

# Our Nevada

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## The Opener

**By Shawn Ludwig  
City Water Superintendent**

*"There aren't many qualities that are true of all life on earth, but the need for water is one of them." --from Climatekids.nasa.gov*



In Nevada, water has been "top of mind" for many recently. Construction of the City's new wastewater treatment plant has meant the sewer portion of your utility bill has increased. This has raised many questions about water, even though the water side of your utility bill has only experienced the annual 3 percent increase needed to keep up with the rising cost of treatment.

Trust me when I say, "Nevada's water is safe!"

Our City water comes from five wells, 90 feet deep, along Interstate 35. Nevada's water is in the same aquifer as Ames.

Nevada's water is tested for alkalinity, hardness, chlorine, PH, fluoride, phosphates, iron and manganese EVERY day. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources requires our water employees to send samples from eight different places around town each month to the University of Iowa's State Lab for testing to be sure our water is safe.

We, at the water plant, are not in the wastewater business — that's an entirely other side of the coin. However, we can provide the following water conservation tips, which could help you control your overall utility bill:

- Don't let water run when doing dishes or brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers
- Use low-flow shower heads
- When replacing toilets, use low-flow toilets; also check your toilet's flapper/ring often for corrosion

If you have questions about the safety of your drinking water or any of the tests we do for water safety, please reach out to us at the Nevada Water Plant, 515-382-2074.

**On the Cover:** One of the softeners inside the Nevada City Water Facility is shown. These softeners are huge in size, and cover the vertical span of three floors. The City Water Facility is located at the west side of Nevada along Lincoln Highway.

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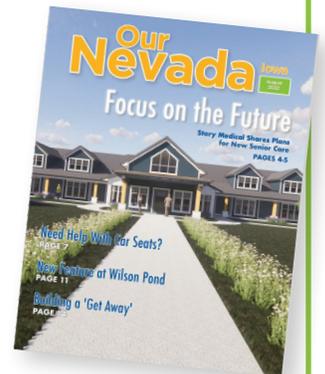
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## ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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



# Life Saver

Nevada Police Officer Matt Celentano received a Life Saving Award from the Nevada Public Safety Department for his efforts to save a stranded motorist on Friday, Dec. 23.

Dec. 23 was a day of blizzard conditions and below-zero windchills in Story County. With Sheriff's deputies busy on other calls, Celentano was dispatched to help a stranded motorist southeast of Nevada, near 250th and 650th.

Due to drifting, Celentano got his vehicle as close to the motorist's vehicle as he could, but that was still about 25 feet, he estimated. He got out of his patrol car and made his way to the motorist, an elderly man, whose vehicle had bottomed out in a drift.

As Celentano approached the stranded vehicle, the first thing he noticed about the victim was that he had no gloves, so he gave his own gloves to the man.

Celentano admits he had no idea how hard it would be to get the victim back to his car. "About halfway back, the victim collapsed," Celentano said, and at one point, even Celentano lost his footing from trying to walk through the drifting snow and strong winds. "The snow, the winds and the very cold temperatures really drained my energy," he admitted.

As they got closer to the patrol vehicle, Celentano threw off the heaviness of his vest and got the relief he needed to get the victim into the patrol car.

With the victim having chest pains, Celentano immediately transported him to Story County Medical Center, where both of them received attention and were eventually released. Celentano's fingertips were "burning" from the cold, but that sensation only lasted until the following day.

"We here in Nevada are fortunate to have Officer Celentano provide service to our community," said Nevada Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Ricardo Martinez II. "Recently, I read a quote from the International Chiefs of Police Association, which I attribute to all of Law Enforcement. Officer Celentano exemplifies these words: 'Police officers take risks and secure the safety of fellow citizens, and they endure such risks and tolerate such inconveniences on behalf of strangers. Consequently, police work is one of the more noble and selfless occupations in society. Making a difference in the quality of life is an opportunity that policing provides, and few other professions can offer.'"





# 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 Nevada 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 NPSD.

### BIKES:

Red and White Tony Hawk, Gray Havoc, 2 Blue and Silver Huffys, Red Rock Hopper, Green and White Max Air Genesis 2900, Black Huffy, Pink Mongoose

## PROMOTION

Congratulations to Nevada Police Officer Matt Celentano, who was promoted in January to Detective. Over the coming weeks, Celentano will train with Detective Sgt. Andrew Henderson, who is transitioning to take on more administrative tasks with the department.

# Nevada Library News

## SEED SWAP AND GIVEAWAY

Seed Swap and Giveaway, Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Get ready for spring with our special seed swap and giveaway with Nine Square Feet and the Nevada Public Library's Seed Library! Bring your saved or unused seeds to share with the community. Don't have any seeds? Adult attendees can select up to FIVE free seed packets and children under 12 can select TWO free packets. Nine Square Feet is a 501(c)3 community organization with the mission of supporting backyard food production through the sharing of seeds and other resources. They have held their annual Seed Swap and Giveaway in Des Moines since 2016.



## READING BUDDIES, RAISING READERS

"Reading Buddies" with "Raising Readers of Story County: Reading Buddies" provides FREE literacy sessions for children who are in first, second, and third grades in spring 2023. Tutors will meet with students for personalized reading sessions to help each child with his or her literacy skills. These 45-minute sessions are held twice a week and supervised by the RRSC Reading Program Site Facilitator. Sessions begin the week of Feb. 13 and run through the week of April 17. Students and volunteers can apply online using these QR codes.



# Nevada Parks and Rec unveils new recreation software website

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PARKS & RECREATION**

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- View upcoming programs
- Reserve facilities
- View game schedules
- Family calendar
- And more...

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## YOU CAN USE OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Baseball and Softball Registrations — Due February 14

Facility Reservations — Pavilion, Shelter, Senior Center and MORE!

Look at upcoming events and activities such as Swim Lessons — Registration begins April 3

Purchase Pool Passes — Discounted rate available April 3-16

Reserve Fawcett Family Aquatic Center for a Semi-Private or Private Pool Party



## 'Stitched Together' at the Nevada Public Library

In September of 2022, the Nevada Public Library welcomed a local quilting group into its meeting room. The meeting room, when available, is open to many types of community groups who need a space to gather.

To the members of Stitched Together (ST), who needed a larger space for their charitable quilt-making, the library offers great lighting, carts to transport supplies, a little kitchenette area, and "the library staff has been fabulous to work with," said Pam Geringer, one of the ST members.

Shirley Cloyd said ST started about 15 years ago when several quilters, who attended the Shipley Schoolhouse Thursday morning coffees, were told about a quilter who had passed and her family didn't know what to do with all of her supplies. The quilter had made quilts for Hope Ministries.

"So, we got to work," Cloyd said, "utilizing her material to make more quilts for Hope Ministry."

Since that time, ST has given quilts to a number of charitable causes, including Martha's House of Hope, Wings of Refuge, Youth and Shelter Services, Home for Awhile, and two women's shelters.

"Our material is all donated," Cloyd said, "but once in awhile we sell quilts to make money to buy more supplies."

Cloyd finishes the group's quilts on her own long-arm machine at her home, but the space at the library is perfect for all the work that goes into piecing these quilt tops together prior to them being finished.

"It's a really, truly delightful group," Geringer said. Some original members have passed on and a few are away for the winter months, but on many workdays you'll find Geringer, Cloyd, Linda Griffith, Betty Toot, Wanda Kamp, Nancy Reiter, and Connie Smith sitting at a sewing machine during their gathering time. Sometimes you might even find a husband. Neale Cloyd was busy working with the ladies on Jan. 10.



ST is meeting weekly at the library on most Tuesdays. They are open to anyone who loves quilting to join

them.

As for the Nevada Public Library, the staff loves seeing the library's meeting room in use. If you have a group that might benefit from this space, please reach out to the library staff, 515-382-2628.

Pictured at top of page: (From left) Stitched Together members Shirley Cloyd, Linda Griffith, and Pam Geringer.

Pictured at center of page: Neale Cloyd sews along with the women making quilt tops.

# Plans for restaurant in historic building



A unique dining experience is coming to Nevada's Main Street District this year, and what Mark Pleis is planning to offer should beckon foodies looking to try "Midwest comfort food with a twist."

Pleis uses those words to describe the menu he'll offer at T.E. Alderman's, which will be located in the historic Nevada Journal building, owned by Tom Richards, in downtown Nevada.

T.E. Alderman, for those new to the community, was the first settler in Nevada, Iowa. "I'm a self-proclaimed history junkie," Pleis offered about why he selected that restaurant name. An information security

professional by day, Pleis has always had a passion for creating new foods and recipes whenever he has time to tinker. Many know him already by his company Pleis Farms Specialty Foods and his Farm Boy Rub, a seasoning he created that blends Midwest flavor with southern spices.

T.E. Alderman's, his newest venture, actually came about when he was working with the Nevada Economic Development Council to find a location to use to produce his spice blends and gluten-free mixes. The NEDC also connected Pleis to funding support from the Mid Iowa Loan Fund.

"One idea was floated on a building

and sharing with a restaurant," he said. He wasn't interested in sharing space. "I said if that is what they wanted, I would do both."

The initial building fell through, but then Pleis was introduced to Richards, who received a \$100,000 Main Street Challenge Grant in 2021 to help with the \$350,000 renovation of the Nevada Journal building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. What Richards wanted for his building and what Pleis wanted to do... "The ideas all meshed," Pleis said.

## RESTAURANT

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Tom Richards, left, owner of the building, and Mark Pleis, restaurateur, stand in front of the historic Nevada Journal building in the Main Street District. Pleis plans to open a restaurant, T.E. Alderman's, in the building later this year.

## RESTAURANT

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Pleis is experienced in the food and restaurant industry. When he and his wife, Sherrie, a local veterinarian, were living in Rome, Ga., he opened a restaurant called Cafe 2:42 (after his favorite Biblical story). He sold that restaurant in 2007 when he and Sherrie moved back to Iowa. They eventually settled in Nevada, where they had friends and family living and had always liked the community.

Being in the historic Nevada Journal building gives Pleis a plethora of possibilities on naming menu items and specials. He plans to have a menu that resembles a “classified ads” page and “headline” specials. He also said the interior will be decorated with Nevada history and newspaper articles. He hopes to also have a spot in the restaurant where people can take selfies to capture the moment.

Along with the historic appeal of T.E. Alderman’s, Pleis has a passion for creating foods, even those of international indulgence, that are safe for people with different types of food allergies.

“The big calling card, I think, will be our special attention to the top nine food allergens. I want to have at least a couple of items that someone with allergies can choose from and many of the dishes with options,” he said.

Pleis was diagnosed with Celiac disease — an immune reaction to eating gluten — a few years ago. “Not being able to eat at most restaurants, this (having a place to eat) became a very high priority for me and my friends with other food allergies.”

Pleis wants everyone to be able to enjoy coming to T.E. Alderman’s, and while it’s a lot of work to plan this venture, he said the work has been “a blast.”

“Meeting people, talking things through with community members and getting reactions from people when I show up and just drop off food (for them to try) at a different business location,” he said, all of this has brought him joy.

“The idea is to be part of this community,” he said. “This restaurant is the community’s to help shape with regards to menu, operating times, etc.” He will be looking for people’s feedback and suggestions as he continues to shape what this restaurant will be.

# T.E. ALDERMAN’S



*At The Journal*

### MORE TO KNOW ABOUT T.E. ALDERMAN’S

Pleis plans to open later this year with **10-12 full-time and part-time employees**, including wait staff and kitchen staff.

At this time, he plans to be open **Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday brunch from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** If there is enough demand, he would remain open late after home school events.

**All items are not gluten-free.** “Most menu items will have a gluten-free alternative, unless there is no discernable difference between the two.”

His **systems and procedures are designed to accommodate other food allergies.** “The servers will have access to ingredients and substitutions on their table-side POS system, and special procedures are being developed to ensure there is no cross contamination of food.”

**Will there be delivery?** No, but orders can be packaged for pickup.

**Will there be a bar?** No, not a full-service bar, but there will be beer, wine and a few seasonal cocktails.

**Will there be catering?** Yes, but only for small groups of less than 100.

**Will he take reservations?** Yes, online and with a deposit. “With only 50 seats (in the restaurant) this will ensure we have a chance to recoup the loss of holding a table for those who don’t show up. If they cancel more than 2 hours before the reservation, the deposit will be refunded.”

To keep up on all T.E. Alderman’s news, including possible menu items and announcement for hiring, **follow the Facebook page: tealdermans.**

# Volunteering

WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT DO WE UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT?

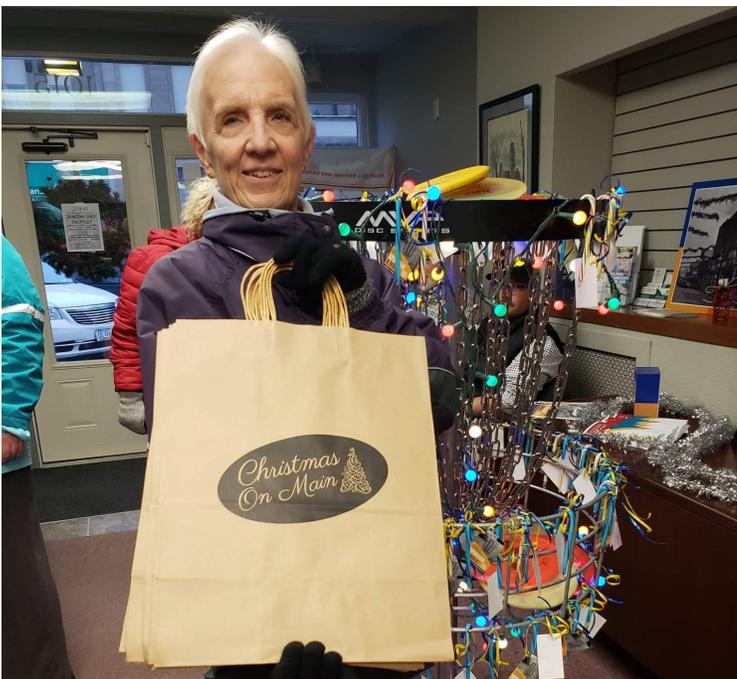


**Promotions:** Creates our marketing strategy, brand development, retail promotions, and coordinates special events (downtown trick-or-treat, Christmas on Main, etc.)

**Design:** Creates and improves public spaces, educating others on design aspects and implementing a proper and safe atmosphere for all of our members

**Organization:** Involves fundraising, volunteer development, PR strategies, creating resources for our town

**Economic Vitality:** Performs all business/financial assistance, property development, business retention and recruitment (Mix-N-Mingles, lunch and learns, etc.)



Photos: Top, Design committee volunteers work on a project. Bottom, Volunteer Ros Dunblazier prepares to hand out bags during Christmas On Main 2022.

Many of us choose to live, work, or play in Nevada for a specific reason. We like the schools, our job is located here, we have a great trail and park system, we have a wonderful hospital and grocery stores. Whatever your reason is for choosing to call Nevada home, we can all say Nevada has a lot to offer. It is a welcoming community with many great programming opportunities for all walks of life. Many of these programs and community events are run by volunteers and would not be possible without them.

Main Street Nevada is a non-profit organization run almost entirely by volunteers, and we want your help! Want to contribute to Christmas on Main? Have a design idea for our downtown area? Our four committees, which were formed by the Main Street Approach, do a lot for our city and we'd love to have you!

The Main Street Approach helps communities get started with revitalization and grows with them over time. It is centered around transformation strategies. A transformation strategy articulates a focused, deliberate path to revitalizing or strengthening a downtown or commercial district's economy. Transformation strategies are implemented through comprehensive work in four broad areas, known as the Four Points: Promotion, Design, Organization, Economic Vitality.

To keep Nevada thriving, it is essential that we all pitch in and volunteer our time and talents, even if just sporadically. It's a selfless way to give back to our community for what it has given us. If Main Street Nevada isn't the right place for you to volunteer, there are many other opportunities here in town that would love your help as well. Volunteering is good for the soul and can even be contagious!

Please contact us at [director@mainstreetnevada.org](mailto:director@mainstreetnevada.org) if you are ready to be more involved in the community and would like to volunteer with us.



# New radio system brings public safety organizations together

StoryComm, a collaboration between the City of Ames, Iowa State University, and Story County, announced the completion of a project that guided the transition from an outdated radio system to a new public safety grade P25 system, enhancing public safety throughout Story County. The new radio system connecting public safety and public service agencies throughout Story County is now in operation after years of planning. The \$10 million land mobile radio (LMR) system provides each agency capacity to serve its residents as well as supporting agency-to-agency communication. The new system replaces aging technology first implemented in 1989.

The new radio system offers significant improvements in reliability, interoperability, and safety for all first responders. The upgraded radio system is also utilized by other various county, city, and university departments as well as all public schools throughout the county. The emergency school radios provide for immediate and direct communication with 911 dispatchers and first responders.

This capability allows for a much quicker response time and the ability for responding personnel to directly communicate with school officials during a call.

Planning for the project began in 2017 when users noted coverage, capacity, and reliability deficiencies in the existing radio system. Specifically, the system lacked sufficient channels to support the number of users, and it did not offer the modern technologies that public-safety agencies needed. Also, much of the equipment had reached its end of life, making it difficult to procure replacement parts, which, in turn, made maintenance extremely difficult.

Implementation of the new radio system utilizes five communication sites and required construction of four new radio towers. The new system increases coverage, capacity, and reliability significantly while supporting more than 1,500 mobile and portable radios throughout Story County.

## Supervisors elect officers for 2023

During the Organizational Meeting for 2023, the Story County Board of Supervisors elected officers and set the day and time for official meetings. Supervisor Latifah Faisal will serve as Chair for the coming year, and Supervisor Linda Murken will serve as Vice Chair.

"I am honored and excited to chair the Story County Board of Supervisors again this year. Together we will continue our work on affordable housing, increasing childcare options, expanding broadband, and addressing our countywide transportation needs," Supervisor Faisal commented following the meeting. Faisal noted the Board will also be focused on increased public outreach and updating the strategic plan.

Regularly scheduled meetings will continue to be held each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Board's Public Meeting Room at the Administration Building, located at 900 6th Street in Nevada. The time and place for additional meetings may be designated separately to accommodate the public.

Agendas, as well as meeting video and audio recordings are available on Story County's website at [www.storycountyia.gov](http://www.storycountyia.gov). To stay connected with Story County, residents are encouraged to sign up for the Notify Me tool at the County's website at <https://www.storycountyia.gov/list.aspx>. Notify Me allows users to subscribe to an unlimited number of email lists and stay informed.



# Story County Conservation Events

Story County Conservation hosts events and programs to help us understand and connect to nature. Upcoming events and registration can be found at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=41>.

## LUMINARY WALK

Friday, March 17, 7:30-9 p.m.

Hickory Grove Park — Oriole Ridge Lodge

Let luminaries light your way on a special walk to welcome spring's return. This is a self-guided walk in a complete loop about one mile long, using both gravel and grass trail surfaces. There is a fee of \$5, with registration due Wednesday, March 8 at 4 p.m.

## O.W.L.S. PROGRAMS

McFarland Park, Conservation Center

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier) programs are designed for "boomers" or older, but anyone can attend.

Programs run from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; doors open at 10 a.m. for coffee/tea and chatting.

## STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST 2023

Story County Conservation holds an annual photography contest that is open to amateur photographers only. The contest is split into adult and youth divisions with prizes in each category.



Submitted images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in their natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, or people interacting with nature. Images will be used to enhance SCC's photo library and encourage people to enjoy Story County Conservation parks and natural areas.

Contest photos may be submitted Feb. 1-March 20, 2023. Winners will be notified in April. The photographer retains all rights to the image except for use by SCC. SCC reserves the right not to choose winners in any or all categories.

This photo contest is not exclusive to Story County residents. Contact Story County Conservation with questions at [conservationoutreach@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:conservationoutreach@storycountyiowa.gov). Submit your nature photos today!

## AMERICAN LEGION 2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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# Story Medical Offers Required Physicals for Pilots, Drivers

Truck drivers and pilots can complete specialized exams required by government agencies at Story Medical in Nevada.

Story Medical offers special expertise when it comes to serving those working in the transportation industry, including those who fly professionally and privately. Specialized mandated physicals for truck drivers are available through Story Medical Occupational Health, and for pilots through Dr. Audra Poterucha at Story Medical Clinic in Nevada.

A Department of Transportation (DOT) physical is a health examination mandated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. A DOT physical helps determine if a driver is physically, mentally, and emotionally fit to operate a CMV. These physicals—to include the completion of all required paperwork—are offered by appointment in Occupational Health. To schedule an appointment, call 515-382-7120. For more information visit [storymedical.org/occhealth](https://storymedical.org/occhealth).

Dr. Poterucha is designated as a Federal Aviation Industry (FAA) Aviation Medical Examiner. The daughter of a commercial and military pilot, she has a special interest in serving the aviation community. Dr. Poterucha provides Class I, II and III Flight Physicals at competitive prices and is currently scheduling pilots for exams. To make an appointment, call 515-382-5413. For more information, visit [storymedical.org/pilot](https://storymedical.org/pilot).

## Pain Medicine Providers Join Story Medical

Dr. Keith Barnhill (left), PhD, CRNA, ARNP, and Dr. Rich Jacobson, DNP, CRNA of Heartland Anesthesia are now offering an array of pain medicine services at Story Medical.



The providers offer a variety of pain management services to address conditions including arthritis, pinched nerves, arm and shoulder pain, back and neck pain, pain after surgery, cancer pain, muscle pain, osteoporosis pain and more.

Dr. Barnhill has practiced pain management and nurse anesthesiology for more than 30 years. He received his Master's in Health Science from the Texas Wesleyan/U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing 6F-66F and earned his Doctorate in Nursing Education from Capella University. His primary work is clinical pain management and pain education since 2001.

Dr. Jacobson earned his Master of Science degree from the US Army Program in Anesthesia Nursing in association with the University of Texas - Houston, Health Science Center in 2005. He then went on to earn his Doctor of Nursing Practice from Northeastern University.

Both providers are advanced pain management faculty at the University of South Florida (USF).

To schedule an appointment, please call Story Medical Outpatient Clinic & Surgical Services at 515-382-7738.

## Heart Services Offered Close to Home in Nevada

When you are in need of cardiac care, traveling long distances for appointments can be a burden. During Heart Month in February, we remind you that Story Medical has prioritized making cardiac care available in Nevada.

Story Medical partners with UnityPoint Health Cardiology to offer a local choice for diagnostics, office care and rehabilitation services focused on helping people recover from a recent hospitalization related to a heart condition. Story Medical offers care for those who have had a heart attack, valve surgery, stable congestive heart failure or an array of other diagnoses.

Cardiology care at Story Medical is provided by Vishesh Kumar, MD, a board-certified cardiologist.

Dr. Kumar sees patients on a referral basis in the Outpatient Clinic at Story Medical in Nevada. Those with conditions they believe can benefit from Dr. Kumar's expertise should visit with their primary care provider about being referred or call UnityPoint Cardiology at 515-263-2400 to learn more.



## News & Notes



### KIDS CLINIC OFFERS SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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 and 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Please call 515-382-5413 to make an appointment.

### WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

If you are looking for a new career in a friendly work environment, look no further than Story Medical.

We are always recruiting and currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open. Learn more about what is available and fill out an online application at [storymedical.org/careers](http://storymedical.org/careers).

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

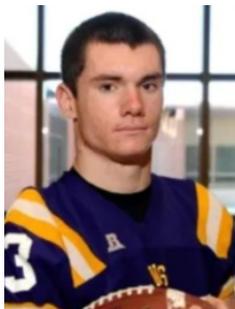
You can keep up with all that is happening at Story Medical by following us @StoryMedical on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



# 2022 NHS Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

## CHASE DOBSON CLASS OF 2015

During his four years in high school, Chase Dobson was a menace on the football field. His speed and strength were a nightmare for opposing offenses, and he was a key player on the team that made the first back-to-back playoff appearances in school history (2012 and 2013). Chase was named First Team All-District in 2012, 2013, and 2014. As a junior, he was recognized as the Ames Tribune All-Area Player of the Year and earned Second Team All-State offense honors. Chase holds five school records: rushing in a game (271), rushing in a season (2057), rushing in a career (4471), touchdowns in a game (tied, 6), and touchdowns in a career (45).



Chase also ran track for three years, excelling in sprinting events. In 2013 and 2014, he qualified for the Drake Relays and the state meet in both in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. He also qualified for the state track meet individually in 2013 and 2014, running the 100m dash and 200m dash, finishing in 7th place in the 100m dash as a junior.

Chase is currently a Deputy Sheriff with the Story County Sheriff's Office. He and his fiancée, Marissa, are the parents of twin two-year-olds, Ava and Adalyn, and two German Shepherds, Rocky and Bandit.

## CLAIRE AUSMAN CLASS OF 2017

Claire Ausman was the best female golfer in Nevada history. She qualified individually for the state golf meet all four years of her high school career, but her team also qualified three out of her four years as a Cub. Her freshman year she placed 3rd individually at regionals, and she played with her team at the state meet, finishing 18th individually and leading her team to a 4th place team finish. Her sophomore year, she again finished 3rd at regionals and 10th at state, while her team finished the state meet in 8th place, and she was named Second Team All-State. As a junior she again finished 3rd at regionals and brought home a 5th place individual finish at the state meet, rounding out the season with First Team All-State honors. Then as a senior she placed 1st at regionals and 5th at the state meet, while her team finished 5th at the state meet overall. She



was named First Team All-State her senior year. Claire also qualified to play in the state co-ed tournament in 2015 (10th place finish), 2016 (9th place), and 2017 (9th place), and she holds every school record in girls golf: low 9-hole score (36 in 2016), low 18-hole score (78 in 2016), and best state finish (5th in 2016 and 2017), and she led the teams that hold all girls golf team records (low team average, best state team finish, low team score on 9 holes, low team score on 18 holes).

Claire was a four-year letter winner and three-year starter on the basketball team during the years of great success for the NHS girls. She was a key member of the teams that won the state title in 2015, finished 2nd in 2016, and qualified for the state tournament in 2017. Known for being a three-point sharpshooter, she also became one of the best perimeter defenders and was committed to working on her game throughout her career. As a freshman, Claire earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors, and she was named Second Team All-Conference as a sophomore, junior, and senior. She holds two school records: 3-point goals in a season (64, tied with Alli Fey) and 3-point goals in a career (184).

Claire lives in Chicago where she works at Deloitte as a tax consultant.

## KAYLEE KRUSCHWITZ CLASS OF 2017

Kaylee Kruschwitz played volleyball and ran cross country in high school, but it was her performance on the soccer field that has given her Hall of Fame honors. She earned All-State recognition for three years and was named one of the top 11 soccer players in the state twice during her high school career.

Kaylee was a key factor in her team's success during her time at NHS. She spearheaded the Cub defense for four years, leading to a 70-12 cumulative record that included 49 shutout victories, and she brought a never-lose attitude to the game that allowed her to control the defensive midfield by herself. She played in the state tournament four times—twice in the semifinals and twice in the championship game—and her team finished as the state runner-up twice. As a freshman, Kaylee earned Second Team All-Conference recognition, and as a sophomore she was named First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Southeast District, and Iowa Girls Coaches Association (IGCA) First Team All-State. Her junior year she earned all three of those honors again and added the Des Moines Register's First Team All-State and the Register's All-Iowa Girls Elite Soccer Team, an honor that put her in the top 11 soccer players in all classes state-wide. Her teammates named her team captain her senior year. That year, she was also



...named First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, IGCA First Team All-State, and Des Moines Register First Team All-State and was again recognized as one of the top 11 players in the entire state among all classes by the Des Moines Register. In addition, she was invited to play in the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches East-West Senior All-Star game.

After graduation, Kaylee was a four-year starter on the Grand View University women's soccer team. She was team captain in 2019 and 2020 and won several awards during her time on the team: CoSIDA Academic All-District (2018), NAIA Scholar-Athlete (2019, 2020), Third Team All-Conference (2020), and NAIA Academic All-Region (2021). Kaylee graduated with a degree in accounting and finance, earned her CPA license, and currently lives in Des Moines where she works in audit practice with Ernst and Young.

## ABBY STEPHENSON CLASS OF 2017

Abby Stephenson is likely the most decorated all-around athlete to ever wear a Cub uniform. She was an aggressive athlete who pushed herself to the limit and always gave her best effort. During her four years at NHS, her teams secured 11 conference titles, won four conference track relay titles, and made fourteen state appearances, including two state championships and three runner-up finishes. Individually, Abby was the first Cub in history to earn First Team All-State honors all four years of her high school career (six First Team All-State recognitions total). She earned 17 varsity letters, set 15 school records, and was selected to play in three different All-Star games her senior year. In addition, Abby is one of only three players in Iowa history to be named to three different All-Tournament teams in the same year (junior), and she was recognized as part of six All-Tournament teams throughout her career.



On the volleyball court, Abby was a force. As a freshman, she was named Second Team All-Conference, and she secured First Team All-Conference honors as a sophomore, junior, and senior. As a sophomore, she was also named First Team All-District, and her junior year she brought home a number of honors: First Team All-District, Iowa Girls Coaches Association (IGCA) First Team All-State, Honorable Mention Des Moines Register All-Iowa Team, and the All-Tournament team at the state tournament. As a senior, Abby was again named First

Team All-District and IGCA All-State, and she also was named to the Des Moines Register's First Team All-Iowa and invited to play in the Iowa All-Star game. She holds the school records for career kills (1241) and career digs (1589).

Abby's basketball career came during a run of success for the Cubs, and she was a key contributor to that success. She was named Second Team All-Conference and IGCA Second Team All-State as a sophomore, and the Cub girls brought home the state title that year. As a junior, she earned First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, and IGCA Third Team All-State honors in addition to being named to the All-Tournament team at the state tournament when her team finished as runner-up. As a senior, she was again named First Team All-Conference, was selected to the All-Region Team, and was also chosen to play in the Iowa All-Star game. She holds four school records on the basketball court: steals in a season (90), career steals (259), assists in a season (106), and assists in a career (298).

On the track, Abby qualified for the state meet in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays as a freshman, sophomore, and junior, and she also ran in the sprint medley relay at state as a sophomore and junior. Her sophomore year, her team finished sixth in the 4x200, and her junior year they earned a sixth place finish in the 4x100 and an eighth place finish in the 4x200.

Abby earned a slate of honors in soccer that is rare among athletes: she was named First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, First Team All-State, and All-Tournament Team all four years of her high school career. The Des Moines Register recognized her as First Team All-Iowa her junior year, and she was named one of the top eleven players in the state (all classes) her senior year as a member of the Des Moines Register Elite All-Iowa Team. She was also named to the North Region High School All-American team as a senior and played in the Iowa All-Star game. She set numerous school records in soccer as well: goals in a season (35), goals in a career (109), assists in a career (56), goals in a game (8), points in a season (81), and points in a career (274). Abby is the only player in Nevada history to score over 100 goals.

After high school, Abby earned 4 letters playing soccer for Drake University. She received All-Conference honors as a junior and senior, was named to the All-Tournament team at the Missouri Valley Conference tournament her junior year, and was named First Team Academic All-Conference her senior year. Abby currently lives in Marshalltown and teaches social studies at BCLUW high school where she also coaches varsity volleyball and track and field.

## Public Bid Opportunities for Surplus Items

Nevada CSD has surplus items available for public bid.

- 1) Center Cub Paw from old MS Gym Floor (approx 18'x18', in 6 sections 6'x9' each)
- 2) Partitions used for displaying art materials (50 available, approx 4'x6')

Sealed bids are due to the NCS District Office at Gates Hall by 3:00pm on February 8, 2023. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids should indicate item bidding on, quantity (for partitions only), and name, address, email, and phone number. Winning bidders will pay in full prior to removal from premises, will remove within 24 hours of notification, and will be responsible for their own loading.

Postal Customer

# Calendar of Events

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

## BINGO

**Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
\$5 to play all games

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**Feb. 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Nevada Public Library

## NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

**Feb. 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium  
Watch for agenda on the  
School website

## AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

**Feb. 10, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*There will be an alternate main course choice.*  
*Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)*

## CITY COUNCIL

**Feb. 13 & 27, 6 p.m.**  
City Hall  
*Watch for agenda on the City Website*

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

**Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m.**  
Senior Center (by City Hall), 1209 6th St.  
*Bring a dish to share.*  
*Program will begin around 12:15 p.m.*

## MAIN STREET NEVADA LUNCH-N-LEARN

**Feb. 21, Noon**  
Copper Spaces  
1024 6th St.  
*Learn about "Google My Business"*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**Feb. 24, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*Fish & Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie and desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)*

## PUBLIC ARTS EVENT

**Feb. 25**  
**2:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**7-9 p.m.**  
SCORE Pavilion, along Fawcett Parkway  
*Come to one or both sessions. Afternoon will be interactive for all ages. Evening is targeted to adults. It will feature refreshments and a band. These sessions are opportunities for residents to share stories, sayings, memories about Nevada, Iowa, the place we call home.*

## MAIN STREET NEVADA 'THE GRIND'

**Feb. 28, 7 a.m.**  
Main Street Nevada Office, 1015 6th St.  
*Stop in for coffee and catch up on business happenings.*