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THANKFULNESS ABOUNDS

In the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, we asked a representative of each of Our Nevada's sponsoring entities to share something they are thankful about in Nevada, Iowa.

Mayor Ryan Condon, City of Nevada: I'm thankful for the sense of community in my town — the friendly faces, local businesses that know your name, and neighbors who look out for one another.

Stephanie Marsau, Story County Medical Center: I'm thankful for the trust people put in us to provide their medical care. We care so much and are honored to help those that need it.

Chris deNenui, Nevada School District: I am thankful for the teamwork that goes into helping our kids grow. Parents, students, school staff, and community resources working together is the norm in Nevada and for that I am grateful!

Emily Schaack, Main Street Nevada: I'm thankful for the strong spirit of collaboration among so many organizations in Nevada, all working together to enhance the quality of life for our residents. It's inspiring to see how many people here are truly passionate about building a great community.

Brenda Dryer, Nevada Economic Development Council: I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside of so many great volunteers on behalf of the community of Nevada! I love the passion people have for their businesses, neighborhoods, Main Street, and school. Go Cubs!

Lisa Heddens, Story County: I am thankful we have the opportunity to interact with citizens on a daily basis. Having the county offices in Nevada provides opportunities to see the community grow and collaborate on initiatives where possible.

ON THE COVER: Shown are Story County Veterans Affairs personnel (from left) Malissa Anderson, General Assistance and Veterans Affairs Administrative Assistant; Zachary D. Skelton, Veterans Affairs Director; and Erin Rewerts, General Assistance Director and County Veterans Service Officer.

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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.



Veterans Affairs is working to serve those who've served

Story County Veterans Affairs utilizes outreach, technology, and one-on-one interactions to ensure all Veterans and their families within our county receive full access to support, advocacy, and any earned benefits at the County, State, or Federal levels. This includes applying for VA Health Care, Disability Compensation Benefits, Burial Benefits, Homebase Iowa, State of Iowa Veterans Trust Fund, and County Emergency Assistance.

Director Zachary Skelton leads the department with the additional assistance of General Assistance Director/County Veteran Service Officer Erin Rewerts. The program receives administrative oversight of the Commission of Veterans Affairs, a board of five local Veteran volunteers.

If you, or your family member served in the United States military, then this office is there to discuss eligibility for possible benefits and programs and work as your advocate in the

CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Regular office hours will resume Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m.

community.

To learn more, please call 515-956-2626 or visit <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/114/Veterans-Affairs>.

The Veterans Affairs office sends a monthly newsletter to your inbox with information relevant to local Veterans. To sign up for the newsletter, please send an e-mail to veteransaffairs@storycountyiowa.gov asking to be on the e-mail list.



Veterans invited to Supermarket

The Story County Veterans Affairs is honored to host the 2025 Supermarket of Benefits on Nov. 8, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be located at The Plex—Christ Community Church north of Ames. We have over 20 vendors registered to discuss their programs with the Veterans in our community.

Additionally, the event will have free coffee, free donuts, and free haircuts.

To learn more, please call 515-956-2626.

ATV/ORM/ORV registrations open

The Story County Recorder's Office would like to remind everyone that ATV/ORM/ORV and snowmobile registrations are now open until Dec. 31, 2025. Any renewals received after that date will incur a \$5 penalty per vehicle. To save taxpayer dollars, the Recorder's Office is no longer mailing courtesy reminders to recreational vehicle owners. Please provide a current e-mail address when renewing to ensure you receive a courtesy e-mail reminder each year.

The Story County Recorder's Office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please stop into the office or call us at 515-382-7230.

How to renew or apply for a passport

Need to renew or apply for a passport? Planning an international trip with the family or for spring break? Call the Story County Recorder's Office to make an appointment at 515-382-7230.

Adults (age 16+), which are valid for 10 years, are \$130 per passport book and \$30 per passport card. Children (under 16), which are valid for 5 years, are \$100 per passport book and \$15 per passport card.

New fire engine should arrive very soon



The Nevada Fire Department has been dreaming of a RED Christmas.

If all goes according to plan, they'll be receiving a new red fire engine just ahead of the holidays.

Fire Chief Ray Reynolds said in October that it could be delayed, but regardless of when it arrives, the new Spartan Engine by Toyne will be one of the biggest gifts the department and this community can receive.

The Spartan will replace the department's current Engine 310, which is 28 years old.

The Nevada Fire Department (NFD) had first looked to order a replacement engine back in 2020, then the pandemic hit, and the order got postponed.

"The National Fire Protection Association sets standards that indicate a municipality should not operate a fire apparatus that is over 20 years old," Reynolds said, noting that reasons for this include continuous updates for reliability and safety.

Departments must, however, balance the concerns of reliability and safety with the major cost of replacing these vehicles. When the NFD committed to the new engine in 2022, the cost was \$722,000 for the new Spartan. "We'd budgeted \$500,000 in 2020," Reynolds said. "We got a \$45,000 discount because we paid for the cab first."

The department committed itself to fundraising for the difference between the total cost and what it had in the budget and was able to raise the needed funds through generous donations from local businesses and individuals.

Reynolds is glad for everything that helped the NFD lock in the purchase price in 2022, because the same engine the department will receive soon now costs \$1.1 million.

"We have seen the fire apparatus industry go up \$50,000 every six months," Reynolds said, noting a Congressional hearing is planned soon to look into this inflation matter.

Engine 310, which has been kept in great condition due to the NFD having members who are gifted at working on it, will also still serve a purpose. Four businesses — VERBIO, Mid-States, Lincolnway Energy, and KEY Coop — gave \$50,000 to purchase it, with those funds going toward the new engine. The older engine will be kept onsite near VERBIO and be used if needed for emergencies and as a reserve engine for the NFD.

Along with the new Spartan, the NFD still has another ladder truck/tower engine that is a 2007 model. Engine 210 holds 750 gallons of water. The new engine, by comparison, will carry 1,500 gallons of water. "It will become our first-out fire engine," Reynolds said.

In late September, Reynolds received another piece of good news concerning the new fire engine. The NFD writes many grants and therefore, receives many grants, and word came of the department's receipt of a \$20,881 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), which will provide funds to equip the new engine with new hoses, nozzles, and other appliances needed. (This grant required a 5 percent match of \$994.38, which was already budgeted.)

"There's something that adds to the safety of firefighters when they have the best gear and brand-new equipment. They don't have to worry about 'will my nozzle break,' or 'will my hose spring a leak,' ... they can simply focus on their job," Reynolds said.

Watch for more announcements and celebrations of the new fire engine's arrival in the near future. If you aren't doing so already, follow the Nevada Fire Department on Facebook to stay informed!

Do you smoke  **?**

Are you on O_2 **?**
Oxygen

If you answered “yes” to both of the above questions, the Nevada Fire Chief wants to talk to you as part of the research he’s gathering for a course he is taking with the National Fire Academy.

The information gathered is to help study the “perceived risks” smokers **do** or **do not** have regarding smoking while on oxygen.

Maybe you know someone who meets this criteria. If so, please encourage them to participate by calling Fire Chief Reynolds at 515-382-4593 or emailing him at rreynolds@cityofnevadaiaowa.org.

Those interviewed will not be named publicly.

Food Drive

The Nevada Public Library is hosting a November Food Drive to collect nonperishable food and personal care items for Cubbie’s Cupboard at the school. Please place items in the shopping cart inside the front doors during library business hours.

Find all other Library events for November on the Nevada Public Library website: nevada.lib.ia.us

Starting in November

MEN’S COFFEE

1st and 3rd Thursdays

9 AM at the Senior Center on Sixth Street
enjoy coffee, conversation, & rolls

Women will continue to meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m.



City Employee News

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTORS AT LIBRARY AND PARKS & RECREATION



If only one word were used to describe the Nevada Library's new assistant library director, that word would likely be "colorful."

From her eyeglasses to her earrings, and often her entire outfit, **Danielle Schmitt**, a 2006 graduate of Nevada High School, said she loves to make people smile, and that's why she wears some very colorful things.

She also loves to read, and though her educational background didn't focus on libraries, her management and marketing experience are a perfect fit when it comes to being the new assistant library director.

"This job is perfect," Danielle commented. She started earlier this month, working in a place she sees as a "second home."

"I love the library. It's a calming place where people can be and enjoy all different types of literature. The library is for everyone."

And it's not all about books, she added. She wants people to realize that the library offers many other services and programs for people of all ages.

Danielle will focus on adult services in her position. She'll be doing community outreach, ordering books for the adult fiction and Spanish adult fiction areas, and coordinating programming for adults. She'll spend the first few months getting acclimated to her duties, but she hopes to bring some new programs in for adults in the coming year. And, she noted, "Craft nights will be back!"

"I'm really excited about expanding the programming for adults in our community."

She's also excited to work in Nevada. "I love this community. Everybody knows you, and you can go places and everyone knows who you are. It's warm and cozy!"



Jayson Kingsbury is returning to employment with the City as the new assistant director of Parks and Recreation. Jayson previously worked for the City for a little over four years, leaving in 2023, for another opportunity. He is excited to be back and looks forward to the responsibilities he'll have in the "parks part" of Parks and Recreation.

As assistant director, Jayson will oversee parks and grounds and will have his office at the Parks and Recreation shed along 11th Street. The responsibilities fit nicely with his degree in conservation management, earned from the University of Upper Iowa.

"I like that I'll be very hands-on with the City grounds, helping with all areas, including the cemetery, where I'll help Gene (Fritz, cemetery sexton) when needed," Jayson said. "I'm excited to be outside and to see people in our community."

Jayson and his wife, Stacey, have two children: Katelyn, who will soon start graduate school at University of Northern Iowa, and Kyle, who is in his second year at Coe College, where he plays football. In his free time, Jayson likes to hunt and fish and spend time with family. This fall he enjoys attending his son's football games.

NEW EMPLOYEES IN LIBRARY, PARKS & REC, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENTS

Aloria Cornelius has moved from an intern clerk position to a permanent part-time position at the Nevada Public Library.



Aloria, a 2024 Nevada High School graduate, said she loves that she now works five days a week and gets to see more people. "Just being able to be at the library more frequently and interact with more people... is pretty nice," she commented.

Along with loving the people who come to the library, Aloria said she loves processing books. "That's honestly the best part of the job."

Aloria previously worked for Casey's in Nevada. She enjoys playing games and organizing just about anything.

Wyatt Toot, a 2025 graduate of Nevada High School, is a new parks laborer for Nevada Parks and Recreation. Toot worked as an intern for parks and recreation while he was in high school doing many of the things he will now do in a full-time position — mowing, snow removal, tree trimming, etc.



Jayson Kingsbury, his supervisor, said the job will allow Wyatt to become licensed in spraying for insects and weeds, and to earn a Commercial Driver's License.

Wyatt is the son of Darren and Kari Toot. During his school years, he was active in 4-H and later FFA, showing pigs. In his free time, Wyatt loves hunting, especially elk hunting in Wyoming, and fishing. He also enjoys hanging out with friends.

Angela Johnson has moved into a permanent part-time role with the Nevada Parks and Recreation Department, after previously working for a little over a year in a seasonal part-time position. Parks and Recreation Director Rhonda Maier describes Angela as a utility player for the Department, noting she can step in where needed as she understands various areas of the operation. Much of the time, Angela said, she's working at custodial duties, not only at the Field House and other parks properties, but also at City Hall and the Senior Center.



Angela is a native of Merville, Iowa, and came to Story County when she attended Iowa State University. She met her husband, Shane, at ISU, and the two moved to Nevada three years ago. Shane works in Marshalltown. The couple has a 3-year-old son, Logan.

Jessie Smith has been hired at the City's wastewater treatment plant and is excited for the opportunities presented there to learn about the facility and work toward various certifications. Smith, a 2008 graduate of Webster City High School, has been previously employed by Iowa State University as a groundskeeper. He also formerly worked for the City of Webster City in the parks department.

Jessie and his wife and their three children have lived in Nevada since 2021. His interests when he's not working include anything in the outdoors. "I'm an avid outdoorsman."

ANDERSON CHANGES ROLE WITH PARKS & REC DEPT.

Zach Anderson, who started with Parks and Rec in 2020, is taking on a new role within the department.



Previously employed as a laborer/equipment operator and then as the building and grounds coordinator, Zach will now step over to programs.

In his new role, Zach will be involved in all facets of programming, special events, including scheduling, finding referees for sports activities, running youth and adult programs, finding new program opportunities that would interest local residents, etc.

A 2017 graduate of University of Northern Iowa, Zach said his internship with Cedar Valley SportsPlex in Waterloo included many program responsibilities and he looks forward to working with the kids and adults providing several programs and special events. "I'll be doing the things I like to do."

Zach graduated from Nevada High School in 2013. He and his wife, Raegan, have a daughter, Rylee, almost 6 months old. When he's not working, Zach likes to fish, golf, go to ISU sports events and spend time with family.

25TH ANNUAL

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOV. 25, 2025, 11:30 A.M.

WHERE: MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

RSVP: BY NOV. 17 TO NEVADA PARKS
& REC, 515-382-4352

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Holiday Office Closings this month

City offices will be closed on the following days in observance of November holidays:

Tuesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. Offices to resume regular hours Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for Thanksgiving. Offices to resume regular hours Monday, Dec. 1.



RATE INCREASES EXPECTED ON DECEMBER BILLS

After many months of negotiations with our largest utility consumer, the proposed utility rate increases, needed to help pay for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant/Facility, were posted in early October on the City website: cityofnevadaiaowa.org. You will see in the middle of the website's home page under the Recent City News reel, "Estimate Your Utility Bill." Click on the link to see a chart that, based on usage, will show what the increase will be. As always, employees at City Hall are also available to answer questions, 515-382-5466.

Looking for penpals

Be part of a great group of volunteers who make a difference in a student's life through letter writing, when you agree to serve as a Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) Pen Pal!

RSVP recently added several classes to its Pen Pal program and has more than 100 students involved! We are in need of more volunteer Pen Pals!

Through the Pen Pal program, you will help young students with letter-writing skills and other core academic requirements. Additionally, you enable them to develop a relationship through the mail with a caring adult from another generation.

For more information on current Pen Pal needs, and to learn how you can become a Pen Pal, contact Linda by calling 641-752-0279 or by emailing: marshall@rsvpvolunteer.org.

Register soon for Little Tykes Basketball

Little Tykes Basketball is a program for children 4 years old through kindergarten who are interested in playing basketball. Socialization, fun, and good sportsmanship are emphasized.

Participants will be coached by Parks and Rec staff and parent volunteer coaches/helpers. We will work on fundamental skill development, along with short-court/coach-guided scrimmage play. "Extend-a-hoops" and smaller basketballs will be used for age-appropriate skill development.

The program will be offered:

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 5-28, 5-7 p.m.

At the Nevada Field House

Fee is \$50 per participant

For more information and/or to register, visit nevadaia.recdesk.com.

Registration Deadline is Friday, December 22!



Nevada Schools Shine in School Performance Ratings

The Iowa Department of Education has released the Iowa School Performance Profiles for the 2024-25 school year, and Nevada schools once again have much to celebrate. These annual ratings provide a comprehensive look at how schools across the state are performing, based on a wide range of academic and student success measures.

The Performance Profiles evaluate all K-12 public schools in Iowa, using indicators such as proficiency in English language arts, mathematics, and science, student academic growth, and chronic absenteeism. High schools are also measured on graduation rates and postsecondary readiness, which includes work-based learning experiences and college credit attainment. Schools are then placed into one of six categories: Exceptional, High-Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Needs Improvement, or Priority/Comprehensive.

This year, Nevada Community Schools achieved strong results across all three buildings:

Nevada Central Elementary – Exceptional Rating

Central Elementary earned the highest distinction possible, placing in the top 1.88% of schools statewide. It was named one of only 24 schools in Iowa to receive an Exceptional rating. Central also ranked as the 4th highest-scoring elementary school in the state and the 6th highest-scoring school overall, across all grade levels.

Nevada Middle School – High-Performing Rating

Nevada Middle School was recognized as High-Performing, placing in the top 18.5% of schools in Iowa. It is one of just 260 schools in the state to earn either an Exceptional or High-Performing designation.

Nevada High School – Commendable Rating

Nevada High School received a Commendable rating, placing in the top 35% of schools statewide. The high school's score reflects both strong academic performance and ongoing efforts to prepare students for success beyond graduation.

Launched in 2018 to meet the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Iowa School Performance Profiles ensure accountability and transparency for Iowa's public schools. These ratings highlight areas of strength and identify opportunities for continued growth, while also providing families and communities with an accessible view of school performance.

Celebrating Success, Building for the Future

Nevada's strong showing across all three schools reflects the commitment of students, staff, and families working together to foster excellence in education. From the outstanding achievements at Central Elementary to the progress at the middle and high school levels, these results showcase a district-wide dedication to learning, growth, and student success.

Credits Today, Savings Tomorrow

Nevada High School students are making big strides through DMACC courses. From total credits earned and Career Academy achievements to students graduating with college degrees and thousands saved in tuition, each visual below shows the hard work and benefits to the students taking advantage of this partnership.



TOTAL CREDITS EARNED:
2,155



**NEVADA STUDENTS
TAKING DMACC CLASSES:**
259



**CAREER ACADEMY
CREDITS:**
2,155



**NHS STUDENTS EARNING
A DMACC DEGREE IN HS:**
14



**2025 DMACC GRADUATES
FROM NHS:**
40



**TOTAL DMACC TUITION
SAVED:**
\$415,915



Preschool teacher, Amanda Fitch, works with a student using TCIT training, as assistant principal, Travis Temple, observes.

Teaching with Connection at Central

For the past four years, Nevada Central Elementary has been on an exciting journey with Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT). TCIT was developed as an extension of Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), an evidence-based program designed for children ages 2-7 who display challenging behaviors (www.pcit.org). While PCIT focuses on parents, TCIT adapts those same proven strategies for teachers in the classroom.

Through this program, teachers learn practical, research-based tools to strengthen positive relationships with students, encourage pro-social behaviors, and manage challenging situations calmly and effectively. These strategies not only help guide student behavior but also create classrooms that feel safe, supportive, and welcoming.

Teacher-Child Interaction Training first began at Nevada Central Elementary in 2022 as part of a two-year study with Iowa State University and the Scanlon School of Mental Health. The study explored different levels of intervention in Early Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade classrooms.

The results were very encouraging, showing that TCIT can be a powerful tool for building strong teacher-student connections and fostering positive learning environments. Because of this success, Central Elementary chose to continue the work even after the study concluded.

Over the past two years, our preschool, Early Kindergarten, and Kindergarten teachers have dedicated professional development time to learning, practicing, and applying TCIT strategies in their classrooms. This year, we are excited to keep growing on this journey. Our focus will be on adding new strategies to our TCIT "toolkit," strengthening positive relationships with students, and continuing to create supportive and engaging classrooms.

The results at Central have been inspiring. Our teachers are seeing stronger connections with students and more positive classroom environments where every child can grow, learn, and thrive.



National Publication Praises Senior Care

Story Medical Recognized for Excellence in Care

Story Medical Senior Care has been named to Newsweek and Statista's "America's Best Nursing Homes 2026" list—national recognition that reflects outstanding quality outcomes, resident satisfaction, and strong peer reputation. The honor places Story Medical among a select group of top-rated organizations in Iowa.

It's a milestone made even more meaningful following

the opening of the new Story Medical Senior Care in November 2024. The purpose-built space was designed around comfort, dignity, and safety, with features residents notice every day: private rooms with in-room bathrooms and showers, abundant natural light, carpeted resident rooms for confidence and traction, and step-free access—no elevators or stairs.

The flexible dining model allows residents to enjoy meals in the dining room or in their rooms, and the restorative/therapy room supports daily exercise and functional independence. Families also appreciate on-campus medical access and the ease of quick connections to clinic and emergency services when needed.

"This recognition is a testament to our exceptional team and to the vision behind our new building," says Melissa Opperman, RN, LNHA, Senior Care Administrator. "From private baths to brighter spaces and a thoughtful floor plan, every detail was chosen to support safer care, easier mobility, and a genuine sense of home."

The environment also strengthens staff responsiveness and resident engagement. More intuitive care stations and clear sightlines help team members remain visible and available, while social spaces encourage everyday connection.

"You feel the difference as soon as you walk in," Opperman says. "Residents are more active, families feel at ease, and our staff can deliver highly personal care without the barriers that older facilities often present."

Story Medical joins a small group of Iowa organizations recognized by Newsweek for excellence. For residents and families, the designation offers additional reassurance that high-quality, person-centered care is available close to home.

"Being named to Newsweek's list affirms what our families tell us every day," Opperman says. "We're proud of this honor—and even more proud of the people and place that make it possible."

Learn more about Story Medical Senior Care storymedical.org/senior-care. View the Newsweek list at [rankings.newsweek.com/americas-best-nursing-homes-2026](https://newsweek.com/americas-best-nursing-homes-2026).

Story County Medical Center invites you to tour our Senior Care facility. To learn more or schedule a tour, please call us at 515-382-7015.

News & Notes

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE: FLU, RSV, AND COVID-19 VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE AT STORY MEDICAL CLINICS

Story Medical Clinics in Nevada and Maxwell are now scheduling flu, RSV, and COVID-19 vaccines for the 2025-26 season. The COVID-19 vaccine is available only to patients 12 and older.

Patients are encouraged to book their appointments by calling the clinic.

"Each fall we remind our community that vaccines are one of the best tools we have to stay healthy through the winter months," says Dr. Audra Poterucha, Story Medical Clinic-Nevada. "Flu season often peaks in late December or January, and illnesses like RSV and COVID-19 can be especially tough on young children, older adults, and people managing chronic conditions. Getting vaccinated before these illnesses are widespread gives you the best protection."

The flu vaccine, specifically, is strongly recommended for:

- Children six months and older
- Pregnant women
- Adults 65 and older
- People with chronic health conditions
- Caregivers of high-risk individuals

"Vaccines are safe, quick, and effective," Dr. Poterucha adds. "By getting yours, you're protecting not only your own health but also the well-being of those around you."

To schedule your vaccines, call the Nevada Clinic at 515-382-5413 or the Maxwell Clinic at 515-387-8815.

WORK 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 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!



Nevada downtown projects are captivating & inviting

Over the past several months, our downtown district has experienced a number of exciting physical changes. As a community that values the preservation of historic buildings and the vitality of our Main Street, it's been inspiring to see so many projects take shape to enhance both appearance and usability.

One of the most noticeable transformations this summer was the painting of the Bricktown Building, located at the corner of 6th and K. The fresh gray exterior with crisp white trim gave the building—and the surrounding area—a significant visual boost.

Just down the street, the Masonic building at 6th and J also saw a major update with the installation of new windows. For the first time in years, natural light now streams into the second story of our oldest downtown structure. This marks “just the beginning” of a broader renovation effort for this building.

Another creative project came from a Leadership Nevada group, which revitalized the alley behind the Main Street Nevada building by transforming it into a public patio space. With the help of a grant from AARP and several community donations, the group turned an underused area into a welcoming gathering spot for

all. Main Street Nevada hopes this will inspire similar alleyway improvements across the district.

In September, a subtle yet impactful update was made to the Gatherings building. The front doors were given a wood stain and trim was repainted from an off-white to sleek black. Although the building underwent major façade improvements a few years ago, this extra touch helped complete the look and added a polished finish.

Most recently—and hard to miss—is the addition of a vibrant mural on the north side of the Main Street Nevada building. This long-awaited

project, made possible by a donation from former Nevada resident Robert Boyce, was brought to life by local artist Kelsey Wilson. The mural pays homage to the historic highways that run through downtown and adds a splash of color and personality to our streetscape.

Nevada is fortunate to have building owners who care deeply about preserving the charm and functionality of their properties. These ongoing improvements not only enhance the beauty of downtown but also help attract more visitors, support local businesses, and strengthen our community pride.





Nevada Foundation awards funds

The Nevada Foundation, in partnership with the City of Nevada, has awarded \$35,000 in human services grant funding. These funds, awarded to nine non-profit organizations, will provide necessities in the areas of food, shelter, and clothing for citizens living in Nevada with these basic needs.

Mayor Ryan Condon explained, "In years past the City Council has considered these requests directly. Upon the recommendation of the State auditors who conduct our city audit, we developed a more formal and focused process to support these important causes in Nevada. The Nevada Foundation now leads the formal grant-making and evaluation process."

A four-member committee, including representatives from the City and Foundation, evaluated and scored the applications. The organizations selected to receive funding this year include:

St. Patrick Catholic Church/Good Samaritan Fund/\$3,000

- Rent and Utility Assistance

Boys & Girls Club of Story County/\$3,000

- Kids Cafe

Nevada CSD/Cubbie's Cupboard/\$6,000

- Food support & Weekend Meals

Nevada CSD/Safe and Stable Housing/\$5,000

- Rent and Utility Assistance

Nevada First United Methodist Church/Kiwanis of Nevada/\$400

- Free Little Food Pantries

Nevada Food at First/\$3,000

- Quantity Food Support

Nevada Community School/NCRC/\$3,000

- Breakfast & After School Snacks

Nevada Community Cupboard/\$5,600

- Food Support

Salvation Army/\$3,000

- Homeless Prevention/Rent & Utility Assistance

The Nevada Foundation received requests for more than double the amount of funding available this grant cycle. The Foundation is actively fundraising through the "Seasons of Giving" campaign, and donated funds will be focused on supporting these and other non-profit causes in the Nevada community.

The goal of the Human Services grant funding from the City is to support projects that enhance the basic needs for food, shelter, and clothing in Nevada.

If you have questions regarding this year's awards, please contact Brenda Dryer, Nevada Foundation Board member, at brenda@amesalliance.com.

Calendar of Events

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Nov. 1, 9 a.m.
Renn's Cafe, 1001 6th St.

NHS FALL PLAY

Nov. 1, 7 p.m.
Nov. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Josephine Tope Community Auditorium
Presenting "It's All Greek To Me"

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

MASONIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Nov. 2, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Masonic Lodge, 1003 6th St.

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 2 & 6, 2 p.m.
"A Star is Born (1954)"

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FALL LUNCHEON

Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. American Legion Post
Soups, salads, desserts and beverage. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)

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

Nov. 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall

ELECTION DAY

Nov. 4, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Find out more about your polling place at storycounty.gov/1285/cityschool-election-11425

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
American Legion Post Doors open at 6 p.m.
\$5 plays all games. Food available.

SENIOR CENTER WOMEN'S COFFEE

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

SENIOR CENTER MEN'S COFFEE

November 6 & 20, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

STORY MEDICAL SENIOR CARE BOARD & TRUSTEES

Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

AMERICAN LEGION TACO THURSDAY

November 6, 4:45-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Everyone welcome!

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Nov. 7 & 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 7 & 8, 7 p.m.; Nov. 9, 2 p.m.
Showing "Footloose (1984)"

WHO ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nevada High School

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Showing "All Dogs Go to Heaven"

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

November 10, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.
Bring a dish to share. A short program will begin around 12:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Nov. 10 & 24, 6 p.m.
City Hall

PERK BEFORE WORK

Nov. 13, 7:15 a.m.
Renn's Cafe

CAMELOT SHOW

Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Joe Stamm Band with Luke Fox

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

November 14, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post Alternate choice is hot roast beefs andwiches and gravy. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 15, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Nov. 16, 2 p.m. Showing "Barbie"

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 21 & 22, 7 p.m.
Nov. 23, 2 p.m.
"Hook (1991)"

PARKS & REC THANKSGIVING MEAL

Nov. 25, 11:30 a.m. Memorial Lutheran Church (See page 8 for details)

CAMELOT MOVIE

Nov. 28 & 29, 7 p.m.
Nov. 30, 2 p.m.
Showing "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"