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The Opener

Emily Schaack
Main Street Nevada Executive Director



Nearly three months into my role as Executive Director, I've discovered that Main Street Nevada is more than just a non-profit organization. It is a culture. A fun, fast-paced culture, full of wonderful businesses and volunteers, who are eager to support one another and do their part to help Nevada grow. We also have great partnerships in the City of Nevada and NEDC.

I keep hearing the phrase, "Busy people get stuff done." It's truly amazing the number of things people are getting done in a short amount of time. Behind the scenes, there are new programs being built, events being planned, and spaces being designed, mostly by people who also have full-time jobs. When an idea is generated, it typically does not take long to grow wings and begin to fly.

This is all thanks to individuals and businesses who want to make positive changes to our community. It involves volunteers who know it is about more than just donating their time and businesses who know it is about more than just a financial donation. It's bigger than themselves.

Providing a chance for our businesses to learn CPR so they can help protect their patrons, employees, and fellow community members is just one small way the Main Street Nevada organization has shown we have big hearts and want to help in a bigger way.

We asked our local businesses to show the community how much they care about one another's hearts, by signing up to learn CPR. We hope the need to administer CPR never arises for those who were trained, but hopefully our community feels safer knowing that some staff at the places they patronize are trained to help in an emergency.

Strong communities are built by people who are willing to come together for a common goal and put in the work that needs to be done. I feel blessed to be surrounded by these people every day and know that we are doing good things for the community we love.

On the Cover: Ray Beaty, Paramedic for Story Medical and volunteer paramedic for the Nevada Fire Department, instructs Emily Schaack, Main Street Nevada Director, and Lisa Oxley, Past President of Main Street Nevada, on proper CPR techniques.

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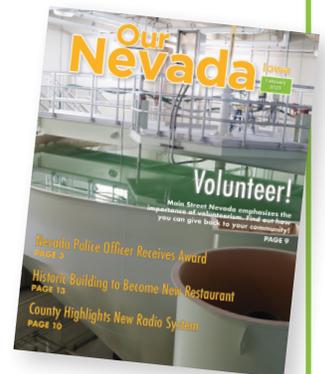
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



Main Street Nevada offers CPR Training



Cardiac arrests do not wait for convenient times to occur. It could happen while you're at the grocery store, in line at the bank, or eating dinner at a restaurant. While we are fortunate in Nevada to have quick response times from our Emergency crews, every minute matters. In light of the recent news in the NFL, Main Street Nevada joined forces with the Nevada Fire Department to provide CPR training for local businesses.

"We feel this is a necessary tool for everyone to have. We saw a great opportunity to get more people in our community trained in CPR and AED machines so life saving measures can be started while waiting for professional help to arrive," said Emily Schaack, Executive Director for Main Street Nevada.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Main Street Nevada held a free CPR training class over the lunch hour for their investor businesses. The training was held at Gates Hall and instructed by Ray Beaty, who is a paramedic for Story County Medical Center and a volunteer paramedic for the Nevada Fire Department. Beaty, an American Heart instructor, taught the basics of hands-only CPR.

"The general public should at least know how to do hands-only chest compressions. There is still oxygen in the blood and by performing chest compressions, you can keep the oxygen circulating. Brain cells begin to die after four minutes with no oxygen. For every minute CPR is delayed, expectancy of survival decreases by 10 percent," Beaty informed the group.

In addition to CPR, Beaty showed the attendees how to operate an AED machine. In many cases, an AED machine is needed to shock a heart back to rhythm. Nevada has multiple AED machines located all over town for anyone to use in an emergency situation.

"We thought it would be helpful to identify where those locations are, so the community is aware," said Lisa Oxley, Past President of the Main Street Nevada Board of Directors. The graphic on this page identifies where AEDs can be found in the Main Street District and in the community at large.

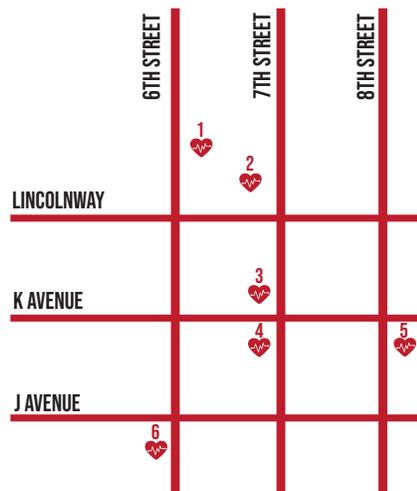
The Nevada Fire Department has graciously offered to loan an AED unit out for gatherings, events, etc., for those who are or are willing to be CPR trained. Contact Fire Chief Ray Reynolds for more information on renting an AED.

A COMMUNITY OF HEARTS

Show Nevada You Care about their Hearts

WHERE CAN I FIND AN AED IN NEVADA?

Several businesses and organizations in our community have AED's onsite.



AED LOCATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1 NEVADA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
- 2 CITY HALL
- 3 NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 4 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 5 NEVADA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
- 6 STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- ALMACO
STORY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
GATES MEMORIAL HALL
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PARAGON

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Cardiac arrests don't wait for convenient times to occur. It could happen while you're at the grocery store, in line at the bank, or eating dinner at a restaurant. If you'd like to learn more about how you can provide this training to your employees or if you'd like AED information, reach out today!

RAY BEATY

Local Paramedic & American Heart Instructor

515-401-8275

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Main Street Nevada
www.MainStreetNevada.org



NEVADA FIREFIGHTERS
CITY OF NEVADA



Citizen Of The Year nominations

Story County's 2023 Citizen of the Year award nominations are now open. Each year the Story County Board of Supervisors recognizes a prominent member of Story County and awards them as the Citizen of the Year.

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for their community? If so, nominate them for this year's award. To nominate someone, please follow this link to the Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX2Er5xC-MXD793c2CmBoMKSD1S7pZJ_jiHhTq3ewdfyhjpw/viewform. Printed copies are available at the front desk of the Story County Administration building in Nevada. Those can be mailed to County Outreach and Special Projects Manager, c/o Board of Supervisors,

Story County Administration, 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201 or submit via email at lharter@storycountyiowa.gov.

Nominations are due by March 29, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. After the completion of the selection process, there will be an award presentation at a weekly Board of Supervisors meeting in May.



Test Your Nest for Radon

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

There are no immediate symptoms from exposures to radon. Smokers are at higher risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer. Lung cancer is the only health effect definitively linked with radon exposure. There is no evidence that other respiratory diseases, such as asthma, are caused by radon exposure, and there is no evidence that children are at any greater risk of radon induced lung cancer than adults.

Radon is the number-one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, according to EPA estimates. Overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked.

You can purchase a radon test kit for your home from the Story County Environmental Health Department for \$10. Environmental Health is located on the lower level of the Administration Building at 900 6th Street in Nevada. You can reach the Environmental Health Department at 515-382-7240 or healthweb@storycountyiowa.gov. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon> for more information on radon or download the "Citizen's Guide to Radon."

Register for the Story County Iowa Alerts System

On July 1, 2021, Story County Iowa Alerts transitioned to the Rave Public Safety (RAVE/Smart911) platform for public emergency notification. At the time of the transition, data from the previous notification system, called the "WENS system," was migrated to the new system, however that data does not allow users to be included when adding specific geographical alerts.

At noon on March 31, 2023, individuals who have not signed up with the RAVE/Smart911 system through an opt-in text message or with a system registration will no longer receive emergency alerts from the Story County Iowa Alerts system. Signing up on the RAVE/Smart911 system will provide subscribers tailored access to the specific alerts and the modes in which they wish to receive them. Individuals and families can set up a user profile for multiple family members, with multiple phone numbers and addresses. Once created, an account can choose to provide relevant health information assisting emergency management in identifying potential special response needs during a disaster or allowing for specific emergency messaging.



To opt-in via text message, individuals can text the name of the community for which they want alerts, with the letters IA after it, to 672-83. For example, for emergency messages for Collins, text CollinsIA to 672-83.

For more information on the Story County Iowa Alerts program and the link to register, the public can visit the Story County Iowa Alerts Page at: <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1155/Story-County-Iowa-Alerts>.

Property Tax Reminder

The Story County Treasurer's Office is reminding property owners that taxes are due March 31. To pay property taxes, you can go online to IowaTreasurers.org, mail payments to PO Box 498, Nevada, Iowa 50201, or visit the Treasurer's Office (Story County Administration Building, 900 6th Street, Nevada) Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We also have a drop box available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

OnTrack is at home in West Industrial Park



Sitting in his office inside OnTrack's new headquarters at the west edge of Nevada, Matt Runge (pictured inside his business) is enjoying the newly constructed building the company moved into this past March. "I just wanted to make a space where everybody could come to work and love to be at work," he said. "We needed something to grow into, and we wanted something that would last."

Longevity is something Runge has considered with more than just the structure his business occupies. "We're trying to build something, just like with our name. I'm not building something with my name stamped all over it, because someone once told me, 'Never get married to a business you start. Build it to think long-term.'" And that's what he's done with OnTrack - given the business a name that someone else could someday take over and continue.

OnTrack specializes in underground sewer and water main construction. The company builds new sanitary sewers and new water mains, working mostly for municipalities. Currently, Runge said, "we have about 40 projects" that are going on at some phase of their overall timeline.

"We're down in Des Moines reconstructing Cowles Drive and the build out for the new airport terminal. We just picked up our first federal job down around Saylorville Lake, putting in new sewer and water utilities along with sewer treatment facilities for the campgrounds. We're working in Ankeny tearing out a couple streets and placing all new infrastructure."

OnTrack prefers to work within an hour's radius of the Des Moines/Ames area, and they've done a lot of work in



Nevada. They were a main contractor on the recent downtown construction project and are now working on several phases of the new wastewater treatment facility. Runge said he doesn't like to lose out on Nevada work, so he bids very competitively on local projects.

OnTrack started in Runge's home in 2017 with seven field employees. The company's first official day of work was April 2, 2017, on a project in Nevada's downtown area. "We'd teamed up with Con-Struct, who we have a good working relationship with," he noted.

After a year, Runge moved the business to Nevada's downtown area, setting up offices in the old Ryerson Implement building in the 1300 block of Sixth Street and utilizing another

piece of property along Sixth Street next to the railroad tracks for staging. He still owns that lot but plans to move everything off of it eventually for future development.

The focus is now on the company's new location in Nevada's West Industrial Park, where an impressively designed building, just under 20,000 square feet, is the new home of OnTrack, which now employs close to 35 employees.

Runge, a double major at Iowa State University in construction engineering and architecture, said the look of the building, "an industrial feel with an exposed structure of straight lines and lots of glass," has a lot of his input. And, he said, "we worked with RMH Architects in Ames, and they were great."

As for property, the company has that too. "We're sitting on a 10-acre parcel (of 24 acres that was purchased)," Runge said. "The lot just east of us is about 3 acres." That lot holds pipe right now, but is also the place that Runge has eyed for an eventual maintenance shop. "Right now, we don't do maintenance in-house ... but we want to be ready for that at some point." He also has room -- if the company continues to grow -- to expand the current building, which was constructed with that possibility in mind. Runge said he plans to sell some of the remaining parcels of land.

Nevada is not only a good central Iowa location for business, but Runge appreciates local resources like Nevada Economic Development Council. "I joined the NEDC after being invited by Woodruff to an event. I felt like the NEDC had good things going for it and some good members who were active in the community. I felt that if I was going to plant my company's roots here, I needed to be active in the community."



New Marching Band Uniforms

The time has come for new high school marching band uniforms in Nevada.

The current marching band uniforms were first worn in 2005 - 18 years ago.

"The average lifespan of a marching band uniform is typically around 10 years," said Nevada High School Band Director Drew Barker. "Our uniforms have survived well past that."

The uniforms have served their purpose well after replacing the previously worn uniforms, which dated back to the mid-1980s. However, because of the current uniform age, "when we need new parts or replacement parts, not only is it sometimes difficult to find them, but it is also hard to justify the purchase," Barker said.



For those who've never worn a marching band uniform, each one has several components. Now costing around \$600 each, a marching band uniform includes pants, a jacket, a gauntlet, a shako, a wrap, and a plume.

The Nevada Music Parents are spearheading the fund raising, and

Music Parents President Sarah Gilchrist said it is hoped to purchase 90 new uniforms for the band, which grew from 50 to 60 members in the previous year. Barker is hopeful that trend continues.

Barker has worked with the DeMoulin uniform company to design a new look for the Nevada High School Band, and the new look will come in a lighter material, better suited for band members when marching in the heat, yet allowing them to wear layers underneath in colder temperatures. And there are other improvements.

"Our new design zips from the back rather than the front, which makes the collar more comfortable for students and also looks cleaner (no more worrying about the collar coming unhooked!)," Barker said.

The new uniforms will also help lengthen members visually. "Marching band uniforms are usually designed to make band members look tall and skinny, and our new design does just that. The front has a gradient fade from purple on top to black on bottom. Over this fade are two diagonal bars, one gold and one purple fading to black with three gold buttons. Both bars are outlined in white for a maximizing effect. These bars together also look like an N," Barker described.

The shako (band hat) is also upgraded with a piece of fabric that covers it and mimics the design on the front of the uniform, and a purple plume to extend the purple color and make band members look even taller. "Overall, the design is clean, sharp, modern, and it will make our band members look great," Barker said.

Barker and members of the Nevada Music Parents know that community members and student families can get bogged down by all types

of fundraisers. "We are hoping to raise the bulk of our money through donations ... and in donating to the Nevada Music Parents, 100 percent of the money goes to the music department," Barker said.

Gilchrist also mentions that the Nevada Music Parents have been putting aside a percentage of profits from concession stand sales each year, which has created a nice "nest egg" for the fund-raising effort.

With an average six-month turn-around on band uniform orders, Gilchrist is excited to report that the Nevada Music Parents board recently voted to make a deposit so production can begin.



When it comes to the marching band, Barker believes the program is strong and getting stronger. "We have started taking our show to competitions around the state, and we have been receiving a lot of positive feedback from judges and other band directors and audience members at these events."

To donate, you can visit nevadamusicparents.weebly.com or mail a donation to the High School, care of the Nevada Music Parents. All donations are tax-deductible.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Central Elementary is now taking signups for preschool and kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year!

If you have a child who will be four (Preschool) or five (Kindergarten, not currently attending Nevada) by Sept. 15, please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up at 515-382-2383.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

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

Are you interested in becoming a sub? There are a couple of requirements:

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

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

BID OPPORTUNITY

Nevada CSD has two buses available for public bid.

1. 2004 International Lift Bus
31 passenger, 2 wheel chair spots
2. 1997 Blue Bird
84 passenger

Sealed bids are due to the NCSD District Office by 3pm on March 15, 2023.

The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bid should indicate which bus, and your name, address, email, and phone number.

Winning bidder will pay in full prior to pickup, and will remove within 24 hours of notification.

23/24 School Calendar

The 2023-2024 School Calendar has been approved by the NCSD School Board.

To view/print, go to <https://bit.ly/NCSD24Calendar>

Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!

March 6-10, 2023

PARENTS:
Did you know? Your child can **DIG IN** to healthy breakfast options at school!

DIG IN TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Be a School Breakfast Builder!

WAFFLE CROSSING

Eat a healthy breakfast before school to kick off your day right!

Nevada HS Drama Presents...

Oklahoma!



March 3,4,5

Josephine Tope Community Auditorium

Tickets available at <https://nevadahighdrama.seatyourself.biz/>



Rehab Helps Conley Keep Up with Kids

Team at 21st Century Rehab delivers physical therapy before and after knee replacement surgery performed at Story Medical in Nevada.

Pictured above is Robin Conley (left) with physical therapist Laura Ebert, DPT, of 21st Century Rehab.

It took only a single appointment with Shane Higgins, PA-C, of Story Medical Clinic - Nevada for Robin Conley to know she was in the right place to find relief from the constant pain in her knees that felt like "stabbing from butcher knives". In that first appointment, she asked Shane what he thought. He was quick to answer.

"I walked in and he said to me, 'You need a knee replacement'," Robin says. "He sent me down the hall for an X-ray, and sure enough it showed that the knee was ready to be replaced. After talking through it with Shane, I met with the surgeon to make sure and get it scheduled."

Story Medical's orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Gautam Kakade, M.D. confirmed the diagnosis. Eager to address the pain that had limited her ability to be active with her beloved sons, grandson, nieces and nephews for years, Robin hit a roadblock just before surgery. She was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The diagnosis came after a routine mammogram. With a fighter's spirit, Robin jumped right into treatment with a relentless focus on putting cancer behind her so she could address her knee pain.

Robin's cancer treatment was successful and by the fall of 2022, she was at Story Medical doing "pre-hab" with the team at 21st Century Rehab. The workouts in advance of her knee replacement ensured she would have the strength necessary for an efficient and effective recovery post-surgery.

In November, Dr. Kakade, assisted by Shane, performed the surgery at Story Medical. Robin says the relief was almost immediate.

"When I woke up, that stabbing pain was gone," Robin says. "It seemed like every hour and every day it got a little bit better. The rehabilitation team helped me regain strength and confidence. They got me to the point where they said I could cut back and I told them, 'No way.' I wanted to continue to come. I'm a fixture here."

Robin says that throughout her care at Story Medical—from the initial primary care appointment with Shane, through her surgery and rehabilitation with 21st Century Rehab—she has been treated with compassion and respect.

"It was just a blessing that I came here for my care," Robin says. The nudge to see Shane came from one of her nieces. "This hospital must have been founded on a mission of putting the patient first."

As her rehab progresses, she is looking forward to being more active and getting back to joining family outings to the pond, the mall, the amusement park and more.

"I'm now able to keep up with the girls when we go shopping and the kids when we spend time with the nieces and nephews," Robin adds. "Listening to my niece and taking her recommendation to give Story Medical a try has changed my life."

Primary Care at Story Medical

Story Medical is accepting new primary care patients at its clinics in Nevada and Maxwell. To schedule call 515-382-5413 in Nevada or 515-387-8815 in Maxwell.

21st Century Rehab in Nevada

21st Century Rehab partners with Story Medical to provide a full complement of therapy services at the medical center in Nevada. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, visit 21stcenturyrehab.com or call 515-382-7008.

News & Notes



STORY MEDICAL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNCIL

The Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is looking for people like you who are committed to improving the patient experience. We are looking for patients and family members who can:

- Share their perspective
- Collaborate with hospital staff and other PFAC members
- Improve quality, patient safety, and health outcomes

For more information about joining the Story Medical PFAC contact Jessica Howe, Patient Experience Specialist, at jhowe@storymedical.org or 515-382-7726 or fill out an application at storymedical.org/PFAC.

MANAGE YOUR CARE ONLINE WITH MyUnityPoint

MyUnityPoint is an online tool especially for Story Medical patients that offers direct access to portions of the electronic health record and more. By creating a MyUnityPoint account, patients can:

- View medical information securely via the Internet.
- Stay in touch with physicians.
- Request prescription refills online.
- Manage appointments, and view details of past/upcoming appointments.

Learn more and create an account at <https://chart.myunitypoint.org/mychart>.

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.

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!



Warmer weather ahead, be sure you are pet smart

We've all been looking forward to spring, and thankfully, it's just around the corner! This means more residents will be outside enjoying our sidewalks and trails, and more pet owners will be taking longer walks with their pets on these same sidewalks and trails.

The Nevada Parks and Recreation Department wants to take this opportunity to remind pet owners of a few simple courtesies when utilizing the City's sidewalks and trails, and when making visits to our City parks and our City cemetery.

Please be sure to pick up after your pet when pets are out with you. There are pet waste stations placed at most entrances to the City's trail system. If you do not bring a bag with you, please pick one up before entering our parks and trail areas. Pets must be on a leash at all times. Failure to do so may result in a citation as outlined in the City of Nevada Municipal Code of Ordinances. This is a safety issue for all park users, as well as for your pet.



It is also important to keep pets off of our City playing fields. The Parks staff works very hard to provide quality athletic fields for our community sporting events. Kids, coaches, and spectators involved in these activities deserve a clean and sanitary venue for their activity.

Finally, dogs are allowed in the cemetery if they remain on a leash and stay on the roadways. At no time shall anyone allow their dog to run at-large in the cemetery. We have pet waste stations at the cemetery, so if you forget a waste bag, you may use a city-provided bag to pick up after your pet.

Everyone likes to have a positive experience and enjoy a clean environment. Please be a responsible pet owner so everyone can enjoy Nevada's outdoor public spaces.

If you have questions or concerns regarding pets in the parks or the cemetery, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 515-382-4352.

Cemetery Clean-up

Spring clean-up of the municipal cemetery will happen next month during the third full week of April (17-21). During this time, we will dispose of all decorations, including those placed in vases, saddles, or on shepherd hooks if they are damaged or unsightly. Any decorations you wish to keep must be removed by April 17, before our spring clean-up begins. You may put out new decorations after the clean-up period, starting April 24. If you have questions, please call the cemetery at 515-382-6240 and talk with Sexton Gene Fritz.

Looking for artful minds

The City of Nevada is establishing a Public Arts Advisory Commission, and is now interested in finding people with an interest in the public arts to serve on this board.

The Commission will work in partnership with City departments, developers, and other public and private sector organizations and agencies to develop, plan, and implement a "Public Arts Master Plan."

In February, the City, along with the NEDC and Main Street Nevada, hosted a first-ever, two-part public arts event, inviting Nevada residents to share their "untold stories" of the community. This event was the kickoff to a process that will focus more attention on public arts in our town, as Iowa-based artist David Williamson helps us identify one of our first big community projects.

If you have an interest in public arts, and would be willing to give of your time on this newly established Commission, please apply by filling out an application on our City Website: <https://cityofnevadaio-wa.org/government/boards-commissions/application/>. Or, you may stop in at City Hall to pick up a printed application to fill out.

Residents asked to take survey to help library plan for future

Help the Nevada Public Library Plan for the future! The Nevada Public Library Board of Trustees and the Library are currently seeking community input to help us with our next strategic plan. Please help us provide the best possible service to our community and patrons by completing this survey. It should take you no longer than 15 minutes to complete. When you have finished, you can choose to add your contact information to be entered into a drawing* to win one of six Visa Gift Cards (valued at \$50 or \$100).

*Must be a Nevada Public Library patron or City of Nevada or Rural Storey County Resident to qualify for the drawing.



Use this QR code to access the survey. Hover your smartphone camera over the code to go to the online link.

Upcoming Library Events

WILL IT WAFFLE?

Monday, March 13, 3-5 p.m.

Kick off Spring Break by testing out some waffle maker recipes with Librarians, Dylan and Nicole! Grab yourself and your friends and head to the library meeting room, where we'll see if it passes the ultimate test...Will It waffle? Registration is required. This event is for 5th-12th graders.



ADULT CRAFT NIGHT—WINE CHARMS FROM WINE CORKS

Tuesday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.

Looking for a fun night out? Join us for our new quarterly program, Adult Craft Night! We'll provide attendees with everything to make their own unique DIY craft project and better yet, have a lot of fun making it. In March, we'll be making wine charms from wine corks. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own small charms or beads to help personalize them. Registration is required.

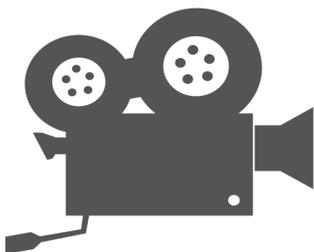


SPRING BREAK MOVIE

Wednesday, March 15, 10-11:45 a.m.

Do you need something to do during Spring Break? Come to the library to watch a movie! Join Miss Dylan in the Storytime Room for a showing of "The Bad

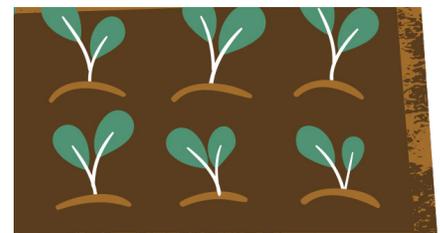
Guys," a movie adaptation based on the graphic novel series by Aaron Blabey. Make it extra cozy by wearing pajamas and bringing something to cuddle with. Parents are welcome to join. Popcorn will be provided. This event is for K-5th graders.



DETECTING PROBLEMS IN YOUR GARDEN

Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.

Is your lettuce listless? Do your beans look brown? Learn how to prevent and/or spot plant problems in your garden this year with agronomist Lisa Burke from the USDA. This is part of our Seed Library programming.





Things to understand about your utility bill

Meters are read on the first working day of the month. Bills are based on consumption. The bill is only estimated if the meter cannot be read. Very few bills are estimated.

Bills are sent before the last working day of the month to arrive to customers on or before the first day of the

following month.

FOR EXAMPLE: All meters were read on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. They were read again on Feb. 1, 2023. Using those readings, the software calculates the usage for the month of January. Staff processes and verifies readings, and bills are printed Friday, Feb. 17. Bills are taken to Post Office for deliv-

ery to customers by the first of March. The bill received by the customer in March would be for January's usage.

If payment for the current bill has not been received by the time of printing the new bill, the previous amount will be added to the total of the amount due.

A written agreement for an extension is available. The agreement needs to be completed in person and accepted before disconnection of water service. No agreements will be accepted after service has been disconnected. If the customer is considered a tenant, the landlord is required to approve the agreement.

NEVADA IA 50201

CITY OF NEVADA
UTILITY BILL
1209 6th STREET, PO BOX 530
NEVADA, IA 50201-0530
(515) 382-5466

ACCOUNT NUMBER

DUE DATE	AFTER DUE DATE	BY DUE DATE
2/15/23	166.71	164.71

Bill Due Upon Receipt. Late Payment Charge After 5:00 P.M. On The 15th.

DO NOT PAY - BANK DRAFT
*This will only appear on your bill if you have ACH for your payment method. Call City Hall if you would like to get set up for auto-withdrawal of your bill.

Please detach top portion and return with payment. Thank You.

Meter Read Dates for USAGE SERVICE FROM 12/01/22 TO 1/03/23

SERVICE	PRESENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	UNITS OF MEASURE X 100 USAGE	AMOUNT
AREARS	Any past due amount will show here			.00
PREVIOUS BILL				147.21
PREVIOUS PAYMENT				147.21
Rsrc Rcvry	Resource Recovery fee - collection for solid waste			3.20
Sewer Cons	Sewer Construction fee - used for projects			8.00
Strm Sewer	Storm Sewer fee - projects to manage storm runoff			5.25
Sewer O&M	1 4964 2	4900 3	64 4	84.00
Water O&M	4964	4900	64	60.62
WATER EXCISE TAX				3.64

1 - includes Minimum charge and charge per 1000/gallon usage
2 - current month meter reading (1/03/23 from this bill)
3 - last month meter reading (12/01/22 from this bill)
4 - ACTUAL usage x 100 gallon

***Please contact City Hall if you have additional questions regarding your bill. 515-382-5466.

ACCOUNT #: SERVICE ADDRESS:

DUE DATE	AFTER DUE DATE	BY DUE DATE
2/15/23	166.71	164.71

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Building a new Wastewater Treatment Facility is the reason for recent utility rate increases

There are several reasons the City was required to build a new Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current plant was built in 1960 and has reached the end of its life expectancy. There have also been new regulations adopted by the EPA/IDNR, our regulatory agency, that require new mandates for nutrient reduction and disinfection. The current wastewater facility is unable to accommodate the new requirements. No suitable land was available within city limits due to restrictions dictated by the IDNR for set back requirements and large enough space.

The current cost of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility is at \$65,578,343.10. The City is working with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) to acquire loans to build the facility. The new plant's operating costs are expected to be higher as well, due to one of the required



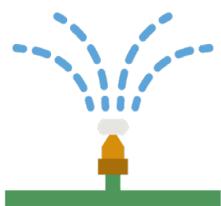
The City's new Wastewater Treatment Facility is in the construction phase. It is located 3 1/2 miles south of Nevada. See more photos of construction work on the City website under the Projects, Bids tab.

treatments for the nutrient reduction strategy is ultra-violet rays, which will require more electricity. The SRF requires revenue to be at 110 percent of expenses.

The City has taken several steps over the last few years to reduce the impact to wastewater ratepayers:

- Used construction fees to purchase the property for the facility and other legal fees and costs
- Secured \$500,000 grant funding
- Committed to applying \$6 million in additional dollars from all funds within the City to save approximately \$9/month for user rates.
- Worked diligently to secure interest rate reduction, the latest financing through the prior Disadvantaged Community Status eligibility, saving an additional approximately \$6/month for user rates.

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Customers are able to add an additional meter for outside use if they desire at their cost. The outside meter would not have wastewater charges included as long as the outside water was not being directed to the city wastewater.

A rule of thumb for water consumption is 50 gallons/day per person. If you are two-person household, your consumption for a month might be 3,000 gallons. The cost of the utility bill depends on your personal usage.



Save the Date

The Nevada Community Historical Society proudly announces our 2nd annual Music at the Mansion, which will be held Saturday, June 3 from 4-9 p.m. at Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace. Our musical guests are Ryne Doughty and headlining Music at the Mansion is the Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (a 1950's & 60's band).





New owners for historic business

If you've never thought of a little 10-lane bowling alley as a tool for economic development and bringing visitors to our town, think again!

New Sports Bowl owners Scott and Jessica Walkner not only want the vintage bowling treasure to be a bigger part of the lives of local Nevada-area residents, they also plan to host more tournament, events, and benefits that should eventually bring many visitors into the community.

Bowling Tournaments, which Scott is experienced with from operating DYB Tournaments near his hometown in the northern Minnesota suburbs, will offer reward money that will attract bowlers from a considerable distance. "They will want to come bowl, especially when they come to this town and feel what we felt, that Nevada is welcoming and warm," Scott said.

Both Scott and Jessica are natives of northern suburbs of Minnesota, growing up in towns that were a short distance apart. The two met at the bowling alley where Scott worked as a pin chaser, front counter person, and pro shop assistant, and where Jessica began bowling in a league as a young adult.

They moved from Minnesota to Nevada in June of 2019, when Scott was transferred by the trash company he worked for to be a manager in the Story County area. With bowling in their blood, Jessica said, "We knew that if we wanted to meet people in

Scott and Jessica Walkner are pictured with two of their three daughters, Lilian (left), and Kaidlynn. Their oldest daughter, Abrielle, is already out of school and lives in Minnesota. The Walkners are the new owners of Sports Bowl and recently became Main Street Nevada members.

the community, joining a bowling league was the best way to do it. This (Sports Bowl) is where our circle of (Nevada-area) friends began.”

When a new employment opportunity for Scott came about in Minnesota, Scott and Jessica headed back to their native state. They returned to Iowa this past October after a Halloween closing on the purchase of Sports Bowl in Nevada from longtime owners Keith and Mindy Tillotson.

“Iowa sucked me in,” Scott admits. And so did the deal to buy a bowling alley, something the two had never really considered before, even though Scott has run a full-service bowling pro shop for over 20 years. He’ll continue his pro shop business inside Sports Bowl, where he does custom ball fitting, ball drilling, and bowling lessons.

“We love Nevada’s location. People can have a life in the country, but still be close to the big city here,” he said. “It’s the best of both worlds.”

And the vintage 10-lane bowling alley is a business the Walkners believe has tons of potential.

Jessica said the two of them are used to bigger “houses” for bowling. The beauty of Sports Bowl, she said, is that it feels “a lot more intimate. There’s more socializing... and if someone is having a great game, everyone can be a part of it.”

Scott said he never wants to take away from the feeling of the small house, but he does want to put “new spins” on the historic business. One of the first big additions is those tournaments, events, and benefits.

So far, since taking ownership, the Walkners have hosted a Thanksgiving Eve Sweeper, a tournament that drew 35 participants for the first event. “It started at 10 p.m., and the last person probably walked out the door around 3:30 a.m.,” he said. Alexis (Black) Bartel won the \$500 prize for the tournament.

Next up was the New Year’s Day 9-pin Red-Eye tournament, which drew 15 bowlers and was won by Ray Jones. Later in January, the Walkners held the inaugural Corn Field Classic, which involved 18, three-person teams. “We had 18 out of a potential of 40, but 18 teams is still 18 teams of new people coming into the community, and it will grow. Next year, it should be a full house.”

Next up, is what the Walkners are calling their massive tournament, the “8, 9, 10 Progressive No Tap,” which Scott believes in time will bring up to 3,000 or more individuals into Nevada.

“This is a tournament that will run for three months, with shifts available on Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. It’s a unique format, and ... the best thing about this community, is we’ve already had a couple local businesses throw in \$500 each to guarantee at first-place prize of at least \$1,000,” Scott said. Bowlers who take part pay a \$40 entry fee for a chance at winning \$1,000, and with every 200 entries, another \$1,000 prize can be added for second place and so on. “Bowlers look for things that give them a good return on their investment, so when you have a first-place prize that is well over 10 times what you paid to enter, they will find you.”

Along with tournaments and more new spins, the new Sports Bowl owners have introduced expanded hours, a new 8-pin league that has hit a full 50 participants, and soon, they will be expanding their kitchen and their eating area for more dine-in and menu opportunities. They also plan to add a corn hole league outside this summer, along with shorter summer bowling leagues, and an outdoor patio.

They love the bowling alley business, and are excited for what their future holds. They want to interact with people and create relationships and experiences inside their doors.

“I love watching other people improve and helping them improve (their bowling),” Scott said. “I’m not the best bowler, but I have a passion for the game and for seeing others carry it on. To see them excel or see a smile on their face when they figure it out... it’s so fun.”

The Walkners also want people to know they don’t have to bowl to come in and enjoy something to eat or something to drink. Everyone is welcome inside Sports Bowl.

“We want to have an environment that people want to come back to,” Scott said. “The things we want to do in the community, for the community, around the community ... we’re just at the tip of the iceberg. Keep an eye on us!”

To keep up with all that’s going on at Sports Bowl, follow them on Facebook or better yet, stop in and talk with them in person!

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Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

BLOOD DRIVE

March 1, 1-6 p.m.

Gates Hall

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

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRIES

March 3, 10 & 17

5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post
There will be an alternate main course choice of pork steak on March 10. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

March 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nevada Public Library

SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

March 3, 11:30 a.m.

Story Medical Center

NCS D SPRING MUSICAL

March 3, 4, & 5

Josephine Tope
Community Auditorium

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MURDER MYSTERY

March 4, 5:30 p.m.

Dyer-Dowell House
Pre-signup required

NCS D SCHOOL BOARD

March 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m.

Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium

AMERICAN LEGION TACO TUESDAYS

March 7 & 21

5-6:45 p.m.

American Legion Post

MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

March 9, 4-6 p.m.

Sports Bowl
1229 12th Street

NCS D SPRING BREAK

March 13-17

CITY COUNCIL

March 13 & 27, 6 p.m.

City Hall

SENIOR CENTER

POTLUCK

March 13, 11:30 a.m.

Senior Center (by City Hall), 1231 6th St.

Bring a dish to share.

Program will begin around 12:15 p.m.

MAIN STREET NEVADA 'THE GRIND'

March 28, 7-8 a.m.

MSN office

Stop in for coffee and catch up on business happenings.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FISH FRY

March 31, 5-7 p.m.

American Legion Post
Serving fish, potatoes, stuffed pepper soup, veggies, & desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)