

# Our Nevada

Iowa

November  
2023

## It's a month for 'thanks'!

Main Street Nevada is counting  
its blessings for the year.

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# Our Nevada Iowa

November 2023

## The Opener

**By Catherine Neuman  
Central Elementary Second Grade Instructor**

All graded second-grade students visited Indian Creek Assisted Living last month. Prior to the visit the students read the book *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* in their classrooms. This book focused on a young boy spending time at a local senior care center learning about the importance of a memory and the different emotions memories make you feel.

In previous years Coach Kellogg, pictured below, has been at Central Elementary during lunch to assist students in getting their lunches. Students are missing him this year as he transitions to living at Indian Creek Assisted Living. Also living at Indian Creek Assisted Living is longtime school bus driver Jane Rewerts, pictured on the cover. After reading our story, we realized that many of our students have never visited an assisted living center before. We wanted our students to make a personal connection to the story by visiting Coach, Jane and their friends at Indian Creek.

During our visit, second grade students had the opportunity to talk to the residents about what a memory is and allow the residents to share memories from their past with the students. After talking about memories, students got the chance to play UNO with residents. This was a very enjoyable experience for both students and residents.

The students loved interacting with the residents and have continued to talk about their visit. We are hopeful to make it out to visit again this year. Second graders thank Indian Creek Assisted Living for their openness to our visit!



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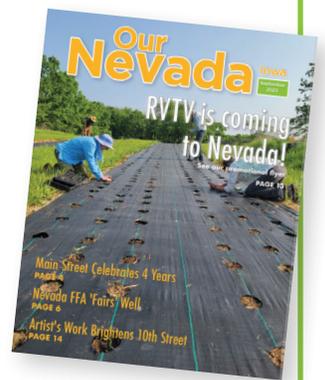
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## ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.





NHS Drama members building set pieces for the upcoming Night of Murder performances.

# Nevada HS Drama to present 'A Night of Murder'

Nevada High School Drama will perform "A Night of Murder" on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. (sensory-friendly performance) and 7 p.m., and also again on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

A Night of Murder is actually two murder comedy mysteries. They start with a One Act called "Murder in the Knife Room", which features freshmen and some sophomores. This is followed by the main show, "Touchtone M for Murder", which is truly interactive.

## Murder in the Knife Room

One murder, 20 suspects. Who killed Mysterious Host? Could it be Respected General? What about Wealthy Dowager? Or maybe it was Santa Claus. The mystery unfolds as Inexplicably Omniscient Inspector

takes on the most thrilling and baffling murder case in the history of thrilling and baffling murder cases.

## Touchtone M for Murder

Touchtone M For Murder takes place at The Clam Cove Inn, a New England beach resort where one by one the guests are being systematically eliminated. It is up to Detective Sam Slade to solve the case with the help of the audience.

## Sensory-Friendly Show

This fall, Nevada High School Drama is trying something new by adding a sensory-friendly show on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. This show will have muted sound effects and lighting, and the audience will be able to experience the stage and the props before the show. They hope

to reach those who find live theater overstimulating but still want to participate.

Tickets may be purchased at <https://nevadahighdrama.seatyourself.biz>

## REMINDER TO UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Warm weather will soon be gone and with cooler temps comes winter weather.

Log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal (<https://nevada.powerschool.com/public>) and verify that your contact information is correct - especially your email address and phone number. That's where emergency notifications, including weather alerts, are sent.

# Nevada Music Parents

We are parents of music students and all community members interested in the Nevada school's K-12 music programs.



## How do we raise money?

Our major income comes from running the concession stand at Cub Stadium (football, track, soccer). In addition, we conduct special fundraisers for specific purposes.

## Memberships & fundraisers pay for:

- Band uniforms and choir robes
- Entry fees to contests, honor groups
- Pins, awards, and letters earned by students
- Music costs for HS musicals
- Special purchases to help our students grow in their musical learning

## We would love to have your help and ideas!

**Join us at our monthly meetings, help out in concessions, give us your ideas and reviews, or join our board. We are so excited for this year and would like to welcome everyone to join us in whatever way best suits you. We are a fun group that would love some new faces and ideas to help us going forward.**

**Interested? Call or text us at 515-460-2149 any time or email us at [nevadamusicparents@gmail.com](mailto:nevadamusicparents@gmail.com)**

Not interested in volunteering time/ideas and just want to contribute? We greatly appreciate any and all donations toward the program. You can help by going to our website or using the portal below.

[nevadamusicparents.weebly.com](http://nevadamusicparents.weebly.com)



## Own a piece of Nevada High School History Band Uniforms on Sale NOW

**\$50** for an entire uniform including the jacket, bibs, hat & plume!  
No room for a whole uniform? Get just the hat & plume for **\$20**.

*Cash or check can be brought to Mr. Barker in the band department or credit cards can be accepted at the concession stand!*



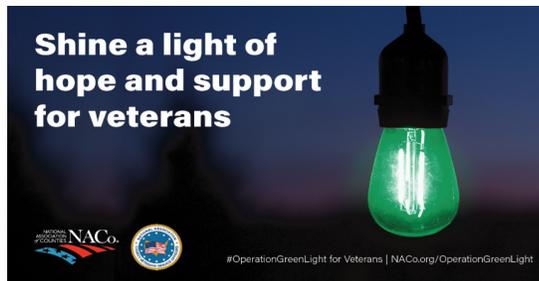
Facebook (Nevada Music Parents)



Twitter (@MusicNevada)

# Operation Green Light for Veterans

Story County buildings will be illuminated green November 6-12 as part of Operation Green Light, a national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military Veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many Veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist Veterans and their families.



In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. Coloring sheets with a light bulb are being distributed to schools, and posters are going to nursing homes and retirement communities. If you would like coloring sheets or posters emailed to you, please contact the county's communications assistant at [bgarman@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:bgarman@storycountyiowa.gov). By shining a green light, we let our Veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

## Home Base Iowa Updates

Story County recently made changes to our Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance program through Home Base Iowa. Increasing from \$2,500, the program now allows up to \$3,000 in relocation assistance for eligible Veterans moving to Story County. Each Veteran is eligible for a one-time maximum grant of \$3,000 to assist with relocation. These funds are paid on a reimbursable basis, and documentation of all eligible expenses must be submitted when applying for funds.

### Eligible Uses:

- Moving expenses
- Utility deposits
- Rent for temporary housing while waiting for permanent housing ^
- Purchase of appliances
- Down-payment assistance
- Rent deposits and rental assistance ^

\* Funds used for down-payment assistance for the purchase of a house are distributed directly from Story County to the lender at time of closing.

^ Story County may provide rental assistance up to \$3,000 for eligible applicants. In all cases of rental assistance, funds are payable directly to the leasing agent/landlord.

### Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be relocating to Story County and establish Story County as the primary residence;
- If purchasing a home, real estate being purchased must be located within Story County;
- Be discharged under honorable conditions;
- Be employed in a full-time position within Story County; and
- Apply to the Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance Program within 24 months of moving to Story County.

Please contact Story County Veterans Affairs at 515-956-2626 or via email at [bmclain@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:bmclain@storycountyiowa.gov) for more information and to request application forms or find forms online at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1191/Home-Base-Iowa>.

## New public hunting opportunity

Please help Story County Conservation spread the word about a new public hunting opportunity in Story County that will provide access to youth and persons with disabilities.

Beginning this fall, a new, accessible blind for archery hunting is available for reservation at Story County Conservation's Sleepy Hollow property, located just north of Ames.

The new, ADA-accessible blind will be open for reservations throughout the hunting season, in specific windows from September 2023 to January 2024. Reservations for hunting are limited exclusively to persons with disabilities, as well as youth hunters 15 years old or under. All youth must be accompanied by an adult, age 21 or older, who possesses a valid hunting license.



This new hunting opportunity aligns with SCC's efforts to address barriers and enable underserved user groups to participate in activities—and enjoy the benefits of those activities—on an equal basis. Accommodations can be made for an SCC mentor to help with the hunt or harvest, when planned in advance. Mentorship will be available as SCC staff resources allow.

To view a full press release, visit the Story County Conservation website at <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1579/Conservation-Parks>. For reservation availability and registration, interested hunters should contact the Story County Conservation Center at 515-232-2516 or visit the office in person.

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.



# So many THANK YOUS for this great year!

2023 has been a great year for Main Street Nevada! We have good momentum going and a lot to be thankful for. This year we saw an increase in membership, which allows us the ability to offer more to our businesses and the community.

As we carry out our mission to implement the National Main Street Four Point Approach, our committees work hard to make sure we are promoting economic growth and preserving Nevada's historic image and character. Of course, we also make sure we are having fun!

The events downtown are proof that we have a good time! In addition to our annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat and Christmas on Main events, which were planned by our Promotions Committee, we were also able to host a Homecoming Tailgate for the community to support the Nevada Cubs! We loved being able to partner with the school to provide this opportunity to the community.

Our Economic Vitality Committee supported local businesses by hosting three Lunch-n-Learns, 11 Mix-N-Mingles, five morning Grind presentations, and we even met for a four-hour strategic planning session! This committee is looking forward to putting its plans for retail recruitment into action. Helping our businesses is what this group loves to do!

The Organization Committee had another successful golf outing this year. We love spending the day with our members! This committee, made up of our Board Executives, does a lot of behind the scenes work for the organization and puts in quite a bit of time. One project it did for the community this year, was locate and share fire extinguisher locations in town and hold a free CPR training.

Our Design Committee spent time working on a plan to bring some "plant life" to our Main Street District. The planter project took manual labor and help from sponsors to complete, but we are looking forward to seeing colorful plants in them. In addition, this committee is partnering with the City on a wayfinding signage project and downtown building guidelines.

An item we were excited to check off the community's "Vision 2040 Plan" was the return of Welcome bags for new residents! We started the program in July and have delivered 50 bags, which contain information about living in Nevada, along with fun promotional items contributed by member businesses.

A major new downtown event was the Nevada Farmers Market, which was a volunteer project from our Leadership Nevada program. Its organizer and weekly help were all volunteers. We are so proud of the work they did to bring people to our downtown each week!

We cannot do what we do without our volunteers. We have 25 committee volunteers and 16 volunteers on our Board of Directors. Collectively, we have put in 1,100 volunteer hours so far this year! What a feat!

Members, volunteers, community partners and residents of Nevada — we could not do what we do without you! We are thankful for the role each of you plays in helping Main Street Nevada thrive! When we all work together, the accomplishments are greater. On behalf of Main Street Nevada, Happy Thanksgiving!

## 2023 In Numbers

86 Members

41 Volunteers

20 Business Events

4 Community Events

2 Grants Written

50 Welcome Bags Delivered

13 New Light Pole Banners

25 Downtown Planters

16 Farmers Markets

1,100 Volunteer Hours



Chris Cleveland, LWE | Brent Metzger, Key | Fire Chief Ray Reynolds | Greg Faith, Verbio | Randy Vier, Mid-States

## Four agribusinesses partner to support new fire engine

Key Cooperative, Lincolnway Energy, Mid-States Companies and Verbio — all located in Nevada, announced Oct. 9 they are partnering to financially support the Nevada Fire Department. The four agribusinesses will contribute the remaining \$50,000 needed to order the new rural fire engine for the Nevada Fire Department.

“The Nevada Fire Department depends on community support,” said Ray Reynolds, Director of Fire & Emergency Medical Services. “When that support comes from partners critical to our community, it is even more special. “

In March, the Nevada Fire Department began fundraising efforts to replace its 26-year-old rural fire engine. The City of Nevada committed to the purchase of a new engine, however, fire apparatus significantly increases in cost every six months. With the commitment from the four agribusinesses, the new engine is now currently locked in at \$668,000 and will take two years to build. The new apparatus will hold 1,500 gallons of water, which is a necessary supply for a city or rural fire attack.

“These businesses contribute to the economic success of Nevada. In an era where every charitable cause is in need of champions, we are thrilled our community’s new fire engine is made 100 percent whole with this donation,” said Reynolds.

### About Key Cooperative

Key Cooperative is a member-owned, rural Iowa cooperative serving agriculture producers. With locations in eight counties, they serve more than 3,600 members and employ more than 240. Key Cooperative strives to be an essential business partner by providing Agronomy, Energy, Feed and Grain products & services. [www.keycoop.com](http://www.keycoop.com)

### About Lincolnway Energy

Lincolnway Energy (LWE) built, owns and operates a 95 million gallon per year (95 MMGY) dry mill corn ethanol plant located in Nevada, Iowa. LWE has been processing corn into fuel grade etha-

nol and distillers grains at the ethanol plant since May 2006. LWE plant has expanded capacity from 50 MMGY original design with a goal of reaching 100 MMGY in 2024 through debottlenecking and integration of new technologies. [www.lincolnwayenergy.com](http://www.lincolnwayenergy.com)

### About Mid-States Companies

Mid-States Millwright & Builder’s, Inc. (MMB), Mid-States Material Handling and Fabrication, Inc. (MMF) and Mid-States Crane and Trucking, Inc. (MCT) are all family- owned companies that were founded in 2002, 2012 and 2022 respectively. The Mid-States Companies are primarily in the ag sector serving customers from COOP elevators, ethanol and soy processing facilities, feed mills and food processing plants. Mid-States Companies specialize in providing grain storage solutions, grain material handling systems, and the design and manufacture of structural metal fabricated towers, catwalks and metal fabricated equipment and trucking and crane services.

The Mid-States Companies are one of the nation’s truly vertically integrated companies providing a one stop shop for customers to get facility design, sales of equipment, manufacturing of proprietary material handling equipment, crane and trucking delivery and installation millwright services and on-going maintenance of systems installed. Mid-States Companies have become best in class in their respective industries serviced. The company has grown significantly over its 22 years in the industry and now services customers nationwide. [www.midstatescompanies.com](http://www.midstatescompanies.com)

### About Verbio

Verbio is a leading European bioenergy producer expanding business in North America and Asia. Verbio Nevada is being developed into a facility to produce 26 million gallons ethanol equivalent of renewable natural gas, 60 million gallons of ethanol, and several fertilizer products utilizing corn and corn stover as a feedstock. [www.verbio-north-america.com](http://www.verbio-north-america.com)



# 'Tis the Season: Flu Shot Arrives at Story Medical

Vaccination can ease effects of influenza

Story Medical Clinics in Nevada and Maxwell are now offering the seasonal flu shot by appointment. You are encouraged – especially if you fall into a high-risk category – to get your shot as soon as possible.

“Flu season typically peaks between December and February, but significant activity can occur earlier than that,” says Dr. Arthur Check, Story Medical Clinic, Nevada. “We are especially encouraging those in high risk categories, including older adults, young children and those with chronic conditions to get vaccinated now.”

For millions of people every season, the flu can mean a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, fatigue, and miserable days spent in bed. However, you may not realize that each flu season, flu also causes hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and thousands or sometimes tens of thousands of deaths.

But there is a vaccine that can prevent flu. While how well the vaccine works can vary, the benefits from vaccination are well documented. Studies show that flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, missed work and school

due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

This is why CDC recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. Those falling in high-risk categories include young children, pregnant women, people 65 and older and people with certain medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes or heart disease.

“Those who care for anyone at high risk, including babies younger than 6 months because they are too young to get the vaccine should also make it a priority to get the vaccine,” Dr. Check says. “Getting the flu vaccine is simple, and it’s the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your family from the flu.”

In addition to the flu shot, Story Medical Clinics will offer the RSV vaccine to adults 60 years and older. Those with Medicare part D will need to get this vaccine from their pharmacy.

**For more information or to schedule an appointment call the Nevada Clinic at 515-382-5413 or the Maxwell Clinic at 515-387-8815.**

# News & Notes

## PHYSICALS FOR PILOTS OFFERED IN NEVADA

Story Medical offers special expertise when it comes to serving those who fly professionally and privately.

Federal Aviation Administration mandated physicals for pilots are offered by Dr. Audra Poterucha at Story Medical Clinic in Nevada. She is designated as an FAA Aviation Medical Examiner.

The daughter of a commercial and military pilot, Dr. Poterucha has a special interest in serving the aviation



community. She offers Class I, II and III Flight Physicals at competitive prices and is currently scheduling pilots for exams. To make an appointment, call 515-382-5413. For more information, visit [storymedical.org/pilot](http://storymedical.org/pilot).

## WORK AT STORY MEDICAL

If you are looking for a new career in a friendly work environment, look no further than Story Medical. We are always recruiting and currently have a number of clinical and non-clinical positions open.

Learn more about what is available and fill out an online application at [storymedical.org/careers](http://storymedical.org/careers).

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

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

# 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](http://StoryMedical.org/Clinics)

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



# Volunteer Fire Departments are in a National Recruitment Crisis

## WHO ARE YOU EXPECTING TO SHOW UP WHEN YOU CALL 911?

Imagine a world where you call 911 because your house is on fire or your spouse is having a heart attack and a volunteer fire department or first responder unit responds 45 minutes later. There are places in central Iowa where that is the norm. Most people experiencing an emergency say, "It took forever for help to arrive." But what if help never arrived?

Volunteer fire departments make up 86 percent of the fire departments in America. Every day, fire departments are closing their doors with no one to pick up the calls. This means substantial delays in responding to your call for service. For volunteer departments to be successful, well, it takes volunteers. While fires are only 4 percent of our call volume, fires are faster, grow more rapidly, and routinely become more dangerous the longer the response time. Medical emergencies are 82 percent of our calls. The rest you ask? We call them "smells and bells." Good intent false fire alarms, cancelled enroute, powerlines down, and a variety of other emergencies where help is needed.

The days of volunteering long term have gone by the way-side. However, we see people who volunteer for one year usually stay serving for quite some time. Yes, people routinely volunteer to help out at a one-day event or town concert. But to see someone dedicate years as a volunteer just isn't happening. We also see volunteers leave the fire

service to take better jobs outside our community.

Nevada responds to 800 calls each year and this year we are on track to reach a record level of calls. Our current response time average is between 4 and 5 minutes to reach scene. Being a volunteer means you can respond when you are available. It certainly doesn't mean you have to make every call. We offer free training to develop a skillset, and you are equipped with the best protective gear available on the market. We train every Wednesday evening, and you have the opportunity to volunteer with meaning. Nevada has a limit of 50 members, and we currently have 44. You can be a medical person with EMT or paramedic skills, or you can be a firefighter. You can also be involved in support operations if going into burning buildings is not your cup of tea. Nevada has a solid fire department, but in order to keep our response times low and our department fully staffed, we need you.

The point is, volunteering starts with YOU! Being a volunteer member of the fire department is very rewarding. Spend a month of Wednesdays with us and see if we are the right fit for you.

If you want to know the time commitment to serve on your community's fire department, simply stop at the fire depart-

ment on a Wednesday evening around 7 p.m. or email the Fire Chief: [rreynolds@cityofnevada-iowa.org](mailto:rreynolds@cityofnevada-iowa.org).

#### Facts:

1) Average response time from time of page until a unit is enroute is under one minute.

2) The department has had as low as 19 members and as many as 50 members.

3) The department currently has 44 members.

4) The department averages 20 people responding to structure fires.

5) Members are required to have 24 hours of training to meet state law.



6) A small stipend of \$7.50 per call is paid to volunteers.

7) There are three employers in town who allow employee firefighters to respond during work hours.

8) The department experiences 533 medical calls, 245 fire responses, with 35 being actual structure fires.

9) The department has nine volunteer

paramedic providers.

10) Membership starts at 16 years of age for support operations and 18 to be a firefighter or medic.

--Written by Fire Chief Ray Reynolds

## Be safe if frying a turkey

As the holidays are coming here are a few safety tips to know when frying a turkey.

- Always read the directions on the fryer you buy.
- Never use a propane-fueled fryer indoors and stay a safe distance away from structures outdoors.
  - Always place the fryer on a stable, hard, level surface.
  - The temperature of the cooking oil can reach its flash point and self-ignite if not controlled.
    - If splashed or spilled, the hot oil will cause severe burns.
  - Be extremely careful when putting the turkey in and bringing the turkey out of the fryer.
    - Never put a partially defrosted turkey in the fryer.
  - The moisture from the unthawed turkey can cause splattering of the hot oil and cause burns.
  - Never cook in the rain or snow due to the moisture causing splatter or even turning to steam.
    - Check the radar prior to frying the turkey and know weather expectations for the day.
- Remember to keep small children and pets away from the fryer as the temperatures can cause severe burns.

For safety tips on a variety of things, please visit our Risk Reduction page on the City website: <https://cityofnevada-iowa.org/departments/fire-department/community-risk-reduction/>.



## News & Notes

### MASONS FIELD HOUSE DEDICATION

The Grand Lodge of Iowa and Nevada Masonic Lodge, under the leadership of Grand Master Darrell Fremont, along with the City of Nevada and the Nevada Foundation, will celebrate the new Field House dedication on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony is open to the public, and will include a cornerstone dedication. The cornerstone ceremony will be led by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It marks the dedication of a ceremonial cornerstone and time capsule.

### UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Nevada Public Library will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, for staff training. The Library will be open on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSINGS

City offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day, and on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### CALLING ALL WRITERS

NaNoWriMo Wrap-Up Write-In will be held Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the Nevada Public Library. This celebrates the conclusion of Wrap up National Novel Writing Month



**NaNoWriMo**

at the library. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served to help participants power through the start of the last week and reach 50,000 words. If you're feeling brave, you can even pull a word count challenge from the Box of Doom!

# Here we go!

## ONCE AGAIN TIME TO PREPARE FOR SNOW

Throughout the winter/spring season (until May 31), the City of Nevada has parking restrictions for snow removal.

Anytime 1 inch of snow or more falls, the snow emergency is automatically in effect. This means no vehicle can be parked on or in a City street, City alley, or a City parking lot until the snow is removed.

The snow emergency helps City crews to remove all snow from these areas. It also reduces the risk of snow and ice buildup in these areas.

Streets Department leaders put it this way: "Please help us to help you."

If vehicles are moved, the roughly four-hour snow removal process involving seven trucks, can be completed efficiently. It is also important that people don't push their snow into a cleared street.

"We usually try to be out by 3 a.m. with a goal of having streets cleared by 7 a.m.," said Joe Mousel, City Streets Superintendent.

Depending on snow timing, trucks can be out any hours working on snow removal during snow events.

Signs are posted throughout the City with the snow emergency information. The City does not send out any type of broadcast or alert that a snow emergency is in effect. "Automatically in effect" means if an inch of snow is on the ground, we are in a snow emergency.

So, it's best to plan ahead and pay attention to the forecast.

Vehicles that are parked on the city streets, alleys, or in parking lots during these events face possible fines and/or having their vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

*One more note about snow and how you can keep your neighborhood safe:* It is greatly appreciated for residents to clear the snow around nearby fire hydrants. Although this is not a requirement, it can save valuable time for firefighters which can have a large impact on safety as well as reduce the amount of time it takes to put the fire out.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# Senior Thanksgiving LUNCHEON



**November 21, 2023**  
**11:30 AM**

**MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Veteran & Spouse Meals  
Provided In Memory of  
Toni Abbe

**FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED**



*Presenting Sponsor*

**SOUTH  
STORY**  
BANK & TRUST

**RSVP BY NOVEMBER 13**  
**NEVADA PARKS & RECREATION**  
**515-382-4352**  
**DINE IN - CARRY OUT - DELIVERY**



IT'S BACK!

# DON'T MISS OUT ON ADVERTISING IN THE 2024 GUIDE

- Free publication, distributed throughout community in a variety of locations
- Will go out in Nevada's Welcome Program bags to new residents
- Will be a community recruitment tool for businesses and organizations

*\*Any proceeds from the Guide will help fund the continued printing of "Our Nevada"*

Several entities are involved in the production of a new community guide, to come out in early 2024. The Guide will include advertisements and content about the community.

Full Page, Half Page and Quarter Page ad spaces are available, along with special rates for nonprofit organizations.

Call Emily at Main Street Nevada to secure your ad space in the Guide by Friday, December 1, 515-382-6538

# Nevada's Food At First awarded

Each year, Kiwanis clubs in the Nebraska-Iowa District nominate "Everyday Hero" organizations or individuals to receive an Everyday Hero Award. The Nevada Kiwanis Club, based on the growth of the Nevada Food At First program, nominated the program for the award.

"We felt that the numbers served every week had grown significantly in the past few years since delivery started and the meals are serving a real need in our community," said Nevada Kiwanis member Jody Melcher.

The Nevada Kiwanians were excited when Nevada Kiwanis members volunteer for



Food At First volunteers are led by Barb Mittman (center).

the Nevada Food At First program was chosen as the winner this year.

Food At First six times a year, and Kiwanis members also help fill in gaps throughout the year when there are volunteer shortages.

The group also was excited to see Gloria Lewis (not pictured) receive the Layperson of the Year Award. Gloria is a "lunch lady" in Nevada who serves her community quietly with many not knowing the impact she has made. "We are truly blessed to have her among all of the other servant leaders in our club," Jody said.

Congratulations to Nevada Food At First and Gloria Lewis!

# Harmony Closet receives FIB grants

Volunteers with Harmony Clothing Closet (HCC) in Nevada were awarded two \$500 grants, a total of \$1,000, from First Interstate Bank (FIB) recently. Along with the gift of funds, employees of FIB also donated a full day of volunteering at the Closet.

Elizabeth Gindt, a leader at HCC, said her organization was "very appreciative" of the grant funds and the "priceless hours" of volunteerism completed. "HCC has been a successful nonprofit in Nevada for over 16 years. Collaborating with local businesses and organizations has been an essential aspect of building a strong and thriving program."

Steven Solomon, Retail Manager for FIB in Nevada, said the four staff members of the local office enjoyed their time volunteering at HCC. "They're a great asset to our community, and we look forward to partnering with them again in the future."

Solomon said he was actually amazed by the many items available at HCC. "If you haven't had the chance to visit them in a while, you're missing out. For them to be able to offer the community so many great items for free is truly a blessing," Solomon said.



Pictured are Nevada First Interstate Bank employees.

Jalene Hornbuckle, a volunteer with HCC, said Solomon had told her that FIB has grants available, after a bank employee mentioned they were interested in volunteering there as a group. "I called the 800 number to ask a few questions about the grants, and she suggested we put in two applications since we were doing two separate projects," Hornbuckle said.

One project receiving \$500 was switching the use of the storage room from a sorting space to a collection space. Along with the money, bank volunteers helped HCC volunteers empty out and sort holiday decorations and clothing, insulate and hang drywall, and reroute a heating duct into the storage room with the help of a licensed contractor.

The second project was weatherization to control loss of heat and air during the different seasons. Under supervision of a licensed contractor, bank and HCC volunteers installed see-through vinyl door strips to help make the back entry more energy efficient.

Hornbuckle also noted that FIB has partnered with HCC on coat drives during cooler weather months. "We are thankful for this partnership." And for the recent grants and work day, she noted, "This experience was incredibly positive... We are so very grateful to First Interstate Bank."

Postal Customer

# Calendar of Events

**STORY CO MEDICAL CTR  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
November 2, 11:30 a.m.

**LEGION TACO NIGHT**  
November 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post

**SENIOR CENTER  
POTLUCK**  
November 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.*

**CAMELOT THEATER FDN  
CONCERT**  
November 18, 7 p.m.  
Featuring Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'  
oldies rock n roll. *Admission: \$20-25  
(concessions available)*

**FRIENDS OF LIBRARY  
BOOK SALE**  
November 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
November 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Nevada Public Library

**CAMELOT THEATER FDN  
CONCERT**  
November 10, 7 p.m.  
Featuring Matt Woods with his  
Boots & Blues. *Admission: \$10-15  
(concessions available)*

**CITY COUNCIL**  
November 13 & 27, 6 p.m.  
City Hall

**SENIOR THANKSGIVING  
LUNCHEON**  
November 21, 11:30 a.m.  
Memorial Lutheran Church  
fellowship hall (see page 13)

**HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY**  
November 4, 1:30 & 7 p.m.  
November 5, 1:30 p.m.  
Josephine Tope Community  
Auditorium  
*Presenting "A Night of Murder"*

**AMERICAN LEGION MEAL**  
November 10, 5-7 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
*Fish Fry or Pork Tenderloins. Cost is  
\$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and  
under)*

**AMERICAN LEGION  
FALL LUNCHEON**  
November 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
*Soups, salads, fresh rolls & desserts.  
Everyone welcome. Meal \$12 per adult*

Early December events:

**CAMELOT THEATER FDN  
CONCERT**  
December 1, 7 p.m.  
*"Elvis" Christmas Show with Joseph  
Hall. Admission: \$20-30 (concessions  
available)*

**BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**  
Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.  
Story County Admin Bldg,  
Nevada

**NEVADA CRAFT FAIR**  
November 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
November 12, 12-5 p.m.  
at Nevada High School  
*Put on by Women Helping Others to  
support scholarships for area seniors.  
\$2 admission.*

**FIELD HOUSE DEDICATION**  
November 14, 5:30 p.m.  
Field House at SCORE

**CAMELOT THEATER FDN  
CLASSIC MOVIE**  
December 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Showing "It's a Wonderful Life," the  
theme of this year's Christmas On  
Main celebrating the classic movie!  
*Admission: \$5 (concessions available  
by Rotary Club)*

**BINGO**  
Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
*\$5 a packet plays all games*

**CAMELOT THEATER FDN  
CLASSIC MOVIE**  
November 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Showing "Grumpy Old Men"  
*Admission: \$5 (concessions available  
by Rotary Club)*

**MAIN STREET NEVADA  
MIX-N-MINGLE**  
November 15, 4-6 p.m.  
at Cubbies On Main  
*Hosted by the Nevada Jaycees*

**NCSD SCHOOL BOARD**  
November 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium

**COUNTY BROWN BAG  
LUNCHEON SERIES**  
November 17, 12-1 p.m.  
Story County Admin Bldg,  
*Topic is "Sustainability in Story  
County"*

**CHRISTMAS ON MAIN**  
December 9, 4-7 p.m.  
Main Street District