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Complete Care

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The Opener

By Nate Thompson
CEO, Story Medical

As a rural, community-based provider, Story Medical is focused on delivering a mix of services that can meet the needs of residents locally. As such, we are committed to offering comprehensive primary care services through our clinics in Nevada and Maxwell, while continuing to look at adding specialty offerings that are easy for the community to access.



In recent years, we have added several advanced specialties ranging from mental health services to audiology, orthopedics, dermatology and more. In addition to these clinical services, we have expanded our offering of advanced surgical procedures. Our surgeons offer a more extensive list of services than ever, including expertise in total joint replacements, hand surgery, biopsies, gastrointestinal surgery and colonoscopies, and sports injury care.

These offerings are all designed to complement services we have provided for decades.

Truly, our primary focus is on offering a full continuum of care right here in Nevada. For example, a patient who presents in the emergency department with a significant joint injury can be stabilized there, have surgery in our modern operating room, recover on our inpatient unit and then perform rehabilitation with our skilled partners at 21st Century Rehab – all on our easy-to-access campus just one block south of Highway 30.

It is a privilege to serve this community and we are humbled to play a role in the care of so many. As we move forward, we are excited to continue growing and adding services our community members want and need.

To see all we have to offer, I encourage you to check out the article on Page 3 or visit our website at storymedical.org. In taking a closer look it's possible you may find a service you have been traveling to receive that is available right here in Nevada.

On the Cover: Dr. Dennis Whitmer, general surgeon, along with the Outpatient Clinic and Surgical Services team at Story Medical.

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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.





Proudly Offering Complete Care Close to Home

From family healthcare clinics to natural health, Senior Care and a variety of inpatient and outpatient specialty services, Story Medical serves patients from communities throughout the county

Story Medical's roots in the county trace back to 1951 when the first patients were served at the new Story County Hospital. Since then, Story Medical has proudly offered a choice for care in Story County. With a team of more than 40 providers, high quality healthcare is delivered in a community-oriented manner in more than two dozen services and specialties, including primary care, cardiology, general surgery, orthopedics, Senior Care and more.

Story Medical care options include:

INPATIENT CARE: Professional, compassionate providers, nurses and staff deliver care for acute illnesses and injuries at the hospital rather than at home.

PRIMARY CARE: Providers in Nevada and Maxwell offer services to all members of the family including physicals, well child checks, pediatric and adult care for common ailments and injuries, women's care and more.

NATURAL HEALTH CLINIC - AMES: Acupuncture services are offered to address a variety of acute and chronic conditions.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency care is delivered 24 hours a day with virtually no wait time. Story Medical offers the only hospital-based helipad in Story County, providing access to critical care when minutes matter.

OUTPATIENT CLINIC & SURGICAL SERVICES: With a range of services comparable to much larger hospitals, Story Medical offers more than a dozen surgical and advanced care services through its outpatient specialty clinics, including orthopedics, pain medicine, urology, dermatology, ENT, physical medicine and rehabilitation, cardiology and more.

LABORATORY SERVICES: Our technologists offer a full range of lab services, including blood draws for inpatient and outpatient, drug screens and more.

MEDICALLY ORIENTED GYM (MOG): Specially trained staff offer monitored exercise and education for individuals, focused on optimal health.

MENTAL HEALTH: Central Iowa Psychological Services (CIPS) providers offer an array of mental health services to patients of all ages at Story Medical Clinic — Nevada and via telemedicine.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH: Specialized staff deliver customized, local, cost effective services to support the business community including pre-employment testing, DOT physicals, audiometric testing, injury prevention techniques, onsite ergonomics and education sessions, facilitated restricted duty, return-to-work programs, focused worker's compensation evaluations and treatment to improve outcomes and reduce lost time injuries.

RADIOLOGY: Imaging options include some of the most advanced technologies available, including low dose CT, Digital X-ray, Ultrasound, PET/CT, Bone Density (DXA), MRI, and Nuclear Medicine.

REHABILITATION SERVICES: A full array of rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapy are provided.

SENIOR CARE: Well respected throughout Story County for its quality care, Story Medical Senior Care offers residents 24-hour attention in a secure, comforting environment that meets personal needs while offering a lifestyle that encourages independence, individual choice and group activity.

SKILLED NURSING CARE: Designed to help patients recover from illness or surgery with 24-hour attention from our skilled, compassionate team of medical specialists in a caring, comfortable environment.

SLEEP STUDY PROGRAM: The nationally-accredited program offers diagnostic testing for a variety of sleep disorders either on-site at the medical center or at home.

WOMEN'S SERVICES: A wide range of women's care services are offered, ranging from routine and preventive health and well-being services to more advanced procedures.

Learn more about the wide variety of care options available locally by visiting storymedical.org.



Specialized Outpatient Care at Story Medical

The Outpatient Clinic & Surgical Services at Story Medical is staffed with a team of caring, professional nurses, specialty physicians and allied health providers from Story Medical and the Des Moines and Ames areas.

Story Medical partner providers offer these specialized diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical services:

- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Gastroenterology (Colonoscopy/Gastroscopy)
- General Surgery
- Gynecology (Women's Health)
- Mental Health
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic and Sports Medicine
- Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat)
- Pain Management
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Nerve Conduction Testing)
- Podiatry
- Sleep Medicine
- Urology

For information on scheduling an appointment, please call our Outpatient Clinic at 515-382-7738 or click "Services" at storymedical.org.

News & Notes

BENCH TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEVADA

Daniel Bench, MSN, PMHNP-BC of Central Iowa Psychological Services (CIPS) is now seeing patients at Story Medical Clinic in Nevada.

CIPS is a unique group of psychologists, mental health counselors, psychiatric nurse practitioners, marital and family therapists, and social workers who deliver mental health care across the region.

As a referral partner, CIPS providers will work closely with Story Medical nursing staff and care teams to provide patients with consultation, diagnosis, and treatment plans. Bench will provide services, including medication management, in person and via telemedicine.

CIPS offers a wide array of services, including care for



depression and anxiety, couples and family counseling, older adult services, child and adolescent counseling, medication management, addiction care, psychological evaluations and more.

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.

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.

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!

NEED A PROVIDER? WE'RE TAKING NEW PATIENTS!



Art Check, DO
Nevada
Family Medicine



Adrian Palar, MD
Nevada
Family Medicine



Timothy Leeds, MD
Nevada
Women's Health



Audra Poterucha, DO
Nevada
Family Medicine



Kelly Check, DPM
Nevada
Podiatry



Shane Higgins, PA-C
Nevada
Family Medicine



Jyl Wonnell, PA-C
Nevada
Family Medicine



Rachel Frederick, PA-C
Nevada
Family Medicine



Michelle Jans, PA-C
Maxwell
Family Medicine



Valerie Stallbaumer,
LAc, MSOM
Ames
Natural Health

Story Medical Clinic Locations

Story Medical Clinic
Nevada
640 South 19th Street, Ste. 100
(515) 382-5413

Story Medical Clinic
Maxwell
403 First Street
(515) 387-8815

Story Medical Clinic
Natural Health
Ames
431 South Duff Avenue, Suite B
(515) 232-2979



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StoryMedical.org/Clinics

To schedule an appointment with one of our providers call (515) 382-5413



Story County has many opportunities

Are you looking for a new opportunity in 2023?

There are a number of Nevada employers who are currently hiring with wonderful opportunities. You can find these jobs and many more on WorkinAmesMSA.com.

WorkinAmesMSA.com is the gateway to jobs across Story County, including Nevada.

Burke

- Maintenance Tech - 2nd Shift
- Grindroom Laborer 2nd Shift
- Facility Tech - 3rd Shift
- Facility Tech - 2nd Shift
- Spice Tech - 2nd Shift

Story County Medical

- RN- Clinic (days)
- PCT- Nights
- Insurance Billing Clerk
- Radiologic Tech (on call)

- RN Inpatient - Days
- Occupational Health RN - Full time and Part Time
- RN/LPN- Senior Care
- Outpatient & Surgical RN
- CNA - Senior Care
- Medical Lab Tech
- CNA - Weekend Package
- Clinic Nurse Supervisor

ALMACO

- Press Brake Operator - 2nd Shift
- Senior Project Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Engineering Manager - Software and Electronic

Farmhouse Catering

- Barista

Verbio

- Heavy Equipment Operator - Verbio Ag
- Agriculture Manager
- Reliability Engineer
- Logistics & Contract Coordinator
- Sales Agronomist
- Grain Origination Manager
- Process Engineer
- CDL - Local Truck Driver
- Electrical and Instrumentation Tech
- Material Handler
- Process Technician

Woodruff Construction

- Steel Erector
- Superintendent
- Carpenter
- Concrete Craftspeople
- Construction Worker

WORK
in **AMES.com**

Your gateway to jobs in Story County, Iowa

Story County

- Building Service - Maintenance Assistant
- Conservation Aide
- Seasonal Naturalist
- Female Detention Officer
- Administrative Assistant

Hertz Farm Management Inc.

- Administrative Professional

Mid States Companies

- EHS Director

Retrain for a new career. It's FREE!

Contact: Nikki Fischer,
Director of Workforce & Diversity
Ames Chamber of Commerce

✉ nikki@ameschamber.com
☎ 515-232-2310

The Story County Retraining Program is Presented by:



Introducing our new Director Emily Schaack



Where are you originally from?

Boone, Iowa

Where did you graduate high school and the year?

I graduated from Boone High School in 2001.

Did you attend college?

I attended the University of Northern Iowa, where I graduated with a degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Human Resource Management.

What things have you been involved with in Nevada?

I have volunteered with the community cupboard, PTA,

Main Street Nevada, Pizza Pie Looza and the Nevada Foundation.

I am also a 2022 graduate of the Leadership Nevada program.

What are you most excited about and looking forward to doing with your new position at Main Street Nevada?

I love vibrant downtown areas of small communities. I hope to help our community see that each one of us has a role in keeping Nevada thriving. I want to bring more volunteers to Main Street Nevada to help keep us moving in a forward direction. We have so many great businesses here that we can all support and lots of opportunities to make Nevada a great place to be.

Who are the members of your family? Daughter, Rylee, and Son, Wyatt



Christmas On Main 2022





Alphabet Ambassadors program at Central

In a partnership known as "Alphabet Ambassadors", 4th grade students were paired with Kindergartners with the purpose of helping the younger students learn their letter names and letter sounds. Three days per week, the students met in the mornings and spent 10-15 minutes together tracing the letters of the alphabet. This program started at the beginning of the year and concluded after 10 weeks.

The 4th grade students were trained last year as 3rd graders by Erin Klopstad (Reading Specialist), Jennifer Burns (Literacy Consultant) and Debbie Haywood (Instructional Guide).

The older students learned how to instruct correct letter formation that matched what was taught in the Kindergarten classrooms.

The benefits of this program are measurable as well as immeasurable. Kindergarten students learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet, which sets the foundation for learning to read. 4th grade students take on responsibility, create a friendship, teach and monitor their kindergarten buddy. Throughout this program, there was lots of laughter, kindness and joy! It was amazing to watch strong and caring friendships grow as kindergartners firmed up their letter knowledge and 4th graders celebrated their success!

SCHOOL FOUNDATION DONATES TO SCHOOL PANTRY

At their November Trivia Night event, the Nevada Community School Foundation collected items to donate to Cubbies Cupboard, a food pantry located at Nevada Middle School.

Thanks to all who donated, and thanks to the NCSD Foundation for facilitating the donation!



**DR. BERNIE STEPHENSON, FOUNDATION
BOARD MEMBER WITH ALL OF THE
DONATIONS**

Learn More:

Cubbies Cupboard
[https://www.nevadacubs.org/
cubbies-cupboard/](https://www.nevadacubs.org/cubbies-cupboard/)

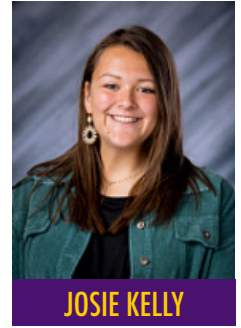
NCSD Foundation & Trivia Nights
<https://bit.ly/NCSDFoundation>

KELLY SELECTED AS SENATE PAGE

Josie Kelly, NHS Senior and NCSD Student Board Member, was recently selected to serve as a Page in the Iowa Senate.

Each year the Iowa Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives employ ambitious high school juniors and seniors of high academic standing to serve as Pages for the legislative session (January - May).

Duties of a Senate Page Pages are assigned to chamber benches for general assignments, sergeant-at-arms desk, Senate telephone switchboard, and to assist the President and Secretary of the Senate. Pages respond to requests from Senators and staff at their desks in the chamber, assist Senators and staff in committee meetings, and sometimes assist with the handling of Senate materials and supplies. Pages stationed at the switchboard take notices of incoming telephone calls to Senators. Pages assist in filing and distributing bills, calendars, and journals.



JOSIE KELLY

Congratulations, Josie!

NEVADA FFA RECEIVES DONATIONS

The Nevada FFA Program has recently received several donations and grants.

- Weatherspoon Foundation - \$1,000 donation
- Dave Norris - donation of Farmall Super M Tractor
- Adam Gibson - donation of a John Deere manure spreader
- Darren & Kari Toot - donation of a riding lawnmower
- ALMACO - donation of implements
- Key Coop - donation of 100 bushels of corn and 40 bushels of Soybeans

This donation is for Nevada FFA students to study commodity markets and get first-hand experience in marketing grain.

- Lowes - donation of a large storage box and extension ladder





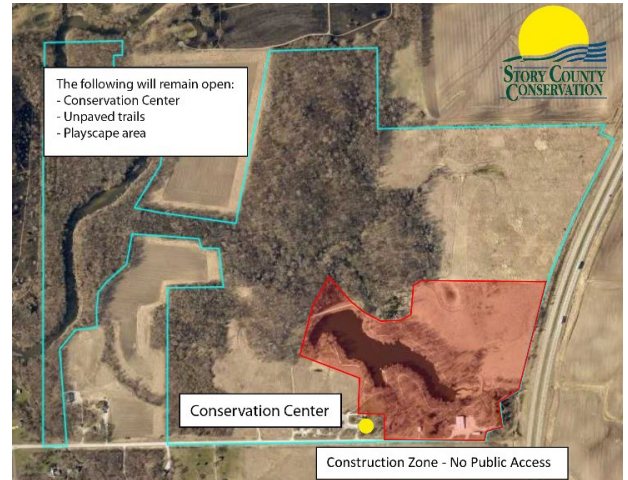
McFarland Lake renovations are underway

McFarland Lake, built in the 1940s, has never seen any large-scale updates or construction – until now. The average impounded lake in Iowa has a “healthy” lifespan of about 30 years and McFarland Lake is due for improvements, which began in early December.

The renovation’s main objective is to improve water quality. Siltation over the years has caused many shallow areas, creating the need for the basin to be dug out to original depths. Construction crews will breach the existing dam to drain the lake, put a new control structure in place, and dig out the basin, while also building an additional fishing structure. The lake will fill naturally and fish will be restocked once construction is complete.

McFarland Lake and the surrounding paved Touch-A-Life Trail are currently a construction site and are closed to the public. These areas will remain closed for the duration of the project. The rest of McFarland Park will remain open (i.e. the soft/unpaved trails, Conservation Center, and playscape).

For alternative accessible, hard surface trails while this project takes place, we recommend SCORE Park in Nevada or Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor in Ames.



Apply now to be part of the 2023 Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy

The Story County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for its Citizens' Academy 2023.

The three-hour sessions (6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.) begin March 2, 2023 and continue on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks with graduation planned for May 11, 2023.

In the Citizens' Academy, participants learn about the Story County Sheriff's Office and what it takes to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Story County. The sessions include presentations from Administration, Communications, Support Services, Field Services, and Jail Division. Topics include firearms, traffic safety, dive team, emergency response team (ERT), hostage negotiations, drug investigations, and much more.

There is no cost to participate and meals are provided each week.

Applications may be obtained on the Story County Sheriff's Office page of the county website: www.storycountyia.gov or may be picked up in person at the Story County Sheriff's Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Sheriff's Office by no later than February 13, 2023. Class size is limited and seats fill up rather quickly.

For more information, you may contact Sgt. Liz Quinn at 515-382-7473, or equinn@storycountyia.gov, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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YouTube channel at Story County, Iowa

Sign up for **Notify Me** at
www.storycountyia.gov

Veterans and veteran spouses are invited to stop in during these hours for an informal conversation. This is your chance to ask questions and find out more about veteran resources and benefits.



HOMETOWN OUTREACH

NEVADA, IOWA

JANUARY 25, 2023 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



CITY HALL

1209 6TH STREET

Nevada, Iowa 50201

www.storycountyiowa.gov

TICKETS ON SALE!

Buy online or stop by:
FarmGrounds • Main Street Nevada office
NuCara • RE/MAX Concepts



MAY 13, 2023 • NEVADA, IOWA





Apply now for seasonal Parks and Rec positions

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

Aquatic Center: Positions available for the Management Team, Lead Lifeguards, Lifeguards and Swim Lesson Instructors. If you are at least 15 years old by mid-May and are interested, consider taking the Lifeguard Training Class. Contact Nevada Parks and Recreation for training information. Classes are offered at no cost for anyone who successfully completes the class and works for

Nevada Parks and Recreation.

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

Aquatic Center Front Desk: Employees serving this position will oversee day to day public admissions of the facility. Customer service, computer and cleaning skills necessary.

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

Athletic Complex Site Supervisor: Weekends only. Field preparation, cleaning, trash pick-up, other general duties.

Parks/Cemetery Maintenance: General grounds and building maintenance throughout the city. Must be at least 17 years old by March 31. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and weekends as scheduled to assist with weekend tournaments and park rentals. There are positions available for the months of April through November and positions available from the end of May through August.

Library invites all storytellers

Storytelling has many benefits for people as they both share and listen to stories. It can increase our cultural understanding, improve our communication skills, expand our curiosity and imagination, and help us be more social, among other things.

The Nevada Public Library is excited to introduce a new storytelling program, "Story Swap," this year.

Starting this month, Cathy Bagley of Nevada will lead this new program, which will offer storytellers of all ages the opportunity to share stories up to 15 minutes in length and based on a theme for each session. January's themes are "new beginnings" and "winter stories."

The program will be family-friendly and refreshments will be provided.

Story Swap will be held at 6 p.m. on the following evenings this winter and spring: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, and May 22.



Winter Reading Challenge!

The Nevada Public Library is hosting an All Ages Winter Reading Challenge!

Complete a BINGO in January and win a prize to help keep you warm and cozy this winter! Sign up at the link or pick up a BINGO Board at the library. Prizes are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Nevada residents invited to take part in public arts process

The City of Nevada, Main Street Nevada, and the Nevada Economic Development Council are joining forces to bring a public arts forum to our community. On Saturday, Feb. 25, a public workshop, "Nevada: Untold Stories," will feature representatives from many Nevada organizations who will share stories, sayings, and unique perspectives gleaned from surveying their specific groups. This thought-provoking exercise will begin a community-wide journey toward 'capturing the heart' of Nevada.

"Public arts is a strong factor in attracting creative-minded people to live or do business in Iowa communities," said Sandy Ehrig, a city councilwoman who during her career has been involved in community and economic development pursuits. Through her work, Ehrig has been acquainted with David Williamson, an Iowa-based artist who travels nationally as a creativity consultant to corporations, professional associations, and government agencies. Williamson will facilitate our public discussions throughout this public arts process in Nevada.

Williamson, a graduate of the University of Iowa, is the collaborating sculptor behind the DNR's Project AWARE, which was featured for a decade at the Iowa State Fair. Through Project AWARE, he assisted the public and AWARE canoeists in telling the stories of river clean-ups through the sculptures produced from metal retrieved from Iowa rivers and streams. In 2010, he received a U.S. Congressional Tribute for his work with Project AWARE.

More recently, Williamson collaborated with the citizens of Charles City to create "Revival" a 23-foot-high sculpture built from a historic pedes-



Shown above is a drawing of The River Gates, constructed in 2011 as part of Project AWARE through the Iowa DNR.



Three children stand in "Arch Alley" in Jefferson, Iowa, a public arts project of David Williamson that followed a process similar to the one Williamson will lead Nevada through this year.

trian cable bridge that was destroyed when the Cedar River flooded the city. In 2021, he also created "Arch Alley" in Jefferson with a team of adults and elementary students. The Jefferson public project, including the collaborative public poem, was awarded first place in the single site creative place-making category of Main Street Iowa for 2022.

When asked what the final form of the Nevada public arts project will be, Williamson explained the answer to that question will depend on what the community's responses to key questions will reveal in February.

"All of the words, stories, phrases, and sayings shared on Feb. 25 will guide us," he said. In the spring of 2023, Williamson hopes to take the inputs from the SCORE Pavilion events and work with Nevada's third graders. The students would interpret and explore the adults' ideas and suggest final art forms to express what Nevada-area citizens have shared during "Nevada: Untold Stories."

The Feb. 25 afternoon workshop from 2:30-4:30 p.m. with the focus groups, will be followed by an evening event open to all adults from the community. The evening event will offer refreshments, including wine, plus original music by Williamsons' acoustic duo, 2B UNPLUGGED.

Both the afternoon and evening events will be held at the SCORE Pavilion along Fawcett Parkway. Nevada residents who are unable to attend either session, yet have a story or insight they would like to share, may contact Sandy Ehrig at sehrig@cityofnevadaiaowa.org. All Nevada voices are welcome in this process. "It's going to be a really valuable experience for the people who participate in it," Ehrig said.



Fire Department plans a public arts project in 2023

The Nevada Fire Department is rich with tradition as its origins date back to 1860. The Department wanted to capture some of the history for people to see in the way of a full color public mural called "A Transition Through Time."

The mural will be painted this spring on the east wall of the fire station facing 10th Street. The mural will capture some of the Department's history, along with adding sites and structures from our community.

Fire Chief Ray Reynolds met University of Iowa Art Professor Ali Hval, and invited her to the community in an effort to add public arts to the community. Ali visited Nevada and assessed the fire department's sta-



tion as a perfect structure for adding the mural.

Ali is well-known as an expert muralist and has designed murals in several communities. Her passion for art is contagious. "Beyond brightening and enlivening a new space, public art has the power to transform a community and tell a part of its history in a freely accessible way. Whether ab-

stract or representational, it can express a community's specific values and describe its unique, formative characteristics to set it apart from other communities," Ali said.

The fire department will be accepting donations to cover the costs of this art project. The mural will take about a week to complete. The paints are specially designed

to last nearly two decades before major touch-ups are needed. Anyone wishing to contribute to the mural can send donations to: Nevada Firefighters Inc. %Art project, 1209 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa. 50201. Your donations are tax-deductible. Questions can be directed to rreynolds@cityofnevadaiaowa.org.



Capital campaign begins for a new fire engine

The Nevada Fire Department is planning to announce a new fire engine capital campaign to raise \$300,000 in donations to offset the rising inflation cost. The engine being replaced is a 1997 Spartan fire engine holding 1,000 gallons of water. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sets standards for the fire service. NFPA 1901 does not recommend using fire apparatus exceeding 25 years of service as a front-line fire engine. Unfortunately, fire engines are seeing dramatic cost increases each year. The department budgeted \$500,000 for the replacement engine capable of holding 1,500 gallons of water. Raising \$300,000 secures additional funding needed as rates are volatile. An example of the increases is shown in the graph below:

Ray Reynolds serves as the Director of Fire and EMS operations for the Nevada Public Safety Department. Reynolds shares, "Our town's insurance premiums are developed based on our ability to fight fires.

COMPANY	2020 QUOTE	2022 QUOTE	2023 ANTICIPATED COST
Toyne Breda, Iowa	\$481,000.00	\$598,338.00	\$694,073.18
Sutphen Dublin, OH	\$481,110.27	\$616,363.71	\$714,981.90

Having adequate front-line fire engines is a critical component to protecting our community." The Nevada Firefighters, Inc., is the 501C3 tax-deductible arm of the fire department. The fire department members make up this organization. "Everyone is committed to helping raise funds for this replacement engine as our highest priority for the department," said Reynolds. The department has a long-standing history of only purchasing apparatus only through budgeted funds and not through issuing community bonds which go against the city's debt ratio. Utilizing the firefighter's association as a tax-deductible entity for donations helps those who donate while also helping taxpayers reduce the costs associated with this major purchase.

Engine 310 is sometimes called the "rural" engine. This vehicle serves as our second, out-the-door engine in the city and the primary first response vehicle outside the city. The fire department protects the rural townships of Grant, Richland, Nevada, and Milford. In total, Nevada covers 137 square miles of central Story County. This is the largest fire district in the county and covers 781 calls annually (second highest is Ames). Reynolds adds, "Having a fire engine that holds 1,500 gallons of water makes the initial fire attack much safer. In town, large water capacity buys the crew time to connect to a fire hydrant and get a quick knockdown on fires. Outside of Nevada, the water must be brought to the scene from Nevada."

The department hopes to purchase a 2025 fire engine with a 1,500-gallon tank capacity. The engine will be designed to look similar to our 2017 Toyne fire engine built in Breda, Iowa. The order-to-build time is now approaching two years as cities rush to get on the list to avoid future price increases.

If you would like to contribute to the Nevada Firefighters, Inc., in support of raising \$300,000 for the purchase of a new engine, please reach out to Chief Reynolds and start the conversation. Your donation is tax deductible. His email is rreynolds@cityofnevadaiaowa.org

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

FILL THE FOYER

Jan. 2-31

Weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nevada City Hall
Bring in your donations of clothing, household supplies, and nonperishable food items during this annual collection event. All items will be distributed to the local clothing closet and food assistance agencies

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Story Co Admin Bldg,
Nevada

NEVADA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Jan. 4, 1-6 p.m.

Gates Hall
Appointments are encouraged. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777 or Call: 800-287-4903

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Jan. 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nevada Public Library

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

Jan. 9, 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.

CITY COUNCIL

Jan. 9 & 23, 6 p.m.

City Hall

Watch for agenda on the City Website, cityofnevada-iowa.org, under Agendas/Minutes

NCSCHOOL BOARD

Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Gates Memorial Hall

Auditorium

Watch for agenda on the School website, nevada-cubs.org, under District/SchoolBoard/Agenda

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

Jan. 13, 5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post

Alternate choice will be baked spaghetti, cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)

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MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

Jan. 18, 4-6 p.m.

Main Street Nevada Office, 1015 6th St.

Help us welcome our new Main Street Director

STORY MEDICAL BD OF TRUSTEES

Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.

Story Medical Center

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

Jan. 27, 5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post
Chicken chimichangas, rice and refried beans. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)