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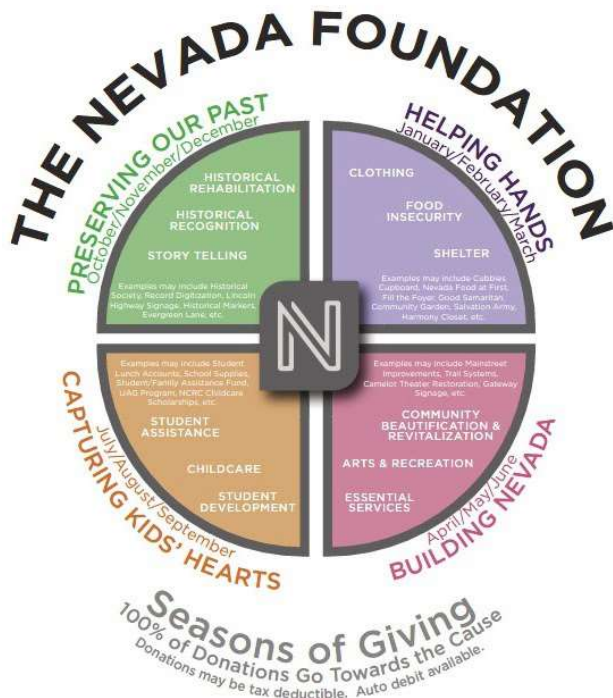
SEASONS OF GIVING UPDATE

The Nevada Foundation's Seasons of Giving has been ramping up as its organizers continue to raise money for Nevada's non-profit organizations. An amount of \$15,000 has been raised to date.

In February and May, "Toast" events were held to kick-off fundraising. These quarterly events showcase Nevada's non-profits, and attendees are invited to leave a donation. Anyone is welcome to attend. Watch Facebook for the Q3 Toast events, via The Nevada Foundation page.

Another way you can contribute to Seasons of Giving is by purchasing the Legacy Lager at The Well Brewery + Market. Proceeds from the purchase of this beverage go toward the Seasons of Giving campaign. Additionally, donations can be made through The Nevada Foundation's website, nevadaaiowafoundation.org.

The Nevada Foundation (run by volunteers) hopes to share news on these grants for non-profits soon.



ON THE COVER: Scenic photo of the Wilson Pond along the Nevada Trail, taken by Linda Wendt of Nevada

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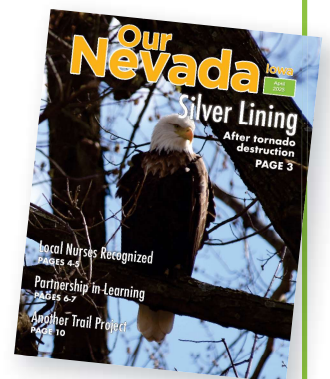
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



2025 Story County Youth Fair

Wednesday, July 16 through Sunday, July 20
Story County Fairgrounds in Nevada, Free Admission

Featuring

High-Quality Youth Livestock Shows
Each Day during the Fair

Story County Queen Coronation
Dueland Pavilion, 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 16

Outdoor Movie in the Park
Thursday, July 17, 8:30 p.m.

Hattery Fund Inspiration Speaker- Harvie Herrington
Friday, July 18, 6 p.m. at the Community Building

Supreme Showman Contest and Ribbon Auction
Sunday, July 20, Dueland Pavilion, 12 p.m., auction at 3 p.m.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Find out more and see a full schedule at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>



Successful Event Held in May

Nevada Parks and Rec worked with Charlie's Angels Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising Team to hold a successful no-glove softball fundraiser in May. Over \$13,000 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis research, and those in attendance got to see 12 ISU football players take on a team of Hometown Heroes. Congrats to the Hometown Heroes on their win. ISU is already seeking a re-match next year! **Many, many thanks to all who contributed to make this event a success!**





MA ME EA TN DA

Nevada's new library director has a history rich in administration, but it might surprise people to know that her career as a librarian started just 10 years ago.

Amanda Brewer, a native of Sioux City and LeMars (from sixth grade on) was a student of social work and history, earning a bachelor's degree in social work before being accepted into the first class of UNI's social work graduate program in 2001.

"I completed my master's in social work with a concentration in administration in one year, while working full-time as an administrator in a residential care facility in Waterloo," she said.

From there, she was offered an executive director position at Denison's WESCO Industries, which provides services to people with disabilities.

"That position (with WESCO) began my career in the administration of non-profit organizations that serve individuals with disabilities," she said.

When she had her first and only child in 2015, Amanda wanted more time with her son, Oscar, leading her to look for a change. The Harlan Community Library needed a director, so she took a leap into the library world in 2016. "And I have loved every minute of it," she noted.

After nine years at the helm of the Harlan library, Amanda applied for the director position at the Nevada Public Library.

"I am always attracted to smaller communities because I love how welcoming they are. Nevada feels comfortable, the people are approachable and willing to lend a hand."

In addition, Amanda loves the way Nevada balances the "small-town vibe" while keeping up with the needs and expectations of residents who enjoy the pleasures found in urban areas. "It feels like we get the best of both worlds."

Amanda is looking forward to the future in Nevada, and will benefit from her experience in Harlan. "They (in Harlan) had a very seasoned library staff ... I continue to learn best practices in library services, but most importantly, I've learned that a library needs to be a reflection of its community. So, I'll focus on excellent customer service, providing literature that the community wants to read in a variety of formats to meet changing needs. I also will focus on providing community members a place to learn, play, socialize, and connect. Libraries are becoming vital places of social connection and resources, especially in rural communities."

Find out more about Amanda in an expanded story on the City Website: cityofnevadaiaowa.org.

Library News

Our Regular Monthly Adult Events

Grounds for Murder Book Club — Saturday, July 12 (due to 4th of July holiday)

Books After Dark Book Club — Third Tuesday, July 15, of each month at 7 p.m.

Craft and Chat — Fourth Thursday, July 24, of each month at 10 a.m.

Sweet Reads Romance Book Club — 3rd Saturday, July 19, of each month at 10 a.m.

Summertime Special Wednesday Programs for Kids, all shows start at 10 a.m.

July 2, Sam Rezz Circus Show (sponsored by Community Vet Clinic)

July 9, The Jolly Pops (movement and music)

July 16, David Casas Magic show

July 23, The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes (sponsored by Chocolaterie Stam)

Summer Finale: Foam Party

For those who participated in the summer learning program, come celebrate in FOAM on Friday, Aug. 1, from 6-7 p.m.

Reminder

The Nevada Public Library is closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the holiday.

All City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 7.



Coffee with the Council

Ask questions, give perspective, and enjoy coffee with several Council members.

Where? Renn's Cafe, 1001 6th St.

When? 9 a.m.

Upcoming Dates for 2025

July 12

August 2

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6



Late Summer, Fall & Winter Programming Notes



Nevada Parks and Recreation's late summer, fall, and winter programming is coming together. Please visit RecDesk at

<https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login>

for information on these and other programs:

- **Legends Activities (Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Softball)**
- **Adult Volleyball League**
- **Fall Men's Slowpitch League**
- **Flag Football**
- **Padded Flag Football**
- **Volleyball**
- **Basketball**

Nevada Parks and Recreation, with use of the Nevada Field House, is also proud to provide additional recreation opportunities through cooperative efforts with the Ames Hurricanes (Adult Soccer), Nevada Soccer Club, Goldfinch Athletics, and Walk With Ease. If you'd like to explore additional program opportunities, please contact us today, 515-382-4352!

Help Keep Nevada Beautiful! *Pick up after your pet!*

The City of Nevada has been receiving an increasing number of complaints about pet owners and handlers failing to clean up after their pets in public spaces. Please do your part to keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone.

Be responsible:

- Always carry waste bags when walking your pet. The City also provides bags, free of charge, at various locations along the trail system, in our parks, and in the cemetery.
- Pick up your pet's waste immediately.
- Dispose of it properly in a trash receptacle.

Enforcement & Penalties:

If you are caught not picking up after your pet:

- First offense: **\$200** fine
- Second offense: **\$400** fine

Let's all work together to maintain the beauty of Nevada and show respect for our fellow residents.



Thank you for your cooperation!



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

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A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

Coming to Nevada August 7-10, 2025

Nevada is just a month away from hosting The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 375-foot wall will be located on the soccer fields at SCORE Park and open to visitors 24 hours a day for four days, closing at 2 p.m. on Sunday.



For more information on the event and scheduled ceremonies, please visit the website at <https://main-streetnevada.org/events/the-wall-that-heals-nevada-ia-2025/> or scan the QR code shown here. You can also call the Main Street Nevada office at 515-382-6538.



ANOTHER GRANT AWARDED

More shade coming to downtown

Main Street Nevada has been awarded \$10,000 from the AARP Community Challenge Grant. This grant money is meant to be used on community improvements that benefit the senior population. Main Street Nevada will be purchasing a couple of sunshades and picnic tables for two spots in the downtown area.

The space directly behind the Main

Street Nevada office will be turned into a welcoming patio for all to enjoy. We envision seniors gathering here for coffee and employees of the downtown enjoying their lunch in the space. This patio is part of a Leadership Nevada project.

The second space to receive a sunshade and picnic table will be the Northwest side of First United Meth-

odist Church. These two places will complement the sunshade and picnic table space next to the library, giving the downtown area three new shady gathering spots.

With one of Main Street Nevada's Transformation Strategies being "To create welcoming spaces for all seasons," these shaded locations align with that goal.

N^o Cell Bell-to-Bell

In alignment with Iowa's recently enacted House File 782, Nevada High School is introducing a comprehensive cell phone policy to foster a more focused learning environment and support student mental health. Though Governor Reynolds recently signed a law, the effort to reflect on current practice and to overhaul the high school policy regarding student use of phones has been happening since the start of the school year. The initiative reflects a collaborative effort involving teachers, parents, and coaches who have carefully considered feedback from an initial stakeholder survey and then studied the successful implementation of similar policies in other schools, and tried to match that with research and suggestions for best practice. The change represents a shared commitment to prioritizing student well-being and academic success in an era where digital devices constantly compete for attention.

WHY THE CHANGE?

What began as a conversation about classroom distractions quickly evolved into a deeper concern: The link between smartphones and student mental health.

In recent years, a surge in mental health issues among teens has alarmed educators and families alike. Since 2010, major depressive episodes in adolescents have more than doubled. Emergency room visits for self-harm among teen girls have risen by 188 percent since 2004. Also, rates of young adults who identify that they have depression or anxiety have doubled in the same period of time. Research points to the rapid rise of smartphone and social media use as a major contributing factor. Constant connectivity has led to increased feelings of isolation, anxiety, and sleep disruption—all of which are directly impacting a student's ability to maintain a healthy relationship with their devices, creating ripple effects into other parts of their lives, including school.

"Limiting phone use during the school day isn't just about keeping students on task," said a policy committee member. "It's about protecting their mental health and allowing them to be present academically and socially. We have seen a lot of students distracted and having anxiety from being constantly connected."

Smartphones also pose ongoing challenges to focus and instruction. On average, students receive close to 200 notifications daily, from communication or social media apps alone—an unrelenting stream of distraction that makes deep learning difficult. To make matters more pressing, Iowa's new state law (HF782) now mandates the restriction of personal devices during instructional time.

WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES CAN EXPECT

The new policy outlines clear expectations while allowing students reasonable access to their devices.

Permitted Use: Students may use devices before and after school, during lunch, and in passing time between classes.



Bell-to-Bell Policy: Phones and Bluetooth headphones must be stored and completely out of sight from the start to the end of every class period. This includes students in hallways, restrooms, and the nurse's office, and applies to all students in the building.



Classroom Entry Rule: The moment a student crosses the classroom threshold, the policy is in effect, regardless of whether the period has started or not.



Smartwatches and Headphones: Smartwatches used like phones fall under the same rules. Only corded headphones plugged into school-issued computers are allowed.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

The policy includes a tiered system for managing violations.

For the first violation, the phone is taken to the office and may be picked up by the student at the end of the school day. If there is a second violation, a parent or guardian must retrieve the device. Any violations beyond the second violation, parent retrieval is required, with additional consequences possible, such as checking the phone into the office during the day, loss of privileges, or suspension. If a student refuses to hand over a phone when requested, they will be sent home, and a parent meeting will be required before returning.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

"We know change isn't always easy," High School Principal Dr. Kristian Einsweiler acknowledged. "But we've heard from students at other schools with similar policies who report that they can focus more, earn better grades, and enjoy more meaningful conversations."

At its core, this policy is about helping students thrive, not just academically, but personally. By reducing these distractions, the school hopes to help students engage more deeply with their learning, peers, and overall school experience.

Notes From the School Nurses

IMMUNIZATIONS

- 7th graders to have an updated Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines or a signed religious waiver.
- Seniors need a 2nd Meningococcal vaccine or a signed religious waiver.

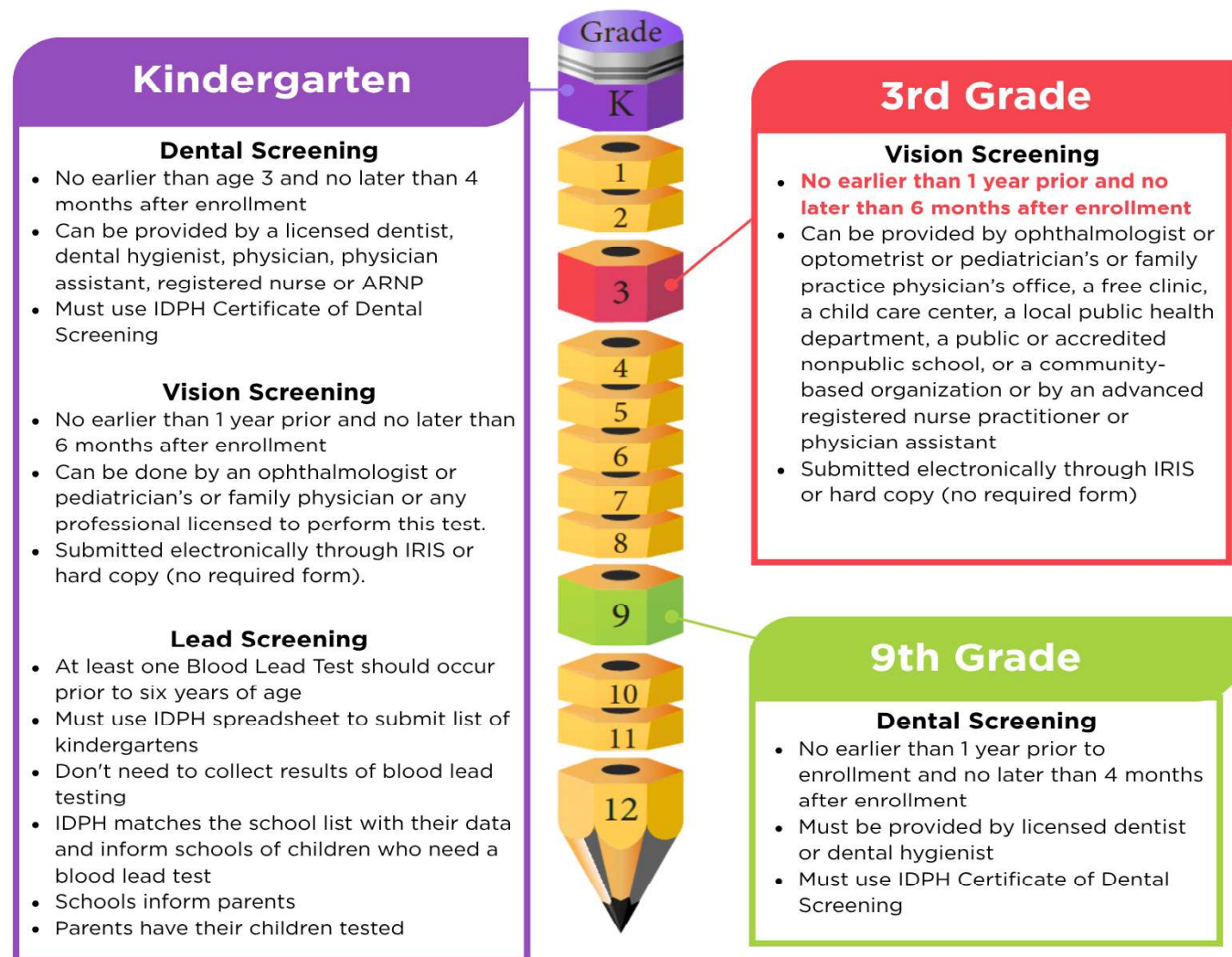
These need to be submitted by the first day of school.

PHYSICALS

Physicals are required annually for students participating in athletics, grades 7-12. These need to be updated before students can participate in any sport.

Forms: <https://www.nevadacubs.org/activities/physicals/>

IOWA STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS



Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Meals!

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

All meals are served in the Nevada High School Cafeteria and must be eaten on site; no grab-and-go options are available. Meals are offered Monday through Thursday, ending July 17. (No meals on Friday, July 4.)

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

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



Construction on 'Infill lots' bringing new life to older Nevada neighborhood

Nevada's D Avenue area between 10th and 11th Streets is getting a burst of new housing.

First was the home built through the Story County Housing Trust and supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program.

Now, additional affordable housing is coming to the neighborhood.

JD Albright of Keystone Equity Group said the company has three homes under construction and hopes to eventually build a few more homes on lots in the 11th Street/D Avenue area.

Keystone, which is based in West Des Moines, has a knack for "going into cities, buying raw ground and turning it into neighborhoods with swing sets and mailboxes,"

Albright said.

Albright himself is experienced in construction, being a third-generation construction son with 35 years of experience. "I've built over 1,000 homes during my career, and Keystone has a good reputation for quality-built homes," he said.

The homes being built by Keystone in Nevada are considered to be affordable workforce housing.

"These are homes for your young professional who often can't find a home, and this project offers brand new construction that is affordable," Albright said.

The new homes will range from 1,200 finished square feet on a three-bedroom, two-car garage ranch, featuring a full basement, which can be finished later. The two-sto-

ry homes, Albright said, are closer to 1,650 finished square feet, with four bedrooms and also a full basement, which can be finished later.

Keystone has five different floor plans and mixes designs, elevations, rooflines, and accents to keep each neighborhood project interesting.

Right now, Keystone is working in several other Iowa communities on projects, some of which are also happening on "infill" lots like those in Nevada. One of the communities they are building in currently is Nevada's neighbor to the north, Roland.

"There's a lot of excitement in rural communities for

these projects, especially with the creative financing perks and affordable prices," Albright said, noting that some of the financing is only available with development in rural communities.

The project in Nevada is positioned to offer a great living experience with close access to the trail system, which should boost the marketability of the homes now and in the future.

Albright said as these homes get closer to completion, Keystone will work with a local Realtor to list the homes. If you are interested in buying one of these new homes, you may contact JD Albright now at Keystone Equity Group, 515-897-9062.





Building Confidence in the Daily Routine

New Story Medical Occupational Therapist works with patients of all ages

Occupational therapy plays a vital role in helping patients regain independence and confidence in their daily lives. From supporting children with developmental needs to helping adults recover after illness or injury, Occupational Therapist Erin Handeland of 21st Century Rehab serves patients at Story Medical, bringing expertise, compassion, and creativity to every interaction.

In the Q&A that follows, Erin shares insights about her work and why personalized, meaningful care is at the heart of what she does.

For those unfamiliar, what's the difference between Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy?

Occupational therapy and physical therapy often work side by side, but they have different focuses. Physical

therapy is more about improving strength, mobility, and managing pain—helping someone move better after an injury or surgery.

Occupational therapy focuses on helping people return to the everyday tasks that matter most to them—things like getting dressed, making a meal, taking care of their home, or returning to work. So while PT helps you move, OT helps you live. Our goal is to support independence and quality of life by making sure people can function safely and confidently in their daily routines.

What types of patients do you typically work with in your role as an Occupational Therapist?

Occupational therapists work with people across the entire lifespan—from birth through end of life—and in a wide variety of settings. My areas of expertise include pediatrics, with a focus on sensory regulation, feeding, and both fine and gross motor development.

I've also consistently worked with the geriatric population. I feel really fortunate to have supported individuals at so many different life stages—it's been

a privilege to work across the lifespan throughout my entire career.

Here at Story County Medical Center, I work with both inpatients and outpatients. The diagnoses I see are wide-ranging—everything from strokes and general weakness following a fall or illness to hand and arm injuries. There's a lot of variety in what brings patients to occupational therapy at SCMC, and each person's needs are unique, which is one of the things I love most about this work.

Can you share an example of how OT can help someone regain independence in their daily life?

One example that stands out is working with someone after a stroke who's having difficulty using one side of their body or has changes in their vision.

These challenges can make everyday tasks—like getting dressed, preparing meals, or safely moving around the home—much harder. In occupational therapy, we work together to rebuild those skills or find new ways to do them. That might mean practicing buttoning a shirt with one hand, learning strategies to scan their environment if they're missing part of their visual field, or setting up their home in a safer, more accessible way.

The goal is always to help them feel confident and independent in their daily routines again, even if things need to be done a little differently than before.

What led you to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy?

I started at Iowa State University majoring in Kinesiology with plans to pursue physical therapy. During college, I began working at ChildServe supporting kids with life skills. That's when I was first introduced to what OT really looks like in practice.

I clearly remember one moment here in Nevada, at the public library, helping a child learn his address and phone number—a safety goal that was very meaningful to his family. He had limited expressive language, but using what I had learned about him over time and a bit of creativity, I turned it into a game he could engage with. Eventually, he was able to communicate that information independently.

It was in that moment that my interest shifted toward occupational therapy, and I realized how much I loved helping people achieve meaningful goals. Now, working here in Nevada as an occupational therapist, it truly feels like my journey has come full circle.

What does a typical day look like for you?

No two days are exactly the same in occupational

therapy, which is part of what I love about it. Typically, my day includes a mix of working with inpatients and outpatients. I start by reviewing my patients' charts and from there, I work hands-on with patients on activities that matter most to them. I also collaborate closely with nurses, doctors, and other therapists to ensure our patients get the best comprehensive care.

Throughout the day, I'm constantly adjusting treatments based on each person's progress and needs, providing education and support not just to patients but often to their families as well. No matter the diagnosis or setting, my goal is always the same: helping people regain independence and confidence in their daily lives.

How do you work with other members of the rehab or care team to support your patients?

Collaboration is essential to providing the best care for our patients. In the inpatient setting, I often co-treat with physical therapy to challenge patients' balance in practical ways that mimic what they'll need to do at home. For example, we might work together on tasks like reaching into cupboards to retrieve dishes for meal prep—this helps patients practice balance, coordination, and safety in a meaningful, everyday activity.

I also learn a lot from my occupational therapy colleagues. Katie, who holds a highly specialized certification as a hand therapist, has been a great resource for me in treating hand injuries—an area I hadn't had much experience with before. It really highlights how diverse and far-reaching occupational therapy is, and how teamwork helps us provide well-rounded care.

What's your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of the job is getting to know my patients and their families. I love the creativity involved in finding solutions that fit each person's unique needs, and I never quite know what the day will bring when I walk in the door each morning.

I enjoy working with a wide variety of patients—from neurological to orthopedic to developmental cases—which keeps things interesting and dynamic. The days go by quickly, and it's incredibly rewarding to see the progress and independence my patients achieve.

To schedule therapy with Erin, call 515-382-7008. To learn more about therapy services offered by 21st Century Rehab at Story Medical in Nevada, visit storymedical.org/therapy.

Pictured at the table are (from left) Mike Nusbaum, Brody Maifeski, Trevor Nusbaum and Noah Johnson.



Project adds to City's Patton Park

The City will once again be the beneficiary of an Eagle Scout project, this time at the Nevada Public Library.

Trevor Nusbaum, 16, soon to be a junior at Nevada High School and a member of Scout Troop 128, said Library Board member Tim McLaughlin brought up the idea of adding a sunshade to Patton Park — the little park that sits on the west side of the library building. Trevor took the suggestion.

"I'm putting a sunshade in with a [handicapped accessible] picnic table underneath and a cement pad underneath the table," Trevor said.

As is the case with any project, this one took a lot of planning and talking to others, and it grew in scope.

"First I met with the Library Board and the City (to discuss the project)," Trevor said. The Library Board suggested putting a concrete pad under the picnic table. "I wasn't expecting to do cement, but it was understandable why they wanted it."

Ryan Hutton, City planning and zoning official, met with Trevor to go over the project. Trevor said Ryan was very helpful.

A couple of things that Trevor has realized in tackling his Eagle Scout project — the cost of a "little" project can really grow, and you need to connect with a lot of people to secure donations to get the job done.

Trevor met with Terry Milam, owner

of Milam Concrete, about the cost for the cement pad. He was thankful that Milam agreed to donate labor to the project.

He met with Mid-States representative Dustin Johns, who also teaches at the high school. Mid-States agreed to donate the poles for the sunshade, which was donated by a local family.

The Friends of Nevada Public Library Board donated the picnic table for the project, and groups like the Nevada Kiwanis Club along with generous patrons of the library have agreed to help financially with other elements of the project. Jim Axline, owner of Nevada ACE Hardware, donated supplies.

When it came to actually working on the project, local Scouts always help one another, often making use of weekends to get the job done.

Nusbaum was also helped by his parents, Mike and Amber, and thanked them for their guidance. Mike was the Scout leader in recent years, and is now the assistant leader for Troop 128. Current leader is Nevada's Mayor Ryan Condon.

Nusbaum said a number of local Scouts are at various stages of earning the Eagle Scout rank, which is the highest rank a Scout can achieve. He wanted to share with the community all the incredible work this group is doing to improve Nevada and surrounding communities:

Peter T. - St. Patrick's storage

remodel

Miles E. - Nevada Cemetery new flag pole holes and repair of flag poles

Connery V. - Central Presbyterian Church landscaping

Keygan A. - Indian Creek Izaak Walton League Trap Shooting course clearing

Tanner C. - Refurbish and reset the bell at Memorial Lutheran Church

Cael F. - First United Methodist Church parking lot update

John D. - Iowa Arboretum native bee condo and educational sign

Jacob C. - Small Libraries in surrounding communities

Steven R. - Fire pit and large pad for flag disposal next to the Freedom Rock in Maxwell

Like many of his fellow Scouts, Trevor started in Scouting with the Cub Scouts program when he was in first grade. By fifth grade he became a Boy Scout. He encourages other young people [who at younger ages need encouragement from their parents] to consider the Scouting program as a way to mature and be a stronger person. He has found that following the rules and values of Scouting has helped him grow.

As for Trevor's project at the Nevada Public Library, he hopes to see it be a "nice place especially in the summer when people want to sit outside."

Managing the County Floodplain

The floodplain — identified as the “Special Flood Hazard Area” by FEMA — is an area where special regulations are applied to lessen and mitigate impacts of development. In unincorporated Story County (outside city limits), the floodplain management program is run through the Planning and Development Department. Story County has a long, established history of floodplain management programs, from review of applications and issuance of permits to record-keeping, the relationship of floodplain management, and hazard mitigation.

Our adopted Floodplain Management program looks at three aspects — 1) Regulations, 2) Mapping, and 3) Flood Insurance. A floodplain development permit is required before any grading or construction takes place in a flood-hazard area for properties in unincorporated Story County. We encourage property owners to contact us before you invest time or money in plans for an improvement to your property or a new structure.

The adopted Story County Floodplain Management Ordinance is located in Chapter 80 of the Story County, Iowa Code of Ordinances. The Story County Flood Insurance Study contains information on flood profiles and additional flooding information that may be needed in the process of applying for a permit. Please visit our website at: www.storycountyiowa.gov/1093/Floodplain-Regulations.

Below are resources available to help you identify if your property is in the floodplain mapped by FEMA.

- FEMA's Map Service Center — gives a broad view of flood hazard area locations in Story County
- Story County Assessor's GIS Website (BEACON) — gives a close-up view of flood hazard areas and where they are in relation to your property, go to the Story County GIS website. Enter your address in the search box. Go to "Map" in the upper left-hand corner, and you can see the property and related floodplain.
- FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer
- Iowa Flood Center

Real-time flood information is provided by the stream and river sensors installed across the State of Iowa. If you're tracking the progress of floodwaters, visit the Iowa Flood Center.

For more information, please contact Story County Planning and Development at 515-382-7245 or via email at pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov.



Adopt a Barn Cat!

Working cats or barn cats are feral or semi-feral cats that we take into the shelter as strays. These cats are very independent and would prefer to limit their interactions with humans.

These cats would not do well in an indoor home environment but would thrive in a working environment where they can patrol a barn, shed, or outbuilding. These cats can live a fulfilling life with a family who will care for them and get the bonus of a rodent-free property.

To adopt one of our barn cats, you would need the following:

- shelter for the cat such as a barn, outbuilding, garage, shed, or other structure that would provide adequate protection from weather extremes
- daily food and water
- to provide veterinary care as needed
- a secure place such as a completely enclosed building, kennel, or appropriately sized crate to keep the cat for the first two to three weeks while they get used to your property and you.

To adopt a barn cat, please follow this link <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1486/Adoption-Application>.

Closed for Independence Day

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

July 1, 7 p.m.

Josephine Tope Auditorium
Patriotic concert theme. No admission. *Note the change in location!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Story County Admin. Bldg.

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

FARMERS MARKET

July 6 & 20, 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 July, 2-4 p.m.

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

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

Every Monday, 4-7 p.m.

1122 6th Street
Provides free clothing. Donations may be dropped off at this time.

4th of JULY HOLIDAY IN NEVADA

Breakfast at Fire Station

6:30-10 a.m. Cost is a free-will donation.

Parade

10 a.m. Sit along 6th Street from E Avenue to N Avenue to enjoy.

Chicken Noodle Dinner

11 a.m. Enjoy a Nevada tradition at the American Legion - homemade chicken and noodle dinner. \$12 for adults (\$5 for children 10 and under). Also root-beer floats for a free-will offering.

Pre-Fireworks Show Treats

8 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn, sno-cones and bottled water from Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory

City Fireworks Show

Dusk. Discharged from west side of SCORE

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

July 8, 7 p.m.

City Hall Park
Jazz concert - No admission

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

July 11 & 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nevada Public Library

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

July 11, 5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post
Enjoy fish or meatloaf. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)

ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW

July 12

Camelot Theater
Enjoy Elvis impersonator Joseph Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show at 7 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

July 14, 11:30 a.m.

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

CITY COUNCIL

July 14 & 28, 6 p.m.

City Hall

STORY COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

July 16-20

Story County Fairgrounds, Nevada
Find out more about activities, schedule at extension.iastate.edu/story-county-fair

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

July 21, 6:30 p.m.

Gates Memorial Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

July 25, 5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post
Enjoy sweet corn and balogna, watermelon, lettuce salad, desserts and a beverage. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)