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# Our Nevada Iowa

## The Buzz

January 2025

### A QUARTERLY LOOK AT SEASONS OF GIVING

The Nevada Foundation established the Seasons of Giving to raise charitable giving awareness. There are many non-profit organizations in Nevada that are supported by the community. Seasons of Giving provides a way for community members to donate to a larger pool of funds that will be distributed to local non-profits.

Each quarter, a specific charitable need is highlighted. This quarter is "Helping Hands," which encourages support for clothing, food insecurity and shelter. Some examples of the organizations that might benefit from the funds this quarter are Harmony Closet, Food at First, Cubbies Cupboard, Good Samaritan, etc.

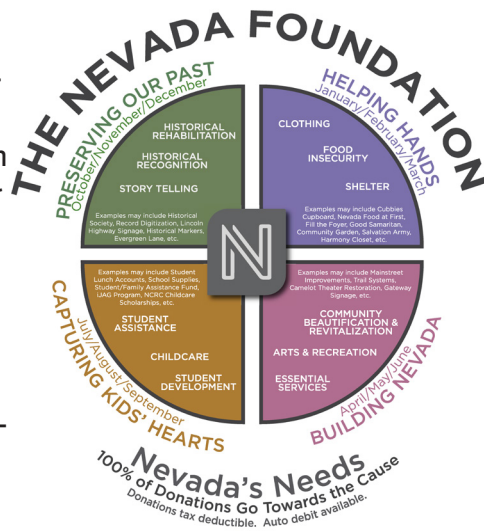
Organizations in this category may apply for funding for a specific need they have.

How can you donate to this quarter's fundraiser? Visit The Nevada Foundation's website for a pledge form at [nevada-iowa-foundation.org/seasons-of-giving](http://nevada-iowa-foundation.org/seasons-of-giving) or mail a check to Nevada Foundation, PO Box 54, Nevada, IA 50201. Checks can be made payable to The Nevada Foundation with "Seasons of Giving Q1" listed in the memo.

Have another local cause you are passionate about? You can donate to any of the quarterly causes at any time! Just make note on your pledge form which cause you are contributing to.

Are you a local non-profit who'd like to request funding from Seasons of Giving? Visit the Nevada Foundation's website, [nevada-iowa-foundation.org](http://nevada-iowa-foundation.org), to find out how.

ON THE COVER: Story Medical provider Michelle Jans, PA-C, is pictured with Melissa Goering.



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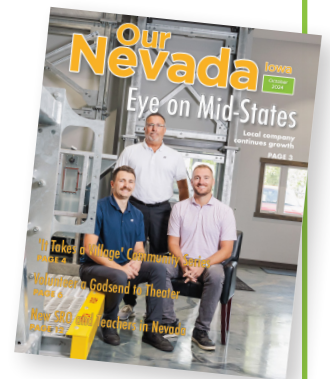
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## ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.





# It's Radon Awareness Month



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.

Radon is the number-one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, according to EPA estimates. Overall, radon is the sec-

ond 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.

Story County Environmental Health will be giving away 50 radon test kits to Story County residents on a first come- first serve basis throughout the month of January. (Limit one per resident.)

Radon test kits can be purchased for \$10 year-round at the Environmental Health Department (located in the lower level of the Administration Building at 900 6th St., Nevada).

## Citizens' Academy starts soon

The Story County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for Citizen's Academy 2025. The three-hour sessions (6:30-9:30 p.m.) begin March 6 and continue on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks, with graduation on May 15. In the Citizen's Academy, participants learn about the Story County Sheriff's Office and what it takes to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Story County. The sessions include presentations from Administration, Communications, Support Services, Field Services and Jail Division. Topics include firearms, traffic safety, dive team, emergency response team (ERT), hostage negotiations, drug investigations and much more. There is no cost to participate, and meals are provided each week.

Applications may be obtained on the Story County Sheriff's Office website at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov) or may be picked up at the Story County Sheriff's Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Sheriff's Office by no later than Feb. 10. Class size is limited and seats fill up quickly.

For more information, contact Sgt. Liz Quinn at 515-382-7473 or [equinn@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:equinn@storycountyiowa.gov), Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Story County Secondary Roads Winter Maintenance Procedures

County Roads will be maintained to the best of our ability subject to weather conditions, available equipment, and safety of personnel, while also trying to keep within the budget.

Snow will be placed in the shoulder/ditch which may cause accumulations that limit sight distance. Snow will be winged back to reduce drifting and visibility hazards when time and resources permit. Snow plows and spreaders will not normally be in operation on paved roads between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless an emergency situation exists. Gravel roads may not be plowed if the wind is causing continual drifting.

Private drive snow is not to be placed on the roadway or shoulders as it could create a safety hazard.

Mail boxes which are destroyed by snow plows will be replaced by the county with a normal small size galvanized mail box.

The property owner will be responsible for installing the mailbox. Replacement mail boxes will not be provided for those damaged by flying snow.

Emergency situations will normally be authorized by the Story County Sheriff's Office or a physician. Emergency situations include serious injury, a probable loss of life, or where disastrous loss of property is imminent.

Traffic signs which are missing or destroyed should be reported to the Story County Sheriff's Office by calling 515-382-6566 or 911 in emergency situations.

Priority will be given to replacing critical regulatory signs such as STOP, NO PASSING, and warning signs.

The entire snow removal ordinance can be viewed on the Secondary Roads website at [www.storycountyiowa.org](http://www.storycountyiowa.org).

Questions can be referred to the Story County Secondary Roads Department at 515-382-7355.





# Your Health, Your Partner

## Why Your Choice of Primary Care Provider Matters for Your Family

Above, primary care providers Rachel Frederick, PA-C, and Dr. Audra Poterucha of Story Medical Clinic - Nevada.

When it comes to managing your health and well-being, having a primary care provider (PCP) can make all the difference. A PCP serves as your first point of contact for medical care, guiding you through routine checkups, managing chronic conditions, and providing personalized health advice. At Story Medical Clinics in Nevada and Maxwell, our dedicated providers are committed to delivering high-quality care to patients in the communities they call home.

### Building a Relationship for Better Health

A primary care provider is more than just a doctor or physician assistant—they are a trusted partner in your healthcare journey.

Developing a long-term relationship with your provider allows them to gain a deep understanding of your medical history, lifestyle, and unique needs. This personalized care leads to better overall health outcomes.

“When you have an established primary care provider, they get to know you as a person, not just as a patient,” says Dr. Art Check of Story Medical



Clinic in Nevada. "This familiarity helps us identify potential health concerns early and provide preventative care tailored to your needs."

## Comprehensive, Coordinated Care

From routine screenings to managing chronic illnesses, a PCP ensures that your healthcare needs are met comprehensively.

They also coordinate your care when referrals to specialists are needed, streamlining the process and ensuring all providers involved are informed about your medical history.

"Continuity of care is key," says Dr. Audra Poterucha of Story Medical Clinic in Nevada. "As a primary care provider, I work to connect the dots for my patients, ensuring their care is seamless and nothing falls through the cracks."

## Empowering You to Stay Healthy

At Story Medical, our providers emphasize the importance of preventative care and patient education. By engaging patients in their healthcare decisions, they empower them to live healthier lives.

"Primary care is about prevention as much as it is about

treatment," says Rachel Frederick, PA-C, of Story Medical Clinic in Nevada. "We encourage patients to come in for regular checkups, screenings, and discussions about their lifestyle to help them stay ahead of potential health issues."

## Convenience and Community Connection

With primary care clinics in Nevada and Maxwell, and Natural Health services in Ames, Story Medical is proud to offer accessible healthcare close to home. Having providers who live in the communities they serve fosters a unique bond with patients.

"Our patients aren't just patients—they're our neighbors and friends," says Michelle Jans, PA-C, of Story Medical Clinic in Maxwell. "That connection creates a level of trust that helps us provide the best possible care."

Whether you're new to the area, haven't seen a provider in a while, or are simply looking to establish a long-term relationship with a primary care provider, Story Medical Clinic is ready to see you now.

**Learn more about Story Medical Clinic and our primary care providers in Nevada, Maxwell and Ames at [storymedical.org/clinics](http://storymedical.org/clinics).**

# NEED A PROVIDER? CHECK OUT STORY MEDICAL!



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  
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

**Learn More at  
[StoryMedical.org/Clinics](http://StoryMedical.org/Clinics)**

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



# Memorial Lutheran awards over \$37,000 in grants

## GIFTS CONTINUE THROUGH THE NEVADA CHURCH'S MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND

This year, the Memorial Lutheran Ministry Endowment Fund gave out \$37,462 in grants to 26 organizations that serve people in our local communities, along with three awards to organizations serving abroad.

Locally, the church gifted some awards within its own congregation, and bestowed the following awards to organizations serving the greater local community:

**Nevada Community School District**, \$950, for supplies to continue the Heather Ludwig Day of Service.

**Nevada Fire Department**, \$350, to equip oxygen ports at Story Medical Center to stop the flow of oxygen in a fire emergency.

**The Bridge Home**, \$1,500, to assist the Home with blending the needs of their permanent facility with supplementary motel units and to fulfill a goal of ending homelessness.

**Legal Aid Society of Story County**, \$1,450, to support legal

representation specifically to clients with mental health conditions.

**Martha's House of Hope**, \$1,700, to fund a full year of the online curriculum called BrightCourse, which is rooted in Christ-centered principles and designed for pregnancy and parenting.

**Nevada Community Cupboard**, \$2,000, to stock the pantry this holiday season.

**Parkinson's Singing Group**, \$500, to support expenses for the annual festival that the group provides for community, friends and family.

**Lutheran Services in Iowa**, \$500, to purchase items needed by families new to our country and state as they transition to life in Iowa.

**Raising Readers in Story County**, \$900, to support the Story Pals Program.

**Lutheran Lakeside Camp**, \$1,000, to support services for Spanish-speaking children.



Elizabeth Gindt accepts the grant award of \$950 for the Nevada Community School District to support the annual Heather Ludwig Day of Service.





Barb Mittman accepts the grant for \$1,000 to support Nevada Food at First's growing program with computer and software needs.

**Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 128**, \$1,000, toward their effort to bring kids facing financial difficulties into their den.

**Boys & Girls Club of Story County**, \$590, to support the local Boys & Girls Club's STEAM program, specially targeting Lego Masters.

**Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance**, \$1,250, supporting residents who have trouble making ends meet or who are facing a family emergency to pay for gas.

**Harmony Clothing Closet**, \$240.92, to support a monthly craft session to give children a chance for fun, supervised, creative activities while their parents "shop."

**YSS Summer Enrichment**, \$1,500, to help at-risk students from surrounding areas, and support a six-week summer enrichment program.

**Nevada Community Schools Student Assistance Program**, \$4,000, to support students and families who need assistance in a variety of ways.

**Center for Creative Justice**, \$1,500, to support a program that offers probation services in Story County to clients with a trauma-informed care model in mind, ensuring that clients feel supported and motivated.

**Nevada CROP Walk**, \$375, to continue to grow the Nevada CROP Walk which helps fight hunger world-wide and here at home.

**Nevada Food at First**, \$1,000, to support the program that provides meals to many families in Nevada and surrounding communities. Grant funds will allow the growing nonprofit to purchase a computer and software needed to collect significant documents, protect information and maintain record keeping.



Members of the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 128 gave a thanks and talked about what they will do with the \$1,000 grant they received. Speaking is Tanner Check. Pictured from left next to him are Jonah Condon, Rhett Farnum and Mike Nusbaum.



The City congratulates the following employees on their five-year incremental service anniversaries happening in 2025:

Joe Mousel, Streets Department, 30 years  
 Donna Mosinski, Administration, 25 years  
 Don Rouse, Administration, 25 years  
 Rhonda Maier, Parks and Recreation, 25 years  
 Jamie Tendall, Streets Department, 25 years  
 Cathy Jager, Public Safety Department, 20 years  
 Erin Mousel, Administration, 15 years  
 Balinda Ellsworth, Administration, 10 years  
 Kathy Solko-Manternach, Library, 10 years  
 Ryan Hutton, Planning and Zoning, 10 years  
 Zach Anderson, Parks and Recreation, 5 years  
 Marlys Barker, Communications, 5 years  
 Jordan Cook, Administration, 5 years

## Get registered to Walk With Ease!

Nevada Parks and Recreation is excited to be working with Iowa State University to offer The Arthritis Foundation's Walk With Ease Program again this year!

This will be offered in Nevada starting Monday, Jan. 13 at the Nevada Field House. Walk With Ease is a structured walking program that teaches participants how to safely make physical activity part of their everyday life.

Pre-registration for Nevada's Walk With Ease program is necessary. For more information or to sign up, contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 515-382-4352 or register online at [nevadaia.recdesk.com](http://nevadaia.recdesk.com). Included in the program is an Adult Access Pass for January and February to the Nevada Field House.

## Seeking applicants for seasonal employment

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

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

**SCORE Complex Guest Services:** This position serves all of SCORE Complex and our guests. Includes admissions, concessions, cleaning, etc., for all of our activities and events that may take place at SCORE. Including but not limited to Field House, Pool, 4-Plex, etc.

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

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

Application deadline is Thursday, January 30, or until positions are filled. To apply or for more information, contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 515-382-4352, or email Rhonda Maier at [nevadarecreation@gmail.com](mailto:nevadarecreation@gmail.com).

**City offices will be closed  
 Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of  
 Martin Luther King's Day. Offices will  
 re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 8 a.m.**



# Fill the Foyer now in its 10th year of collections

Fill the Foyer 2025 will start on Thursday, Jan. 2, when City offices re-open after the New Year's holiday.

During Fill the Foyer, which runs through Friday, Jan. 31, residents are invited to bring in donations of money and/or non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and "winter gear" to the front foyer of Nevada City Hall.

Items collected are given to Harmony Clothing Closet, Nevada Community Cupboard, Cubbie's Cupboard, and Nevada Food at First, entities that help families in need within our community.

When it comes to wearable items, Harmony is asking people to donate only "winter gear" during Fill the Foyer. This includes hats, gloves, coats, snow boots, snow pants, and scarves. If you have clothing and other items, those may be dropped off directly to Harmony during regular Monday evening hours (4-7 p.m.).

This year, Food at First is asking for the following donations: Quart zipper bags, 1- and 2-gallon zipper bags, liquid hand soap, Dawn dish soap, and full-size aluminum steam table pans and lids.

Items may be dropped off in the City Hall foyer during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. If you are bringing in a cash donation, please leave it with one of our City Hall employees in the administrative office.

Fill the Foyer started as a way of keeping the "giving" spirit surrounding the holidays going for an extended time period. "It's all about giving and helping families in our community who need assistance," said then-councilman and eventual mayor, Brett Barker, who started Fill the Foyer 10 years ago.

## Library News

### Regular Youth Programs

Toddler Time (ages 0-3) - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

T.A.L.E.S. Tweens At the Library Enjoying Snacks, (4th-6th grade) - Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Lounge (7th-12th grade) - Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

STEAM Lab (K-3rd grade) - Thursdays at 3:15 p.m.

### Regular Monthly Adult Events

Grounds for Murder Book Club - 1st Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Books After Dark Book Club - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Craft and Chat - 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

Sweet Reads Romance Book Club - 3rd Saturday of each month at 1 p.m.

### Seed Swap with Nine Square Feet

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bring your saved or unused seeds to share with the community. Don't have any seeds? Attendees will be provided with a limited number of FREE seed packets courtesy of Nine Square Feet.

### LOOKING AHEAD - Make Your Own Rain Barrel

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

\*\*Registration opens the first week of January at the following website:

[www.mycountyparks.com/event](http://www.mycountyparks.com/event)

Become a water conservationist during this simple rain barrel workshop. Enjoy an educational presentation about the importance of rain barrels. Then, create your very own take home barrel. With your barrel you can reduce the amount of water you use, protect your drainage systems and waterways around you, and contribute to environmental improvement efforts. This fun workshop can be done independently or you can bring your spouse or roommates to create a barrel together!



:: **RECEPTION** ::

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13  
STARTING AT 5 P.M.**

Join us at City Hall to say thank-you to Brett Barker for his 14 years of government service in the City of Nevada, IA.

*Light Refreshments will be served*



The Nevada Silver team, (from left) Leo Carsrud, Ansel Kingsbury, Amos Weyhrich, and Aurora Monson.

## Students Shine in Iowa DOT's Ready! Set! Build! Bridge-Building Challenge

The Iowa Department of Transportation recently hosted its annual *Ready! Set! Build!* Bridge-Building Challenge, bringing together young engineering minds from across the state to put their skills to the test. Teams competed to construct the strongest and most innovative bridges within 2.5 hours using only basic materials such as popsicle sticks, wooden dowels, masking tape, glue, string, and poster board. Nevada entered three teams of 6th grade students, and they emerged as standouts in this year's event.

### Nevada Silver Takes Home Top Honors

The Nevada Silver team included Leo Carsrud, Ansel Kingsbury, Amos Weyhrich, and Aurora Monson. They dominated the competition by building a bridge that held an impressive 68 pounds. This achievement secured them the top prize in the competition and marked Nevada as back-to-back champions. Their victory is a testament to the team's creativity, precision, and problem-solving abilities, continuing the town's proud legacy in engineering excellence.

### Innovator Award Goes to Nevada Gold

Another Nevada team, Nevada Gold, showcased its ingenuity with a design so unique it captured the attention of the Iowa DOT engineers. Team members Cayla Fleming, Kane Kinyon, Riley Rasmusson, and Carver Ott, built a bridge that held 42 pounds and earned the Innovator Award for their team's outside-the-box approach. This recognition highlights the students' innovative spirit and ability to think creatively under pressure.

### Nevada Purple Demonstrates Strength and Teamwork

Rounding out Nevada's success was the Nevada Purple team, consisting of Claire Luing, Ben Lessan, and Ophelia Murphy. Their bridge withstood an impressive 43 pounds, reflecting their teamwork and engineering design. Although they did not take home an award, their achievement added to the strong showing by Nevada students.

### Engineering Excellence in Action

The *Ready! Set! Build!* Challenge serves as an opportunity for students to apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) principles in a hands-on environment. Participants must carefully balance strength, efficiency, and innovation while working within strict material constraints. For Nevada, this year's competition was a resounding success, with all three teams demonstrating outstanding skills and creativity.

Nevada Middle School's strong performance at the challenge is a testament to the district's commitment to fostering STEM education and nurturing future engineers. With two consecutive championships and recognition for innovative design, Nevada has firmly established itself as a powerhouse in the competition.

As the Iowa DOT continues to inspire young minds through initiatives like this, one thing is clear: The future of engineering is in capable hands, thanks to bright talents like those from Nevada.



## The Heart of Nevada Athletics: How the Athletic Booster Club Powers our Programs

Nevada athletes thrive both on and off the field, thanks to the unwavering support of the Nevada Athletic Booster Club. This dedicated group of volunteers and supporters plays a pivotal role in shaping our athletic programs and fostering a strong sense of pride within the community.

Each year, the Booster Club contributes approximately \$70,000 to the school's athletic programs. These funds provide critical resources, from new uniforms for all sports teams to specialized equipment like wrestling mats, starting blocks, and hurdles. Beyond equipment, the club enhances athletic facilities with improvements such as updated gym padding, modern scoreboards, and inspiring weight room wall graphics. They also fund technology tools like HUDL, which allows coaches and athletes to analyze performance and improve their game.



The Booster Club also creates opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate local sports. Events like the annual Youth Basketball Tournament, which brings 3rd-6th grade teams together for a day of spirited competition. The Cub Hub, the Booster Club's merchandise store, allows fans to showcase their Nevada Cubs pride, while the annual Golf Tournament offers supporters a chance to connect over a fun day on the course, with proceeds directly benefiting Nevada athletes.

Membership fees help fund resources not covered by school budgets, but the impact goes beyond finances. Members, including parents, alumni, and community members, are vital to promoting teamwork, discipline, and school spirit. Supporting the Booster Club goes beyond funding—it builds community, teaches students perseverance and leadership, and shows them their efforts matter. Visit [nevadaboosterclub.com](https://nevadaboosterclub.com) to join, sponsor, or learn more, and help empower Nevada's athletes to succeed.

## NEVADA FFA ATTENDS IGNITE AND AMPLIFY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Six Nevada FFA members participated in the Iowa FFA Ignite and Amplify Leadership conference held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center. The Ignite Sessions focus on careers in agriculture, FFA opportunities, managing emotions, servant leadership and service planning, and leading with integrity. The Amplify Sessions focused on the importance of having a vivid vision and on how to develop personal passions. Other topics included developing self-confidence and possessing a winning mentality, along with understanding accountability.

Josie Kelly and other former Nevada FFA members facilitated the conference.



Nevada FFA members who attended the FFA Ignite and Amplify leadership conferences, (front row, from left), Abi Woodard, Mackenzie Olsen, and Emilee Kelly, (back row) Isabella Betting, Olivia Jensen, and Hailey Gruhn

## SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR NEVADA CSD HALL OF HONOR

The Nevada Community School District Hall of Honor has been established to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves based upon academic excellence and achievement, career accomplishments, community service, personal excellence, and dedication to lifelong learning.

Applications are due by April 15. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3uKuVs6>.

Follow us on Social Media!  
@NevadaCSD



# Congratulations to our 2024 award winners

At the Main Street Nevada Annual Meeting in late November, **Peyton Klotzbach** (pictured right) was named the Ron Daehler Memorial Businessperson of the Year. Peyton is co-owner of Sweet & Savory and a lifetime resident of Nevada. Peyton's drive, her passion to serve the Nevada community and her selfless ability to look out for the greater good of the community, made her deserving of this award. It helps that her food is delicious and her customer service is exceptional!

**Amber Olson** (pictured left) won the Harold Fawcett Community Involvement Award. A champion for Nevada, Amber is always looking for ways to help the community succeed. From promoting Nevada businesses on her professional and community Facebook pages to attending as many Nevada events as she can, Amber wants to see everyone in Nevada do well! Amber holds leadership positions with Main Street Nevada, Pizza Pie Looza and the Nevada Community Rodeo.



## Introducing Main Street Nevada's new president

### SKAGGS TAKES OVER THE ORGANIZATION'S REINS

Christa Skaggs has been named 2025 President of Main Street Nevada. Christa brings a wealth of knowledge about the program, as she has been involved since its inception in 2019. She has held the roles of Board Secretary, Vice President, Leadership Nevada Chair and was on the Main Street Nevada steering committee. Christa is the HR Director for 21st Century Rehab.



# More Award Winners

## NEVADA FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

The Nevada Foundation recently honored an organization, a resident(s), and a young person for their outstanding efforts in philanthropy. Receiving Spirit of Nevada awards were Burke Corporation, James and Clare Frevert, and Nevada High School student Dakota Davis.

**About Burke:** Their involvement is unmatched as they have committed to supporting the communities where their team members live and work. And in Nevada, their support is evident. Over \$550,000 has been contributed to the growth and expansion of some of the catalyst projects in our community, like Tope, Story Medical, Nevada Field House to name a few. And in 2024 alone, their support has totaled an additional \$164,000.

**About the Freverts:** They have demonstrated the spirit of philanthropy and support of the community that spans many years and many causes. We don't know if it is even possible to quantify their contributions to the community as there are too many to count.

**About Dakota Davis:** His passion to support area Veterans is above and beyond what most kids his age are doing. Dakota is already making a huge impact on a group of people in society. He is giving his time and energy to others in a philanthropic way. He is incredibly selfless in his quest to serve others and make them feel good. He does all of this while also working a job, playing sports and being a student.



Burke representatives (from left) Terence Beaston, Adrianne Noyola, Shelli Seibert, Brian Quandt, and Brandon Koehler



Jim Frevert with the award for he and his wife, Clare



Dakota Davis with then-Mayor Brett Barker

## Another great opening



Nevada is celebrating the opening of another great business in the Main Street District! The Well Brewery + Market cut its ribbon on Nov. 22, 2024. Owners Preston and Amber Gable are excited to bring their brewery business experience to Nevada. On their website, the Well is described in this way: We strive to be your destination to fill your cup – both literally and figuratively! Offering a selection of made in-house craft brews, wines, mixed drinks, and non-alcoholic options too!



The Nevada Community Historical Society has a mission of "preserving Nevada's heritage through education, promotion, and restoration."

At the start of this year, the NCHS is asking Nevada community members to consider joining its mission. On the following page, which you can clip out or make a copy of, you will see the various ways to support the NCHS in the years to come.

Below, the NCHS has provided a breakdown of the historic properties for which the organization is responsible. Thank you to all those who are willing to help this organization in this worthwhile mission for our community.

## ***Nevada Community Historical Society Properties***



**Briggs Terrace/Evergreen Lane**  
1204 H Avenue

The house at Briggs Terrace/Evergreen Lane was built in 1897 for approximately \$10,000. The brick home has passed in ownership from its builder, Otis Briggs, Sr., through four generations of the Briggs and Dutton families to the Nevada Community Historical Society in 1996. First called "Briggs Terrace," it is also known by the name "Evergreen Lane." Other interesting architecture on the property includes a carriage house and barn. The property is considered an outstanding landmark of the Nevada community. Restoration began in 1997 and will continue as resources and funds are available.



**Dyer-Dowell Victorian House**  
922 5th Street

This house was originally the Story County Jail, built in 1869. It was 24'x30' with a hall and jailer's residence on the first floor and prisoners' cells above. After it was enlarged and converted into a private home, it was purchased by Judge George W. and Martha Kellogg Dyer. Mrs. Dyer was the daughter of Dr. Nathan Alonzo and Hannah Kellogg — early pioneers of Nevada. Mrs. Austin A. Dowell (Isabel Dyer) gave the family home to the historical society in 1988 in memory of her parents and grandparents.

**George Child  
Log House**  
1204 H Avenue



This cabin is Nevada's oldest standing building. In 1854, George Child migrated from Illinois to Nevada, Iowa by oxen and covered wagon. His was the third house built in Nevada — then at the corner of 4th Street and J Avenue. It was purchased and restored by the Nevada Rotary Club in 1975 as a bicentennial project and presented to the historical society on July 4, 1980. It was moved to Briggs Terrace/Evergreen Lane, and restored in 2006.



**Halley  
School**  
1204 H Avenue

In 1975, Halley School was given to the Nevada Bicentennial Committee by Ivan and Sally Hornbacher Hansen, Dee Earl, and Lois Hornbacher in memory of their parents, Issac and Elma Hornbacher. Halley School was built in 1874, and located southeast of Nevada. It was used through the 1944-45 school year. Many local teachers take their classes here to learn about school in the "olden days." It was moved from the 4-H fairgrounds in 2006 and restored.



Make Checks Payable to: Nevada Community Historical Society  
 Mail to: 624 J Ave. Nevada, IA 50201  
 Venmo Payments available: @NevadaHistoricalSociety-JanShe



### Membership Categories:

- ☐ \$15 Individual Membership
- ☐ \$25 Family Membership
- ☐ \$50 Contributing Member
- ☐ \$50 Business Membership
- ☐ \$100 Business Benefactor
- ☐ \$500 Most Honored Benefactor
- ☐ \$500 Lifetime Individual Membership
- ☐ \$750 Lifetime Family Membership

### Other ways to contribute. Check if you will help the Society by:

- ☐ Being a tour guide/docent
- ☐ Being an event host/hostess
- ☐ Assisting with building maintenance
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Gardening
- ☐ Other Volunteer Interests (list below):

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name(s) printed exactly as you wish to be recognized)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your membership dues and donations are tax deductible. Thank you!*

### Order Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace Memorial Patio Brick/Pavers Below

☐ Choice #1 – Brick \$50.00 each:

a. 3" x 8" . . . 3 lines, 12 letters/spaces per line

☐ Choice #2 – Granite Paver \$200.00 each:

a. 8" x 8" . . . 6 lines, 14 letters/spaces per line

The "a" choice is a horizontal format. Use blocks below for your wording. The "b" choice is a vertical format, use blocks at bottom left to show your wording.

On the lines below, list how you would like your brick and/or paver inscribed.

PRINT clearly in UPPERCASE letters.

PLEASE observe the line and letter/spaces limits listed above.

☐ Choice #3 – Granite Paver \$350.00 each:

a. 8" x 12" . . . 6 lines, 20 letters/spaces per line

b. 12" x 8" . . . 9 lines, 14 letters/spaces per line

☐ Choice #4 – Granite Paver \$550.00 each:

a. 8" x 16" . . . 6 lines, 28 letters/spaces per line

b. 16" x 8" . . . 12 lines, 14 letters/spaces per line

\*A Star can be added to Veteran's Brick/Paver (1 line)

### Brick and Paver Samples



Postal Customer

# Calendar of Events

## NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

**Every Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m.**

1110 11th Street

*Provides food for children, families,  
& seniors in need in our community*

## AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

**Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*\$5 plays all games. There will be  
white elephant BINGO on Jan. 7*

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

**January 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 MOVIE

**January 4, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

*Enjoy a Family Saturday special at the theater,  
"Happy Feet"*

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**January 10 & 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Nevada Public Library

## CITY COUNCIL

**January 13 & 27, 6 p.m.**

City Hall

## NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

**January 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Gates Memorial Hall

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**January 10, 7 p.m.**

**January 11, 2 & 7 p.m.**

"The Matrix"

## MAIN STREET MIX-N-MINGLE

**January 15, 4-6 p.m.**

at The Well Brewery + Market, 1117 6th St.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Story County Admin. Bldg.

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

**January 10, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*Fish Fry with alternate hot roast beef sandwiches.  
Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and under)*

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**January 24, 7 p.m.**

**January 25, 2 & 7 p.m.**

"The Blues Brothers"

## TACO TUESDAY

**January 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*First Tuesday of the month*

## CAMELOT THEATER CLASSIC MOVIE

**January 26, 2 p.m.**

**January 29, 2 p.m.**

"McLintock (John Wayne)"

## CAMELOT THEATER CLASSIC MOVIE

**January 12, 2 p.m.**

**January 15, 2 p.m.**

"Charade"

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**January 31, 5-7 p.m.**

American Legion Post

*Beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, desserts,  
drinks. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and  
under)*