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## The Buzz

### WELCOME TO SUMMER

We've transitioned from winter to summer pretty fast over recent weeks, and summer brings with it some wonderful outdoor opportunities, but also some community considerations. We obviously won't list them all, but we'll start a list of things you can do to keep your community safe, beautiful, and enjoyable during the summer months.



**Mow correctly!** Keep your yard looking tidy by mowing when grass is getting long, and as you mow near the street, be sure you're mowing into the yard and not into the street. Grass clippings in the street (fine is \$300 plus court costs) can be dangerous, especially for bike riders and motorcyclists.



**Drive carefully!** With kids out of school, you'll definitely see more of them riding bikes, walking around town, and playing outside. This is a time of year to reduce your speed a little bit and pay extra attention.



**Be responsible for your pets!** We all love our pets and want them to get outdoors for fresh air and exercise. But, be sure when you are taking your pets, especially dogs, outdoors for walks in our community that they are restrained properly and that you have bags to dispose of their waste. Not picking up after them (fine is \$200 plus court costs.) is disrespectful to your community and your neighbors.



**Control your noise!** Summer brings the best of times to get out in your yard for grill-outs and other gatherings with family and friends, for driving with all the windows down, for shooting fireworks, etc. Be sure that you are cognizant of how your noise level might impact others. When it comes to parties, there is a time at night when the volume of your activities must be reduced; when driving cars and other motorized things, be cautious of the sounds you're making by revving the engine or playing music loud with your windows down; and when shooting fireworks, follow the time allowances set in the City Code.

Do your part to make summer more enjoyable for all!

**ON THE COVER:** Sue Hansen of Nevada is shown at one of the Farmers Markets last summer season in downtown Nevada.

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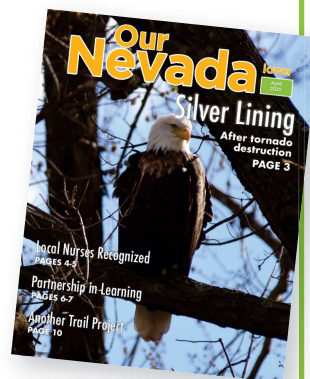
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### ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.





## OUTDOOR EVENTS SEASON BEGINS



Nevada's Farmers Market is back for year number three! You will find this summer's market on the first and third Sundays from 12-3 p.m. The market will be on the 1100 block of Sixth Street from June to September. Listen to live music while you shop the market vendors and enjoy good food and drinks. The market is run by volunteers and can always use more hands for set up and tear down. Contact the market coordinator at [farmersmarket@mainstreetnevada.org](mailto:farmersmarket@mainstreetnevada.org) if you'd like to help.

Catch the Nevada Community Band downtown in front of City Hall on Tuesday evenings, June 3 through July 8. Bring a chair and enjoy their tunes and talents!

Music at the Mansion on June 14 is another opportunity to gather outdoors with friends and be entertained by great live music. This event is free, but donations for the Nevada Community Historical Society are appreciated.

Main Street Nevada hopes you will spend lots of time downtown this summer and enjoy lunch, supper, or a beverage at one of the many outdoor seating areas. Don't forget to invite a friend or even a stranger to join you!







# FOURTH OF JULY



IN NEVADA

## CELEBRATE

- \* **6:30-10 A.M. BREAKFAST AT THE FIRE STATION**  
Enjoy a pancake breakfast before the parade. Cost is a free-will donation with all proceeds benefitting the local fire department.
- \* **10 A.M. PARADE**  
Hosted by the American Legion, the parade travels on 6<sup>th</sup> Street between E Avenue and N Avenue. To participate, register between 9:15 and 10 a.m. at the parade staging area on E Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. There is no cost to take part!
- \* **11 A.M. ROOTBEER FLOATS/CHICKEN & NOODLES**  
Following the parade, come to the American Legion Post, 1331 6<sup>th</sup> Street, to enjoy a traditional Nevada homemade chicken & noodles dinner, complete with other fixings and homemade pies. Cost is \$12 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under). Also, the Legion Auxiliary will make rootbeer floats in exchange for a free-will offering.
- \* **8 P.M. - PRE-FIREWORKS SHOW TREATS**  
Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory will hand out free popcorn, sno-cones and bottled water in their parking lot across from SCORE.
- \* **DUSK - CITY FIREWORKS SHOW**  
Discharged from the west side of SCORE





# FOURTH OF JULY



F I R E W O R K S

## WHAT TO KNOW

A fireworks show will happen at dusk in Nevada. Fireworks are shot into the air from the west side of SCORE Park. Spectators can view them from the SCORE Park area and at other places in town with a line of sight to the sky above SCORE.

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

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

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

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

- You must be 18 or older to discharge a DOT 1.4 class consumer firework without parental supervision.
- Any person discharging fireworks assumes responsibility for their operation and the consequences thereof. Do not discharge them in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage. Do not set off fireworks on a public street.
- Discharge fireworks only on property you own or property where the owner's consent has been given and the owner of the property is present.
- No one can discharge fireworks who is showing visible signs or is determined to be intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.





# Celebrating 30 years

## Cassabaums glad they chose Nevada

Thirty years ago, Steve and Michelle Cassabaum were looking for a place to call “home,” not only for their growing family, but also for the physical therapy business they were starting.

Nevada, Iowa not only fit their vision in terms of the size of community they wanted to be in, but also with what it offered for education and faith. “We wanted our kids to go to a small school, but one big enough for them to have opportunities ... and the St. Patrick’s church community was important to us,” Michelle noted.

Looking back, the couple said they made the right decision

by coming to Nevada. And, not only have the Cassabaums benefited greatly from what Nevada offered to them — the community has benefited greatly from the Cassabaums’ business, 21st Century Rehab, and from the level of involvement the couple has had here. The Cassabaums have been part of many community achievements, such as the new hospital and long-term care facility, SCORE, and the new Nevada Field House.

Serving on the boards of various organizations like the former chamber, the NEDC, the Story Medical Foundation and the Nevada Foundation, the Cassabaums have continuously pushed for Nevada to grow and to have some of the finest



quality-of-life amenities a town this size can offer.

“Nevada is our home, and a community is like your family,” Michelle explained of why they’ve been so involved. “When you love something as we’ve loved Nevada, you want to give back to it.” Steve credits both his parents and Michelle’s parents, business people who were active in their own Iowa communities, for setting a good example of what “giving back” looks like.

Married in 1991, Steve had been working in the St. Louis area after finishing physical therapy school at Washington University. He was an independent contractor for two dental offices, doing specialized therapy for head, neck and jaw pain. Michelle, with a degree in pharmacy, had been working as a pharmacist when the two, who became parents for the first time in 1994, decided to move back to Iowa to be closer to family, and to start 21st Century Rehab.

Wanting to be in business together, Michelle headed back to school, getting another degree, this time in health care administration from Des Moines University. “Then we could be partners, with me on the administrative side and him on the physical therapy side,” Michelle said.

The partnership has worked well. Over the past 30 years, 21st Century Rehab has grown from starting with Steve and two other employees in the basement of the old Story County Hospital building to having a beautiful space in the new Story Medical Center and to operating clinics in 13 other Iowa communities, and employing around 125 employees, 18 of them in Nevada.

Steve smiles thinking back to those early days in the hospital basement with the very low ceilings. “I was used to wearing a button-down shirt and tie in St. Louis. That lasted about three days in Nevada, because it was so hot in that basement,” he said.

He had contracted with Story Medical to provide physical therapy, and as he grew his business into the basement hallways, Story Medical grew — first on the west side of its older building — to accommodate 21st Century’s growing clientele and staff.

In half of its locations in Iowa, 21st Century Rehab still contracts with a local hospital. In the other half, it has stand-alone clinics. Both scenarios work well, thanks to the incred-

ible team they’ve established — a team that includes several business partners and their three daughters.

Emma, who attended Luther and has a master’s from George Washington University, is Director of Patient Experience. “She has taken the responsibility to manage all of the non-licensed support staff off of my plate,” Michelle said.

Elli, who graduated from Iowa State University, is the business Public Relations and Marketing Director.

Kati, a physical therapist like her father with degrees from UNI and Des Moines University’s PT school, is practicing at the Cassabaum’s clinic in Altoona. Steve and Michelle are excited to share that Kati will, in the near future, become a sixth partner in the business.

Steve is still seeing patients a few days a week. He’s been practicing physical therapy for 36 years. “I would like to get to 40,” he remarked. He also spends a lot of time mentoring the younger PTs in the company.

Michelle makes it clear, she and her husband are not ready to retire yet.

The Cassabaums will celebrate their 30th anniversary in business, which started 30 years ago this month to be exact, with a special event for their employees in August. “We may do something to celebrate with the community too,” Michelle said.

When asked about their thoughts on celebrating 30 years, Steve gets emotional and has trouble getting the words out at first. “I think about the great people we’ve helped and served, like Gene Newsome (recently deceased). That’s the most rewarding for me. And then I think about our employees, who

are like family.”

Michelle said she tries to embrace every moment of the journey and celebrate the growth. “I think of exponentially the amount of people we’ve been able to touch by replicating the success we’ve had in Nevada in 13 other communities. That’s very rewarding.”

The two also share insight on why they’ve been able to work this well together. “The biggest thing ... we have complete trust in one another, and that has allowed us to focus on our unique talents that we each bring to the table,” Michelle said. Steve agrees. “The trust is there and we continue to complement each other’s strengths each and every day.”

21st Century Rehab Clinic  
locations in addition to Nevada:

Ft. Dodge

Hampton

Webster City

Boone

Jefferson

Madrid

Perry

Altoona

Carlisle

Indianola

Osceola

Knoxville

Corydon

The Cassabaums continue to look  
for opportunities to expand.





**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION** – Being recognized as outstanding community volunteers by the Mayor, City Council and Main Street Nevada on April 28 are (from left) Mayor Ryan Condon, Jenny Angus, Muriel Burnett, Emily Schaack (with Main Street Nevada), and Micah Hayek, shown with his son and Schaack. Not pictured, but also recognized this year were Robb and Leah Schmidt, Tiffany Tope, and Denny and Nancy Thompson.

## Nevada Parks & Rec has great summer programs and activities.

For more information, visit <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login> or call us at 515-382-4352!

**Adult Mixed Softball League - Register by June 5**

**Legends Football**

**Legends Basketball**

**Swim Lessons - Classes are filling up, register soon!**

**Aqua Aerobics - Morning and evening times available**

**Summer Open Rec at the Field House - Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Open Swim - Noon to 6 p.m. daily (June 1-August 17)**



*Nevada's Public Safety  
Department invites you to*

## **Bike Rodeo/Safety Event 2025**



**When? Saturday, June 21**

**Where? City Hall parking lot and park area on 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

Bring your bike to learn more about bike safety and have it checked over.

We will have a few other fun activities, and will serve a light lunch, all free of charge!

**Also, we are partnering with the Story County Animal Shelter at this event, and doing a free-will donation of pet supplies/cash to help the shelter with the services they provide. Bring a pet supply, treat, can of food, toy, etc., or cash if you'd like to donate to this cause!**



## **Tour Nevada's Historic properties**

During the summer months of June, July and August, the Nevada Historical Society opens the historic properties of Evergreen Lane along H Avenue and Dyer Dowell House along Fifth Street for tours.

Every Sunday, with the exception of June 15, the properties will be open from 2-4 p.m. for residents and visitors to take tours. If you've never been in the community's historic properties or if it's been awhile since you've visited, take time to see them this summer!

## **Protocols for mosquito fogging notifications**

Want to know when "Mosquito Fogging/Spraying" will happen? The City offers the following notifications:

- 1) The Alert box on the front of the City website: [www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org](http://www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org)
- 2) An Alert notice by email/text (sign up on the City website to receive them)
- 3) A post on the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page

City officials monitor a website maintained by the ISU Entomology Department that keeps a count on the mosquito population. The city will spray when the mosquito count indicates the need and weather conditions allow.

## **Water and wastewater rate update**

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

To ensure continued reliable service and address rising operational costs, the City will implement a 3 percent annual increase in water rates, effective for all bills due on or after July 1, 2025. This yearly adjustment helps cover increasing expenses, particularly in chemical supplies, and supports future upgrades to the City's Water Plant.

In addition, the new Wastewater Treatment Facility is anticipated to begin operations in June 2025. With the introduction of a new operations and maintenance (O&M) budget and outstanding debt obligations, revised wastewater rates will be necessary to meet annual financial requirements.

Proposed rate changes will be announced soon. Please stay informed by visiting the City of Nevada website for updates as more information becomes available.



# Library News

## SUMMER KICKOFF

Summer programming will kickoff on June 7 just outside the library from 10 a.m.-noon!

The Summer Reading Program is for youth ages 0-18. Sign up at the library. The reading program and library programs both start June 9 and end Aug. 1. Kids up to third grade will complete weekly reading logs to earn coupons to local businesses. Tweens (fourth-sixth grade) and teens (seventh-12th grade) will complete weekly reading logs to instantly win a small prize and be entered into a raffle at the end of summer. Raffle tickets can also be earned by attending library programs.

Here are the programs for June:

### **Mondays: Teen programs at 1 p.m. (registration required)**

June 9-Junk Journals

June 16- Rock Painting

June 23- Tie Dyed Tote Bags

June 30- Make and Take: Oreo Truffles

### **Tuesdays: Storytime at 10 a.m.**

### **Wednesdays: Performances start at 10 a.m. at the Middle School**

June 11- Circus Pop!

June 18- Overall Buddies

June 25- Grout Museum

### **Thursdays: Kids programs at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (registration required)**

June 12-Oreo Taste Testing

June 19- Tiny Art

June 26- Decorate Flower Pots

### **Playful Pages with Raising Readers at 10 a.m.**

### **Fridays: Tween programs at 10 a.m. (registration required)**

June 13- Junk Journals

June 20- Tie Dyed Tote Bags

June 27- Make and Take: Oreo Truffles

## MONTHLY ADULT EVENTS

**Grounds for Murder Book Club** — first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

**Books After Dark Book Club** — third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Craft and Chat** — fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

**Sweet Reads Romance Book Club** — third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

**Personal Adventures and Explorations of the Northwest Passage**

Thursday,  
June 5, 6:30  
p.m.  
Nevada  
Public  
Library  
Meeting Room



**Adult Craft Night** — Register (it's required) for an adults-only craft night to make an indoor/outdoor tic-tac-toe game board! Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.

## More about our community band

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

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

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](mailto:pres64@gmail.com).

## Good Samaritan Fund Cookout

The public is invited to this year's cookout on Wednesday, June 18, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

The Good Samaritan Fund is run by local churches and donations. It provides limited financial assistance to Eastern Story County residents in dire need. It provides utility and rent assistance, gas vouchers, and groceries at The Community Cupboard.

The Good Samaritan Cookout is held each year. It raises funds for this mission by inviting residents to enjoy a meal and give a free-will offering for that meal with proceeds benefitting the fund.

We provide food, drink, and table service for the cookout through generous donations of food items from businesses, churches, and individuals. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, and come sit, eat and visit with friends, and help us raise money.



# Recycle cell phones to help gorilla habitats

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 (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

- **Story County Conservation Center (Ames)**
- **Administration Building (Nevada)**
- **Animal Shelter (Nevada)**

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

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Thursday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Regular office hours will resume Friday, June 20, at 8 a.m.

## County announces new planner

Story County is excited to announce our newest County Planner, Leslie Day! For the past two years, Leslie has worked as the Planning and Development Department's Administrative Assistant, which has allowed her to be closely involved in the County's development review and permitting process and to become familiar with the Land Development Regulations, the C2C Comprehensive Plan and long-range planning efforts.

She holds a Master of Architecture from Iowa State University and brings experience from working in a municipal planning office, where she has supported land use and zoning reviews, permit applications, and community development initiatives. Leslie is passionate about helping property owners navigate County regulations, while supporting responsible growth and land stewardship. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Story County in this new capacity", Leslie says, "and I look forward to working collaboratively to uphold the County's values and goals."





### BOAT RENEWAL REMINDER



ANY VESSEL NOT RENEWED BY JUNE 30TH, 2025 WILL INCUR PENALTY

- ✓ Call our office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and we will provide the exact amount due
- ✓ You can mail a check or pay by card over the phone

**CALL NOW**

(515) 382-7230

STORY COUNTY RECORDER  
P.O. BOX 55  
NEVADA, IA 50201



# Poised to Deliver Needed Care

## LaVille Thoren, DNP, Joins Story Medical to Provide Mental Health Services Across the Lifespan

With a passion rooted in personal experience and professional dedication, Dr. Kennedy LaVille Thoren, DNP, ARNP, PMHNP-BC, has joined Story Medical Clinic - Nevada to offer comprehensive mental health care to patients across the age spectrum.

Dr. LaVille Thoren, a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, brings a compassionate, evidence-based, and integrative approach to care. She will begin seeing patients on June 30 and her services will be available to children, adolescents, adults, and older adults in the community. Her arrival fills a critical need for accessible, local mental health support.

### Firsthand Experience

"Growing up, I witnessed firsthand how hard it can be to access mental health care," Dr. LaVille Thoren says. "That experience drew me into health care, and my work as a nurse only deepened that passion. I worked with many young patients in acute settings who were struggling with mental health. It became clear to me that there was more I could do—so I pursued advanced practice nursing."

Her clinical background is diverse, including work in inpatient psychiatry, emergency rooms, intensive care,



community mental health, and home-based behavioral health. Prior to joining Story Medical, she worked for UnityPoint Health, where she launched pediatric psychiatry services, and Optum, where she led behavioral health integration efforts in primary care settings.

### Treating the Whole Person

At Story Medical, Dr. LaVille Thoren provides psychiatric evaluations, medication management, and supportive psychotherapy, as well as referrals for additional therapy, lifestyle interventions, and holistic care. Her goal is to treat the whole person—emotionally, physically, and socially.



"Good mental health care is never just about prescribing medication," she says. "It's about building trust, listening, and working together to find what's best for the patient."

Dr. LaVille Thoren says she was drawn to Story Medical by its patient-centered philosophy and community focus.

"This is a smaller organization where people are invested in doing what's right for patients," she says. "That means I have time to really connect with the people I'm caring for. That time is critical—especially when it comes to mental health care."

The ability to form long-term relationships with patients is what excites her most about joining the outpatient clinic setting.

"When you're helping someone through anxiety, depression, trauma, or a mood disorder, consistency and trust are essential," Dr. LaVille Thoren says. "That's what makes being embedded in a primary care environment so powerful—we're meeting people where they are."

## Delivering Care When and Where it is Needed

Access is also a key part of Dr. LaVille Thoren's mission.

"Mental health care should be available to everyone, regardless of where they live," she says.

"Bringing services like this to a rural community like Nevada ensures that people don't have to travel far to get the support they need. That makes a real difference," she adds.

With a commitment to holistic, collaborative care and a heart for the community, Dr. LaVille Thoren's arrival is a significant step forward for local mental health access—and for the individuals and families who will benefit from her expertise.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. LaVille Thoren, call 515-382-5413 or visit [storymedical.org](https://storymedical.org) to learn more.

# News & Notes



## SILVERSNEAKERS AT STORY MEDICAL

Are you an older adult looking to remain active in a self-directed program? Our Medically Oriented Gym (MOG) is open to SilverSneakers members during open gym hours.

SilverSneakers is a fitness program designed for older adults and is offered as a benefit through many Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement carriers, and group retiree plans. The program promotes active lifestyles for seniors by providing access to fitness classes, gym facilities, and wellness resources.

Please note that not all Medicare plans include SilverSneakers, and the availability of the program can vary by location and insurance carrier. Individuals interested in joining SilverSneakers should check with their Medicare Advantage plan or Medicare Supplement carrier to confirm whether the program is included as a benefit. If you are interested in joining the MOG, please visit with your primary care provider or call 515-382-7114.

## 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](https://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!





L-R Natalie Emery, Samantha Garcia, Chloe Moffitt, Kylee Knight, Kaitlyn McGaffin, Wrigley Isleb

# FCCLA Members Shine at State Leadership Conference

## STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Six dedicated students from the Nevada High School FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) chapter proudly represented the school district at the State Leadership Conference. These students presented a variety of STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) projects, demonstrating leadership, creativity, and commitment to their communities.

FCCLA is a national organization that equips students with skills for leadership, career readiness, and community engagement. At this year's State Leadership Conference, the Nevada High School chapter made a significant impact with multiple outstanding projects earning them a variety of awards.

Kaitlyn McGaffin and Samantha Garcia spearheaded a chapter service project, organizing a popcorn sale to raise funds to create a care package for a staff member facing some medical issues. Their dedication earned them a Gold rating and a spot at Nationals.

Wrigley Isleb participated in the Repurpose and Redesign category, transforming old choir robes, marching band

uniforms, and cheer and football uniforms into hand-crafted keepsake bears. This project also received a Gold rating and qualified for Nationals.

Chloe Moffitt competed in the Nutrition and Wellness category, focusing on enhancing her brother's diet and mental well-being. Kylee Knight entered the Teacher Training category, showcasing her passion for education. Both Chloe and Kylee's projects received Silver ratings and were among the top competitors, earning them a place at Nationals.

Natalie Emery distinguished herself by successfully applying for and being elected as the Vice President of Public Relations for the State FCCLA organization.

Additionally, Nevada FCCLA chapter received the Silver Honor Chapter recognition.

Any donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping Nevada's young leaders represent our town on the national stage. If you are interested in contributing or have any questions, please feel free to contact Katlin Moon at Nevada High School or via her email [kmoon@nevadacubs.org](mailto:kmoon@nevadacubs.org).

# Central Elementary and Nevada Middle School named 'Showcase Schools'



We are proud to celebrate Central Elementary and Nevada Middle School for being named Capturing Kids' Hearts 2024-2025 National Showcase Schools. This prestigious recognition honors schools across the nation that go above and beyond to build strong, positive relationships with students and create safe, supportive learning environments.

This achievement reflects the daily commitment of our staff, students, and families to living out the values of trust, empathy, and respect. Both schools have embraced the Capturing Kids' Hearts process to strengthen school culture and prioritize student well-being, growth, and connection.

## Cub Crew Mentorship builds Readers and Leaders

The second annual "Cub Crew" partnership, which pairs third- and fourth-grade students with kindergarten, first, and second graders, has successfully wrapped up. The purpose of this mentorship was to support younger students by having an older mentor listen to them and practice reading books together. Four days a week, the students met in the mornings and spent 10-15 minutes reading. The program lasted six weeks.

Kedra Hamilton (Instructional Guide), Erin Murphy (School Counselor), and Dee Brown (Paraprofessional) trained and supervised the third- and fourth-grade students. They learned how to actively listen, provide positive feedback, and offer help when a younger student got stuck on a tricky word.

The benefits of this program were both measurable and immeasurable. Younger students developed reading fluency and stamina, while older students took on responsibility, built friendships, and supported their younger buddies. It was heartwarming to watch strong and caring relationships form as kindergarten, first, and second graders grew as readers, and third and fourth graders celebrated their successes right alongside them.



## Free meals offered this summer!

Breakfasts and lunches are available at no cost to children ages 1-18 this summer.

Open to the public: You do not have to be a Nevada Community School District student to get a free meal. Bring your kids, grandkids, etc. Any child ages 1 through 18 eats free.

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

**Monday-Thursdays, June 9-July 17 (closed July 4)**  
**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

## FARMERS MARKET

**June 1 & 15, 12-3 p.m.**

1100 Block of Sixth Street

*Walk around the downtown area to buy from a variety of vendors.*

## HISTORIAL PROPERTY TOURS

**Sundays in June (except for June 15), 2-4 p.m.**

Properties of Evergreen Lane on H Avenue and Dyer Dowell House on 5th Street will be open for tours.

## 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.

## NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

**June 2 & 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Gates Memorial Hall

## COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

**June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7 p.m.**

City Hall

*No admission. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and relax while listening to each concert.*

## TACO TUESDAY

**June 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

American Legion Post

## AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

**Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*\$5 plays all games.*

## STORY MEDICAL BOARD of TRUSTEES

**June 5, 11:30 a.m.**

Story Medical Center

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**June 6 & 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Nevada Public Library

## FAMILY MOVIE

**June 7, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

Camelot Theater

*Showing "The Lightning Code"*

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

**June 9, 11:30 a.m.**

Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

*Bring a dish to share. Program will begin around 12:15 p.m.*

## CITY COUNCIL

**June 9 & 23, 6 p.m.**

City Hall

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

**June 13, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*Enjoy fish or chicken alfredo. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)*

## MUSIC AT THE MANSION

**June 14, 4-9 p.m.**

Evergreen Lane

*No admission. Bring your lawn chair to listen to music. Food vendors on site.*

## MIX-N-MINGLE

**June 18, 4-6 p.m.**

SCMC Senior Care

## NEVADA ALUMNI BANQUET

**June 28, 5 p.m.**

Gates Hall

## OPEN HOUSE FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND

**June 27, 5-7 p.m.**

Camelot Theater

*Also showing the movie "Rooster Cogburn" starting at 7 p.m.*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**June 27, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*School lunch theme - spoonburgers, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter bars & brownies and drinks. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)*