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The Opener

Nate Thompson CEO of Story Medical Center



In the first-ever issue of Our Nevada magazine, I shared that we were developing a vision for a new Senior Care facility that would be located adjacent to the Medical Center on our South Campus. In the months since we offered up that first glimpse, we have made tremendous progress on clarifying our vision and taking the concrete steps that will ensure the project moves forward.

In June, our Board of Directors approved a plan that calls for site work to begin in Spring 2023 with the new 60-room facility opening in late 2024. On the cover and on Pages 4 and 5, you can get a first look at the architect renderings of the new facility.

With just a glance, you will certainly notice that it looks nothing like our current Senior Care facility. While our building in downtown Nevada has served the community well over the years, the time has come for it to be replaced. In the new facility, we offer a more home-like feel for residents with amenities ranging from single private rooms to more comfortable dining facilities, and easier access to the services of the Medical Center and more.

This new construction only strengthens our commitment to this community and to one of our most precious resources—our older adults. We are excited to share this transformative project with you and welcome you to follow along as we plan to break ground next Spring.

On the Cover: Story Medical is set to break ground in 2023 on a new Senior Care facility adjacent to its South Campus at 640 S. 19th Street. The new facility will provide 60 private rooms and is expected to open in 2024.

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An architect rendering of the new Story Medical Senior Care facility.

Taking Senior Care to Another Level

Story Medical Shares Plans for New Facility

Story Medical has long been viewed as a leader in the provision of Senior Care in Nevada and beyond. That commitment to serving older adults with comprehensive residential care is set to grow significantly with the construction of a new facility adjacent to the Medical Center on its South Campus.

"We have a rich legacy of offering high quality, compassionate long-term care," says Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson. "Our North Campus Senior Care facility has served this community well over the years, but the time has come to replace it. Our new facility will provide convenient care coordination for residents, provide individual rooms, and provide a space that looks like, and feels more like home."

The new Senior Care facility will enhance overall efficiency at Story Medical by combining Nevada operations onto one campus, while allowing for shared services to be easily leveraged to support Senior Care, hospital and clinics. While important, those benefits are secondary to what the new facility will provide residents.

"We want this to be home for our residents," says Ashley Wilson, Director of Nursing at Senior Care. "What better way to offer residents a home-like feel than by offering individual rooms where they can decorate with the memories that bring them joy, and have the convenience and privacy of simple touches like having their own bathroom within their personal space? That is priceless."

The state-of-the-art "household" model has been shown to improve the resident experience along with staff efficiency.

The new 59,000 square foot facility will be located immediately adjacent to the Medical Center. It is designed to provide 60 spacious private units, inviting porch entries, family gathering spaces, gardens for each house, a conference room, a therapy room and more.

The design of the facility itself allows for the implementation of best practice workflows and facilitates more direct interaction between staff and residents. In all respects, the new Senior Care facility will help residents to live their life to the fullest in a place they can call home.

"For the longest time, nursing homes have been viewed as a place where you go to just lay in bed until it is your time to go," Wilson says. "That stereotype could not be further from the truth. In our new facility, we are confident we will be able to change that perception. People will begin to see that our Senior Care is a place to live and continue to thrive."

Story County Medical Center has provided Senior Care services since 1969. The service delivers 24-hour care while offering a lifestyle that focuses on promoting independence, comfort and security.

As the population in Story County continues to age, and the demand for 24-hour elder care delivered in a facility with private rooms increases, the timing is right for this project.

"Currently, we aren't able to provide all our residents private rooms," Wilson says. "To be completely honest, moving into a long term care facility is not easy. When that is compounded by having to share a space with someone you don't know, it becomes even more difficult. Providing a space that looks and feels more like home than a sterile healthcare facility will change how the resident's world looks in their new home."

Groundbreaking for the new project is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2023, with opening targeted for late 2024. The project is being funded through a low interest direct loan as part of the USDA's Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program. The program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas.

"The time is right for us to upgrade the Senior Care options in this community," Thompson says. "This is just an expansion of our more than 50 year commitment to providing comprehensive care to older adults in Story County. We are excited to break ground and make this significant addition to our campus."



News & Notes

STORY MEDICAL CLINIC PROVIDES VACCINATION SERVICES

It's back-to-school season and your child needs to be up-to-date on vaccinations when the school year starts in just a few weeks.

We offer vaccines for all children, including those who are non-insured and under insured, at our clinics located in Nevada and Maxwell. Call us today to schedule:

- Nevada Clinic - 515-382-5413
- Maxwell Clinic - 515-387-8815

Find contact information at <https://www.storymedical.org/clinics>.

WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

We are always recruiting at Story Medical and currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open. Learn more about what is available and apply online at [storymedical.org/careers](https://www.storymedical.org/careers).

Trouble Getting Your ZZZs? It May be Time for a Sleep Study

As many as 70 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders including Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). The Sleep Medicine team at Story Medical is nationally certified and ready to help you get a good night's sleep.

The first step in treating OSA is being diagnosed. Your primary care provider can assess your condition using tools like the S.T.O.P B.A.N.G and Epworth Sleepiness Scale questionnaires below. If an examination and the screening tools indicate you may have OSA, your provider will refer you for a sleep study.

We offer sleep studies both in our homelike room at the Medical Center and home tests. If you are diagnosed with OSA or another sleep disorder, there are a number of effective tools to help you improve your sleep and your quality of life.

To learn more, discuss your sleep habits with your primary care provider or visit us online at storymedical.org/sleep.



Sleep Suite is Focused on Comfort

Story Medical's Sleep Medicine service offers two rooms for on-site sleep studies. The team has gone to great lengths to provide a calming, homelike environment in the rooms, to include art on the walls, a variety of lighting options, a television and more. Learn more at storymedical.org/sleep.

These two quizzes can help you gain insight on whether you may have a sleep disorder. It is a good idea to share your results with your primary care provider.

Epworth Sleepiness Scale

How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations. Score in this manner: 0=Never, 1=Slight Chance, 2=Moderate Chance, 3=High Chance

Score Activity

- ☐ Sitting and reading
- ☐ Watching TV
- ☐ Sitting inactive in a public place (theater/meeting, etc.)
- ☐ Riding as a passenger for a continuous hour
- ☐ Lying down to rest in the afternoon
- ☐ Sitting and talking to someone
- ☐ Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol
- ☐ Sitting at a traffic stop light for a few minutes

SCORE (Add Answers):

0-10=Normal, 11-12=Borderline, 12-24=Sleepy

S.T.O.P B.A.N.G Screening

Check the box for each "Yes" answer.

- ☐ S (snore): Do you snore?
- ☐ T (tired): Do you feel fatigued during the day?
Do you wake up feeling like you have not slept?
- ☐ O (obstruction): Have you been told you stop breathing at night? Do you gasp for air or choke while sleeping?
- ☐ P (pressure): Do you have high blood pressure or are on medication to control high blood pressure?

SCORE: If you checked YES to two or more questions on the STOP portion you are at risk for OSA.

- ☐ B (BMI): Is your body mass index greater than 28?
- ☐ A (age): Are you 50 years old or older?
- ☐ N (neck): Are you a male with neck circumference greater than 17 inches, or a female with neck circumference greater than 16 inches?
- ☐ G (gender): Are you a male?

SCORE: The more questions you checked YES to on the BANG portion, the greater your risk of having moderate to severe OSA



Need help installing car seats? Nevada Public Safety has you covered

Attention Nevada residents — especially those of you about to embark on the adventure of installing a child's car seat — the City of Nevada has a valuable service available to you.

The Nevada Public Safety Department (PSD) can help residents learn how to install car seats properly.

While all Nevada officers have some basic training in this area, the Department recently had a second officer become certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Officer Matt Celentano (pictured), who has been with the Nevada PSD for about three years, completed training at the Clive Police Department in May. He now joins Community Service Officer Nancy Pritchard as the Public Safety Department's certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

Celentano attended a four-day course, paid for by the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, and taught by Janna Day, Child Passenger Safety Coordinator with Blank Children's Hospital. Celentano and Pritchard are both certified with the National

Child Passenger Safety Board.

The timing could not be more perfect for Celentano, who just became a father for the first time in late April when his daughter Chloe was born.

"Before taking the course, I had put her car seat in, and it took me about 30 minutes. After going through the course, I could put it in correctly in just a few minutes. I also noticed there were some things I hadn't done quite right when I first installed it," he said.

Celentano noted that one of the most common mistakes people make when installing their car seat is to "double up" on some of the safety features. "For example, on some of the bases of the car seats there is what's called a 'lock-off.' For many car seats, that feature is supposed to be used by itself, unless the car seat's manufacturer recommends differently."

The confusion, Celentano said, often comes because of the variables in car seats and in vehicles. "You have multiple manufacturers of car seats, and you have an endless variety of vehicles those car seats will go into. How they work together is important

to understand." And to understand it, he said, you need to thoroughly read the car seat manual, and you might need to consult with someone who has gone through training, like himself or Pritchard.

Other questions can also come up regarding car seats. How long does my child need to be in one? What style is best for my child? When is it time to change to a booster seat? Is a booster seat necessary? Can I buy a used car seat? And so on.

If you want to talk to one of the Nevada Public Safety Department's Child Passenger Safety Technicians, please call the non-emergency police number, 515-382-4305, to make an appointment.

"Plan to spend a little time at the appointment," Celentano advises. "It may take me only 2 minutes to install a car seat, but ultimately, I'm going to show you how to do it, and I want you to be able to install it on your own before you leave."

Nevada officers will also provide people with a child passenger safety checklist and a list of recalled car seats.



Pictured are representatives of the Nevada Friends of the Library group (seated from left) Sara Schneider, director; Kathy Solko, library representative; (back row) Keesia Hanson, vice president; Maryann Ryan, president; Ashley Moffitt, director; and Richard Brown, director.

Nevada Library needs 'Friends'

"Life was meant for good friends and great adventures." (quote from Good Housekeeping)

At the Nevada Library, we depend on good Friends of the Library so that we can continue to provide great adventures for our patrons.

Have you considered joining Friends of the Library? The Friends are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the Nevada Public Library. Our Friends group puts on our book sales (which include much more than just books, and are held the first Friday and Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday).

Friends of the Library raise funds that are used for activities not ordinarily covered under the Library's operating budget. Membership fees, anywhere from \$10 for an individual up to \$250 for a business, are the biggest fundraiser of Friends. Just paying for your membership is a huge support to the Library. You can be more involved in the fundraisers, if you desire.

Current board members for Friends of the Library are Maryann Ryan, president; Keesia Hanson, vice president; Angie Tscherter, treasurer; Carly Miller, secretary; and directors: Mindy Buyck, Ashley Moffitt and Richard Brown. Kathy Solko-Manternach is the Library's ex-officio member of the board.

For more information and an online form to join Friends of the Library, go to our website: nevada.lib.ia.us/about/friends-library.

On another note, the Nevada Public Library staff wants to say thanks again to the great sponsors of this year's Summer Learning Challenge. Fareway and FarmGrounds were providers for our BBQ. Friends of the Nevada Public Library, Bricktown Bakery, McDonalds, Starbuck's Drive-In, Nevada Parks and Recreation, Iowa Cubs, Casey's General Stores and Blank Park Zoo provided prizes. Amanda Flynn of Iowa Farmhouse Dreams, Steve Manternach and Dog-Eared Books of Ames provided adult and teen prize basket items.

The Friends of the Nevada Public Library accepts donations for its monthly book sales. Donations are accepted at the front desk of the library during open hours. We have limited daily donations to two boxes or bags.

Note: Once donated, items may be disposed of by the Friends as necessary.

We accept the following:

- Gently used, clean, books in good condition
- Audiobooks (CDs)
- DVDs
- Puzzles (with all pieces)

We do not accept the following:

- Books that are dirty and/or in poor condition
- Books from homes with indoor smoking
- Textbooks
- Encyclopedias or other multi-volume books
- Dictionaries
- Medical or technology books that are more than 10 years old
- VHS/Laser Discs, Albums, Cassettes, etc.
- Any devices such as computers, monitors, printers, disc players, etc.

Donation for Field House

The Nevada Alumni Association held its annual reunion banquet on June 25 at Gates Hall. During the banquet, a check for \$2,000 was presented to the Nevada Foundation in support of the Nevada Field House project, which will be built at the SCORE park, just south of the high school baseball field. The Field House will be a multipurpose sports and activity venue for youth and adult recreation. Construction on the project is beginning this summer. Dianna Haley (in red) made the presentation to Nevada Foundation President Lisa Oxley and City Administrator Jordan Cook (at right). Also present was Foundation board member Marty Chitty (not shown).



Register now for youth fall sports programs

Fall youth programs are about to begin in Nevada! **The deadline to register for these fall programs is August 5.**

All participants must be registered at the following website: <http://abcsportscamps.com/nevada-iowa>

FLAG FOOTBALL

Group fundamental practices will move toward team practices as the season progresses. Group and team practices will be run by volunteer parent coaches with help from Parks and Recreation staff. A game schedule will be coordinated through the CIRL and announced once completed. Specific team practice dates and times will be determined once the registration deadline has passed and coaches have been selected.

WHO: GRADES 1-6

WHEN: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays...August 22-October 6

WHERE: SCORE 4-PLEX & area communities for CIRL games

TIME: 6-8 p.m. as scheduled (exact practice/game schedule will be emailed at a later date)

FEE: \$85 (includes jersey). If you have last year's jersey, fee is reduced to \$70.

REGISTER DEADLINE/PROCEDURE:

Deadline is August 5. All participants must register at the following website: <http://abcsportscamps.com/nevada-iowa>

VOLUNTEER/PARENT COACH: If you are interested in helping volunteer coach, please indicate this at the time of registration or send an email to nevadarecreation@gmail.com.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Group fundamental practices will move toward team practices as the season progresses. These small group practices will be run by Parks and Recreation staff and/or parent volunteer coaches. A game schedule will be coordinated through the CIRL and

announced once completed. Specific team practice dates and times will be determined once the registration deadline has passed. Game and practice dates are on Tuesdays and Thursdays as scheduled.

WHO: Grades 3-6

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays, August 23-October 6

WHERE: Nevada Elementary Gym and area communities for matches

TIME: 5-8 p.m. as scheduled (exact practice/game schedule will be emailed at a later date)

FEE: \$70 (Includes T-shirt)

REGISTER DEADLINE/PROCEDURE:

Deadline is Aug. 5. All participants must register at the following website: <http://abcsportscamps.com/nevada-iowa>

VOLUNTEER/PARENT COACH:

Please indicate your interest on your registration form or email nevadarecreation@gmail.com.

Consider serving the City on a board or commission

Volunteers play a major role in your City government. They serve on boards and commissions that help determine the direction for many decisions within our community.

What mayor-appointed boards and commissions does the City have and when, each month, do they meet?

- Parks/Recreation/Cemetery – 3rd Wednesday @ 5:15 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – 1st Monday @ 6:15 p.m.



- Board of Adjustment (as called) – 2nd Tuesday @ 10 a.m.
- Library Board – 3rd Monday @ 5 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission – As needed
- Nevada Senior Community Center Board – As Needed @ 8:30 a.m.

Persons who are interested in serving should start by completing a volunteer application form, found on our City Website (cityofnevadaiaowa.org) under "Boards & Commission Member Application | City of Nevada, Iowa." We'd love to hear from you!

Check out these work opportunities with Parks & Rec

INTERESTED IN REFEREEING OR UMPIRING?

If you are at least 14 years old, are sports minded and have a desire to earn some extra \$\$ this fall, winter, and into next spring, let us know! We will be offering a referee and umpire training later this summer for anyone who is interested. Email nevadarecreation@gmail.com for more information.

WANT TO BECOME A LIFEGUARD?

Do you or someone you know have an interest in being a lifeguard next season at FFAC? If so, let's get prepared now! Persons at least 15 years old by May 28, 2023, can contact Nevada Parks and Recreation for an opportunity to take a FREE short course in Lifeguard Training (1-2 hours). Email nevadarecreation@gmail.com to get more information on a date and time for this opportunity!

Let's visit over a cup of coffee



Would you like to talk to City leaders about an issue of concern, an idea you have for the community, or simply get to know your leaders better?

We have been holding once-a-month Community Coffees for several years now. The Coffees give residents an opportunity for informal discussions about topics of interest.

Community Coffees are held the second Saturday of each month from 9-10 a.m. at FarmGrounds, 1026 6th St. If you've never attended, consider coming to this month's Community Coffee on Saturday, August 13.

Nevada teen earns Eagle Scout Badge while improving local fishing amenities

Nevada Parks and Recreation and the Nevada community are once again the benefactors of local boys pursuing their Eagle Scout badge.

This summer, Ryan Wessels added to the amenities of Wilson Pond, one of Nevada's in-city fishing ponds located on the west side of town.

On June 21, despite a "feels like" temperature of 99 degrees, Ryan, and several others helping him, were busy getting helical pier screws transported and drilled into the pond.

They started on Cherokee near one of the trailheads getting everything ready for transport along the trail. Helping with the process were Matt Runge, owner of OnTrack Construction; Matt Frideres, a contractor; and Mark Frideres, a local Boy Scouts leader. Runge was supplying the mini excavator needed to drill the helical screws into the water.

"One thing Scouting has taught me is about leadership and being able to contact people like Matt Runge and Matt Frideres," Ryan said. "I had to talk to them about my ideas and then work with them to make the idea come to life. That's really kind of cool to think about."

Ryan, 15, and soon to be a sophomore at Nevada High School, is the son of Jennifer and Jason Wessels. He's been a member of Boy Scouts Troop 128.

Ryan said this project — adding a 10 x 12 ADA-accessible dock/deck fishing platform at Wilson Pond — was born out of his love of fishing.

In trying to determine what his Eagle Scout project would be, Ryan said he spent a lot of time talking to leader Mark

Frideres at scout meetings. "We talked about the things I was passionate about and one of those things is fishing. So, we talked about the things I could do in the community to impact fishing."

Wilson Pond, located just off the trail loop in west Nevada, became the focal point. Wilson Pond is where another

Troop 128 member, Nick Frideres, completed his Eagle Scout project, building a new shelter house next to the pond last summer. The original shelter had been damaged in the 2020 derecho.

Ryan said the fishing platform he's creating will sit fairly close to the shelter. "It's right off the trail," he said.

Completion of Ryan's project happened on Saturday, June 25, when Ryan and a group of fellow scouts, leaders, and parents built the platform on top of the helical pier screws. "The deck will be made of composite decking material and mostly wood," he noted.

The fishing platform project is not the only time Ryan has put in work at Wilson Pond. He said one of his first endeavors there to improve fishing was working last winter with Iowa DNR officials to make brush piles, which they sank to improve fish habitat.

Ryan hopes his Eagle Scout project will be a positive addition to the Nevada community. "Hopefully it will allow more people to fish, and it will be easier for people who need ADA accessibility and families."

Ryan is only entering his second year of high school, but we asked if this project has given him any ideas of what he wants to do in the future. "I predict I might want to do something in the engineering field," he said.



Ryan Wessels, front, received help from fellow scouts, leaders, business people, and parents in completing his Eagle Scout project — a new fishing pier at Wilson Pond on the west side of Nevada.



Welcome back - School Starts August 23rd!

New School Year Resources

Immunization and Health Screening Requirements
<https://bit.ly/3zr2GyW>

Building Handbooks
<https://www.nevadacubs.org/parents/handbooks/>

Supply Lists
<https://www.nevadacubs.org/parents/supply-lists/>

District Calendar
<https://www.nevadacubs.org/calendar/>

Events Calendar
<https://www.heartofiowaconference.org/>

Back to School Orientations

High School

August 4th

Academic - 6 p.m.

Activities - 7 p.m.

August 22nd

9th Grade & New Students - 10 a.m.

Middle School

August 10th

5th Grade - 5:30 p.m.

August 17th

Open House - 5-7 p.m.

Activities - 6:30 p.m.

Fall Sports - 7 p.m.

Elementary

August 22nd

Open House - 5-6:30 p.m.

August 29th

Preschool - 5-6:30 p.m. by appointment



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ANNUAL STATEMENTS & NOTICES

The District is required to post annually required statements & notices. Those may be found to review at <https://bit.ly/3O3sEwv>

SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSISTANCE

Does your family need help getting supplies for the start of next school year? Our Family Services team has you covered! Visit <https://bit.ly/3sqWx1p> to learn more.

NHS AG ED PROGRAM RECEIVES AWARD

The Nevada High School agriculture education department was recognized with the Excellence in Agriculture Education Program Promotion & Marketing award at the annual Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators awards banquet. The event was held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. Avery Mather, Nevada

FFA member and junior at Iowa State University submitted the application of materials including news articles, use of social media, and radio broadcast.



Kevin Cooper

NHS STUDENT SELECTED FOR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS NATION

Nevada High School student Josephine Kelly has the honor of representing Iowa along with Johnston High School student Esha

Boler at American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation. Josephine and Esha are in the process of working on a bill that will give incentives to farmers for implementing riparian buffer strips in watersheds. This bill will go through a similar process that any real life bill would go through, the only difference is that the two will be defending their bill in front of girls from 49 other states. Both will be serving as senators and debate, amend, pass or fail other bills. Along with the opportunity to be able to experience government first hand these two will get to tour Washington DC, meet real world politicians, and connect with other young leaders from across the country.



L to R: Esha Boler, Josephine Kelly

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FREE MEAL UPDATE

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) waiver that provided free meals to students due to the COVID-19 pandemic expired on June 30, 2022.

SCHOOL MEALS WILL NO LONGER AUTOMATICALLY BE FREE FOR EVERYONE.
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MUST SUBMIT A MEAL APPLICATION TO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED
SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Every family is encouraged to apply! Visit <https://family.titank12.com/> to apply today.



CONTINUING TO BUILD OUR 'GET AWAY FOR A DAY'

Get away for a day. This was the theme of our presentation to Main Street Iowa three years ago. Iowa Economic Development Authority announced the newest Main Street Iowa communities in August of 2019. For Nevada the wait had been lengthy.

We first attempted to become a Main Street community in 1986. In the attempts that followed, the effort never made it to the final application phase. However, the committee applying in 2019 was determined to be the next Main Street Iowa community. They presented with five other communities who were vying for the two available spots. The presentation featured a live DJ and an official meeting of the Nevada City Council, live streamed back to Nevada. The invitation to join Main Street Iowa was an exciting opportunity for the community.

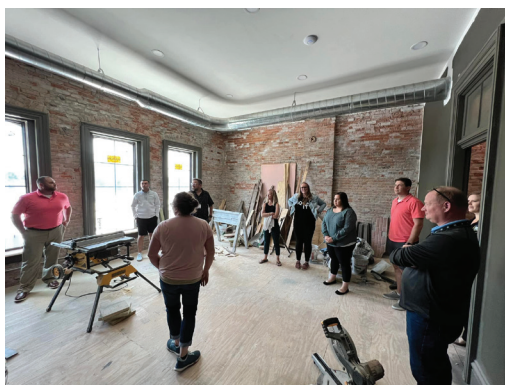
Along with Nevada, Coon Rapids was brought into Main Street Iowa that year. Traditionally new Main Street programs use their first couple of years to begin their work and to develop plans. However, March of 2020 brought a new challenge to Main Street Nevada (MSN). The Central Business District Street (CBD) project and a global

pandemic crossed paths. Small businesses took this time to be creative and promote their local options.

During the last three years, work hasn't stopped for MSN. Five grants have led to the investment of almost \$1.5 million in building projects in the downtown area. Eight new businesses have opened in the Main Street District and 14 major events have been held. This is just the beginning of the Main Street Nevada effort. Each committee is tasked with goals to fulfill our vision of what Main Street in Nevada should be.

We dream of filling currently vacant spaces. From pizza places to unique retail shops, we have room for more! Aside from shopping and entertainment, some folks come downtown for the business of life. Though the niche for Main Street Nevada is the combination of its history, entertainment, and retail, it's also the heart of the town.

We dream of a future for the heart of Nevada to once again be the destination and event place for gatherings of friends and guests to our community. We truly believe Nevada is a "get away for a day" in the making.





WELCOME HOME TO STORY COUNTY

Story County is proud to be a Home Base Iowa Community! Home Base Iowa is a statewide program connecting Veterans and transitioning servicemembers with career opportunities in Iowa. As part of the Home Base Iowa initiative, Story County established the "Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance Program," which allows up to \$2,500 in relocation assistance for Veterans moving into Story County. Each Veteran is eligible for a one-time maximum grant of \$2,500 to assist with relocation needs when they move here. These funds are paid on a reimbursable basis, and documentation of all eligible expenses must be submitted when applying for funds.

In order to be eligible to apply, the applicant must be relocating to Story County and establishing Story County as their primary residence; if purchasing a home, it must be located within Story County; they must have been discharged under honorable conditions; they must be employed full-time within Story

County; and the Veteran must apply to the Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance Program.

Funds must be used for moving expenses, utility deposits, rent for temporary housing while waiting on permanent housing, purchase of appliances, down-payment assistance or rent deposits and rental assistance. Funds used for down-payment assistance for the purchase of a house are distributed directly from Story County to the lender at the time of closing. In all cases of rental assistance, funds are payable directly to the leasing agent/landlord.

For more information on the Welcome Home to Story County program, please visit <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9947/Welcome-Home-to-Story-County-Information-Sheet-and-Application>. More information on the Home Base Iowa Program can be found at <https://www.homebaseiowa.gov/>.

Freedom Flight

August 27, 2022, is the date of Story County's Freedom Flight to DC. If you would like to welcome home Veterans when they return from Washington DC, they will be arriving at the Human Services Center in Ames around midnight on Saturday, August 27.

Honor Flights recognize American Veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, DC for one day to see their memorials at no cost to them. Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based out of Fort Dodge that arranges Honor Flights for eligible Veterans in Iowa. The all-day trip provides an incredible experience, and Veterans are encouraged to apply. Handicap assistance is available.

Eligible wartime and peacetime periods:

- World War II: December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- Korean War: June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War*: August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975

*If a Veteran was in Vietnam between 2-28-1961 and 8-04-1964, the Veteran is still considered wartime service.

Community Services transitions to General Assistance

The name of the Story County Community Services office changed to Story County General Assistance effective July 1, 2022. The office location remains in the Story County Human Service Center, 126 S. Kellogg Ave., Ste. 001, Ames, IA; and phone number 515-663-2930 and fax number 515-663-2940 remain the same.

Erin Rewerts (pictured) was promoted to Story County General Assistance Director. Erin began working for Story County in 2005 in Community Services.

Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) will be co-located with Story County General Assistance and Story County Veterans Affairs. The phone number for CICS is 515-663-2928 and fax number is 515-766-4332.



Art Contest Deadline extended

We would like to invite all of the school-age artists in Story County to participate in the "I Love My County Because..." art contest! Artwork must reflect some aspect of a county government function, service or program and be inspired by the artist's accompanying sentence, "I love my county because..." Visit www.storycountyiowa.gov or you can find all of the information including the judging criteria and submission requirements by visiting www.naco.org/resources/i-love-my-county-because-art-contest. Submissions are due by October 7, 2022.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

BD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

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

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

Aug. 1 and Aug. 15
Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium
*Watch for agenda on the
School Website, nevada-
acubs.org, under District/
School Board/Agenda.*

STORY COUNTY P&Z MEETING

Aug. 3, 4 p.m.
Story Co Admin Bldg.,
Nevada

STORY MEDICAL BD OF TRUSTEES

Aug. 4, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

KIWANIS FOOD DRIVE FOR KIDS @ FIRST

Aug. 6
Donate at Fareway
*Accepting both cash and
non-perishable goods
donations*

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center (by City
Hall) *Bring a dish to share.*
Serving starts at 11:30 a.m.

STORY CO CONSERVATION BD MEETING

Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Center,
56461 180th St., Ames

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Aug. 8 and 22, 6 p.m.
City Hall
*Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under Agen-
das/Minutes.*

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

Aug. 12, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
*Choice of fish or baked
spaghetti.*

COMMUNITY COFFEE

Aug. 13, 9-10 A.M.
FarmGrounds
*A chance to visit with City
leaders informally.*

NEVADA LIBRARY BD MEETING

Aug. 15, 5 p.m.
Library Meeting Room
*Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under Agen-
das/Minutes.*

NEVADA PARKS & REC BD MEETING

Aug. 17, 5:15 p.m.
City Hall
*Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under Agen-
das/Minutes.*

MIX & MINGLE

Aug. 17, 4-6 p.m.
Being held at Midwest
Insurance, 1601 S B Ave.
*Everyone in the community
is invited to enjoy conver-
sation and refreshments!*

1st DAY OF SCHOOL

Aug. 23

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

Aug. 26, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
*Enjoy supper and Root Beer
Float dessert! Suggested
donation is \$10 per meal
(\$5 for children 10 and
under).*