your local hospital provides. The event is free to attend and will include free health screenings, activities for kids, door prizes and refreshments.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Serving cheesy chicken spaghetti or baked spaghetti, peas, salad, garlic bread, desserts and drinks. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)