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celebrates 150th birthday!

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The Buzz

RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED, WE HAVE LISTENED

It may seem at times that the City and other government entities aren't listening to the concerns of residents, but indeed we often are. The wheels of government generally turn slowly and patience is key, but we're happy to announce a few things that we've heard concerns or hopes about in recent years that are in the works.

Brush and Debris Site: The City will be opening a Brush and Debris site for residents on the northwest side of town in the near future. This site will be for exactly what it says — brush and debris, aka, yard waste, and there will be rules to follow. Stay tuned for more information and an announcement of this being ready to use.

Dog Park: A Special City Council Work Session was held March 9 continuing the discussion and progress toward a dog park for Nevada residents. The Nevada Parks and Rec Board and staff has been busy covering the many issues that need to be addressed to make this project happen. Stay tuned to City Council agendas in April, when Parks and Rec leaders plan to give a detailed presentation about these plans, and the capital fundraising campaign that will help make this dream a reality.

Improved drainage on "Airport Road": After the March 9 council meeting, our City engineering staff planned to start work immediately to address the drainage issues on West 18th Street (or as most longtime residents know it, Airport Road). For years we've heard the frustration of flooding on that stretch of road. As you are reading this, work should be progressing there to install a concrete box and new lines that will take water from the road to a retention pond in the West Industrial Park.

We also saw a recent online concern about Nevada's water. We assure residents, Nevada's water is tested daily. We have a well-trained and experienced staff at our Water Department and your water in Nevada is safe. Good tasting? Well, that's subjective, and we can't please everyone. No City can. But we're going to keep working to do the best we can to serve our residents.

ON THE COVER: Puzzling is one of the many activities residents can enjoy at the Nevada Public Library, which is now 150 years strong in the Nevada community.

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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.



Library Celebrating 150 years

Nevada High School Graduate to give Author Talk!

On Monday, April 13, the public is invited to an Author Talk given by Morgan (Shickell) Davis, starting at 6 p.m. Morgan, a 2012 graduate of Nevada High School, is a modern poetry author.



Join us at the Nevada Public Library for a 150th Birthday celebration during National Library Week! We'll have an open house Monday, April 20, from 5-7 p.m. with refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Raygun shirts that support the Library!

A few other April events:

Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m.

Come to Renn's Cafe for Coffee, Coloring & Conversation

Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

Register for Soma Yoga at the library

Monday, April 6, 6 p.m.

Come play BINGO at the library and bring the donation of a small wrapped item for the prize table

Friday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Movies at the Library - the movie will be in line with the theme of poetry

Thursday, April 23, 10 a.m.-noon

Enjoy Craft & Chat with other adults who love crafting. Bring a project you are working on!



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Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
WEEK**

April 19-25, 2026

ALA American
Library
Association

Library
Champions
Celebrating 100 Years of
Library Service

Check out all of the events at the library: www.nevada.lib.ia.us

CITY NEWS ITEMS

Nuisance Abatement — Are you code compliant?

Police Chief Chris Brandes advises it's time to look at your property and determine if you need to clean it up. "We don't like having to start nuisance procedures; we'd rather see people proactively cleaning and maintaining their property," he said.

City Code requires properties to be free of **offensive smells, filth, noisome substances, water pollution, obstruction of the right of way, flammable junk, air pollution, overgrown weeds and brush, and unsafe or abandoned structures.** (all in Chapter 50 of the City Code)

Also related are **not mowing your yard** and **having junk/unregistered vehicles sitting on your property.**

"The codes about nuisances are intended to improve the quality of life and aesthetics for all residents. "If an officer observes code violations or we get a complaint, we will, if necessary, start proceedings," Brandes said. "But, we'd much rather work with residents to resolve the issues." Questions: Call the Nevada PD, 515-382-4305.

Gas Pipeline Relocation

The City of Nevada has been contacted about relocating several gas pipelines before the interchange project at Airport Road and Highway 30 happens. The interchange project is expected to start in the next two years.

Recycling Plan for Nevada

Nevada, like every other community in the state, is being required by the DNR to have a recycling plan. The Nevada City Council will consider the following two options:

1) providing a very large receptacle for all residents to bring recycling, or 2) letting each resident have their own recycling container for residential pickup.



Smoke Testing Results Lead to Work on Trunkline



Smoke Testing of the sewer/storm sewer lines last year indicated that the trunkline along Indian Creek on the west side of the City had the most problems. With help from the City Engineering firm, WHKS, manholes in that area will be rehabilitated this year in an area from 6th Street west to West 3rd Street.

CITY NEWS ITEMS

Spring Open Burn Season

Spring Open Burn Season runs from April 1 through May 15, and burning is allowed (unless prohibited by weather conditions) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. To see a list of requirements for having an open burn, go to the City Website news reel story on this matter.

Please remember to respect your neighbors when burning, and inform them you are burning, so they don't call the fire department thinking the burn is uncontrolled.

If you have more questions about open burning in Nevada, call Fire Chief Ray Reynolds, 515-382-4593.

There Will be Fireworks

The City of Nevada will have a fireworks show this summer, despite funds running low. The American Legion Auxiliary made a generous \$1,000 donation and encouraged other groups and businesses to do what they can, as this is the 250th anniversary of our country. If you'd like to make a donation to support this year's fireworks show, please drop off a check at City Hall, made out to the City with "fireworks" in the memo line.



Street Projects Happening This Year and Next Year

Nevada has identified three street projects that will happen in the near future. All three projects include repaving and improvements to underground infrastructure.

One of the three projects, on N Avenue, between 5th and 8th Streets, is set to begin this year.

Two other projects are also ahead: 11th Street between H Avenue and Lincolnway, and Second Street, between Lincolnway and N Avenue. These two projects have not been officially scheduled yet.



2026 Fawcett Family Aquatic Center Information

Dates of Operation/Hours

June 1-August 16, 2026

Adult Lap Swim: 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

Shallow Water Swim: Noon-12:50 p.m.

Open Swim: 1-6 p.m.

Dates and hours of operation are subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstance

Group Pool Parties

Groups of 40 or more can book a party from 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. To schedule a party visit: <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Group parties can bring in approved food/beverages. Fee is \$250.

Aqua Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics groups will meet on Mondays and Thursdays, June 8 - Aug. 13. No instruction will be provided; however, equipment and a dedicated area will be available for use. Class times are 12-12:45 p.m. and 5:15-6 p.m.



Swim Lessons

Nevada Parks and Recreation swim lesson program will include four 40-minute lessons/sessions with a 1:4 instructor/participant ratio. The following classes will be available and will be combined or modified with less than 3 participants per class.

Pre-School (4 & 5 year olds)

Water Basics Level 1-5 (6 years +)

Session Dates:

June 15-18 (make-up June 19)

June 22-25 (make-up June 26)

June 29-July 2 (make-up July 3)

July 13-16 (make-up July 17)

July 20-23 (make-up July 24)

Level information is available on the following Page: <http://www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org>

Swim Lesson Registration

All registrations must be made online at <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Please note: **Swim lesson registration**

opens April 1. Classes will automatically fill and cap/close as registrations take place online. Parks and Rec reserves the right to combine classes that do not fill. Fee is \$40/session. **DO NOT register your child for more than one session.**

Aquatic Center Rates & Fees

Purchase your season pass online! Passes are available on the following website: <https://nevadaia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Discount passes are available at \$5 off April 1-April 21.

Season Pass Options:

Individual Season Pass: \$60+tax

Pass is good for one season for an individual.

Senior Season Pass: \$50+tax

Pass is good for one season for individuals 55 years of age and older.

Toddler Season Pass: \$50.00 +tax

Pass is good for one season for an individual 2-3 years old.

These passes are not good for special events outside regular pool hours.

General Admission: \$6

All patrons ages 4-54 must pay to enter the pool facility regardless of their intent to swim or not. General admission includes use of all pool facilities.

Senior Admission: \$5

All individuals over the age of 55 may receive a complimentary \$1 discount off the regular general admission price. Discounted rate must be requested

Toddler Rate (2-3 years): \$5

Children 1 and under: FREE

All children 1 and under receive free admission when accompanied by a paying adult.

Punch Pass: \$60

Includes 10 admissions to the Aquatic Center. Punch cards are available to purchase at the Aquatic Center only.

Safe Shark Swim Time



Safe Shark Swims are a time when parents and infants/toddlers are invited to the aquatic center to become more comfortable, learn water safety, and develop foundational swimming skills. These sessions will be offered free of charge, however, there must be at least a 1:1 parent/child ratio. Dates are: June 12, 19, 26, July 10, and 17, from 5-6 p.m. Some instruction and free play will be offered during all sessions.

Aquatic Center Important Info.

- Check us out on Facebook (@Fawcett Family Aquatic Center) for hours and other information, including weather-related closings.
- 7 year-olds and under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older.
- Lifejackets are the only form of flotation device allowed.
- No Coolers
- Everyone must pay the admission fee whether swimming or not.
- Wear appropriate swim attire. No t-shirts, cutoffs, jean shorts, or any swimwear with a metal buckle. Appropriate attire is ultimately determined by facility staff.
- Food items must remain in the concession area.
- Snorkel masks are NOT allowed.
- No hard balls or toys. All toys at the discretion of facility staff.

Lifeguard Training

If you are at least 15 years old by May 31 of 2026, and have an interest in being a lifeguard, be sure to let our staff know!



Nevada Parks and Rec reserves the right to change/modify information as necessary.



Nevada, Iowa
Public Safety Dept.

We Are HIRING

FOR POLICE OFFICER

EMT certification and Firefighter 1 certification preferred. Will provide training to reach these certifications. Certified and non-certified police officers encouraged to apply. Minorities, Women and Military Veterans encouraged to apply.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

- Non-certified candidates will start at \$58,240/year (\$28/hr)
- Iowa certified officers are eligible to start up to \$61,713/year (\$29.67/hr) based on experience and certifications
- \$10,000 sign on bonus for certified officers
- 90 hours of floating holiday available to use in the first year
- 40 hours of vacation issued upon hire
- 10-hour workday, four-day weekends every other week
- iPers retirement program

GET STARTED

Physical Agility Testing is the first step, and happens on Saturday, May 16, at Nevada Public Safety Department, 1209 6th St., Nevada

***Applications due by Friday, May 8**

APPLY NOW



APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

<https://cityofnevada-iowa.org/employment/>

No-glove charity softball game returns for a second year of fun

THIS YEAR'S EVENT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1

For the second year in a row, Nevada Parks and Recreation is working with the Charlie's Angels Cystic Fibrosis fund-raising team for Cystic Fibrosis research to host Charlie's Angels in the Outfield.

This no-glove charity softball game features Nevada's Hometown Heroes (made up of local athletes, including the City's Police Chief Chris Brandes) playing against ISU student athletes. Last year, a group of Cyclone football team members showed up and was defeated by the Hometown Heroes. They asked for a re-match!

The 2025 event was a huge success, actually becoming the third-highest fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis in Iowa. This year's event plans to build on the momentum that was started last year.

Scott Reister, sports reporter with KCCI TV, will return to the announcers' booth, and this year, Dane Neelson of Bee-



This photo from the 2025 first-ever game between Nevada's Hometown Heroes and Iowa State student athletes shows the hustle, fun and passion that the athletes brought to this game!

tus Entertainment, will provide the sound with the kind of music that will bring an upbeat tempo to the entire event!

Residents of Central Iowa, and especially of Nevada, are invited to join in the fun on Friday, May 1, at the high school baseball field at SCORE. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the first pitch will happen at 6 p.m. with Charlie Hugunin (for whom the event is named) and her uncle, Travis Hugunin, throwing the pitch.

Grilled food and other concession treats will be provided on-site for purchase by fundraising partner, Hy-Vee, with proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis.

A silent auction table, which we hope to fill with fun items worth purchasing, will also be available to bidders and will help us raise even more funds.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event when we "knock one out of the park" for Charlie Hugunin and Cystic Fibrosis!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP HAPPENING SOON

Spring clean-up of the municipal cemetery will happen this month during the week of April 20-24.

During this time, Nevada Parks and Recreation staff will dispose of all decorations, including those placed in vases, saddles, or on shepherd hooks if they are damaged or unsightly.

Any decorations you wish to keep must be removed before April 20 when our spring clean-up begins. You may put out new decorations after the clean-up period, starting April 27.

If you have questions, please call the cemetery office at 515-382-6240 and talk with Sexton Gene Fritz.

GROW SOMETHING GREAT WITH THE NEVADA COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Looking for a place to garden this season? The Nevada Community Garden has rental plots available for community members who want to grow their own vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, our garden is a welcoming space to dig in, learn, and connect with neighbors.

We're also looking for volunteers to help with our donation garden, from which all produce goes to local food banks and free meal organizations. Whether planting, watering, weeding, or adopting your own area, we've got the best outdoor, fresh-air atmosphere for volunteering and giving back to our community.

If you're interested in renting a plot or lending a hand, please reach out to us at nevadacommunitygarden@gmail.com, and come grow with us!

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Big Hearts, Small Hands

A DAY OF MENTORSHIP AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



On Wednesday, March 4th, the halls of Nevada Middle School were filled with extra energy, as the 1st and 2nd grade multiage students arrived for a very special collaborative learning day with the 8th grade class.

Leadership Through Kindness

The day was the culmination of a month-long focus on Kindness, the "Capturing Kids' Hearts" (CKH) word of the month for February. While many 8th graders chose to spread cheer by writing cards to local nursing home residents or appreciation cards for staff members, 28 students stepped up to a unique challenge: becoming "student teachers" for the day. Under the guidance of Mrs. Crystal Walker, these 8th graders spent weeks planning, organizing, and preparing to host their younger peers. Their goal was to move beyond the traditional classroom setting and lead by example. The 8th-grade mentors designed a full schedule of St. Patrick's Day-themed activities that kept the elementary students engaged from start to finish.

The "Green" Taste Test

During this station, the younger students participated in a sensory challenge that encouraged students to try different green fruits and vegetables. Then, the 8th-grade mentors blindfolded the younger students to see if they could identify different flavors of Skittles using only their sense of taste.

Without the help of their eyes to spot the color of the candy, many students were surprised to find how much their brain relies on sight to "taste" a specific flavor! It was a lesson in biology and sensory perception disguised as a sweet treat, and it led to plenty of laughter as students guessed "lime" only to discover they were eating "grape".



Science Investigations: How Lucky are Your Charms

During this activity, the elementary students were asked to think about some of the science standards that they had previously covered during the year. The 8th grade student teachers encouraged the younger students to engage in a conversation about the different forces that change landforms and to name some specific natural resources that they've talked about in class. Then, big and little buddies were challenged to not use their hands, but rather wind energy to separate the cereal pieces from the marshmallow pieces from a pile of Lucky Charms. The marshmallow pieces represented the natural resources that they were trying to collect. The students used a straw and their problem solving strategies to blow the cereal pieces off of the table and into the leprechaun pot on the ground. After separating their pile the students counted up how many cereal pieces were in their pot (positive points), how many marshmallow pieces accidentally made it into the pot (negative points), and how many total pieces fell on the floor (negative points). They then used their math skills to calculate their overall total score. Both the big and little buddy completed this challenge individually and then worked together to answer a few analysis questions.



Literacy and Math Stations

The 8th-grade "student teachers" got creative with their lesson plans, turning standard curriculum into high-energy challenges. In one popular station, the younger students put their spelling and arithmetic to the test; for every word spelled correctly or addition and subtraction problem solved, they earned cups to build elaborate cup-stacking towers. This "think-then-build" approach kept the energy high and the focus sharp.

In another station, students navigated a colorful Candyland-style game board, but moving forward required more than just a lucky roll of the dice. To advance toward the finish line, students had to use their addition and subtraction knowledge to answer questions and solve "pathway puzzles." It was a wonderful way to see the youngest learners gain confidence in their skills with a "big kid" mentor cheering them on at every turn.

Building Our Community

The impact of the day went far beyond the lesson plans. For the 1st and 2nd graders, having a "big kid" mentor provided a sense of connection and excitement. For the 8th graders, it was a chance to practice patience, leadership, and kindness. It was a day filled with meaningful learning, shared snacks, and plenty of smiles, proving once again that when our students work together, everyone wins!



Addition Brings New MRI to Nevada

Project at Story Medical ushers in new permanent MRI designed for comfort, convenience of patients

Story Medical has taken another major step forward in expanding healthcare access for the community with the addition of a permanent, state-of-the-art MRI suite now in operation on campus.

For more than a decade, a mobile MRI trailer served Story County patients well, allowing residents to receive advanced imaging locally rather than traveling out of town. But the new permanent installation significantly expands access, availability, and coordination of care.

"Installing a fixed MRI is a strategic investment in our community's health," says Nate Thompson, CEO of

Story Medical. "It means convenient access to advanced imaging technology without leaving town — something our patients and providers have long hoped for."

The Gold Standard

Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI, is widely considered the gold standard for evaluating soft tissue in the body. Unlike X-ray or CT scans, which use ionizing radiation, MRI relies on powerful magnets and radio waves to create detailed, cross-sectional images. These images help physicians diagnose conditions involving the brain, spinal cord, joints, abdominal organs, and blood vessels.

Common MRI studies include scans for stroke or neurological concerns, sports injuries affecting the knee or shoulder, spinal issues such as disc disease, and abdominal or vascular imaging.

The new MRI suite sits just steps from Story Medical's Emergency Department and inpatient unit. The expanded area also includes a new CT scanner (see story below), comfortable suites for patients, a larger work area for the radiology team, and more.

"Our technologists have always delivered excellent imaging," says Lance Ackerman, Director of Radiology. "But having the MRI under our own roof gives us greater flexibility. We can offer same-day or next-day appointments if needed."

Patient Comfort a Priority

Everything in the new area is designed with patient comfort in mind. Specifically, the MRI features a wide-bore design with a shorter tunnel to reduce feelings of claustrophobia, along with lighting and music options to create a more relaxing experience.

The new machine also includes an in-bore entertainment system, which allows patients to watch videos or listen to music during their exam. A specially designed mirror and display create the impression of a larger space inside the scanner, while noise-reducing headphones improve comfort and communication with technologists.

Together with existing services such as CT scanning, digital X-ray, ultrasound, and bone density testing, the MRI strengthens Story Medical's comprehensive imaging capabilities.

For Thompson, the new technology reflects a simple goal: ensuring patients can access high-quality care close to home.

"Our vision is delivering advanced healthcare with compassion right here in Story County," he says. "This MRI allows us to remove barriers of travel and time, giving patients quicker answers and helping providers deliver the best possible care."



To learn more about the comprehensive imaging options at Story Medical, visit us online at storymedical.org/radiology.

News & Notes

STORY MEDICAL ADDS NEW CT SCANNER

The MRI is not the only new piece of equipment in the Story Medical Radiology department. As part of the project that added space for the MRI, a suite was constructed for a new CT Scanner. The new unit replaces the previous CT Scanner, which was more than a decade old.

The SOMATOM go.Top platform delivers high-resolution imaging with advanced dose management technology, helping to minimize radiation exposure while maintaining exceptional image quality. The system is also equipped with intelligent automation tools that streamline exams and reduce scan times.

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.





A grant program that couldn't BEE sweeter



Main Street Nevada is buzzing with excitement as we unveil a brand-new grant program that beautifully blends agriculture, entrepreneurship, and community spirit.

Thanks to a generous partnership with local beekeeper Bill Couser, this sweet initiative is turning liquid gold into opportunity. Couser, who recently began bee farming, is donating bottles of honey from his hives to Main Street Nevada. Every jar sold will help fund a grant designed to support and spark the next generation of local entrepreneurs.

But this story is about more than honey. It's about heritage. It's about legacy. It's about land that keeps giving back.

"Could you ever imagine, 120 years ago my great-grandfather, George W. Day, settled on a farm just two miles north of Nevada. Sixteen acres in the very back of the farm were never broken for row crops but were used to put up wild horse hay. Now, 120 years later, this native remnant is giving back to its community! That's nature at its finest, one

bottle at a time. This is a gift that will just keep giving," Bill Couser shared with excitement.

From untouched prairie to thriving pollinators, this land is once again investing in the future of Nevada.

You can purchase this locally harvested honey at the Main Street Nevada office, and it will also be available during the Downtown Market throughout the summer and fall seasons. Each bottle you bring home isn't just delicious, it's a direct investment in a local dream.

Once the honey sales grow the fund to a meaningful level, Main Street Nevada will officially open the grant application process. Be sure to watch the Main Street Nevada, IA Facebook page and the Main Street Mortar emails for the announcement.

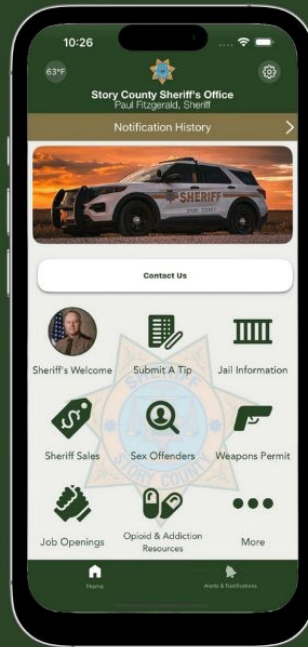
This is more than a fundraiser. It's a pay-it-forward program rooted in history, community, and the belief that small businesses are the heart of Nevada.

New app introduced

Story County Sheriff App

FAQ

- *How do I get the app?*
 - Search “Story County Sheriff IA” on the app store on your device and download
- *What can I do on the app?*
 - Submit a crime tip
 - View current inmates at SCJ
 - Monitor Sheriff’s Sales
 - View Sex Offenders in your area
 - Fill out weapons permit forms
 - Monitor job openings
 - Seek substance use and mental health resources
- *What’s the difference between the app and the SCSO Facebook and Instagram?*
 - While both provide public safety news and information for Story County residents, the app is an interactive resource with multiple direct links and real time notifications



We are excited to introduce the new Story County Sheriff's Office app, designed to keep you connected and informed. One of the most critical features of the app is its integration with National Weather Service (NWS) push notifications.

By enabling these alerts, you will receive real-time, location-based warnings for severe weather, including tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and flash floods — directly to your phone. When seconds count, these instant notifications ensure you have the most up-to-date information to keep you and your family safe.

National County Government Month

National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer. Story County will celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) during the month of April to showcase how the county achieves healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. This year, the theme is consistent with NACo President Bryan Desloge's initiative, "Brilliant Ideas at Work." The theme encourages counties to feature their most innovative and successful programs — those truly making a difference in residents' lives.



2026 Conservation Nature Camps offered

Experience nature through creek walks, catching insects on the prairie, playing games, and going on adventures in Story County Conservation's parks. Older campers will explore outdoor skills, like water sports, survival skills, and even overnight camping trips.

Camps are offered for children entering

kindergarten to ninth grade. For more details about the camps offered, please visit <https://www.storycountyia.gov/1002/Nature-Camps>.

Preview the 2025 Nature Camp schedule now at www.mycountyparks.com. Registration opens Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m.

Need financial assistance? NatureConnect, our service assistance program, provides a discount toward the cost of nature camps, educational programming, camping, and more. Contact us at 515-232-2516 to discuss. Contact us BEFORE registering to receive a discount.

Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

SENIOR CENTER WOMEN'S COFFEE

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

SENIOR CENTER MEN'S COFFEE

April 2 & 16, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

STORY MEDICAL BOARD

April 2, 11:30 a.m.
Hospital Board Room

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

April 3, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Adults \$12, Children \$5

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

April 4, 9 a.m.
Renn's Cafe, 1001 6th St.

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

Every Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m.
1110 11th Street
Provides food for those in need

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

Every Monday, 4-7 p.m.
1122 6th Street
Provides free clothing. Donations
may be dropped off at this time.

NEVADA FOOD AT FIRST

**Mondays & Thursdays,
5:30 p.m.**
First United Methodist Church,
1036 7th St.
Find out more, set up delivery:
<https://nevadafoodatfirst.com>

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

April 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Story County Admin. Bldg.

BINGO

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
American Legion Post
Light refreshments available

AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

April 10, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Alternate choice of hot roast beef
sandwiches. Adults \$12, Children
\$5

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

April 10 & 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library"

STORY THEATER CO. TEEN PRODUCTION

April 10 & 17, 7 p.m.
April 11, 12, 18, & 19, 2 p.m.
Camelot Theater
Presenting "Looking Glass Land"

NEVADA ROTARY FUNDRAISER

April 12, 2-6 p.m.
Gatherings
"Masters Party"

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

April 13, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.
Bring a dish to share. A short pro-
gram begins around 12:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

April 13 & 27, 6 p.m.
City Hall

CAMELOT MOVIE

April 22 & 23, 2 p.m.
"Meet John Doe"

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

April 24, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Spring Grill Out hosted by the
Couser Family. Adults \$12,
Children \$5

CAMELOT MOVIE

April 24 & 25, 7 p.m.
April 26, 2 p.m.
"Monty Python & the Holy Grail"

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY BRUNCH

April 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
American Legion Post
Egg bake, cheesy hashbrowns,
biscuits and gravy, ham, rolls,
fresh fruit. Adults \$12, Children
\$5