

# Our Nevada

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# Our Nevada Iowa

## The Opener

September 2023

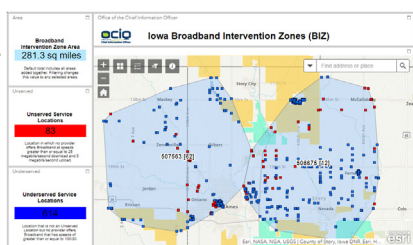
**By Linda Murken**  
**Story County Supervisor**

### OUR GOAL: BROADBAND FOR ALL

Providing adequate broadband to residents and businesses in our rural areas is one of Story County's highest priorities. In 2021 several county employees worked with our broadband providers to help secure funding through Iowa's Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for broadband expansion. As a result, providers received a total of \$7.75 million in funding for projects in southern and far northern Story County, as well as portions of adjacent counties.



But several areas of rural Story County are still unserved or underserved. Story County is one of a handful of counties with a significant population increase as shown by the 2020 Census, and a good share of that growth is rural residential developments and agriculture-related businesses. According to the OCIO, most of our unserved or underserved locations are in north-central Story County (north of Nevada, extending up to County Road E-18) and northwestern Story County.



This spring Story County submitted two applications to the OCIO, with the goal of these areas of the county being designated as Broadband Intervention Zones. (The northwestern area application was submitted in conjunction with Boone County and also includes eligible locations in northeastern Boone County.) Both areas were accepted as Broadband Intervention Zones and are thus eligible to apply for upcoming funding opportunities. The maps to our BIZs can be found here: <https://ocio.iowa.gov/invitation-qualify-001>.

The current funding opportunity, referred to as Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) 8, is open only to providers of broadband service, not to units of local government. We have worked with service providers to assess interest and determine how the county can help them move forward in securing funding to increase fast, reliable and affordable broadband in rural Story County. Applications for this funding are due by Aug. 25.

We also anticipate more funding being available in upcoming months and will continue to work to ensure greater broadband access throughout Story County.

On the Cover: Volunteers assist Story County Conservation staff in planting 1,700 prairie plugs at a new production plot at Hickory Grove Park.

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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.



# September is Emergency Preparedness Month



Story County Emergency Management suggests people should prepare an emergency kit with at least 3 days of supplies for you, your family and your pets.

## Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and food for three days
- Flashlight and batteries
- Clothing
- Personal hygiene item
- Cell phone
- Battery operated radio
- First-aid kit
- Bedding
- Money
- Copies of important documents such as drivers' licenses, birth certificates, insurance & other financial information
- Specialty items such as formula, diapers, medications and pet supplies



Pale Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea pallida*

## Prairie Seed Collection Events

The August issue of Our Nevada shared "Plugging into Prairie Partnerships." The cover for this month's issue is a prairie planting event hosted by Story County Conservation. If you are interested in volunteering with SCC to collect native prairie seeds that are part of this project, watch for pop-up prairie seed collection events announced on Facebook or connect with Conservation at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov).

## County News & Notes

### HOME BASE IOWA

As part of the Home Base Iowa initiative, Story County established the Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance Program which allows up to \$2,500 in relocation assistance for eligible Veterans. Each Veteran is eligible for a one-time maximum grant of \$2,500 to assist with relocation purposes. These funds are paid on a reimbursable basis, and documentation of all eligible expenses must be submitted when applying for funds.

To access the online application and look at the eligibility criteria, please go to <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9947/Welcome-Home-to-Story-County-Information-Sheet-and-Application>

### PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Story County property taxes are due on or before September 30, 2023. Reminder, September 30 is a Saturday this year. Unpaid taxes will be assessed a penalty of 1.5% October 1, 2023 and accrue an additional 1.5% fee for each month the payment is late.

Treasurer's Office is open 8 a.m-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday  
[Treasurer@StoryCountyIowa.Gov](mailto:Treasurer@StoryCountyIowa.Gov)  
515-382-7340



# Celebrating four years!

Main Street Nevada has been an established non-profit organization for 4 years now. We have accomplished a lot in this time! Some things we are extra proud of are:

- Winning 5 major Grants for building improvement projects
- Increase in investors
- Increase in connectivity between businesses and resources
- Banners to dress up our light poles
- Accreditation with Main Street America

Some of our future goals include continuing to add appealing features to our downtown, attracting retailers and strengthening our relationships with business and building owners. We also have plans to start a class for entrepreneurs.

Main Street Nevada is run by an Executive Director, 16 Board of Directors and 25 committee volunteers. We want to say THANK YOU to all of our investors for helping us along the way. Downtowns are the heart of a community and when they thrive, we all succeed.

Please continue to support our local businesses, big and small! Being a business owner is a hard gig and we have some amazing people in Nevada supporting their families and community with their business.

## Leadership Nevada 2024

Planning is underway for the 2024 Leadership Nevada class. This program will start in January and take place once a month. Leadership Nevada was created to develop, inspire, inform and foster local leaders in our community. The program design gives both experienced and developing leaders the opportunity to view the community through a wider lens by providing direct interaction with a wide variety of organizations and people that shape the community. It is our hope that the participants will find new ways to be involved with the community to continue to make it a better place.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Emily at [director@mainstreetnevada.org](mailto:director@mainstreetnevada.org)



## JOIN US ON MAIN STREET FOR A HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Food

Cub tattoos & pom poms

Fire truck and bounce house

Chalk the Walk with the Police

Games at the Library Park

"Friday Night Lights" movie at the Camelot @ 7:30

THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28

6-7:30pm

6th Street



Thank you to our sponsors:

Availa Bank  
First Interstate Bank  
South Story Bank & Trust  
State Bank & Trust

Bring your tailgate chair and help us cheer on the Nevada Cubs!! This entire event is FREE!



Many changes, including a few new homes, have happened inside Sunridge Estates over the past year.

# Flummerfelt Homes continues to offer another local housing option

Creating opportunities for families to have access to affordable housing is a topic that is taking place across the central Iowa region.

Since 1985, Flummerfelt Homes & Storage has built a company that now operates in Nevada, Ames, and Des Moines. They operate all four Nevada manufactured homes communities, nearing 400 homes.

"The manufactured homes that we provide are the most affordable housing option for your dollar in this market," said company President Mike Flummerfelt.

Mike describes his business story as a "40-year, overnight success." An Iowa State University graduate, he started selling used homes only from brochures, with floor plans and a couple of pictures. Fast-forward four decades, and he leads a team that is continuing to make a profound impact on a growing Nevada community.

The growth of Flummerfelt Homes has been calculated, smart, and focused on developing a culture in the communities they develop. Last year, Flummerfelt took over control of what is now named Sunridge Estates, a manufactured home community that was in need of updates. Their first community development was in 1992 with what is now called Country Club Estates. Since then, the Heather Glen development and Knollridge communities were added, with Sunridge Estates being their fourth in Nevada.

The year-long Sunridge project has seen a variety of updates that include taking down 19 abandoned homes, building out new utilities, repaving roads, and installing new homes for owners. Each update is intended to contribute to a culture that Flummerfelt has been curating since the inception of the company.

"We pride ourselves on creating communities that are

clean and well-maintained," said Flummerfelt. "That includes having tidy lawns within safe communities. We are always seeking responsible residents who want to be good neighbors. In return, we hope that they experience quality management of our communities."

Flummerfelt acknowledges that this emphasis on creating community culture does not resonate with everyone and some have chosen to move away. Throughout their four Nevada properties, however, they are 95 percent full and exploring how to expand. They have an additional 30 acres in mind that could see upward of another 145 units over the next several years. They are able to customize homes for individual needs, including handicapped-friendly homes with wider doorways and other specifications. Their homeowner demographics range from single residents and young families to retired residents.

Flummerfelt points to the expanded industrial and commercial growth between Ames and Nevada as potential for the region. "Prospective employers want to understand the housing landscape before establishing themselves in the region," said Mike, further solidifying the importance of having a diverse housing market.

Mike Flummerfelt is quick to acknowledge the team around him, which includes his son, Assistant Vice President Matt Flummerfelt, and Head of Sales April Clendenen. This also includes the leadership at the City of Nevada who he says have been great to work with over the years.

"The staff at the City, including City Administrator Jordan Cook, have been a dream to work with," said Mike. "They truly understand and recognize the value of manufactured home communities and see this as a piece of the housing market that can fulfill a need in our community."



# ORY COUNTY FAIR

2023

NEVADA FFA

## Nevada FFA does well at 2023 Story County Fair

Nevada FFA chapter members experienced many successes at the Story County Fair in both the breeding swine show held this past summer.

Drew Robinson: 1st Place in Class Commercial Gilt, 4th Place Overall Market Hog, and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Barrow

Mady Gibson: Reserve Champion Overall Breeding Gilt, Champion Purebred Gilt, Champion Duroc Gilt, and Purple Ribbon Crossbred Market Barrow

Wyatt Toot: Champion Yorkshire Gilt, 3rd Place Overall Commercial Gilt, 5th Place Overall Breeding Gilt, 1st Place in Class Commercial Gilt, 1st in Class Crossbred Market Barrow, and Blue Ribbon Crossbred Market Barrow

Carson Mather: 1st Place in Class

Commercial Gilt, 2nd Place in Class Commercial Gilt, 2nd Place in Class Crossbred Market Barrow, and 3rd Place in Class Crossbred Market Barrow

Karter Beving: 2nd Place in Class Yorkshire Market Gilt and 2nd Place in Class Crossbred Market Barrow

Kennedy Steffes: Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt AOB, 1st Place in Class AOB Purebred Market Barrow, 2nd Place in Class AOB Purebred Market Barrow, 3rd Place in Class Crossbred Market Barrow, and Blue Ribbon Crossbred Market Barrow

### NUTRITION UPDATES

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to share important information about the NCSD Nutrition Program.

### Benefit Applications

If you think that you may qualify for free and or reduced meals you can sign up through Linq Connect at <https://linqconnect.com>. If you have not yet done so, you will need to set up an account.

Free/Reduced Fee Waiver By filling out this form if you qualify for free or reduced meals, it allows the NCSD Nutrition Department to share your information with the NCSD Business Office to help with other school fees.

### Meal Charge Policy

NCSD will be following the meal charge policy at <https://bit.ly/30Jumq5>. Please review the policy and at any time you have any questions and or need help with this, reach out to the nutrition department for assistance.

## View Balance & Set Low Balance Reminder

You can set up an account to assist you in reviewing your account balance and set up low balance reminders. This can be done through Linq Connect at <https://linqconnect.com> as you set up your account.

## Add Money to your Nutrition Account

There are several ways to add money to your nutrition account. You can pay by cash or check at your child's school, drop payment off at the NCSD District Office, or add money to your account online at <https://nevadacubs.revtrak.net>. You will need your child's student ID number (which can be found in PowerSchool).

## Menus

This year you will see some changes to our menus as the Federal Nutrition guidelines have changed. Breakfast at school is a great way to start your child's day. Breakfast is served daily, including late starts due to weather. This year we will have a combination of hot and cold items to pick from during the week. Your monthly menu can be found online at <https://bit.ly/nevadamenus>

## Diet Modifications

If your student is in need of a diet modification due to a medical need please have your medical professional fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3Kx3mru>. Please review the filled out form with your building nurse and they will communicate with the food service department.

## Meal Prices

Central Elementary Breakfast  
\$2.25 , Reduced .30  
Lunch \$3.30 , Reduced .40

Nevada Middle & High School  
Breakfast \$2.25, Reduced .30

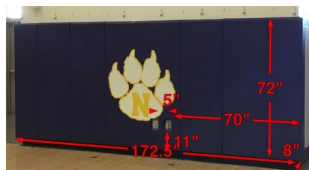
Lunch \$3.45, Reduced .40

Adult Breakfast \$2.45 Lunch \$4.85

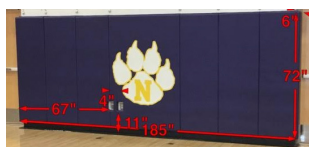
## BID OPPORTUNITY

Nevada CSD has surplus items available for public bid.

1. HS Gym east wall pads  
Approximately 172" wide,  
72" tall



2. HS Gym west wall pads  
Approximately 185" wide,  
72" tall



3. Mohawk 10,000lbs 2 post vehicle lift

Sealed bids are due to the NCSD District Office at Gates Hall by 9am on September 15, 2023. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids should indicate item(s) bidding on, 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.

## PTA EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

### September

9/11/2023

PTA meeting 5:45, Central Elementary library, light meal served

### October

10/9/2023

PTA meeting 5:45, Central Elementary library, light meal served

10/12/2023

Central Open house 6-7pm, food trucks will be at this event 5-8 pm

10/17/2023

6th grade skate party, 3:30-4:30 pm,

Middle School

### November

11/4/2023

Glow event, Central, 4-5:30pm

11/13/2023

PTA meeting, Central elementary library, 5:45 pm, light meal served

### December

12/11/2023

PTA meeting, Central elementary library, 5:45pm, light meal served

### January

1/8/2024

PTA meeting, Central elementary library, 5:45 pm, light meal served

### February

2/3/2024

Snowflake dance, Central, 6:30-8pm

2/8/2024

7th & 8th grade mixer, Middle School, 6-7:30pm

2/27/2024

5th grade skate party, Middle School, 3:30-4:30 pm

### March

3/1/2024

Carnival, Central, 6-8pm, food trucks will be at this event

3/18/2024

PTA meeting, Central, 5:45pm, light meal served

### April

4/6/2024

STEM event, Central

4/8/2024

PTA meeting, Central elementary library, 5:45 pm, light meal served

### May

5/13/2024

PTA meeting, Central elementary library, 5:45 pm, light meal served



# Board Focused on Setting Direction at Story Medical

County-elected Trustees serve  
four-year staggered terms  
overseeing medical center

Story Medical Board of Trustees member Liz Hertz (at podium) addresses a crowd at the groundbreaking of the new Story Medical Senior Care.

As a county-owned medical center, Story Medical benefits from the leadership of an elected Board of Trustees. The Board works closely with medical center leadership to develop a strategic vision that ensures Story Medical provides the community the high quality healthcare it deserves.

The seven county-elected Trustees serve in staggered four-year terms. The Board hosts monthly meetings to provide governance oversight and support the management team with strategic decision-making. The Board is responsible to the residents of Story County for overseeing a quality health care operation.

The current Board of Trustees reside in five different Story County communities — Story City, Ames, Huxley, Nevada and Colo. They have expertise in business, education, marketing, health care and finance, and more. With its varied expertise, the board listens and learns about issues and opportunities affecting the Medical Center and makes decisions focused on the sustainability of Story Medical.

The contribution of these elected volunteers is critical in ensuring Story Medical continues to grow and enhance services to meet the needs of the community.

# Trustees Share Why They Serve



## Gaylan Scofield, Chair | Story City, Term Ends 2024

"Story County Medical Center is a valuable resource for Story County as it provides a choice for quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare. Story County voters have given me the opportunity to take an active role and responsibility for developing and reviewing the hospital's overall mission and strategy in delivering beneficial health services for those in need of these services."



## Patrick Sheets, Vice Chair | Nevada, Term Ends 2026

"I serve to be engaged in an organization that offers healthcare choices and long term care facilities for all of central Iowa!"



## Dave Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer | Nevada, Term Ends 2024

"Thirty-three years ago Story County was in the process of losing its County hospital. I joined the board and have helped guide and build what is one of the strongest and best county hospitals in Iowa. I'm proud to be a part of everything it is today."



## Pamela Cain | Colo, Term Ends 2026

"Living in rural Iowa for more than 30 years, I understand the importance of rural health care. My family and I receive our health care through Story County Medical Center and what better way to serve the needs of the community than to serve on the board."



## Liz Hertz | Nevada, Term Ends 2026

"I'm passionate about the role of Story Medical in ensuring accessible, quality healthcare for the people of Story County."



## Sue Crum | Ames, Term Ends 2024

"Story Medical has a superb reputation in the area of Long Term Care. The missing link for Senior Care has been the availability of modern facilities to match our quality of care. I'm proud to have been a driver of the diligence behind the investment in new facilities for our clients."



## Tiffany Thompson | Huxley, Term Ends 2026

"I joined the Story County Medical Center Board to give back to our local community and utilize my career long background in healthcare compliance and governance to further enhance oversight of our hospital and senior care operations. Story County Medical Center is a gem in our community with the provision of exceptional, personalized care and engaged and supportive leadership and staff. I could not be more proud of the facility, and I am excited for the bright future ahead."

## News & Notes



### SAVE THE DATE FOR BENEFIT GARAGE SALE

Story Medical employees are hosting a special garage sale in support of the United Way of Story County.

The event is set for 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 29 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 30. All funds raised at the event will be donated to the United Way of Story County.

Story Medical employees are donating goods to be sold at the event to be held at the Medical Center at 640 S. 19th Street in Nevada.

The sale is open to the public.

Save the date and continue to watch our social media channels for further details!

### 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!

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# Do you need to dispose of firearms, ammunition or fireworks?

The Nevada Public Safety Department can assist you with the disposal of any unwanted firearm, ammunition, or fireworks.

Unwanted items may include:

- Firearms found while cleaning out houses or storage units,
- Damaged or unusable firearms, or
- Fireworks a family decides, at any given time, they do not want to keep.

Ammunition may be turned in if it is damaged, rusty, unneeded, or appears unsafe to maintain. Please call our non-emergency police number at 515-382-4305 to arrange for the disposal.

## Things to think about when turning in items:

- 1) Arrange for a time to meet with an officer as we may not be in the police department when you arrive.
- 2) Please keep the firearm in a bag or box when you arrive at the police department. If you do not have the ability to safely carry the firearm into the department, you can request to have an officer respond to your house to turn over the firearm.
- 3) Please do not bring fireworks into the police department, even if they unexpectedly did not explode. Call for an officer (515-382-4305) to discuss options.
- 4) All firearms turned in will be checked to make sure they are not reported stolen and then transferred to the State for safe destruction.
- 5) All fireworks and ammunition will be safely destroyed through partnerships in the State.

## City News Briefs

### Downtown Parking Ordinance

The Nevada City Council recently passed a new ordinance concerning parking in the downtown district.

Previous to passage of this ordinance, all night (overnight) parking was not allowed anywhere in the downtown district.

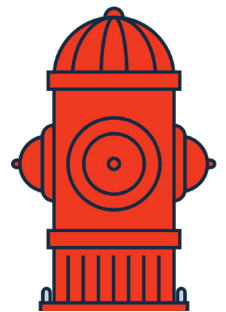
The new ordinance allows all night (overnight) parking along K and J avenues on certain days:

- Parking is allowed on the south side of K Avenue and J Avenue (between 5th and 7th streets) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Parking is allowed on the north side of K Avenue and J Avenue (between 5th and 7th streets) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The reason for this new parking ordinance was to allow parking for those who are living in apartments downtown. We are so excited for the many upper-level living spaces that are being added or updated in the Main Street District.

### Hydrant Flushing

The City Water Department will flush hydrants next month. Watch for this work to begin the first week of October.



### Spraying of Public Grounds

The City of Nevada Parks and Recreation/Cemetery staff will spray park grounds, the municipal cemetery and various other City properties for weed control during the months of September and October. Areas sprayed will have proper signage to alert people. Please be aware of this if you are on City property. If you have questions, please call the Parks and Rec Department at 515-382-4352.

# Wastewater intern is the first for City through 'Water in Progress' program

The Nevada Wastewater Department welcomed 18-year-old intern Taiten Olson to its team mid-summer.

Taiten will be a senior at Nevada High School this fall, and his internship at the City's wastewater treatment facility is happening through Des Moines Area Community College's "Water in Progress" program, which is designed to introduce a younger generation to the water/wastewater industries due to the increasing number of operators within retirement age. It is hoped this program can aid the ongoing struggle to plan for succession in the field.



Taiten Olson

Taiten's goal is to eventually attend DMACC and go through its WET (Water Environmental Technology) program, earning a degree and someday working in this field. Not only is he aware of the opportunities in water and

wastewater, but he also knows it's a career that is needed in the future.

"There will always be a need for water and wastewater services when you are building and maintaining communities," Taiten said.

His favorite part of the internship so far is unexpected. He likes doing the in-house labs testing, which Nevada's full-time workers have reminded him, is "science." With assistance from a full-time employee, Taiten has found it easy to do. "I never thought I'd see myself being a scientist," he said.

Taiten is the son of Eric and Jennifer Olson. He's a big fan of the band Five Finger Death Punch and likes to read a little.

This is the first time the City of Nevada has had an intern through the Water in Progress program.

## Nevada Library News

Our calendar has changed! You may have noticed the new look already but did you notice the new web page address? If you saved our old calendar link, you will want to make sure to update it with the new one, <https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/programs-events>, so you don't miss out on any of the great programs we have scheduled.

Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m., is another **Midwest Author Talk**. This one features Joseph LeValley. Please join us in person to meet LeValley, learn about his books and writing, and promote lifelong learning and reading in Nevada. LeValley's career path to becoming an author was unusual as he has been a reporter-photographer for Iowa newspapers, served as an executive in Iowa hospitals, and was inducted with the Mourning Glory Rock Band into the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in 2016. His five novels have collectively received nine awards and honors, including the Book Excellence Award, the Maxy Award for Best Novel of the Year in Mystery/Suspense, and Best Mystery/Suspense Novel of 2021 by Maincrest Media Awards. Registration is required. Here is the link: <https://nevada-lib.libcal.com/event/10229971>

Looking for a fun night out? Join us on Monday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. 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 September we'll be celebrating fall by making a fall leaf candle holder. Registration is required.

### Youth Programming

Youth programming is back in September with some new days and times! The following programs will run weekly from September through November.

- Toddler Time resumes Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-2)
- Teen Lounge returns Wednesdays from 3:45-5 p.m. (grades 5-12)
- STEAM Lab is moving to Thursdays after school at 3:30 p.m. (grades K-5)

### Teen Advisory Board

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Would you like to provide your input on how the library can better serve teens? As a part of the Teen Advisory Board, you can help plan programs, select materials, and act as an ambassador for the library, all while having fun and earning volunteer hours! The Teen Advisory Board will meet monthly, with future dates to be determined. The first meeting is Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

If interested, pick up an application at the front desk today! If you have any questions, please email Nicole at [nmacvey@cityofnevadaiaowa.org](mailto:nmacvey@cityofnevadaiaowa.org).

# Recognizing our Parks Board

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

Members of the City's Parks and Recreation Board help staff create rules and plans for city parks, cemetery, aquatic center, and the new Field House. The Board helps to manage programs and activities and review policies.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets the third Wednesday of each month. Their meetings begin at 5:15 p.m. and are being held at City Hall until the new Field House is completed.

We'd like to thank these members of the Nevada Parks and Recreation Board. If anyone in our community is interested in serving on this or any of our boards and commissions, the first thing to do is fill out a Board/Commission Member Application on our website ([cityofnevadaiaowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application/](http://cityofnevadaiaowa.org/government/boards-commissions/application/)). We do have openings on some boards to fill.



Current members of the Nevada Parks and Recreation Board include: (front row, from left) Linda Griffith, Deb Parker, Karen Selby; (back row) Laura Kiesling, Mark Cahill, Glen Miller and Tony Sneiderman.

## One afternoon, two family events

### CROP Walk

A Nevada CROP Hunger Walk is set for Sunday, Oct. 1, at the SCORE park in Nevada. Area residents and families — whether you are affiliated with a local church or not — are invited to take part. This event is supported by a group of local church partners.

This year will be a "Color" Walk/Run; if you want color, dress appropriately! Register to participate by going to this website page: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/nevadaia>.

The page allows you sign up with an existing team, start your own team, or register as an individual. The page also allows you to "make a donation." You can make a donation online, or, you can bring your financial contribution to ending world hunger to the walk on Oct. 1.

Walkers are encouraged to arrive by 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a "walking taco" meal before the 1 p.m. walk. A group photo will be taken right before the walk starts. The entire route, happening in SCORE park, is paved, making it accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

If you have any questions about CROP Walk 2023 in Nevada, please reach out to coordinator, Pastor Kathleen Lotz at Memorial Lutheran Church: 515-382-6509 or [kglotz124@gmail.com](mailto:kglotz124@gmail.com).

### Harvest Fest

The Nevada Community Historical Society is planning a Harvest Fest on the Evergreen Lane front lawn for Sunday, Oct. 1, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The event will include food from the Story County Pork Producers, and possibly another vendor.

From 12:30-2 p.m., we will have games set up for kids, along with face painting. Games will include cornhole, Gatorade ring toss, a jewelry toss, egg race, three-legged race, and fishing for apples.

We also have live music, provided by the Rhyth-Matics, from 12:30-3:30.

Residents are welcome to bring lawn chairs and coolers.

This family event will have a \$5 admission fee, with children, age 12 and under, admitted free. All proceeds will go toward the upkeep of the Dyer Dowell House.

Coming to Nevada's Main Street District

Channel 13, WHO-TV's

# RVTV

## CY-HAWK TAILGATE PARTY

Friday, September 8, 2023, 3:30–7:30 p.m.  
On 6th Street from J Avenue to Lincoln Highway

Local Food Vendors  
Local Television Personalities  
Nevada Cubs, Iowa & Iowa State Fans  
Nevada's Band, Athletes, & Cheerleaders  
All-Cop Blues & Funk Band playing live music  
Nevada in the spotlight during WHO's live newscasts  
'OVERSIZED' Games – Because in Nevada, we GO BIG!!





# Artist brings 'brightness'

Nevada residents were treated to watching a mural happen in real time this summer as the talented Ali Hval worked on "A Transition Through Time" on the east exterior fire station wall.

Her work, while in progress, attracted onlookers, cheers, and interest from young and old alike.

"Everyone's been really supportive," said Hval, when she visited about the work on July 18, while standing on a lift, which was provided so she could easily reach all parts of the mural. "Some people shout out to me as they're driving by ... and so far, no haters," she added with a smile.

Hval is an Alabama native, whose been doing murals for the past seven years. She's completed around 50 murals, usually during summer months when she's on break from her work as an arts lecturer at the University of Iowa.

Mural work started, she said, when she was in grad school at the U of I and needed money. "One of my friends was going to have me help her with a project, and then she couldn't do it, so it fell to me." And from there, "it kind of became my

career."

When deciding on her future, Hval knew she wanted to be an art professor, but she admits she didn't think painting murals was a possibility. "I just didn't think being a muralist was a job."

But it is a job, and her skills are in high demand. She is usually working on three or four bigger murals each summer (and Nevada's mural is definitely in the bigger category) along with several smaller murals. Her work for the owner of Elray's, a popular bar of undergraduates in Iowa City, led to more work. She painted a neon sign mural on the exterior wall of Elray's, and then the owner requested her for other businesses he owned. She traveled for him to other states, one of which was Florida in the winter. She didn't mind that trip at all.

Nevada Fire Chief Ray Reynolds saw her work in Iowa City and then looked online to find her. She has a social media presence, as well as a website. She also signs each public art piece helping people more easily find her by name.

She came to Nevada earlier in the year to

talk with Reynolds, see the fire station, and learn more about the ideas Reynolds had for the mural.

## DEVELOPMENT TO REALITY

Taking what Reynolds was thinking and then coming up with how a mural would look is part of the creative process that Hval said usually plays out in her head for several weeks. Like other creative people, her best ideas come to her while she's in the shower or going on a run. "I can never really rush the creative process, and that's the hardest part," she said, noting that she'll draw concepts out from her thoughts. "Painting is the easiest part" of a project, she noted.

For some murals, she can use a projector to outline the work on a wall. For Nevada's project, because of how it was shaped, she carefully measured it on a diagram. "I started with a rectangle and then broke it down into thirds." Then she worked to determine what elements would go into each "third" of the project.

Earlier in the summer, she put primer on the bricks, which is a very important part of the project. "It's a concrete masonry

primer of really high quality that adheres well to the wall and provides a good surface. You want a really white surface to paint on, especially when you've got a lot of these really transparent colors like the yellow and orange."

She sketched some of the concept in blue, which is what people saw until she returned to paint.

For Hval, the Nevada Fire Station's brick, is about "medium difficulty" in terms of surfaces to paint on. The primer helps with the surface, by filling in some of the little holes. The paint Hval uses is a high-quality mural paint she has shipped out of California.

"It is very light-fast, so it won't fade like other paints. This paint doesn't have a lot of other colors mixed into it; it's highly pigmented and very pure, so your red is going to be as red as it can be, and when you mix that with another color, it's not going to be diluted by any other colors. This keeps it really rich and vivid," she explained.

Her favorite thing to paint in the Nevada mural was the fire. "I was a little nervous about it, because I hadn't painted fire before. I've done clouds and smoke, but I didn't know how this fire was going to turn out. But it was actually the easiest thing."

As for the entire piece and what she loves about it is all the Nevada elements that are tied into it from railroad tracks to local architecture. "Ray talks about it being like a little treasure hunt," she said.

When she finished the painting, Hval went over the entire piece with a matt varnish, which helps even out the tone and protect the paint. It also has something in it to protect from UV rays.

The life span of this piece of public art is hard to say. "They can last forever if you take care of them," Hval said. "I have murals that are seven or so years old now, and they've faded a bit, but others can't really tell. People may start to notice this is fading after 10 years, but I don't think it will be that noticeable."

The City has been on a mission this year to give public arts an emphasis in the community. As an artist, Hval is, of course, in favor of this endeavor. "Public arts is important because everybody can connect with it. A lot of times, people think art is only for those who can afford to go to an art gallery ... but something like this makes art for everybody. It's also good for place-making, and for giving directions. How many times have you been lost in a city, but you recognize a piece of art or a landmark. You can get your bearings from this, and (last but not least) it helps brighten places. Suddenly people want to go there and take photos or see it!"

To view more of Ali Hval's work, visit her website: [alihval.com](http://alihval.com). You will find Nevada's finished work and more under the "Public Art" link!

**The City is looking for residents who are willing to serve on the new Public Arts Advisory Commission. If you are interested, please go to the online application at:**  
<https://cityofnevadaaiowa.org/government/boardscommissions/>



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## Calendar of Events

### RICOCHET CONCERT

**September 1, 7 p.m.**

Camelot Theater  
Admission is \$25 to \$40 for adults (depending on seat location); kids are \$12.50 to \$20  
Ricochet is an ACM award-winning country band.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

Story County Admin Bldg, Nevada

### BINGO

**Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.**

American Legion Post  
\$5 a packet plays all games

### FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**September 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**September 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Nevada Public Library

### NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

**September 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Gates Memorial Hall Auditorium

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**September 6, 1-6 p.m.**

Gates Hall  
Sign up at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800-287-4903

### STORY COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**September 7, 11:30 a.m.**

### RVTV IN NEVADA

**September 8, 4-7 p.m.**

Come to the Main Street District to enjoy a pep rally with the WHO-TV 13 sports team! Wear your team colors! Enjoy food vendors, live music, and games!

### AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

**September 8, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post  
Fish Fry with an alternate choice of beef stew. Cost is \$12 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)

### CAMELOT THEATER FDTN CLASSIC MOVIE

**September 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Showing "Mama Mia"  
Admission: \$5 (& concessions available)

### SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

**September 11, 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.

### CITY COUNCIL

**September 11 & 25, 6 p.m.**

City Hall

### NEVADA LIBRARY AUTHOR TALK

**September 14, 6-7 p.m.**

Library Meeting Room  
Meet with Author Joseph LeValley

### MAIN STREET NEVADA MIX-N-MINGLE

**September 20, 4-6 p.m.**

At Nevada Vision  
1731 S G Avenue

### COUNTY BROWN BAG LUNCHEON SERIES

**September 22, 12-1 p.m.**

Story County Admin Bldg, Join Matt Boeck, GIS coordinator, who will present on the topic, "GIS Resources." If you would like to join by Zoom, please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343750429?pwd=NWw1Y2lsTjNWcU9wNE93bC-t0YVpEdz09>

### MAIN STREET NEVADA HOMECOMING TAILGATE

**September 28, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Main Street District  
Food, kids' activities and more!

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**September 29, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post  
It's a "Pasta Friday," with salads, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$12 for adults (\$5 for children age 10 and under)