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NEVADA COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUNGER GENERATION TO GET INVOLVED

It's a busy month in Nevada! From Pizza Pie Looza to Nevada High School graduation to Memorial Day, there is a lot to get out and do as we start the "almost summer" season.

We'd like to focus for a moment on Memorial Day and the wonderful ceremonies our community has enjoyed on that day for many years. Tradition in Nevada is to have a flag raising and introduction of military inductees at the old courthouse, now Story Administration Building, on 6th Street, followed by a procession on Lincoln Highway to the cemetery, with a service and speaker at the city cemetery. To get ready for the day, a group of committed volunteers meets through the late winter and spring to plan for the events, and then they work with volunteers to put up and take down flags, prepare for speakers, line up the high school band for music, prepare for a lunch at the Legion, etc.

Many of these committed Patriotic Council members aren't going to mind us saying this — they're getting older, and in many cases don't have the stamina to continue to do all that they've done for so many years. They truly need younger citizens to get involved and help carry this time-honored tradition into the coming years. Memorial Day is all about recognizing those who've made the ultimate sacrifice and served in our armed forces. BUT, you don't have to be affiliated with the military to serve on the Patriotic Council.

While the current council is made up of many who have a connection to the military, anyone in the community who has a respect for those who have served and sees the importance of continuing this time-honored tradition is welcome to join the planning team. Let this become your way of giving back.

If interested, you have two opportunities this month to show up and become a part. The committee will meet at the Legion Post, 1331 6th St., on Thursdays, **May 8** and **May 22**, starting at 7 p.m.

ON THE COVER: Matt Runge, CEO/Owner of OnTrack Construction (Photo by Eric Smidt/Ames Regional Economic Alliance, Story by Marlys Barker, City of Nevada)

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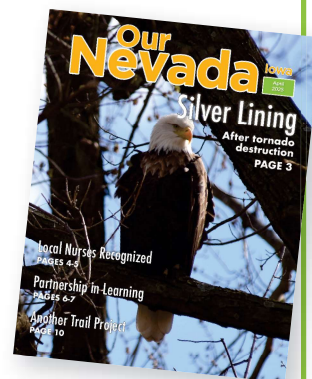
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



Nevada business continues growth

As OnTrack Construction moves into its eighth year in business, CEO/Owner Matt Runge believes the future holds not only continued growth for his business, but also an increasing ability for his company to support the community and important causes.

"We like to give," Runge said, but more importantly, he added, "we want our contributions to make an impact."

OnTrack, which specializes in underground sewer and water main construction, has made an impact in the local community, giving substantial support to events like Pizza Pie Looza, Nevada Community Rodeo, Swinging for a Cure leukemia fundraiser, and other school and community causes. The recent Valentine's Day dinner/concerts at Gatherings with featured country singers were supported by OnTrack.

"Some of our giving back is about supporting activities that give local people things to do here," Runge said. He also likes that in many cases, OnTrack is working with or supporting smaller businesses in the community through these events.

All of this "giving" certainly impacts a company's bottom line, and that's why Runge thinks about the company's ability to give in each circumstance. But what you often can't see, he noted, is the intangible benefits that come from being involved and supporting your community.

"There was a time when people here didn't know who we were. Then you start showing support for the community, and show that you're rooted in the community, and people start to know that you are



Matt Runge

here and that you are going to be here," he said.

Three years ago, Runge was featured in a local business story after opening his new office structure in the West Industrial Park, and much has been happening in the past three years.

Take for instance the 24 acres the company purchased in the West Park, not only for its own future growth, but to potentially sell to other businesses that would become their closest neighbors. "We subdivided the property and put in a road and infrastructure, and we now have sold one lot to a business that will supply 'contractors' condo' units." Construction of the building for that business is complete.

Runge said he plans to sell two more lots, but will keep the rest of the land for OnTrack, because it's definitely growing.

In the final quarter of 2024, OnTrack started a new business, Highmark Trucking, which is a separate entity, born out of a need OnTrack was seeing. "We were hiring so many trucks to haul dirt and rock, so we decided to jump in with a couple trucks of our own," he said.

Along with dump trucks, they added a specialty vac truck and trailer, which will primarily be used to locate buried utilities. "These are high dollar trucks, and we

got ours late last year. We plan to grow this part of our business because of the need for vac services."

Runge is also proud of a grant that OnTrack received which paid much of the cost to put in a solar field just north of the building. "That will greatly reduce our monthly power bills and any extra power it produces will go back on the grid," he said.

The company is also seeing employment growth, up about 10 employees (they are now between 35 and 45) in the past three years. "We're also exploring the idea of adding a concrete division to pour streets, driveways, and sidewalks. This will add more employees."

It's the core group of employees that make what Runge is doing today more enjoyable than when he first started his business. "I've learned that putting people in roles and making sure you step back and not micro-manage ... puts you a lot further ahead. Let them do their job and grow." Runge also enjoys the implementation of an "idea" initiative that was started at his company, challenging employees to provide input of new ideas, big or small, that all help to keep the company moving forward.

OnTrack is doing business all over Central Iowa and its employee base is from all over this region.

As far as choosing Nevada as the company's home, Runge has no regrets. "Nevada has been great. It's a friendly place to have a business." He also noted that building a new headquarters in Nevada was much more affordable than if he'd done so in the Des Moines metro area.

With May being the month of celebrating Economic Development Week (May 11-17), Nevada Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer believes Runge and OnTrack Construction are a shining example of a business that is doing great things.

"We are grateful that they call Nevada home and continue to invest in their people and our community," Dryer said.

Quietly Shining Light

ROTARY CLUB
CREATES A
PLACE TO REFLECT

For those who enjoy fishing in Nevada's community ponds, you may wonder, "Who is Denny's Dock — located at the pond along 19th Street — named for?"

Its namesake is Dennis R. Skinner, who was a local businessman with a legacy of giving back.

Denny, as everyone called him, owned a local accounting/finance business, and was a husband, a father and grandfather, a friend, and a devout Rotarian. He spent most of his youth in Perry, Iowa, where he met his future wife, Kathy. Both graduates of Perry High School, the two attended Iowa State University, where they married while still students. That marriage was 55 years strong at the time of Denny's passing on May 30, 2023.

Kathy remembered living at Pammel Court with their cute baby girl. "We were extremely poor. I worked every night at the Iowa State library, and Denny had several jobs with different departments. But it was a good time."

After graduating, the two left Iowa to pursue the "California Dream, whatever that was," she said. Denny worked for Bank of America. But after a year in California, they returned to Iowa. "We missed the green grass and black dirt and our families," Kathy said.

Denny worked several banking jobs, returned to Drake for his Master's Degree, and eventually started his own financial business in Nevada in 1980. They lived southwest of Nevada in the rural area. Their children, Emmi and Josh, attended Nevada

Schools, so Denny chose Nevada as the community where he could become involved, and Nevada Rotary became an important part of his life. "It was through Rotary that he realized what he could do for people here and around the world," Kathy said.

Rotary is one of several wonderful civic clubs that people can belong to in Nevada. Rotary International is a world-wide organization, and Denny was committed to the success of Rotary locally and in Iowa. He held officer positions in the Nevada club and was also elected as a District Governor for the broader region of Rotary in 2003-04.

His wife and daughter Emmi, also members of Nevada Rotary, say Denny very much enjoyed helping others become leaders in the organization, taking a page from his own Rotary mentor, Willis Shaw's playbook. "Willis, as a secretary for the local group, served as a stable, guiding force and was impactful," Kathy said. Even though Denny had held higher offices, in more recent years, he preferred to serve as the Nevada club's secretary where he could continue to mentor newer members.

One of those he mentored was Christa Skaggs, past president of Nevada Rotary. "To this day I am still learning about some of his initiatives for both our local community and globally," Christa said. "To know Denny was to appreciate his remarkable character; he truly embodied integrity. He was a humble guy with a warm smile and a genuine commitment to service. Although I am only familiar with a fraction of his extensive contributions, it is evident that most of his impactful work was carried out behind the scenes."

Denny's wife and daughter echo what Christa said, admitting there wasn't much said about Denny's accomplishments while he was alive, because he preferred to do things quietly. "He never asked for accolades," Emmi said.

Kathy believes one of Denny's most impactful contributions to Rotary was starting a Jr. Rotarian program at Nevada, the only one in the state. "Those youth have enlivened the local club," Kathy said.

Outside of Rotary and his business, Denny enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his daughter, his son, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also had two major pastimes he loved, riding his Harley Davidson and fishing, both of which came with his love of traveling.

Kathy said fishing was something he had done with his father and brother for many years, going to a place they loved in Canada. Denny enjoyed taking his son and grandsons to that same fishing spot. Kathy and Emmi laugh about how little they knew about what happened on those fishing trips. All that the men would ever say about their trips was that they fished and talked about fishing.

Christa Skaggs knew about Denny's love of fishing, and as the Rotary Club made plans for sponsoring the pond along 19th Street, which has been designated, "Rotary Pond," Christa was planning a special remembrance to honor Denny.

"There was no better way to remember him," Christa said. "It was evident that, aside from his family, Denny had a strong passion for three primary activities, Rotary, fishing and riding his motorcycle with his SABA group. The dock is particularly significant, as it allows us to honor him by incorporating all of his passions, Rotary, fishing, and it was built by Rhett Faaborg, Denny's close friend, who was part of the SABA motorcycle group."

The Rotary club has plans for a few more amenities at the pond. Residents are encouraged to watch for those additions.

Kathy, Emmi and Josh say they feel "honored" with the Rotary Club remembering Denny with the dock. "He would have loved it," Emmi said. And with the pond being not far from the office that Denny once worked in and where Emmi now works, she sometimes walks to the pond and sits at Denny's Dock for a few quiet moments. "I know if he were still alive, he'd be there often," she added.

Denny's Dock is located at the pond behind the Field House along 19th Street.



Rising Leaders

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Starting a Youth Leadership program has been on Main Street Nevada's list of goals. Last month we graduated our first class! This wasn't just a Nevada project, however. Rising Leaders was formed in collaboration with Ames Regional Economic Alliance and Story City Greater Chamber Connection. Ten high school students participated from four area schools — Nevada, Boone, Ames and Colo-Nesco. Much like the Leadership Nevada program, these students participated once a month during the school year, with each session covering a different topic. With a focus on jobs after high school, the students got to learn more about careers in healthcare, agriculture, local government, law enforcement, entrepreneurship, and about how to interview well. The students also visited DMACC in Ames. Rising Leaders aims to show students possibilities for careers right here in Story County and the importance of being a well-connected citizen of their community.





Report a Crossing

CITIZENS' INPUT IS NECESSARY FOR RAILROAD OFFICIALS TO PRIORITIZE REPAIRS/CHANGES

At each railroad crossing in Nevada, you will find a little blue sign with two important numbers. The phone number is consistent on every sign: 1-800-848-8715. Keep that phone number handy.

The "X-ing" number is unique to each crossing location, and when you call in to report a problem or emergency, you need to give the "X-ing" number for the location you are referring to. You may also go directly to this website to make a report: <https://www.up.com/aboutup/reference/whotocall/>.

Why does the City of Nevada, IA, want you to pay attention to these numbers and keep the toll-free phone number handy on your phone?

Because Union Pacific officials tell us that crossings which have more citizen-reported problems, concerns and/or complaints are more likely to be prioritized for repairs and/or attention by the railroad.

If you feel that things are getting rough or unsafe at one of the Nevada crossings, report the crossing (X-ing) number by phone or through the website link given above. Here is a list of the crossing numbers for your reference (note, each number contains six numerals and one letter):

- **2nd Street, North Tracks: #190695J**
- **6th Street, North Tracks: #190694C**
- **8th Street, North Tracks: #190693V**
- **10th Street, North Tracks: #190692N**
- **19th Street, South Tracks: #876075U**
- **11th Street, South Tracks: #876074M**
- **8th Street, South Tracks: #190698E**
- **6th Street, South Tracks: 876070K**

**City offices will be closed Monday,
May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.
Offices will re-open Tuesday,
May 27, at 8 a.m.**

Let's Talk Tree Trimming

Residents do have a responsibility when it comes to their trees, especially those trees that are in what's called the "parking" space, which is the part of the street, avenue or highway that is not covered by sidewalk and lies between the lot line and the curb line; or on unpaved streets, that part of the street, avenue or highway lying between the lot line and the portion of the street usually traveled by vehicles.

By ordinance (151.03 DUTY TO TRIM

TREES) the requirements of tree trimming are outlined in the City Code.

Here is the basic guideline:

Property owners must trim the trees on their property that overhang the street so that all branches are at least **15 feet** above the surface of the street and **8 feet** above the surface of any sidewalks.

If you fail to keep your trees trimmed as the ordinance requires, the City may serve you a notice that you have



FIVE days to do so. At that point, if you do not trim, the City may do the trimming and assess you the cost.

Volunteer opportunity in the garden

We're looking for volunteers to help make Nevada's Community Garden thrive! Whether you're an experienced master gardener or maybe your green thumb isn't so green, we welcome all who'd like to help. Our donation garden provides fresh produce to our local food banks and free meal organizations in Nevada.

Join us for planting, weeding, and watering — or just come to learn and meet fellow gardening enthusiasts. All are welcome, and we encourage volunteers to enjoy the fruits of their labor with fresh veggies to take home as well. Contact Luke at Nevadacommunitygarden@gmail.com to get started.

If you'd like to work in your own personal plot, we offer both raised and in-ground rental plots for anyone to rent for their own use. Cost is \$20-30 for the season. For more information or to sign up, send an email to nevadacommunitygarden@gmail.com.

Trail System Safety

With spring and warmer weather approaching, we want to stress a few trail safety/use items for the public.

- **Allowed Uses:** The trail system is for pedestrian and bicycle traffic only. No golf carts or UTVs are allowed on the trails.
- **Respect Other Users:** Be aware of other trail users and yield the right-of-way when necessary.
- **Stay on the Trail:** Stick to designated paths to prevent erosion and minimize environmental impact.
- **Control Your Pace:** Use safe speeds and be mindful of other users, especially around corners or in areas with limited visibility.
- **Mind Your Pets:** Keep pets leashed and under control. Pick up any waste from your pet.
- **Be Alert:** Pay attention to your surroundings and be aware of potential hazards. Be aware of blind spots along the trail and slow down as you approach curves, corners, bridges, etc.
- **Communicate:** Use clear communication, such as calling out when passing or using a bell on a bike, to alert others of your presence.
- **Yield to Uphill Traffic:** If you encounter someone going uphill, yield to them.
- **Stand Aside:** If you are stopped on the trail, please stand aside so others can safely get past.

CITY EMPLOYEE NEWS

Newest officer is a North Polk grad

Broc Davidson, a 2018 graduate of nearby North Polk High School, is the newest member of the Nevada Public Safety Department/Nevada Police Department.

Already a certified police officer, Broc was sworn in March 10, during the Nevada City Council meeting and can now go directly into the police department's training.



Broc grew up in Elkhart, and after high school, he attended DMACC, where he earned an Associate's Degree in criminal justice.

"I wanted to help people and serve a community. Helping people is what I'm good at, and law enforcement is an honorable profession," he said about his choice of career.

Broc's first officer job after college was with the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

After getting married, he and his wife, Courtney, settled in Ames, and he took a job briefly with the Iowa State University Police.

He's now excited to start work in Nevada. "Nevada reminds me of home... it's a nice small town." Davidson has been in Nevada before, especially during high school when he wrestled and ran cross country. "I love the original Starbucks, and that my sister lives here." Alyssa Davidson is his sister who resides in Nevada.

While somewhat familiar with the town, Davidson admits that learning all the streets will be an early challenge for him in the job. The other personal challenge for him, he admitted, will be getting better at communication.

Consider being of service to the City

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, Public Arts Advisory Commission, and Senior Community Center Board. These volunteers are community-minded people, willing to give of their time and talents to make our community better for everyone who lives here.

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: cityof-nevadaiaowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application.

Library News

Notice

Regular Youth Programs ON HOLD
Monday, May 5 through Friday, June 6, in preparation for SUMMER!

Regular Monthly Adult Events

Grounds for Murder Book Club,
first Saturday, 10 a.m.

Books After Dark Book Club, third
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Craft and Chat, fourth Thursday,
10 a.m.

Sweet Reads Romance Book Club,
third Saturday, 10 a.m. (NEW TIME)

**Library will be CLOSED Saturday,
May 10, for Pizza-Pie-Looza!**

**Human
Trafficking
Prevention
Education for
Teens & Adults**
Wednesday,
May 21, 6 p.m.
in Nevada
Public Library
Meeting Room



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Nevada Public Library staff is happy to announce the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge: Level Up at your Library!

Studies show that children in third to fifth grades lose a significant amount of their school-year gains in reading and math during the summer break. That's why we created an eight-week program of reading and fun activities for children and teens. Younger kids, as well as teenagers, will be able to partake in weekly reading challenges as well as library programs.

Registration will begin after Memorial Day. Stop at the library to sign up or come to our kick-off event outside of the library on June 7 from 10 a.m.-noon. There will be free books, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk! These fun activities should get everyone in the mood for the summer program and all that can be enjoyed while school is not in session!

Find out more about all library programs: nevada.lib.ia.us

Community events to look forward to in the near future

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD

Join Nevada's "Hometown Heroes" as they face off against athletes from Iowa State University in a charity no-glove softball event at the Nevada High School Baseball Field at SCORE. The event will happen Friday, May 9, starting at 6 p.m. All proceeds from the event will support Charlie's Angels fundraising team for Cystic Fibrosis research in Iowa.



Tickets are \$10 per person (children 3 and under free) for the ballgame which will feature great food, silent auction items, live auction items and fun. See who will throw out the first pitch! Take part in the "fifth" inning stretch! And if it rains, we'll still hold a "Meet, Greet & Eat" event with Iowa State's athletes and coaches inside the Field House!

PIZZA PIE LOOZA

Get ready for Pizza Pie Looza 2025, featuring an evening concert with Terri Clark, BlackHawk and Bryan White in front of City Hall. The event will take place Saturday, May 10.

Afternoon happenings in the Main Street District will include music performers on the free stage and kids' activities, all starting at 1 p.m. The event will feature many food and treat vendors, including past favorites and a few newcomers. No admission tickets are needed to enjoy the afternoon offerings.

Evening concert gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for the evening concert at pizzapielooza.com or in Nevada at RE/MAX Concepts, 1124 6th St.

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

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

The concert season starts Tuesday, June 3. The remaining concert dates are June 10, June 17, June 24, and July 1. The July 1 concert will feature patriotic music. On July 4, a small group of musicians will participate in Nevada's 4th of July parade.

The Nevada Community Band is always looking to invite new band members to join. The emphasis is on the community aspect of the band. The band is in particular need of saxophone and clarinet players. Starting on June 2, rehearsals are held on Monday evenings in the Nevada High School Band room from 7-8 p.m. Music is chosen that will entertain the audience and be true to the rich tradition of community bands in Iowa. If you want to join the Nevada Community Band, please contact Wade Presley at pres64@gmail.com.

MUSIC AT THE MANSION

Music at the Mansion will happen again this year at Evergreen Lane on Saturday, June 14, from 4-9 p.m.

The headliner for this year's event is The June Bugs of Des Moines with special guest, Nevada's own Neil Hewitt.

At the time this was printed, the committee was planning for the Story County Cattle Producers to serve food,

and also for Chocolaterie Stam and The Cellar Winery to be on site as vendors.

This event is free to attend, but monetary donations to the Nevada Historical Society will be accepted and appreciated. Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy music and socializing.

NEVADA ALUMNI REUNION

The 147th Nevada High School Alumni gathering is planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29.

Saturday will start early in the day, 8 a.m., with a breakfast at the high school, followed by a tour of facilities. A ticket for \$8 is required for the breakfast.

Other events on Saturday include Coffee and Snacks Time and Town Trivia, offered by the Nevada Historical Society.

The Saturday evening dinner/banquet at Gates Hall will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a program, which will feature speakers from classes celebrating their five-year incremental reunions. A \$25 ticket per person is required for the dinner.

On Sunday afternoon, there will be a tour of Evergreen Lane.

Reservations are requested for any or all of the events by June 16. You can text 515-291-4733 or 515-238-5053 or email: kls.alumni@icloud.com to make reservations. Payment is acceptable by check or through VENMO.

Find out more about this year's Alumni Weekend on the Facebook page called: Nevada Alumni Association CELEBRATING EVERY 4TH SAT. OF JUNE.

Beem to be honored this year

The Patriotic Council has selected World War II Veteran Cal Beem as this year's Honorary Parade Marshal.

Cal (pictured) was born in Clome, S.D. His family moved frequently when he was a child, living in South Dakota, Missouri, and Iowa. He spent his high school years in Ferguson, Iowa.

Cal was attending a motion picture with his parents in Marshalltown when he heard about the Pearl Harbor bomb attack. He knew he wanted to fight, but he was too young. Once he turned 18, he quit school in his senior year to enlist. He wanted to enlist in the Marines, but their quota was full, so he chose the Navy.

Basic training was at the Farragut Naval Training station near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was later assigned to the LST 454 and the South Pacific Theater. The LST (Landing Ship Tank) was designed to land directly on the shore, to unload troops and equipment without the need for piers or cranes. This was a new idea in naval warfare and was part of the 7th Amphibious Force. Cal's job on ship was diesel mechanic in the engine room. His battle station was on the 20mm point gun on the starboard side of the ship.

Cal and the LST 454 participated with invasions in New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Hollandia, Leyte and Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines, ending with the Balikpapan operation in Indonesia. With

a total of 23 invasions, the LST 454 earned eight battle stars.

Once the LST 454 was retired, Cal was assigned to the LCI 639, another amphibious ship in the South Pacific. Here he supervised a group of new recruits that they took to Quam on a munitions operation. Cal left the Navy in January 1946 and returned to Iowa.

Cal was a farmer for many years in the Marshalltown area, making his first connection with Nevada through Hertz Farm Management. He later worked at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown, where he met and married his wife, Linda. They have a combined family of five children, 12 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. They moved to Nevada in 1982, where Cal established a small lawn business. They became involved in their community. Cal has served on the City Council and has been commander of both the American Legion Post and the VFW Post. He and fellow veterans worked to establish the Nevada Community Flag Replacement Fund to help keep the flags flying in Nevada. He still is a member of their board and attends their quarterly meetings. In addition, he is still active in the Nevada Patriotic Council. However, having recently observed his 100th birthday, Cal now prefers to spend his time on more leisurely activities, such as relaxing with his wife and family while traveling and cruising.



Memorial Day Services in Nevada May 26, 2025

Flag Raising & introduction of new military inductees, 9:45 a.m. at Story County Administration Building

Procession to Cemetery

Program at Cemetery, starting at approximately 10 a.m. (if weather is indement, services will be at Community Building on fairgrounds)

After program, lunch will be served at American Legion

***VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help put up and take down flags on Memorial Day Weekend!

To help put up flags, meet at Key Coop on Lincoln Highway by cemetery, at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24.

To help take down flags, meet at Key Coop on Monday, May 26 at 4 p.m.

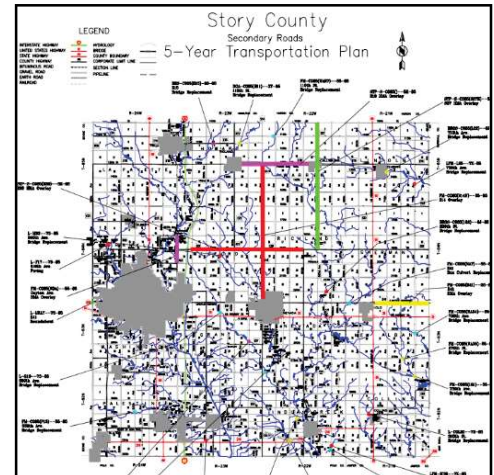
The Nevada Patriotic Council plans these events and can use more members. If you are available, please come to meetings on May 8 and May 22, 7 p.m. at the American Legion.

Focus on Public Service

Celebrated the first full week in May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is a time set aside to honor those who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. Throughout the nation and the world, public servants use this occasion to educate others about the work they do and why they have chosen public service careers, as well as the many ways government services make life better for all of us. Follow our Story County social media platforms throughout the first week of May to learn more about some of our public servants!

Five-year road construction program

The Story County Secondary Road Construction Program is updated each year at the same time the budget is approved by Story County. This usually occurs during the first part of the year. You can view the adopted program online at: <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6054/DRAFT---5-Year-Secondary-Road-Construction-Program-PDF> and look at the map to see where and when projects are scheduled at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6052/DRAFT---5-Year-Secondary-Road-Construction-Program-Map-PDF>.



Boat renewals due by June 30

The Story County Recorder's Office would like to remind boat owners in Iowa that all current boat registrations expired April 30, 2025. Boat registrations are required to be renewed by June 30, 2025. Any vessel not re-

newed by that date will incur penalty.

Please call the Recorder's Office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and we will give you your exact amount due. You can pay in-person at the Administration Building, mail a check, or call

with your card payment information at 515-382-7230.

The Story County Recorder's Office is located on the ground level of the Administration Building in Nevada.

Volunteer drivers needed

Veterans who are eligible for VA health care benefits are also eligible for transportation

to their VA-authorized health care appointments through the Veteran Transportation Services (VTS) program.

Through this VTS program, Story County Veterans Affairs provides rides for Veterans living within Story County to these important (non-emergency) health care appointments. However, to provide this amazing service to our Veterans, we need help from our invaluable volunteers!

Please call Veterans Affairs Director Zack Skelton, (515) 956-2626, for more information on how YOU can become qualified to join our volunteer transportation team!



Volunteer Drivers Needed for Veterans



Story County buildings and offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 27, at 8 a.m.



A Continued Commitment to Delivering Services for Women

Story Medical Clinic providers offer an array of services for women at every stage of life

With the recent retirement of longtime OB/GYN Dr. Tim Leeds, some may be wondering what the future holds for women's health services at Story Medical.

The good news: Women's care remains a priority, and the Story Medical provider team continues to offer a broad range of services tailored specifically to women at every stage of life.

"As a family medicine provider, I want women in our community to know that comprehensive care is still here," says Dr. Audra Poterucha, a physician at Story Medical Clinic—Nevada. "From adolescence through menopause and beyond, we're equipped to provide the support, guidance, and medical expertise women need."

Care That Spans Every Age and Stage

Story Medical's team of family medicine providers—including female providers Dr. Poterucha, Jyl Wonnell, PA-C, and Michelle Jans, PA-C—offer personalized, one-on-one care that meets women where they are in life.

Whether it's a teenager navigating her first wellness visit, a young adult exploring birth control options, or a woman entering perimenopause with questions about hormone changes, Story Medical offers a welcoming and judgment-free space for care.

"We see patients across the lifespan," says Dr. Poterucha. "It's important for women to know that they don't need to look outside of Nevada for exceptional care. We can provide much of what they need right here, close to home."

Core Services That Matter Most

The women's health services available through Story Medical are wide-ranging and include:

- Well-woman exams and pap smears
- Period and menstrual management
- Diagnosis and treatment of vaginal infections and STIs
- Contraceptive counseling and management, including IUD and Nexplanon placement
- Perimenopause and menopause support, including hormone replacement therapy
- Non-surgical management of urinary incontinence

"We tailor care to each patient's needs," Dr. Poterucha says. "Our goal is to ensure that every woman feels heard, respected, and cared for. We're also moms, so we understand the physical and emotional transition that young women are navigating."

Strong Local Partnerships for Comprehensive Support

While the Story Medical provider team offers a wide range of in-clinic women's health services, they also work closely with area OB/GYN specialists to ensure continuity of care when surgical or specialty consultation is needed.

Additionally, Story Medical partners with 21st Century Rehab to offer pelvic floor therapy—an important option for many women dealing with post-partum or age-related pelvic health concerns.

"We've built strong referral relationships with trusted specialists," Dr. Poterucha notes. "If you need additional care, we'll make sure you're connected to the right resource. But in many cases, your primary care provider can handle a lot of what you need."

Your Partner in Women's Health

The retirement of Dr. Leeds marks the end of an era, but not the end of high-quality women's health care at Story Medical.

"We want women to know—we're still here for you," says Dr. Poterucha. "We've got the training, the compassion, and the continuity of care to support you through life's changes."

To schedule an appointment, call 515-382-5413 or visit storymedical.org to learn more.

News & Notes

LEEDS MOVES INTO RETIREMENT

After decades of dedicated service in central Iowa, Dr. Tim Leeds has officially retired. His last day at Story Medical Clinic - Nevada was March 24.



Dr. Leeds—in his signature red sneakers—joined Story Medical in 2018 and quickly became a trusted provider and colleague. His calm, compassionate approach to women's health care has made a lasting impact on countless lives.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Leeds all the best in retirement—and in thanking him for his many years of exceptional care. You'll be missed, Dr. Leeds!

SENIOR CARE IS THRIVING

Our new Senior Care facility is open and thriving! With private rooms and home-like spaces, we're proud to set a new standard for senior care in Story County.

Learn more about our compassionate services at storymedical.org/senior-care.

CAREERS AT STORY MEDICAL

If you are looking for a new career in a friendly work environment, look no further than 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 apply online 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, X and Instagram!



6th Graders Take Charge at JA Biztown

Sixth-grade students recently stepped into the world of adulthood at JA BizTown, an immersive learning experience designed to teach financial literacy and workplace skills. Throughout the day, participants worked in a variety of businesses, managed budgets, paid taxes, and even issued paychecks to their employees. They learned essential life skills such as cashing checks, understanding insurance, and making smart financial decisions. The simulated tax rate for the event was set at 2 percent.

Before assuming their roles at JA Biztown, students had worked for months preparing for the day. They applied for their top three preferred positions, participated in job interviews, and studied financial literacy.

Once students arrived at JA Biztown, in Des Moines, students took on roles across the town to run the community. At the town hall, students worked diligently to process tax payments. Students took on various roles such as mayor, insurance agent, CEO and CFO of local businesses, town disc jockeys, and representatives from utility companies, hospitals, logistics firms, and non-profit



organizations. One standout project was the construction team's contribution to the community—a newly built bench for community members to enjoy.

Students embraced a variety of responsibilities at Biz-Town, from building and writing for the local magazine to managing businesses and services. Students who worked in the publishing center, shown at right, are the ones who wrote and contributed to the layout of this article.



Reflecting on the experience, Bree Oetker shared, "It was amazing. We got to choose what we spent our money on, we got breaks during our jobs, and we got to experience what it was going to be like in the future." Jaycee Robinson added, "We had to pay bills and pay our coworkers, just like in a real-life business!"

The day concluded with a group photo and heartfelt thank-you's, marking the end of an educational and exciting opportunity that was enjoyed by all.

25 Years of Glory: Soccer Celebration

It has been 25 years since the Nevada High School boys' soccer team clinched the Class 1A State Spring Soccer Championship. To celebrate this milestone, former team members will reunite on May 10 at the Nevada High School soccer tournament, reflecting on their championship journey and reconnecting with teammates.

A special recognition ceremony for the 2000 team will take place at 9:45 a.m. at the high school stadium field, where players will be honored for their historic achievement. The community is encouraged to attend and show their support, not only at the ceremony but also throughout the tournament.



Following the morning's events, the celebration will continue at Cubbies On Main at noon, offering fans, friends, and families a chance to meet the players, share memories, and enjoy the lasting legacy of the team's success. Whether at the field or in town, residents are invited to join in commemorating this special anniversary with Nevada's soccer champions.

2025-2026 School Year Registration

On May 19-30, registration will be open to sign your children up for the 2025-2026 school year!

REGISTRATION RESOURCES

Registration Website: <https://nevada.powerschool.com/public>
New families to the district - send an email to registration@nevadacubs.org to get started.

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

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

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



Last Day of School



Friday, May 30 will be the last day of school for students this year, and will be a two-hour early out.

Free Summer Meals!

Breakfasts and lunches are available at no cost to children 1-18 this summer! This program is 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 1 through 18 eats free!

All meals are served on site and must be eaten on site. No grab-and-go options are available.

Monday-Thursdays, June 9 - July 17 (closed July 4) at the Nevada High School Cafeteria

Breakfast served from 8-8:30 a.m.

Lunch served from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

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

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

STORY MEDICAL BOARD of TRUSTEES

May 1, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

May 2 & 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

CAMELOT FAMILY MOVIE

May 3, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Movie TBD

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL PROM

May 3

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

May 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall

TACO TUESDAY

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

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

May 9, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
*Enjoy fish or an alternate main course.
Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age
10 and under)*

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD

May 9, 6 p.m.
High School Baseball Field at SCORE
*Hosted by Nevada Parks and Rec, this
is a charity for Cystic Fibrosis research
(see details on page 9)*

PIZZA PIE LOOZA

May 10, 1-9:30 p.m.
Main Street District
*Enjoy an afternoon filled with music,
kids' activities, food vendors and
more. Evening concert ticket details:
pizzapielooza.com*

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

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

CITY COUNCIL

May 12 & 27, 6 p.m.
City Hall

CAMELOT THEATER SHOW

May 17, 7 p.m.
AC/DC Tribute Band Angus Khan

NHS GRADUATION

May 18, 2 p.m.
Nevada High School Fieldhouse

MIX-N-MINGLE

May 21, 4-6 p.m.
Camelot Theater
*Open to all residents as a time to visit
with others and take a look inside the
theater.*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

May 30, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
*Alfredo garlic chicken spaghetti with
salad & garlic bread. Cost is \$12 per
adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)*

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

May 30
Two-hour early dismissal