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NEW!

Welcome to the first issue of Our Nevada Iowa,
brought to you by a group of partners dedicated
to keeping residents informed while moving our
beloved community forward.

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Our Nevada Iowa

February 2022

The Opener

Brett Barker
Mayor, City of Nevada

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." This simple proverb encapsulates our current chapter in Nevada's history.

A primary goal of mine since taking office has been to break down silos and build and foster partnerships. The newsletter you are holding is a physical manifestation of our work to that end.

Careful planning between a number of public entities has made this broadened community newsletter a reality. I hope this publication will be a resource for all of us as we continue to improve communications between community leaders and the residents we serve.

Partnerships between the City of Nevada, Nevada Community School District, Nevada Economic Development Council, Main Street Nevada, Story County Medical Center, the Nevada Foundation, Story County, and other community organizations have been vital in recent accomplishments. Shared logos and branding, a growing list of successful grant applications for downtown buildings, and the Nevada Field House capital campaign are a few examples of what we can do when we work together.

Along with local partnerships, Nevada has enjoyed the fruits of stronger regional connections. By bringing together the Nevada Economic Development Council and Ames Economic Development, the community and its businesses have access to more resources and greater expertise. Additionally, the City of Ames and Story County have taken unprecedented steps to collaborate with Nevada on development projects, showcasing the regional economic development reality of the 21st Century.

I hope each of you enjoys having an expanded informational newsletter. Our goal is to keep residents better informed about what is happening in their community.

On the Cover: (from left) Nate Thompson, CEO of Story County Medical Center; Brett Barker, Mayor of Nevada; Lisa Oxley, 2022 President of Main Street Nevada; Lisa Heddens, Story County Supervisor; Michelle Cassabaum, President of the NEDC; and Dr. Steve Gray, Superintendent of the Nevada Community School District. These leaders represent the organizations who are partnering to bring you this expanded community publication.



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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

Our Nevada is a monthly publication of the City of Nevada, Nevada Community School District, Story County Medical Center, Story County, NEDC, and Main Street Nevada.





Almost There

Seeking 200 families to give \$200 a year

The City of Nevada recently announced the award of two large grants for the Nevada Field House, a multi-use, indoor recreational facility for all ages to be built at SCORE. The project was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Story County Community Foundation and a \$424,000 State of Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant. These two grants bring the project much closer to the fundraising goal of \$7 million.

Upon receipt of these grants, the Nevada Foundation has begun a push for pledges totaling \$200,000 from the community. The Foundation is asking for 200 families to pledge \$200 a year for five years as part of this campaign.

"We are so very close to our fundraising goal on this project! We are thankful for the large amount of pledges and support that we have already received, and I know that the Nevada community will step up this month to get us across the finish line," said Michelle Cassabaum, who is chairing the fundraising campaign.

Community members interested in being part of this project can find more information on the City's website under the "Projects, Bids" link on the home page.

A donation form can be found on the next page of this newsletter. Fill it out and turn it in at Nevada City Hall, Nevada Parks & Rec office, or State Bank & Trust. Additional questions may be directed to Nevada Parks & Recreation at 515-382-4352 or thansen@cityofnevadaiaowa.org.





2022 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE FORM

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

DONOR(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

5 YEAR PLEDGE COMMITMENT

By this pledge, I/we are making a binding commitment to give the amount(s) specified below, which pledge The Nevada Foundation is an Iowa non-profit corporation in the process of obtaining tax-exempt status under the provision of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Nevada Foundation's federal tax identification number is 83-4317357.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

☐ I would like to pledge a total amount of:

\$25,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$1,000 Other: \$ _____
My 5 year pledge will be billed for \$ _____ annually.

☐ I would like to make a one-time donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Make checks payable to:

Story County Community Foundation

Memo line: Nevada Fieldhouse

Forms & Checks can be dropped off at:

State Bank & Trust Co.

1025 6th St., Nevada

☐ I would prefer my pledge be kept confidential.

NEVADA
FIELDHOUSE

1209 6th Street, Nevada, IA 50201
thenevadafoundation@gmail.com

#SCOREINDOOR



Thank you for your support!

Apply for seasonal employment

NEVADA PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERS A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

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, Head Guards, 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. We will train the right candidate for any position.

Concession/Cashiers: Positions will work at both Fawcett Family Aquatic Center and the SCORE 4-Plex. Must be at least 14 years old by March 31.

Umpires: Youth baseball and softball umpires. Weekday evenings, April-early July. Plate umpires must be 16 years of age and base umpires 14 years of age to apply.

Athletic Field/Sports Complex Staff: Baseball/softball field prep and complex maintenance/supervisor. Work hours vary, but most hours are worked weekends from mid-April through July. Must be at least 16 years old.

Parks/Cemetery Maintenance: General grounds and building maintenance throughout the city. Must be at least 17 years old. Monday-Friday, 7:30-4 p.m., and weekends as scheduled. Staff will be required to assist in weekend tournaments. There are positions available for the months of April-November and positions available for the months of May-August.

All summer employment applications are due by Jan. 31, 2022. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at nevadarecreation@gmail.com or 382-4352 for an application.

February becomes 'FAB'uary in Nevada

Watch the City Website: www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org and the City Facebook page: City of Nevada, IA for details of how February will become "FAB"uary in our community.

With a focus on overall wellbeing, many community organizations are sponsoring activities that will allow residents of all ages to come out of all the things weighing our society down — Covid, derechos, inflation, delays... — and fill up their lives with fun! February (which can sometimes be the longest month of all) is the perfect month to go from "drab" to "fab"!

Please check the City website and see what's been shared on this new community effort.

Sign up for summer sports!



All registrations are due by Feb. 11 for North Story Baseball and CIRL Baseball and Softball program. Baseball 3-4 and 5-6 grades will sign up at:

www.centraliowarecleague.org/northstory.

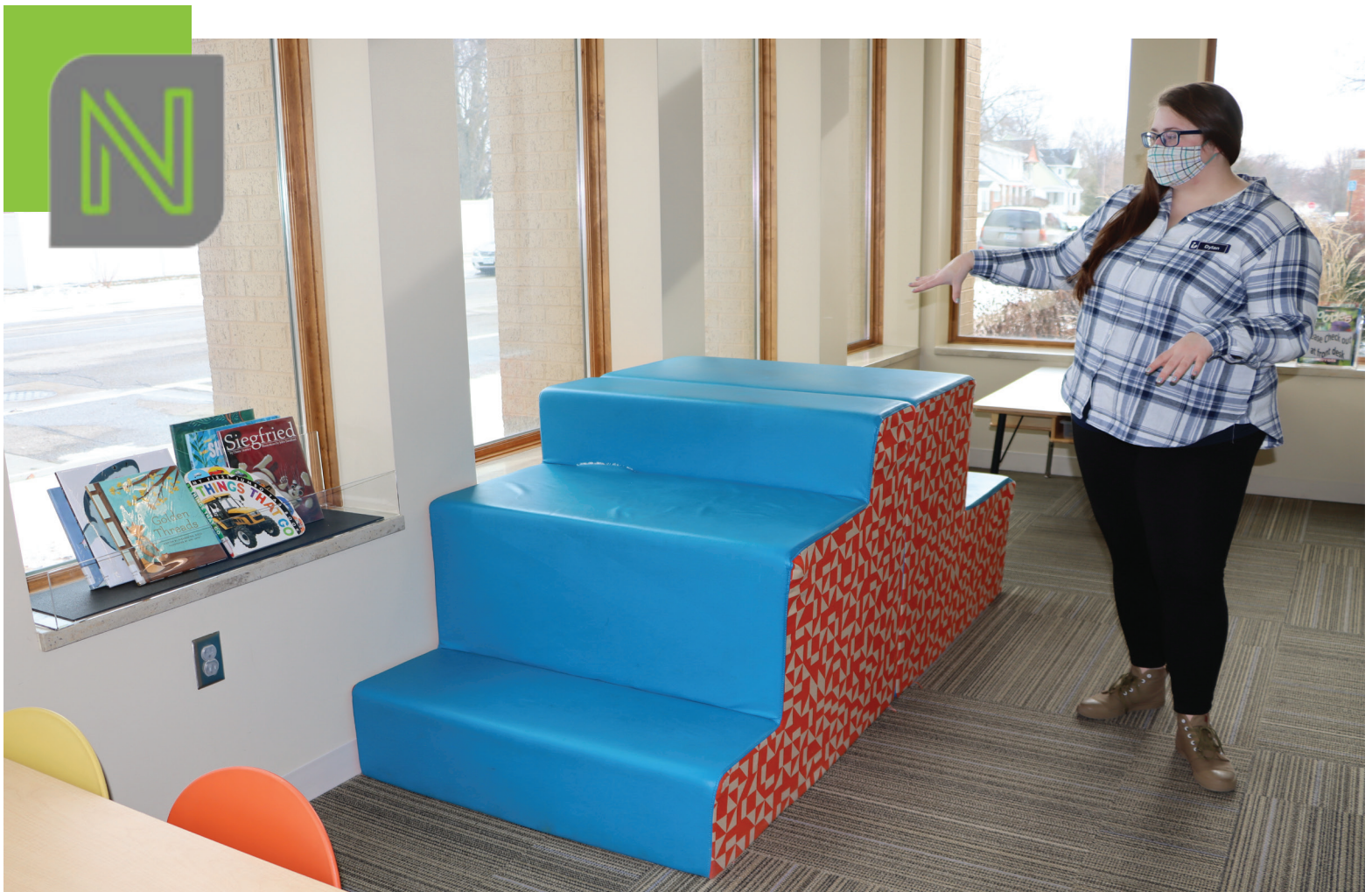
Softball and 2nd grade and under programs will sign up at: <https://info.abcsportscamps.com/nevadaiaowa>.

For more information, call Nevada Parks and Recreation at 515-382-4352 or email nevadarecreation@gmail.com.

Don't Flush Wipes!

Officials at the City's Water Pollution Control Facility urge residents to remember that while advertised as "flushable," no personal hygiene wipes should be flushed down the toilet! Unlike toilet paper, wipes do not break down quickly and can plug pipes in houses. They also make disposal at the City's treatment facility more costly and burdensome. Help yourself and help the City. Do not flush wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, condoms, feminine hygiene products, etc.





Back to Life

Library staff moves toward opening more children's spaces, and shares other exciting changes for 2022

The staff of the Nevada Public Library is very excited about a lot of new things they are enjoying as 2022 kicks off. Library Director Erin Coughlin shares the following comments on these developments:

WEBSITE — Our website redesign was a long time coming. It's a work in progress but features a simpler design that should make it easier for patrons to find what they need. We are also excited to make it easier for people to reserve spaces at the library including the meeting room and study rooms. They can see if the space is available online and book it themselves! Our event calendar is also an important update to the website.

CHILDREN'S AREA — Our children's area has been made "fun" again. We've had requests in the past few months for getting our puppets and toys out. I wanted to wait until our new youth services librarian, Dylan Davison (shown above), was ready. We've got our AWE computer station with educational games for kids, our light table, train table, and puppet theater ready for kids to use. Dylan will also be hosting in-person storytime again (registration required). Storytime will also be available via Zoom so those not comfortable in group settings yet can also take part in the fun.

Nevada Library News



We've got more going on! Get extra details and the latest updates on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NevadaLibrary), Instagram (www.instagram.com/NevadaPublicLibrary), our website (www.nevada.lib.ia.us), or in the Library Newsletter (www.tinyurl.com/NevadaLibNews and in print at the front desk).

Open Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Events (times subject to change)

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Teens

Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m.

Library Meeting Room

Teen Lounge

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

Library Meeting Room

Children

Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime Room

Adults

Strings & Things

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Library Meeting Room

Grounds for Murder Book Club

Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.

At FarmGrounds

On What Grounds by Cleo Coyle

Books on Tap (Book Club)

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

At George's

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

CONTACT US BY PHONE AT 515-382-2628 OR BY EMAIL AT
NPL@NEVADA.LIB.IA.US

PROGRAMMING — We have a new book club that Amanda Zagloba will be hosting on the first Saturday of the month at FarmGrounds. The "Grounds for Murder" book club is focused on mysteries, and we've received a lot of interest from our patrons for this club. We're also hoping to reinvigorate our "Books on Tap" book club at George's. We love that these local businesses are willing to partner with us to make our book clubs even better. We also are starting a Teen Lounge on Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. to give local 6th-12th graders a place to socialize. We have gaming laptops, board games, a Nintendo Switch, and other activities planned, and we'll provide snacks because we know how much teens need to eat! We also

hope to provide some homework help during Teen Lounge if teens need it. As a former teacher, I personally would love to provide assistance during this time.

NEW FACES, NEW IDEAS — Finally, we're excited as a staff to establish our own ideas at the library. We're all new to Nevada with the exception of two staff members, and it's really fun to try new things and see what works. What we need more than anything is feedback from the community. We want to provide the community with tools and resources that they need and want. Our goal is to make the library a community hub for ALL. We want people to come to the library for whatever they need.



Nevada staff members (from left) Dylan Davison, Erin Coughlin, Brittany Dueker and Amanda Zagloba are excited about the look and features of the Nevada Public Library's new website, shown on the computer screen.

Nevada PSD lists bike inventory

Public has 60 days to claim

The bikes in this listing have been found and turned in to the Nevada Public Safety Department. If you are missing a bike, you need to come to Nevada City Hall and speak with a member of the police department to describe your bike in detail.

The Nevada Public Safety Department is required to publish the list of recovered bicycles and wait 60 days from this publication before disposing of them.

One thing the PSD advises to all bicycle owners is to have your bicycles registered with us, so we can return them easily. It is FREE to register bicycles with the PSD.

BIKES:

Blue and purple Magnum Power Climber
Blue & white mens 18 speed
Black & red Magma kids bike
Purple & green NEXT SURGE kids bike
Red & black 21 Speed adult bike
Red NEXT trick bike-youth
Red Schwinn adult bike
Light green Hot Rock Specialized youth bike
Light blue men's bike
Red Razor 18" boys bike with green brakes
Light blue 18" boys bike
Maroon NEXT BMX bike
Silver & red NEXT Wipeout kids bike
Orange & silver Magma boys bike
Black & pink kids bike with pink rims
Orange Mongoose youth bike
Green CHAOS FS20 bike
Black RAZOR bike with gold pegs
Malibu pink girls bike
Green mens PACIFIC bike



Silver & red RALEIGH bike

Black with green youth bike

Pink girls bike

Purple Hannah Montana HUFFY bike

Pink & green KENT Troublemaker bike

Purple SCHWINN youth bike

Green & white D/SX20 bike

Black Ninja Turtle with training wheels

Green youth bike

Pink girls NEXT bike

White 22" NEXT bike

Purple 18 speed ROADMASTER

Blue Fearless youth bike

Purple NEXT kids bike

Pink youth bike

Black youth bike

Pink kids Evolution bike

Black & white youth Ambush bike

Green ROADMASTER bike

Gray & black adult SCHWINN mountain bike

Black Vertical bike

Silver adult 10 speed HUFFY bike

Light blue adult ROADMASTER bike

Black & red Mountain bike DS600

Green NEXT boys bike

Red JEEP bike

Blue Cranbrook Perfect Frame HUFFY bike

Red Vertical bike

Blue Magna 21 Speed

Pink girls REACTION bike

Red adult NEXT bike

Yellow youth bike

Red & black adult All Terrain NEXT bike

Purple girls Free Spirit with basket

Burley Solo Child bike carrier, yellow and blue



American Rescue Plan Fund Awards

Story County was allocated \$18.9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Supervisors identified the best strategic uses of the funding to serve the citizens of the County to support the public health response, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Communities, organizations, external partners, and County departments were invited to submit proposals in the fall of 2021.

During several public worksessions, the Board determined the eligibility of the projects in accordance with the U.S. Treasury guidelines. Submitted applications focused on water quality and wastewater projects, affordable housing solutions, projects addressing negative economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic (social service agencies, food insecurity programs and childcare), and projects addressing the public health response for the safety and accessibility of County operations.

For a complete project listing and related costs, contact the Board of Supervisors office at 515-382-7200 or visit Story County's website at www.storycountyiowagov/1553/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-ARPA.

Veterans Affairs Hometown Outreach

Story County Veterans Affairs will be in Nevada. Appointments are not needed. This is a time to visit with VA leaders. Who knows? You may be eligible for a VA benefit.

**Nevada City Hall
February 16, 2022
9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Story County Conservation Annual Photo Contest

Submit photos from March 1-20, 2022

Categories include: 1) **Landscape**, 2) **Flora & Fungi**, 3) **Fauna**, and 4) **Connecting People & Recreation**.

For more information, contact Story County Conservation at 515-232-2516 or visit online at www.storycountyiowa.gov/95/Conservation-Parks.



News & Notes

DO YOU OWN A WELL?

Story County Environmental Health recommends that private well owners, at a minimum, have their well water tested annually for bacteria and nitrate levels. In addition, anytime a well owner experiences a power outage that lasts long enough for your water system to lose all pressure, the water should be tested once the power is restored.



Under our Grants-to-Counties Program, Story County residents can contact this office to set up an appointment for free private well water testing for any of the following: Coliform bacteria, nitrate, manganese, or arsenic.

For further information or to set up an appointment, call 515-382-7240 or email healthweb@storycountyiowa.gov.

CICS OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Every day, individuals turn to CICS in 15 central Iowa counties for health, hope and successful outcomes to improve their quality of life. It could be an adult struggling with depression, an individual in an impending crisis, or someone recently released from prison trying to get their feet back on the ground.



CICS
Supporting Individuals. Strengthening Communities.

Whatever the situation, CICS is here to help by coordinating a multitude of services and securing financial assistance for individuals struggling with mental health or intellectual and other developmental disabilities. We encourage you to explore the many ways we support individuals and strengthen the communities we serve. Please call the local CICS Story County office at 515-663-2930 or visit www.cicsmhds.org for more information.

2022 Dates & Deadlines from Assessor's Office

Story County Assessor Wayne Schwickerath reminds residents of the upcoming Time-Cycle for 2022 Assessments.

January 1, 2022: Assessment date

April 1, 2022: Assessor completes assessments and notifies taxpayers

April 2-5, 2022: Taxpayers may request informal review of assessment by Assessor

April 2-30, 2022: Taxpayers may appeal assessments to local Board of Review

May 1-31, 2022: Board of Review in session

July, 1, 2022: Assessor submits abstract of the assessments to the Director of Revenue

To find information and deadlines for Credits and Exemptions for which you may qualify call 515-382-7320, or visit www.storycountyiowa.gov/89/Assessor-Property-Values.

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YouTube channel at Story County, Iowa

Engaging our diverse communities to responsibly provide quality opportunities and services that matter
Accountability | Collaboration | Environment | Equity | Inclusivity | Innovation | Wise Use of Resources



Looking to the Future

New master facilities plan includes enhancements to bring all health care services to Story Medical's South Campus

During 2021, the Story Medical Board of Directors and Senior leadership team began the process of developing a long-term plan for facilities. That planning included input from inside and outside the organization and has led to an ambitious vision that will transform the way residents of Story Medical Senior Care receive services, and further improve the care delivered to patients of the Medical Center and Nevada Clinic.

The plan calls for moving Story Medical Senior Care from its current location on 6th Street to the Story Medical South Campus on 19th Street, just south of Highway 30.

"Senior care is changing," Thompson says. "As the Baby Boomers age, they are wanting more from long term care. They want facilities that are comfortable and offer a variety of amenities. Additionally, it is important to offer convenient access to a full-service clinic and hospital care. The value that will come from our medical staff being essentially on-site is beyond measure."

A number of options for improving the environment of care at the current Medical Center are also being explored.

"Health care is always changing," Thompson says. "We have to be sure that we are able to meet the changing needs of patients. That requires the best technologies and the best support for our teams to ensure we can recruit physicians, nurses and great talent to this community."

"Our facilities are an important piece of that," Thompson continues. "With interest rates at an historic low, we are in a position to finance significant facility improvements without over-burdening the local taxpayer."

Watch for details on these projects in the months to come.

Quality Care is Our Priority

With a relentless focus on delivering the Best Experience Every Time to patients and the community, Story Medical recently received affirmation that it is providing exceptional care by earning full certification to the ISO 9001 Quality Management System.

"We are dedicated to providing the safest and most effective healthcare services possible," says Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson. "ISO 9001 certification not only reflects that mission but helps to empower it. The certificate is just a piece of paper, but the effort required to achieve it fundamentally transforms the way we do business. ISO 9001 is ideally suited to the complex, people-intensive challenges of running a hospital."

ISO 9001 is the most widely accepted quality management system in use around the world and is quickly gaining acceptance among US healthcare providers as a foundation for their quality and patient safety programs.

"Story Medical has worked hard to achieve this certification, and they have done so with unwavering commitment from their top leadership to make their hospital the best it can be," says Patrick Horine, President of DNV Healthcare USA Inc. "ISO 9001 certification isn't just an award or trophy for something you've done, it's public evidence that you are at the top of your game with an obvious plan in place to make excellence an everyday objective."

ISO 9001 brings science to the art

of caregiving, helping standardize processes, empowering frontline workers while creating an environment of predictability for the entire organization. The ultimate impact of ISO 9001 within hospitals is the reduction or elimination of variation, so that critical work processes are done consistently, and the "best ideas" aren't held by one person or one department but are ingrained in the organization itself.

Businesses that implement ISO 9001 do so for both the internal and external benefits. Internally it helps staff create clear and consistent processes of patient care and ensure that progress is constantly being made toward specific quality objectives. Externally, it tells the public, as well as insurers and regulatory agencies, that the hospital is not only talking about quality, but is pursuing it with discipline and transparency.

"ISO 9001 is like sheet music for an orchestra; it gets everyone on the same page and helps us achieve our objectives," Thompson says.

About DNV

DNV is a global independent certification, assurance and risk management provider, operating in more than 100 countries. Through its broad experience and deep expertise, DNV advances safety and sustainable performance, sets industry benchmarks, and drives innovative solutions. For more information about DNV, visit www.dnvcert.com/healthcare.

News & Notes



KIDS CLINIC OFFERS SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS

If your child wakes up not feeling well, you don't have to wait all day for an appointment. Story Medical's Kids Clinic in Nevada offers same-day appointments for infants to children up to 18 years old between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Call (515) 382-5413 for an appointment.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED IN NEVADA

In an effort to increase access to mental health services in central Iowa, Story Medical is now partnering with Central Iowa Psychological Services (CIPS) to offer a variety of services from Story Medical Clinic - Nevada and via telehealth.

Care is delivered by Jennifer Sambu, ARNP, PMHNP, at Story Medical Clinic. Sambu has more than a decade of experience meeting the needs of patients seeking psychiatric mental health services. CIPS offers an array of services including therapy services via telehealth and on-site medication management in Nevada.

We are accepting new patients. To schedule a consultation, call Story Medical Clinic - Nevada at (515) 382-5413. For more information on Mental Health Services at Story Medical, visit storymedical.org/mentalhealth.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

You can keep up with all that is happening at Story Medical by following @StoryMedical on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Middle School Construction Nearing Completion

Students enjoy lunch in the recently opened Middle School Commons. Nearly all spaces are now occupied at the Middle School as construction winds down. The District, along with the Architects and Contractors, now go through a "punch list" process where final touches, repairs, and changes are made before the project is officially declared completed.

Social Emotional Learning

NEW MONTHLY SERIES ON SEL

What is Social Emotional Learning (SEL)?

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. (<https://buff.ly/3dFamS7>)

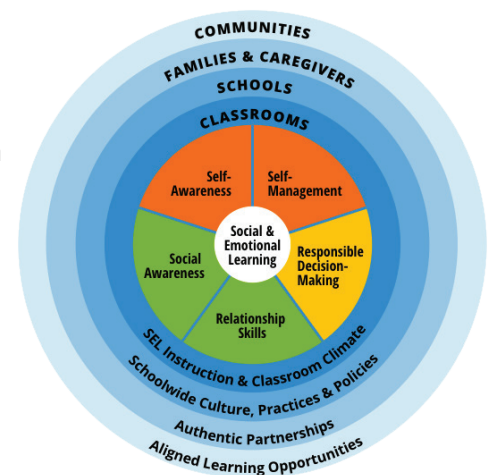
Each building at Nevada CSD is spending time focused on developing the Social Emotional Skills of the adults and students in their building.

Central Elementary is in their 4th year of SEL, teachers are integrating SEL into teaching practices, teaching

direct SEL curriculum, as well as assessing student strengths to guide instruction.

At the Middle School, teachers are focused on SEL instructional practices and becoming more familiar with competencies.

At the High School, teachers this year are focused on Instructional Practices they can use in their space to support SEL development.



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Nevada CSD is looking for Substitute Teachers! Did you know that you don't need to be a licensed teacher to substitute? We pay \$140 per day (highest in Story County!), up to \$150 per day after 30 total days of total substituting in the District per school year. Long-term substitutes can earn \$175 per day.

Are you interested in becoming a substitute? There are a couple of requirements.

1. At least 21 years old
2. Hold an Associates or Bachelors Degree, Paraeducator certificate, or 60 semester-hours of credit from an accredited postsecondary institution
3. Complete the AEA Substitute Authorization Course (<http://bit.ly/AEASub>)

To apply, visit
<http://bit.ly/NCSDSub>

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Central Elementary is now taking signups for preschool and kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have a child who will be **four (preschool)** or **five (kindergarten)** by September 15, 2022 — please call Central Elementary to get you child signed up. (515) 382-2383.

DIET MODIFICATION FORMS

School Nutrition Programs regulations require that meals offered in the schools meet the meal patterns identified in the program regulations. Food substitutions may be made for medical or special dietary



Where are the Crisпитos???

The Nutrition Department has an important notification to share with you about food service in the District as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Nationwide supply chain disruptions have been causing difficulties for our food service team as they work hard to prepare and serve healthy, great tasting meals for our students. As a result, families may begin to see changes to the lunch and breakfast menus more often, based on product substitutions from food suppliers.

For the most up-to-date menu information, visit our website menu page at <https://family.titank12.com>. Our food service team will make every attempt to update our menu page as soon as a change is made to the menu so that families can check online.

needs on a case-by-case basis if supported by a signed medical authority. Your child's signed Diet Modification Form will stay on file until the school district's Nutrition Department receives written notification from the parent/guardian to remove it. You can request a form by contacting Billie Veatch at bveach@nevadacubs.org

FREE MEALS

The USDA has issued nationwide waivers allowing schools to operate the Seamless Summer Option during the 2021-2022 school year.

Under the Seamless Summer Option, the Nevada CSD is pleased to offer a free breakfast and/or lunch each day to every student enrolled in Nevada.

Free and reduced meal application will not be necessary to participate in the Seamless Summer Option.

However, an application will be needed to waive school fees and for other benefits such as P-EBT. If your student is directly certified by the state and you would like to have your school fees waived then you will need to sign a waiver allowing your eligibility to be shared. You can find the waiver on our website: nevadacubs.org/departments/nutrition.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Federal Communications Commission has launched the Affordable Connectivity Program, providing eligible families a discount on internet service.

Learn more at <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>



Takin' it to the Street

You might have noticed some changes in the heart of Nevada, its main street, over the last two years. First the sign over 1015 6th Street changed to say Main Street Nevada, but what does this mean? In 2019 the Nevada Chamber of Commerce decided it was time to refocus and reinvent itself in pursuit of becoming a Main Street America community.

What is a Main Street America Community? In 1985, a national experiment started with three communities focused on starting reinvestment and reconnection to main street districts, and the businesses that call it home. Flash forward and the program is composed of over 1,200 communities, with 54 in Iowa. To become one of these programs, communities must enter into a competitive application process. They must first complete a written application comprised of a broad base of community and city support, and then they must prove the commitment of the community for the program. They present before an in-person panel of judges. Only two programs are inducted every two years. Nevada and Coon Rapids, Iowa were the last two inductees. (in 2019.) We proudly support the Main Street Iowa and America initiatives, by implementing the Four Point Approach.



Leadership Nevada



Leadership Nevada is a program of Main Street Nevada that offers the opportunity for participants to gain experience in civic leadership responsibilities and cultivate relationships with other local leaders and community members.

"We are thrilled to announce the 25th Leadership Nevada Class," said Henry Corbin, Executive Director of Main Street Nevada. "This longstanding program has a history of empowering local leaders and being a catalyst for connections and contributions to the Nevada community. I am excited for Class XXV participants to take their skills to the next level."

Class members will hear presentations on important topics, debate issues, participate in class activities, visit with area leaders, tour facilities and get to know other individuals representing a broad cross-section of the community. Sessions began in January 2022. The Leadership class will undertake a community betterment project aimed at the improvement of the Nevada Community.

For more information on the Leadership Nevada program, and a list of this year's participants and sponsors visit mainstreetnevada.org/lead-collection.

What's Up Downtown?

What have we been up to?

In 2021 Main Street Nevada was awarded two grants to assist in building rehabilitation projects. With these funds over 1.3 million dollars in capital have been committed to building rehabilitation in two years. Four large downtown events have been held bringing over 4,000 people to enjoy the district.

Strong leadership

The events and resources Main Street Nevada provides wouldn't be possible without the Main Street board of directors, and the Main Street committee members.

With any board there comes the time for new officers to step up and take the lead. For the years of 2020, and 2021 Steve Skaggs served as President of Main Street Nevada.

Not only was he the leader during the application process and for the first year of Main Street, he also served an additional year to assist in efforts for 2021. Under Steve's leadership, Main Street Nevada has grown to over 80 investor businesses, and has become a nationally recognized Main Street Program.

Steve will continue to be involved with Main Street activities as past president, and will continue to serve the community in a new role, as a city councilman.



A familiar face at the helm

Stepping into the role of Main Street Board President is Lisa Oxley. Lisa has been involved in the Main Street Nevada effort since day one and has been critical in establishing a presence in the community for the organization.

As a 2003 graduate of Nevada High School, Lisa has called Nevada home for many years. Lisa's employer, State Bank and Trust, has been active in supporting the mission and vision of the organization, allowing Lisa the time to be active in Main Street.

Through strategic planning, Main Street Nevada has identified five areas of focus to drive events, business development, and growth: 1) Way-finding, 2) Increasing Membership, 3) Building Improvements, 4) More Volunteers, and 5) Small Business Development. These five areas of focus will shape the organization in the coming year. To learn more about these initiatives, join us at a Main Street committee meeting. Email Henry at director@mainstreetnevada.org.

"We have an incredible group of board members leading the organization and its committees," Lisa said. "My hope is that this strong collaborative community effort continues for years to come."



From the Director's Desk

Looking back on 2021 many amazing projects and steps forward were made in the Main Street District of Nevada. In one year we saw two full building rehabilitations receive grant funding, combined with local funds that generated almost 1 million dollars of committed investment in the district. The S.E. Briggs Block (Tipton's corner) received grant funding to assist in converting the now abandoned second floor into four quality apartments.

The second project is the Journal building project. Funding has been received to assist in converting the building into a possible restaurant/brew-pub space, with offices and conference space in the lower level. The renovations will also include a historic tax credit qualified rehab, bringing the space back to a tribute of its original state, while using modern materials and furnishings. A rear courtyard with seating and room for socializing will also be part of the building project.

Work on the Union Block (Gatherings) project is approaching its final stage with drywall work wrapping up. The space will be home to a co-working area and conference rooms. The Union Block was the first grant-assisted project in the Main Street district, awarded in 2020.

2021 also saw the founding of the Camelot Theater Foundation, a group focused on the preservation and continued development of the Camelot theater, including building renovation and adaptive use of the lobby as a dining and event space.

**Best regards,
Henry T. Corbin, Executive Director**

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

STORY COUNTY BD OF HEALTH MEETING

Feb. 1, 2 p.m.
Story Co Admin. Bldg.,
Nevada

STORY COUNTY P&Z MEETING

Feb. 2, 4 p.m.
Story Co Admin Bldg.,
Nevada

BD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Story Co Admin Bldg.,
Nevada

STORY MEDICAL BD OF TRUSTEES MTG

Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

CRYSTAL BALL DANCE

Feb. 5, 8-11 p.m.
Nevada High School

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

Feb. 7 and 21
Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium
*Watch for agenda on the
School Website, nevad-
acubs.org, under District/
School Board/Agenda.*

7th/8th MIXER DANCE

Feb. 10, 6-8:30 p.m.
Nevada Middle School

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

Feb. 11, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
*Alternate meat choice is
ham. Also serving scal-
loped potatoes, salad.
Suggested donation is \$10
per person.*

PTA SNOWFLAKE DANCE

Feb. 12, 4-8 p.m.
Central Elementary

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center (by City
Hall)
*Bring a dish to share.
Serving starts at 11:30 a.m.
A program starts around
12:15 or shortly thereafter.
All are invited.*

STORY CO CONSERVATION BD MEETING

Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Center,
56461 180th St., Ames

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Feb. 14 and 28, 6 p.m.
City Hall
*Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under
Agendas/Minutes.*

9-12 VOCAL SHOWCASE

Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
Josephine Tope
Community Auditorium

NEVADA PARKS & REC BD MEETING

Feb. 16, 5:15 p.m.
City Hall
*Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under
Agendas/Minutes.*

NEVADA LIBRARY BD MEETING

Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Library Meeting Room
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City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under
Agendas/Minutes.*

PTA STEAM EVENT

Feb. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Central Elementary