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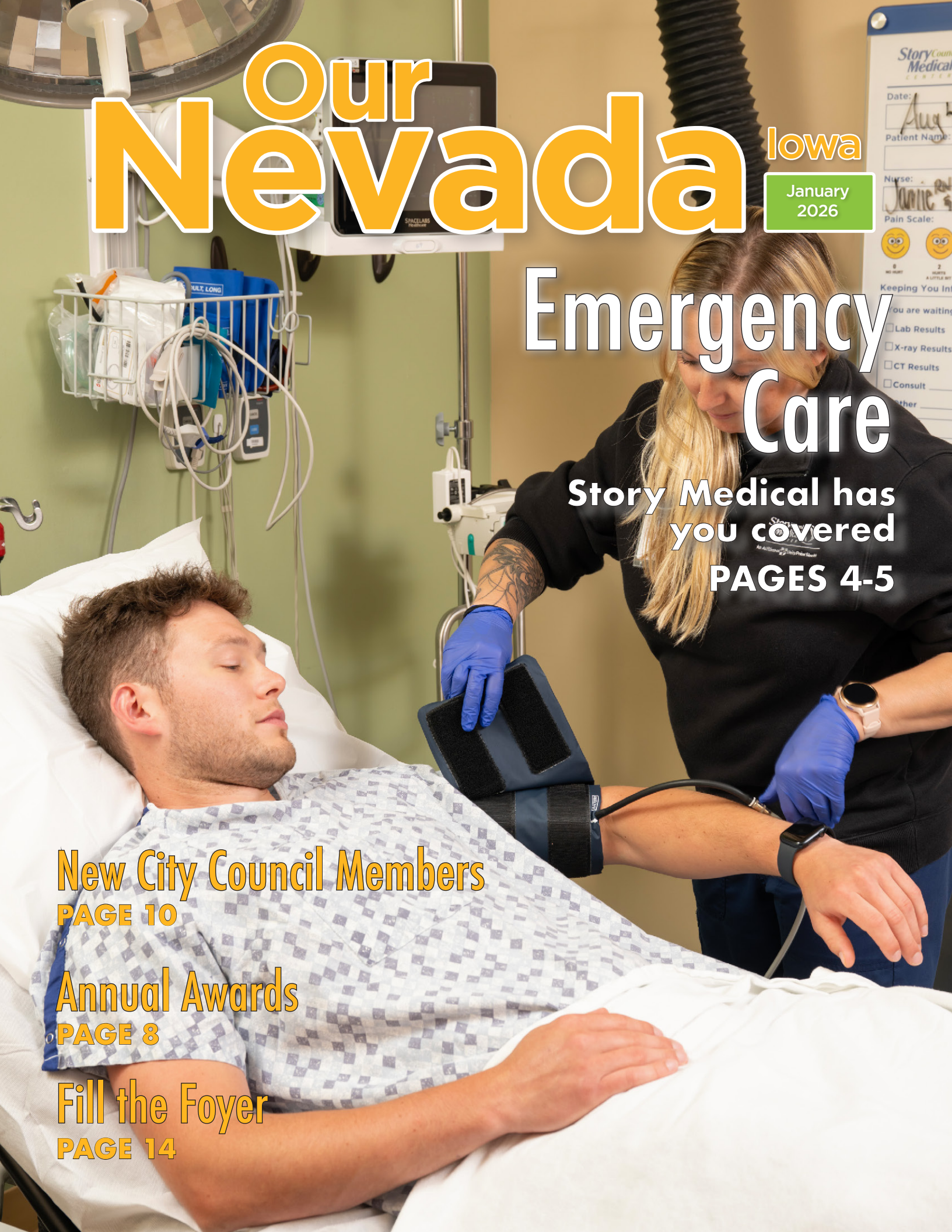
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SOMETHING NEW IN YEAR NUMBER 5

As Our Nevada moves into its fifth year of bringing news to the community from its six sponsoring entities, we are expanding the magazine's presence. Our Nevada has begun a Facebook page that will complement our messaging and allow for more engagement with the community!

Our Nevada's Facebook page plans to share many of the things that are in the magazine and more.

Just as we strive to do in this magazine, the Facebook page will be a place for sharing factual information, and also a place for sharing the positive happenings in our community. We want this page to be another avenue for spreading informative news and much of the "good" about the place so many of us call "home."

Our Nevada also celebrates this month that we have been able to facilitate a community magazine for the previous four years because of the collaboration and partnerships that we enjoy here. We never take for granted that our local leaders want to work together to make Nevada and Story County an inviting place to live, to do business, to play, to become educated, to get healthy, etc.

You'll find us on Facebook at **Our Nevada — Iowa**. Look for the logo that is shown here and you'll know you've landed at the right page. We hope you'll "like" and "follow" the page for expanded messaging about the community, and a little bit of fun, too!

Don't miss out. Stay updated on community news and explore the future with us!



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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.



2026 Citizens' Academy

The Story County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for its 2026 Citizen's Academy. The three-hour sessions (6:30-9:30 p.m.) begin March 5, 2026, and continue Thursday evenings for 11 weeks with graduation on May 14.

In the Citizen's Academy, participants learn about the Story County Sheriff's Office and what it takes to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Story County. The sessions include presentations from Administration, Communications, Support Services, Field Services and Jail Division. Topics include firearms, traffic safety, dive team, emergency response team (ERT), hostage negotiations, drug investigations, and much more. There is no cost to participate, and meals are provided each week.

Applications may be obtained on the Story County Sheriff's Office website at www.storycountyiowa.gov or may be picked up at the Story County Sheriff's Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Sheriff's Office, in-person or via email, by no later than Feb. 13, 2026. Class size is limited, and seats fill up quickly.



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For more information, you may contact Sgt. Kyle Thompson at 515-382-7473 or kthompson@storycountyiowa.gov.

Maintaining County roads during winter

County roads will be maintained to the best of our ability subject to weather conditions, available equipment, and safety of personnel while trying to keep within the budget.

Snow will be placed in the shoulder/ditch which may cause accumulations that limit sight distance. The snow will be winged back to reduce drifting and visibility hazards when time and resources permit. Snowplows and spreaders will not normally be in operation on paved roads between the hours of 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. unless an emergency exists. Gravel roads may not be plowed if the wind is causing continual drifting.

Private Drive snow is not to be placed on the roadway or shoulders. Property owners may be responsible for creating a safety hazard at their driveways.

Mailboxes which are destroyed by snowplows will be replaced by the county with a normal small size galvanized mailbox. The property owner will

be responsible for installing the mailbox. Replacement mailboxes will not be provided for those damaged by flying snow.

Emergency Situations will normally be authorized by the Story County Sheriff's Office or a physician. Emergency situations include serious injury, a probable loss of life, or where disastrous loss of property is imminent.

Traffic Signs, which are missing or destroyed, should be reported to the Story County Sheriff's Office by calling 515-382-6566 or 911 in emergency situations. Priority will be given to replacing critical regulatory signs such as STOP, NO PASSING, and warning signs.

The entire snow removal ordinance can be viewed on the Secondary Roads website at www.storycountyiowa.org.

Questions can be referred to the Story County Secondary Roads Department at 515-382-7355.

RADON AWARENESS MONTH

You can't see or smell radon. Testing is the only way to know your level of exposure. Radon is a radioactive gas that forms naturally when certain metals break down in rocks, soil, and groundwater. People can be exposed to radon primarily from breathing radon in air that comes through cracks and gaps in buildings and homes. Because radon comes naturally from the earth, people are always exposed to it.

Every county in Iowa is a Zone 1, meaning Iowans have the highest potential for elevated radon levels. Average indoor radon levels exceed 4.0pCi/L according to the EPA's radon zone map.

Radon is the number-one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. Story County Environmental Health will have free radon tests for Story County residents Jan. 2-Jan. 12, and Jan. 13-Jan. 31 at half price for \$5. (Limit one free test per address.) Environmental Health is located in the basement of the Administration Building located at 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201. You can call at 515-382-7240.



Always Ready.

When a medical emergency strikes, every second counts

At Story Medical, the Emergency Services team is built to respond in an instant, whether it's a 911 call in the community or a critical cardiac arrest that presents in the hospital. From on-scene out-of-hospital care and rapid transport to advanced stabilization and, when necessary, transfer via ambulance or air transport, the team is committed to meeting patients' critical needs wherever they are.

Pre-Hospital to Hospital: Strength in Our MICU

At the heart of Story Medical's emergency care is the Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU), operating 24/7 in service of Story County.

The MICU works hand-in-hand with local fire and police departments to provide paramedic-level response to 911 calls ranging from accidents to sudden medical crises. The team also handles inter-facility transfers, scheduled transports, and provides EMS coverage for community events, ensuring no patient is ever too far from care.

This crucial pre-hospital care lays the groundwork for successful outcomes: paramedics begin treatment the moment they arrive, stabilizing patients and delivering life-saving interventions en route to the hospital.

Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson says this access is foundational to community well-being.

"In Nevada and communities across Story County, having emergency care available around the clock isn't just a nice service to have, it's a lifeline," he says. "Our residents deserve to know that no matter the hour, skilled professionals are here and ready to respond. That level of reliability is essential to the health and safety of the people we serve."

Emergency Department: Immediate Care When Every Second Matters

Once a patient arrives at Story Medical's Emergency Department, conveniently located just a block off Highway 30 with a dedicated north-side entrance, a complete team is prepared to deliver care. Providers and nursing staff, trained in emergency and trauma response, are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Equipped with five private exam rooms and designated trauma protocols, the ED handles a wide range of urgent needs, including everything from sprains and fractures to life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

For patients needing advanced interventions — whether from a car accident, stroke, or cardiac event — Story Medical is certified as a Level IV Trauma Center. That means the team is capable of delivering advanced trauma life support and stabilizing patients before transfer to a higher-level care center, if needed.

Critical Care: Taking Flight On-site

For the most serious cases needing immediate access to specialty care unavailable locally, Story Medical's emergency services extend beyond the hospital. The facility includes the only helipad in Story County, enabling rapid air transport when minutes count.

This capability makes a critical difference. Whether the patient is suffering trauma, complex cardiac complications, or other serious emergencies, the helipad offers a fast path to advanced care.

Provider Perspective: Quick Thinking When It Matters

Provider Keegan Overbey, MSN, ARNP, who recently joined the Story Medical Emergency Department full-time, highlights the vital nature of emergency work.

"Emergency medicine challenges you to think quickly and act decisively — sometimes a single intervention can completely turn a patient around," he says.

Our Emergency Providers



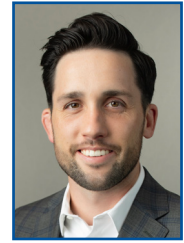
Curtis O'Loughlin, MD
Board Certified, American
Board of Family Medicine



**Elizabeth Robbins,
PA-C**
Certified Physician Assistant,
National Commission on
Certification of Physician
Assistants



**Jennifer Morgan,
PA-C**
Certified Physician Assistant,
National Commission on
Certification of Physician
Assistants



**Keegan Overbey,
MSN, ARNP**
ARNP, American Academy
of Nurse Practitioners
Certification Board of
Family Medicine

Overbey notes that teamwork is the cornerstone of successful outcomes.

"The team here is incredible — our nurses, paramedics, and physicians all work together seamlessly. That collaboration makes a huge difference for our patients, especially when every minute counts."

Emergency Services Director Andrea Bacon echoes that appreciation for the department's team-centered approach.

"Time is truly of the essence in emergency care," Bacon says. "From our MICU paramedics to our ED staff to the moment we turn a patient over to LifeFlight, every handoff matters."

"We trust one another completely," she continues, "and that trust allows us to stabilize critical patients quickly and ensure they're ready for the next level of care. That coordination is what keeps patients safe."

Continuum of Care, Close to Home

What truly sets Story Medical apart is the integrated approach that delivers a continuum of care including pre-hospital MICU response, 24/7 emergency coverage, trauma stabilization, and seamless access to transport — right here in the community. For patients and families, that means fewer delays, coordinated care, and peace of mind.

"From routine urgent needs to the most critical emergencies, we are always ready," Bacon says. "Because in a crisis, every second matters."

The Story Medical Emergency Department is open 24/7 every day. For more information, visit storymedical.org/emergency.

Building Awareness, Empathy, and Understanding



Mrs. Barloon's first grade class dressed up in purple to support one of their classmates during World Sanfilippo Awareness Day.

This year, the Capturing Kids' Hearts Process Champions Committee has set an important goal for the Central Elementary School: to bring greater awareness and education to teachers, students, and families about the many diseases, syndromes, and illnesses that affect Nevada families every day. By shining a light on these challenges, they hope to foster deeper empathy and understanding within the school community.

Throughout the year, the committee has highlighted a variety of awareness days. These days have included different types of cancer, mental health issues, diabetes, celiac disease, and many others. Each awareness day is paired with a symbolic color, and students and staff are encouraged to wear that color as a visible sign of support. To deepen understanding, morning announcements include a brief teaching piece about the awareness topic, and teachers often take time to celebrate or give students affected by the condition a chance to share their experiences, helping build empathy among their classmates. It is also included in the principal's weekly email, ensuring families stay informed and connected.

The hope is that these small yet meaningful acts will spark conversations, foster compassion, and help students recognize the diverse experiences of those around them. The school warmly invites families to participate in these awareness days. They hope to cultivate a community where understanding flourishes, kindness prevails, and every student feels seen and supported.

Cold Temperatures Ahead

As we move into January and the coldest part of the year, temperatures are expected to remain very low. We know students sometimes underestimate how harsh winter conditions can be, so please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

During periods of extreme cold, the National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart will be used to guide decisions regarding school delays and cancellations. A frostbite exposure time of approximately 15 minutes will serve as our reference point when making these determinations.

Families may choose to keep their child(ren) home if they are concerned about weather conditions while school is in session. Please notify the school if you make this choice, and the principal will record the absence as excused.



Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																	
	Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
Wind (mph)	5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
	10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
	15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
	20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
	25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
	30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
	40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
	45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
	50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97	
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98	

Frostbite Times

30 minutes

10 minutes

5 minutes

Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})

Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)

Effective 11/01/21

Frostbite Times 30 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes

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SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR NEVADA CSD HALL OF HONOR

The Nevada Community School District Hall of Honor has been established to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves based upon academic excellence and achievement, career accomplishments, community service, personal excellence, and dedication to lifelong learning.

Applications are due by April 15. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3uKuVs6>.



Cubs are State Champions!

Congratulations to the Nevada Cubs on capturing the 2025 Class 3A State Football Championship! The team's hard work, determination, and community spirit paid off in an unforgettable season and an incredible championship performance.

Did you miss the big game or want to relive the excitement? You can rewatch the full matchup against Bishop Heelan on the Iowa PBS website: <https://bit.ly/3Astatefootballchampions25>

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 23

The Nevada Athletic Booster Club Presents...

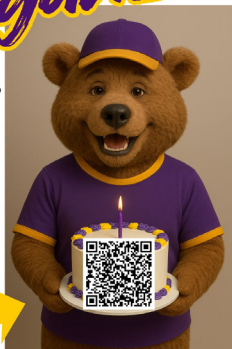
CUBBIE'S CAKE-stravaganza

Cake Contest and Auction

In Conjunction with the Basketball MegaNight v. Waverly-Shell Rock
Contest open to all ages & skill levels
Decorated Cakes will be displayed throughout the evening and Auctioned to raise funds to support Nevada Student-Athletes
Anything Goes - Bake your own entry OR Donate a cake made by a pro
Several Category Winners Including People's Choice, Best Cub Pride, Best Overall

Don't want to enter a cake?
Come pick your favorite for People's Choice, enjoy some Cub Basketball, and then GET BIDDING! Showing your CUB PRIDE never tasted so sweet!

For More Information or To Enter, scan the QR code or email nbcubs@gmail.com



Nevada After Prom
Fundraiser

DUELING PIANOS

Saturday, January 31, 2026
7:00pm - 10:00pm
at Willow Brook Barn in Colo

\$40 PER TICKET

2026 Nevada After Prom
@NevadaAP26



Annual Meeting held, awards presented

Main Street Nevada, Nevada Economic Development Council and The Nevada Foundation held their Annual Meeting on Nov. 20 at Gatherings. Keynote Speaker, Kiley Miller of Alliant Energy, reminded attendees of all the great achievements Nevada has made in recent years and encouraged everyone to **stay proud** of where they live and **get loud** about the progress that's been made.

Main Street Nevada presented its two annual awards for 2025. The Harold Fawcett Community Involvement award went to Kim Houston, who provides advocacy and support for local school, church and community activities, including the County Fair. Houston is employed by Burke Corp., where she's known as a leader, connector, and communicator.

The Ron Daehler Memorial Business of the Year went to NuCara Pharmacy, a Main Street Nevada business that has stepped up its retail space to fill voids left when other

businesses have closed. While retail isn't the basis of the business, highlighting it has made a positive impact for the downtown. The business is a staple in the community and has a major connection to the man the award is named for. Ron Daehler was a pharmacist and owner of the business previously located in the same space.

The Nevada Foundation presented its annual "Spirit of Nevada" philanthropy award to two women who go above and beyond for students and families in Nevada, Jodi Heeren and Elizabeth Gindt, both employees of the Nevada School District. Behind the scenes, these two women help many Nevada children and families, advocating for them and providing or finding the resources they need when times are tough.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients!



Kim Houston, at left, is the 2025 recipient of the Harold Fawcett Community Involvement Award, given by Main Street Nevada.

At right, Elizabeth Gindt, left, and Jodi Heeren are co-recipients of the Nevada Foundation's Spirit of Philanthropy Award.



Representing NuCara are employees Dane Nealson, Shannon Hahn and Brett Barker. NuCara is the 2025 recipient of the Ron Daehler Memorial Business of the Year Award.



Main Street Nevada and NEDC thank our incredible investors

Main Street Nevada and Nevada Economic Development Council appreciate your partnership in helping us continue to cultivate economic growth and prosperity, preserve our historic downtown, and create places where our community comes together and thrives. 2025 brought growth in housing, wayfinding signage, a new downtown mural, and an increase in private investments to buildings and local businesses. Nevada continues to be a great place to live, work and visit, thanks to your collaboration.

21st Century Rehab

3 Lux Salon
AKD Plumbing
All American Car Wash
Allen Kockler Co.
Alliant Energy
ALMACO
American Legion Post #48
Ames Ford Lincoln
Andy's Armory & Adventure
Anytime Fitness
Availa Bank
Bappe Law
Berry Patch Farm
Best Life Services
Bluemoon Holistic Wellness
Brenda Dryer
Brett Barker
Burke Corporation
Cahill Law Offices
Camelot Theater Foundation
Central Presbyterian Church
Chocolaterie Stam (Ames)
Chris & Nicole Scobba
Christa Skaggs
Central Iowa Building Systems
City of Nevada
Community Vet Clinic
Consignment Gallery
Construct
Consumers Energy
Cutting Edge
Discover Ames
Edward Jones-Tom Geist

EQP!

Fareway (Nevada)
First Interstate Bank
Flummerfelt
Foot & Ankle Specialists of Ames
Fredrickson Realty
Fred Samuelson
Frideres Chiropractic
Friend Road Rescue
Frontline Bioenergy
Gatherings
General Financial Supply
GiftBoxLove Co.
Harmony Clothing Closet
Hawcott Lawn Service
Hertz
HR Green
Hunziker & Associates
ITC
Jim & Clare Frevert
Kelly Laundry Service
Ken & Marilyn Nelson
Key Cooperative
Kiwanis
Kruck Plumbing
Lincolnway Energy
Lion's Club
Longview Farms
Lunar Parlor
Mancave Estates
McFarland Eye Clinic
MiCasita
Mid-States Companies

Midwest Esthetician & Co.

Midwest Insurance Corp.
Marc Olson Real Estate More
Team at ReMax Concepts
Nearly New Consignment & Retail
Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada Baptist Church
Nevada Community School District
Nevada Community Historical Society
Nevada Jaycees
Nevada Lodge (Masons)
Nevada Monument
Nevada Vision
NuCara Pharmacy
OnTrack
Paragon
Parker Law Firm
Parkview Pharmacy
Pedersen Insurance
Phil Page-Courthouse View Apartments
Pint Sized Ice Cream
Pleis Farms
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Regency Retirement Residence
Renaud Engineering
Renn's Cafe

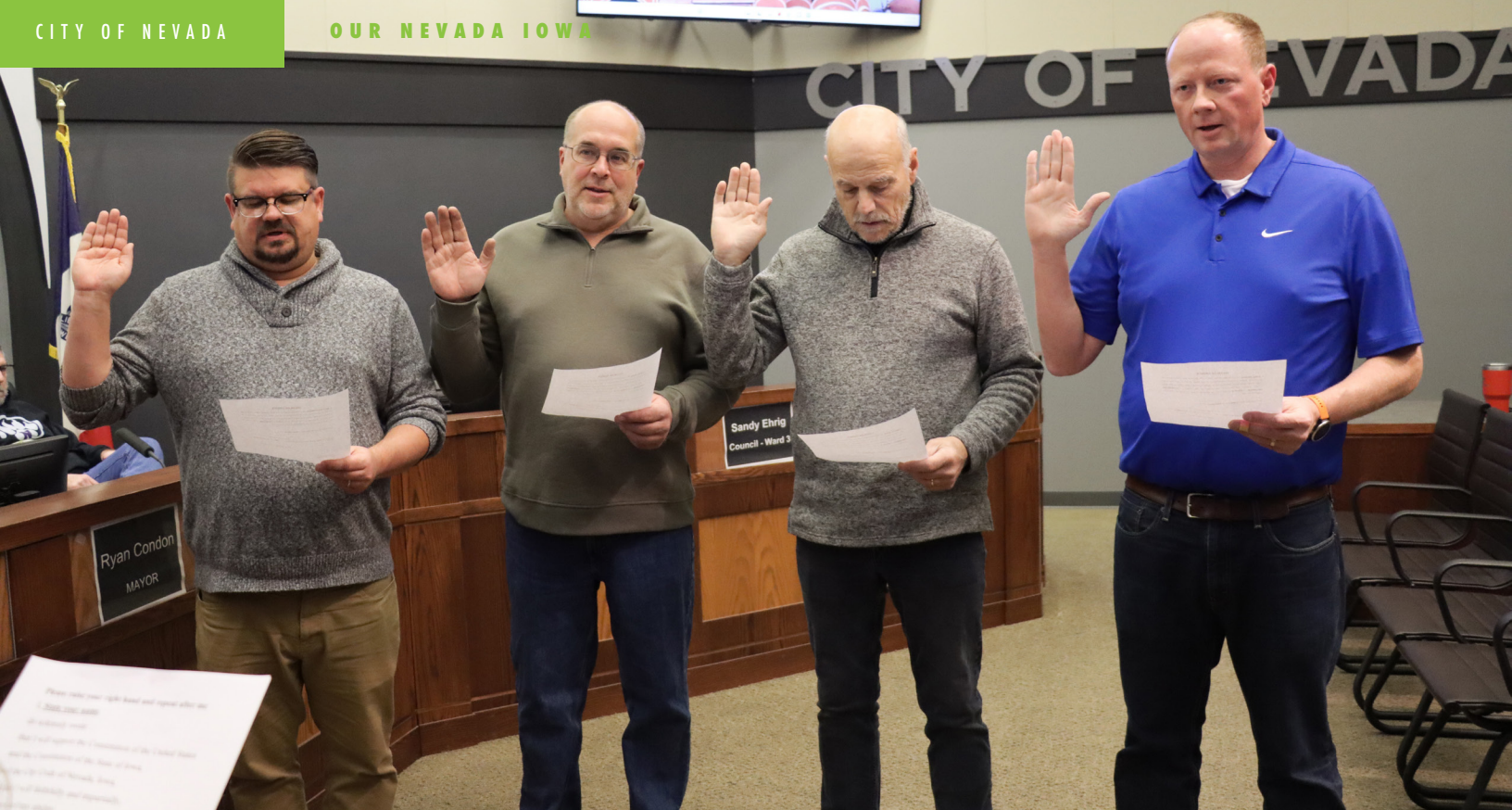
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Rotary of Nevada
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Saltech Systems
Sandy Ehrig
The Silo Club
Skinner & Associates
Sleep Easy
South Story Bank & Trust
South Glen Development
Sports Bowl
State Bank & Trust
State Farm-Scott Richardson
Stephenson Dental
Story County Medical Center
Story Construction
Story County Recorder
Story County Treasurer
Strand Associates
Summit Dental
Sweet & Savory
The Connect Chiropractic
The Milford Schoolhouse
The Well Brewery + Market
United Way of Story County
Urban Roots
Wells Ag Supply
Wild Features Collective
Williamson Electric
Women Helping Others
Woodruff Construction
Van Wall Equipment
VERBIO

MSN Investor

NEDC Investor

Invests in both MSN and NEDC



Leaders elected in November 2025 were sworn into office prior to the Dec. 8, 2025, City Council meetings, so they would be officially ready to start their terms on Jan. 1, 2026. Shown are (from left) Mayor Ryan Condon, At-Large Councilman Andrew Kelly, Ward 4 City Councilman Charlie Good, and Ward 2 City Councilman Luke Spence.

A New Year and a New City Council

City leaders, voted in this past November, were officially sworn into their offices on Dec. 8, 2025.

Mayor Ryan Condon and Ward 2 Councilman Luke Spence will continue serving in the seats they were elected to earlier in 2025 by special election.

Returning to the council after last serving in 2017, is Andrew Kelly, and new to the council for his first time in office for the City of Nevada is Charlie Good.

Andrew, or as most know him "Andy," Kelly is a plumber with ACE Hardware in Nevada. Kelly has lived in the community for 25 years.

Kelly served on the council for three terms previously,



Andy Kelly



Charlie Good

from 2006-2009, 2010-2013, and 2014-2017.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children, and Kelly said he prides himself on trying to stay current with community events.

Good is a retired businessowner in Nevada, having closed his store Good & Quick in recent months.

Good has lived in Nevada since 2012, and is a lifelong resident of Story County.

He and his wife, Michelli, have four children and six grandchildren.

The first meeting of January will be Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

Apply now for seasonal jobs with Nevada Parks and Rec

The Nevada Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for a variety of seasonal employment opportunities for the upcoming spring and summer.

Aquatic Center: Positions available for the Management Team, Lead Lifeguards, Lifeguards and Swim Lesson Instructors. If you are at least 15 years old by mid-May and are interested, consider taking the Lifeguard



Training Class. Contact Nevada Parks and Recreation for training information before February 1. Classes are offered at no cost for anyone who successfully completes the class and works for Nevada Parks and Recreation.

SCORE Complex Guest Services: This position serves all of the SCORE Complex and our guests including admission and concessions for various games and events.

Umpires: Youth baseball and softball umpires. Weekday evenings from mid-April through the end of June.

Parks/Cemetery Maintenance: General grounds and building maintenance throughout the city. Must be at least 17 years old by March 31. Opportunities available April - November.



Application deadline is Sunday, February 1 or until available positions are filled.

To apply or for more information, contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 515-382-4352, or email Rhonda Maier at nevadarecreation@gmail.com.



The City congratulates the following full-time employees on their five-year incremental service anniversaries happening in 2026:



David Harrison, Streets Dept., 35 years

Mike Rasmussen, Parks & Rec Dept., 25 years

Josh Cizmada, Public Safety Dept., 15 years

Nathan Holl, Streets Dept., 5 years

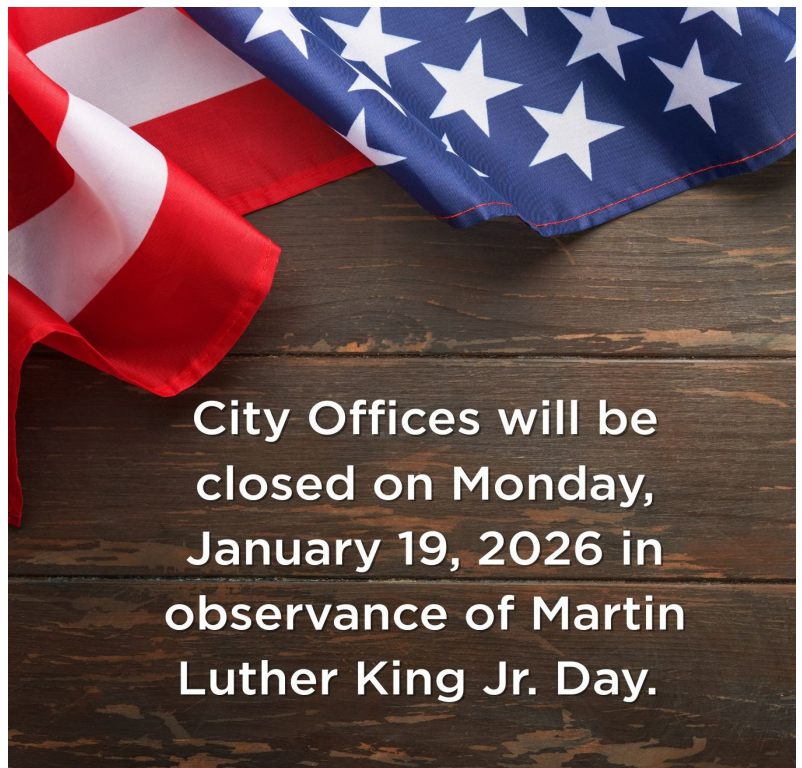
Kellan Sydnese, Public Safety Dept., 5 years

Charlie Starbuck, Water Dept., 5 years

Devin Cornish, Wastewater Dept., 5 years

Nicholas Walleiser, Public Safety Dept., 5 years

Dylan Davison, Library, 5 years



City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Nevada Public Library News

ADULT PROGRAMS

Coffee, Coloring & Conversation

Thursday, Jan. 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m. *new time*

Renn's Cafe — 1001 6th St

Join us for an hour of conversation, coffee and coloring. We hope to share a calming space to relax before going to work. This hour is also a great opportunity to discuss upcoming programs and ideas for new programs that we have coming up or any programs that you would like to see the library offer in the future.

Soma Yoga

Monday, Jan. 12, 6-7 p.m., Library Meeting Room

Join us for a SomaYoga class benefiting the Friends of the Nevada Public Library. Our instructor, Tina Schmidt, is a RYT-200 and is excited to lead attendees in a gentle flow yoga practice rooted in somatics. Registration required with a suggested \$5 donation that will go to the Friends of the Nevada Public Library. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to use.



Movies at the Library

Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30 start time, Library Meeting Room

This month we are starting over and viewing "Eat, Pray, Love." There will be popcorn and donuts available during the movie.

Craft & Chat

Friday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m-Noon, Library Meeting Room

Join Kathy in the meeting room with your craft project!

Lunch & Learn- Finance Basics 101

Friday, Jan. 23, Noon-1 p.m., Library Meeting Room

Bridget Bond, bank manager, from BMO bank, will host a banking basics 101 course to help you start the new year out right. This is an opportunity to learn more about opening accounts, what financial institutions can offer, and how to protect and grow your hard-earned money. This program is designed to be an informative learning opportunity. Library co-sponsorship does not constitute an endorsement of the content, or the views expressed by presenters or participants.

Adult Craft Night

Friday, Jan. 26, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Meeting Room

Join Assistant Director Danielle in the meeting room to bedazzle books with diamond art gems. You may bring your own book, or we will have a handful of books to choose from. If you would like, you are also welcome to bring your own food and drinks to enjoy during the event. Registration is required.

Financial Literacy 101 presented in Spanish

Thursday, Jan. 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Library Meeting Room

Denise Martinez, relationship banker, from BMO bank will be hosting a banking basics 101 course to help you start the new year right. This is an opportunity to learn more about opening accounts, what financial institutions can offer, and how to protect and grow your hard-earned money. This program will be presented in Spanish. This program is designed to be an informative learning opportunity. Library co-sponsorship does not constitute an endorsement of the content, or the views expressed by presenters or participants.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Grounds for Murder and **Books after Dark** are continuing into the new year, same time and place. **Sweet Reads** has been retired as a book club.

Books on Tap is back on the 4th Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m.

Join Rachel at Lincoln Tap on Jan. 26 to discuss "Dreadful by Caitlin Rozakis."

There Will be Books is a new book club which will meet the last Friday of the month during the lunch hour in the meeting room. This new book club will discuss the book that you read for the adult reading challenge category in January. We will do a round table discussion of the books everyone read with the goal of allowing you to learn about new authors and books you may not be familiar with. Since this is during the lunch hour, please feel free to bring your own lunch and stay for a few minutes or the whole hour. Our first meeting will be Jan. 30 from Noon-1 p.m.

FAMILY NERF WAR (ALL AGES)

Friday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m.

We will supply everyone with Nerf darts and eye protection but we encourage you to bring your own Nerf gun — must be compatible with the standard Nerf dart. We have a limited supply of Nerf guns, so if you need one please let us know! For everyone's safety, all participants **MUST** wear eye protection. Registration is required.

INTRO TO DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Saturday, Jan. 10, starting at Noon

This program is for teens in 9th to 12th grade and young adults, 18-22 years old.

Learn the basics of how a campaign is run and how to develop your character. This is an introductory session that we hope will turn into a recurring program.

REGULAR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Toddler Time (ages 0-3), Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Tales (grades 4-6), Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Lounge (grades 7-12), Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

STEAM Lab (grades K-3), Thursdays at 3:15 p.m.



NEW DISCOVERY KITS NOW AVAILABLE!

This past spring, the Nevada Public Library was awarded the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Region 4 Science Kits for Public Learning Libraries Grant to purchase hands-on, STEM-related learning kits for kids.



DISCOVERY KITS

This grant allowed the Library team to create 20 Discovery Kits to circulate in the community. The kits cover a range of STEM topics for kids of all ages from colors and numbers to coding and anatomy. They are perfect if you're home schooling or just interested in a certain topic. There is a limit of one kit checkout per account at a time. Check out is for one week with no renewals.



We intend for this collection to continue growing and developing. Thank you to IEEE Region 4 for allowing us to provide these kits to our community!

Special Note:

The Friends of the Library January book sale will be held the second week of January, rather than the first week! See you on the 9th and 10th!

SEED SWAP KICKOFF WITH NINE SQUARE FEET

Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-Noon, Library Meeting Room

Bring your saved or unused seeds to share with the community. If you don't have seeds, we will have a limited number of FREE seed packets courtesy of Nine Square Feet, a non-profit supporting backyard food production.

This program is the kickoff for our Seed Library every year! The Seed Library provides programs about seed starting to growing garlic to planting native plants and how to build your own rain barrel. We bring in local farmers and other experts to provide educational programming to the community. The seeds in the seed library are for home gardeners and include flowers and vegetables. The seed library is open whenever the library



is open, and you may visit as many times as you would like.

Keep an eye out for more programming from the seed library as we "Plant a Seed and Read."



Fill the Foyer 2026

11th Annual Campaign

The City of Nevada once again asks the public to fill the front foyer of City Hall with items that will be given to Harmony Clothing Closet, Nevada Community Cupboard, Cubbie's Cupboard & Nevada Food at First

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items (canned foods), cleaning supplies, toiletries, winter outerwear for Harmony (mittens, scarves, coats), 1- and 2-gallon food storage bags, zipper sandwich bags, and full-size aluminum steam table pans, plus Cash donations (please leave cash with City hall staff)

Giving schedule

Drop off items during regular City Hall hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) from Friday, January 2, to Friday, January 30 (donations will be picked up by agencies weekly).

**BENEFITS LOCAL
FAMILIES**



Harmony Clothing Closet continues serving thousands as needs rise

For more than 18 years, Harmony Clothing Closet has filled a critical gap for families across Nevada and Story County. Located at 1122 6th St., Harmony provides free clothing, shoes, toys, linens, and small household items to anyone in need with no applications or income requirements.

As families face rising costs for food, rent, transportation, and medical care, Harmony offers stability in one of the most basic areas of daily life: Clothing. By removing the cost of coats, shoes, school outfits, and household essentials, Harmony helps families stretch their budgets toward food, housing, utilities, and medical needs.

A GROWING NEED ACROSS IOWA AND BEYOND

Harmony has served:

- More than 15,000 shoppers
- Over 240,000 lifetime shoppers
- Residents from 51 Iowa counties
- Families from 20 states and 8 countries
- Nearly 2 million items distributed since 2007

Rising costs have made clothing a financial hardship for many families, especially those with children. Harmony helps ease that strain. "Every coat, every pair of shoes, every shirt makes a difference," says Elizabeth Gindt, coordinator for Harmony. "Parents often tell us the money they save here goes straight toward groceries or other household needs."

DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Harmony receives no state or federal

funding. The program operates solely through free-will donations and volunteer support. Every donated dollar goes directly toward:

- Utilities (heat, cooling, water, electricity)
- Building, maintenance, and garbage costs
- Supplies that keep the space clean and organized

With growing demand and rising operational costs, financial support is more important than ever.

VOLUNTEERS KEEP HARMONY MOVING

Volunteers sort clothing, restock racks, greet shoppers, and maintain a warm, dignified environment. Even one hour a month makes a meaningful difference.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Monday evenings (4-7 p.m.)
- Flexible weekday sorting shifts
- Group volunteer days for businesses, school groups, and service organizations

FILL THE FOYER – JANUARY 2026

Harmony will once again participate in the annual Fill the Foyer event in January 2026. This community-wide collection drive helps stock Harmony with winter weather gear for people of all ages, including coats, boots, gloves, hats, snow pants, and warm layers.

Winter items are some of the most requested and most needed pieces throughout the season, and Fill the Foyer ensures that children, adults,

and seniors can stay warm and safe during the coldest months of the year. Donations from this event directly support families who would otherwise struggle to afford the high cost of winter gear.

Community members are encouraged to donate new or gently used winter items during the month of January to help Harmony continue meeting this essential need.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate Funds: Monetary gifts can be given during open hours or mailed to Harmony Clothing Closet.

Donate Items: Clothing, shoes, toys, linens, and small household items can be dropped off every Monday from 4-7 p.m.

Donate: In-kind professional services.

Volunteer: Email harmonyclothingcloset@gmail.com or stop by on Mondays to learn more.

Spread the Word: Let families know free clothing is available, no restrictions and no barriers.

For nearly two decades, Harmony Clothing Closet has stood as a testament to Nevada's generosity and compassion. As needs continue to rise, financial donations are vital to the sustainability of this program. Your support ensures Harmony can keep its doors open, maintain its building, cover utilities, and continue offering essential items at no cost.

With continued community backing through donations, volunteerism, and advocacy, Harmony Clothing Closet will remain a place where neighbors help neighbors, and every person feels cared for, valued, and supported.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

SENIOR CENTER MEN'S COFFEE

Jan. 1 and 15, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATIONAL MTG

Jan. 2, 10 a.m.
Story County Admin. Bldg.

NEVADA FOOD AT FIRST

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, 1036 7th St.
Find out more, set up delivery:
<https://nevadafoodatfirst.com>

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Jan. 3, 9 a.m.
Renn's Cafe, 1001 6th St.

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

Every Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m.
1110 11th Street
Provides food for those in need

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

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

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

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

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

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SENIOR CENTER WOMEN'S COFFEE

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
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FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Jan. 9 and 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

NEVADA SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRIVIA NIGHT

Jan. 10, 7-10 p.m.
Christy Hall
Go to the NevadaCSDfoundation Facebook page for team registration information.

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

Jan. 9, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
An alternate choice, tenderloins, will be provided. Adults \$12, Children \$5

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

Jan. 12, 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

Jan. 12 & 26, 6 p.m.
City Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

Jan. 30, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Enjoy Kumla with ham, green beans, a roll, dessert and beverage. Adults \$12, Children \$5

CAMELOT SHOW

Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
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