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The Buzz

NEVADA COMMUNITY BAND – A MUCH LOVED COMMUNITY TRADITION

Many events and occasions will be happening this summer in the City of Nevada, Iowa.

One of the most treasured of all is the Nevada Community Band concerts, which happen on Tuesdays for a six-week run.

The band started in 1999 as a project assignment of the Leadership Nevada program. Not only is Leadership Nevada developing potential leaders for our community, it's also challenging participants to think of projects that can benefit the community.

It was a group made up of Rob Bacon, FC Parrish, Jim Mattke, and Jody Melcher who pushed for the start of a community band, and through the leadership of school band directors and the volunteer spirit of musicians who weren't ready to put down their instruments just yet, the band has survived for more than 25 years.

Wade Presley, retired high school band director, and Drew Barker, current high school band director, are the directors for the Community Band this summer. Band members of all ages make up the current band, and it is never too late to become a band member. Reach out to Presley at: pres64@gmail.com to join!

For those who simply want to enjoy the outdoor music of the band, mark your calendars for the following Tuesdays: June 2, June 9, June 16, June 30, and July 7. All concerts, except for the June 30 Patriotic Concert, will happen in front of City Hall. Bring a lawn chair or blanket along to sit comfortably. The June 30 concert will take place at the high school campus in the Josephine Tope Community Auditorium, another community treasure! All concerts are free to attend.

A group of Community Band members also plays in the Nevada Fourth of July Parade. (Learn more about the parade and 4th of July activities on pages 6 and 7 in this issue.)

In addition to band music, each concert features guest singers during intermission.

If you've never stopped in front of City Hall to listen to our Community Band, why not make this your first season to do so!

ON THE COVER: Students enjoy working in small groups with Mrs. Amos in the Central Elementary School library.

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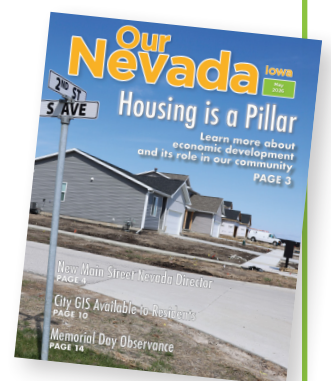
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.





Beautiful Briggs Terrace/Evergreen Lane is getting a Face Lift

Nevada's most central historic structure, where many gather throughout the year, is nearing the final two phases of a long renovation process, and this phase is definitely going to include noticeable work on the home's exterior.

Over the past eight years, a great deal of foundational work has happened, with each previous phase being needed to ensure the framework of the home was sound.

During Phase 1, which happened in 2018, 2020 and 2026, the entire house was reroofed including the porches and flat roofs. Companies completing this work included Hedrick Construction Inc., Seamless Pros, and Wirtzy Construction, LLC.

During Phase 2, which was completed in 2019, tuckpointing of the entire house was done by Renaissance Restoration Inc.

During Phase 3, completed recently, the shutters were stripped, repaired and repainted thanks to the expertise of Tom Richards, Richards Carpentry Woodwork, and Jacob Harmelink, Great Plains Painting, LLC.

Now the Historical Society looks to complete phases 4 and 5.

Phase 4 will include rebuilding and repainting the windows and window trim and attaching the shutters.

Phase 5 will include repairing and repainting all the exterior wood trim.

The Historical Society will work with Winkler and Sons Inc., and Woodmaster Remodeling, LLC, on both phases 4 and 5.

The total cost for the last two phases of the renovation will be \$166,000. The Nevada Community Historical Society has been fundraising for this project for years through events like Music at the Mansion, Murder Mystery Dinners, and the Christmas Bazaar.

You can help!

Monetary donations will be accepted to support the final two phases.

Send checks to: Nevada Community Historical Society, 624 J Ave., Nevada, Iowa 50201

or Venmo to: @NevadaHistoricalSociety-JanShe 4319

ALSO HELP RAISE FUNDS BY GIVING DONATIONS AT THESE UPCOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS!

Music at the Mansion

Saturday, June 13

4-9 p.m.

Two bands, food and drink vendors, bring a lawn chair

Music on the Porch:

June 28: The Vida Sisters, Noon-2 p.m.

July 12: Combo

July 26: June Bugs DSM

August 9: JD's Trio: Jack, Deb & Steve



A National Leader in Connection

The Nevada Community School District has been named a 2025-2026 Capturing Kids' Hearts® (CKH) National Showcase District. This honor recognizes our district for its intentional focus on relationships, student engagement, and fostering a positive learning environment where every student feels they belong.

What is Capturing Kids' Hearts?

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a relationship-building framework designed to transform school culture. Its core philosophy is simple: "If you have a child's heart, you have their head." By focusing on the social-emotional "connective tissue" that makes learning possible, CKH helps create high-trust environments that increase academic engagement and success.

A District-Wide Commitment

What makes this recognition truly special is the collective effort of our entire team. To ensure a consistent and supportive experience for every student, every employee in the district has been trained in the Capturing Kids' Hearts program. From the front office to the bus drivers and the classroom, we believe every interaction is an opportunity to build connection.

Our staff and students utilize several key daily practices to maintain this culture:

THE EXCEL MODEL:

A five-step communication model used to start every interaction on a personal note beginning with a greeting at the door (Engage) and ending with an inspiring thought (Launch).

SOCIAL CONTRACTS:

Students and staff work together to build a Social Contract, outlining how they want to treat one another to foster mutual trust and accountability.

"GOOD THINGS":

Students are given daily opportunities to share positive news in their lives, shifting the focus toward positivity and helping them feel seen as individuals.

Looking Ahead

Becoming a National Showcase District means our team is successfully prioritizing connection as the primary driver of student achievement. By strengthening these bonds, we are cultivating an environment where our students are supported, challenged, and inspired. The Nevada Community School District will continue to build on this momentum, ensuring every "Cubs" experience is rooted in a strong campus culture.

School Foundation Seeking New Members

The Nevada Community School Foundation is looking for passionate new members to join its Board of Directors. Since its founding in 1999, this 501(c)(3) organization has been dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities, managing scholarship funds, and supporting extracurricular growth for the Nevada Community School District.

Impact

Originally formed to facilitate the SCORE recreation project, the Nevada Community School Foundation evolved into a vital source of supplemental funding for our schools. To list all the projects that were funded by this group would be quite a list, but some examples of funding provided by the Foundation are:

- Elementary Support: New playground equipment and a climbing wall for PE.
- STEM & Career Prep: Ongoing funding for Middle and High School Robotics, elementary computer programming class, and Industrial Manufacturing tool kits.
- Classroom Resources: Literacy tools, books, and a dedicated Student Assistance fund.

Why Join Now?

For years, the Foundation raised \$20,000-\$30,000 annually through popular community "Trivia Nights," using those proceeds to fund teacher grant requests that the general budget couldn't cover. The novelty and popularity of the trivia nights has dwindled; therefore, the Foundation Board has decided to take a break from the trivia events to focus fund-raising efforts into new activities and events.

As community interests shift, the Board is moving away from trivia events to focus on fresh fund-raising strategies and new initiatives. We are looking for innovative thinkers ready to help shape the future of support for our students and teachers.

Membership Details

To serve on the Board, you must be a resident of the Nevada Community School District, a parent of a current student, or a district employee.

- **Commitment:** The Board meets only 2-3 times per year.
- **Terms:** Each position has a 3-year term limit, with an unlimited number of terms allowed.

Get Involved

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact current Board President Zack Spykerman, 515-520-4454, or Bernie Stephenson, 515-290-3816, to get more information.

You can also find more details on the school district website, nevadacubs.org, under the "Parents" tab.

FREE MEALS SERVED AT NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL

All meals served must be eaten on campus — No exceptions

Open to the public, you do not have to be a registered student to get a Free meal! Anyone 0-18 eats free. Adult Meals Available for \$5.00

Monday-Thursday, June 15-July 23, & Friday, June 26

Breakfast - 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Lunch - 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Celebrate the USA's 250th this 4th of July

PRE-4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES:

July 2 — **Nevada Downtown Market** will celebrate "Stars, Stripes and Small Business" to kick off the holiday weekend! Enjoy the market on K Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and the Bricktown Music Social in front of Bricktown Bakery/Popcorn featuring the Vida Sisters.

July 3 — A **250th Birthday Ecumenical Prayer Service** will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church, 1036 7th St. Everyone is welcome.

4TH OF JULY-SATURDAY:

7-10 a.m. — **Firefighters annual Pancake Breakfast.** Free-will donation will be accepted.

8 a.m. — **Freedom Run** at Billy Sunday Field area

8:30-10 a.m. — **Bricktown Bakery's Bike Parade.** Decorate yourself and your bike to complete for a donut prize package. All kids get a donut for entering. All par-

ticipants also invited to be in the big 4th of July Parade!

10 a.m. — **American Legion's Annual 4th of July Parade**, from E to N Avenue on Sixth Street. Gather along E Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets to sign in prior to parade. There is no entry fee. **Two prizes, total value \$250, will be awarded to a best patriotic parade entry, and to the "best patriotic dressed" person (any age), who is in or attending the parade!** You must be present at the 10:45 a.m. post parade gathering in front of the American Legion to win (see below)! Let's make this the biggest parade ever to celebrate America's 250th Birthday!

BRICKTOWN BAKERY'S 2ND ANNUAL
FOURTH OF JULY Bike Parade!
HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!
GRAND PRIZE OF \$250!

BIKES * TREATS * PRIZES
SATURDAY, JULY 4
• 8:30AM SIGN UP AT BRICKTOWN
• 9:00AM LINE-UP AT E AVENUE BETWEEN 7TH AND 9TH STREET
• 10:00AM PARADE STARTS
IN COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST

10:45 a.m. (approximate time following parade) — **Post Parade Gathering** — All residents are invited to gather in front of the American Legion to see a special patriotic "Salute to Service" display that will be unveiled along Sixth Street. Birthday cake will be served at this gathering in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday!



11 a.m. — Enjoy the **American Legion Auxiliary's Annual Chicken and Noodles Luncheon** with other fixings and pie and ice cream for dessert! Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children age 10 and under.

12:30 p.m. — Enjoy a special **Historic Movie at the Camelot Theater** that celebrates highways, such as our historic Jefferson and Lincoln Highways. "Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip," a Ken Burns' PBS movie about early transportation and a man's drive across America prior to having all the roads we enjoy today, will be shown. Admission is free.

Take an afternoon break and spend time with family!

6-8 p.m. — A Thank You for Your Service Display — On this, the 250th anniversary of our Independence, the Nevada Historical Society wishes to recognize and show gratitude to all those who fought for our freedoms. We will be honoring all branches of the military with a military exhibit on July 4th at Evergreen Lane. The house will be open for tours and viewing of the exhibit. You are also welcome to view the fireworks from our property. *(PLEASE DO NOT bring your own fireworks to Evergreen Lane.)*

The Historical Society is issuing a call to all former military personnel: If you have a military uniform you would be willing to share for this exhibit, please contact the Society: message us on Facebook @ Nevadaiowahistory.org or call 515-382-6684 or 515-509-7709.

8 p.m. — Pre-Fireworks Snacks with Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, located along Fawcett Parkway. Enjoy free popcorn, sno-cones and bottled water.

8:30 p.m. — Memorial Lutheran Church on 11th Street will host a **Root Beer Float Stand** prior to the fireworks show in the church courtyard (east side of building). Free-will donations will be accepted.

Dusk — **Fireworks Show** with display initiating from the west side of SCORE Park in the vicinity of the soccer fields.



The 4th of July Fireworks Fund currently shows \$2,050 donated this year toward the approximately \$10,000 cost of the fireworks show. Please consider giving to the fund to help support the Community Fireworks Show. Donations may be made at City Hall.



Fireworks Rules and Times

A fireworks show will happen at dusk on the 4th, being shot into the air from the west side of SCORE Park. Spectators can view the show from the SCORE Park area and at other places in town with a good line of sight to the sky over that area.

As for those who wish to enjoy fireworks of your own over the holidays, the City of Nevada does allow residents to shoot fireworks during the following dates and times only:

July 1 & 2: 6-10 p.m.

July 3: 9 a.m.- 10 p.m.

July 4: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A few more important rules about fireworks, as outlined in the City Code, include:

- You must be 18 or older to discharge a DOT 1.4 class consumer firework without parental supervision.
- Any person discharging fireworks assumes responsibility for their operation and the consequences thereof. Do not discharge them in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage. Do not set off fireworks on a public street.
- Discharge fireworks only on property you own or property where the owner's consent has been given and the owner of the property is present.
- No one can discharge fireworks who is showing visible signs or is determined to be intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.

Employee News



Two City employees who are members of the Waste Water Treatment Plant team have passed testing with the State of Iowa recently. Jesse Smith, left, earned his Treatment Grade 1 certification; and Logan Rasmuson earned his Treatment Grade 2 certification. Both men are now licensed at these levels through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

PROTOCOLS FOR MOSQUITO FOGGING

Want to know when “Mosquito Fogging/Spraying” will happen?

The City offers the following notifications:

1) The Alert box on the front of the City website:

www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org,

2) An Alert notice by email/text (sign up on the City website to receive them),

3) A post on the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page.

The city will spray when the mosquito count indicates the need and weather conditions allow.

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

Nevada Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Dash Sports, has listed a number of camps for kids this summer to keep youth active and engaged, while having fun through a mix of sports, small games, and team-building activities. Find out more at <https://nevadaiaa.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. Click on “Programs” and then set the Category Filter to “Youth.” Some camps start this month!

Annual Good Samaritan Cookout is June 17

The public is invited to this year's cookout on Wednesday, June 17, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

The Good Samaritan Fund is made available through local churches and donations. It allows for limited financial assistance to Eastern Story Coun-

ty residents in dire need. It provides utility and rent assistance, gas vouchers, and groceries at The Community Cupboard.

The Good Samaritan Cookout helps raise funds for this mission by inviting residents to enjoy a meal and give a free-will offering toward the Good

Samaritan Fund. Food, drink, and table service for the cookout is provided through generous donations from businesses, churches, and individuals. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, and come sit, eat and visit with friends, and help us raise money to support those in need over the coming year.

Blaze Into Books

Join us for a ‘blazing’ good time at this firefighter open house event!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

5-7 P.M.

FIRE STATION, 935 W LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Brought to you by:



and the
Nevada Fire
Department



Story Time

Snacks

Smokey the Bear

Activities

Fire Trucks

Lots of summer fun at the library

YOUTH PROGRAMS IN JUNE

All Ages

- June 6, 10 a.m.: Summer Reading Kickoff (in Patton Park)
- June 10, 10 a.m.: Circus Pop! (Lincoln Jefferson Highways Heritage Park)
- June 17, 10 a.m.: 'Toadally' Awesome Pets (Library meeting room)
- June 24, 6 p.m.: Family Garden Stones (registration required)

Storytime: Tuesdays in June and July, 10 a.m., starting June 9

Kids (Registration Required)

- June 11, 10:30 a.m.: Decorate Flower Pots
- June 18, 10:30 a.m.: Dirt Cups
- June 25, 10:30 a.m.: Pressed Flower Suncatchers

Tweens (Registration Required)

- June 8, 1 p.m.: Edible Terrariums
- June 15, 1 p.m.: Painted Bookends
- June 22, 1 p.m.: Pressed Flower Suncatchers
- June 29, 1 p.m.: Tie Dye

Teens (Registration Required)

- Teen Lounge: Wednesdays in June and July starting June 10, from 3-5 p.m.
- June 12, 11 a.m.: Cake Pops
- June 19, 11 a.m.: Beaded Plants
- June 26, 11 a.m.: Tie Dye

ADULT PROGRAMS IN JUNE & JULY

June 8—Puzzle competition, 5:30 p.m. (registration required)

June 19—Adult Craft Afternoon- Book Vases- 4 p.m. (registration required)

June 22—Plant Swap Bingo-6 p.m., FREE, bring a plant to donate to the prize table if you would like

June 29—Soma Yoga at the library, 6 p.m., free-will donation (registration required due to space)

July 6—Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m.

July 10—Soma Yoga in the Park (in front of City Hall), 10:30 a.m. (rain/weather location will be 1 p.m. in the library meeting room)

July 13—Ghost Towns of Story County,

6 p.m. Dave Baker, essayist and photographer of "The 29th State" will be in Nevada to talk about Story County Ghost towns, railroad stations, and communities of yesterday. Baker is an Iowa author, photographer, and speaker, based in Ankeny.

July 27—Soma Yoga 6 p.m. library meeting room (registration required due to space)

COLORING FOR ADULTS

Do you remember the simple joy of coloring as a kid?

Coloring is now a popular adult activity, and you won't find a better start to your day than joining Assistant Library Director Danielle for "Coffee, Coloring & Conversation!"

The next two coloring events are on Thursdays, June 4 and July 9, at 8:30 a.m. at Renn's Cafe on Sixth Street.

"I'd love to see more people attend. It's super informal, and we chat about bookish/library things, sip our drink of choice and color."

All coloring supplies are provided, but bring your own if you wish. The event is free, but you are responsible for the money to buy your beverages and treats. See you soon!

NHS Alumni Reunion is June 27, 28

The 148th Nevada High School Alumni Weekend is planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28.

Saturday's events include:

11 a.m. Tour the High School, Tope Auditorium, FFA. See what changes have been made since your high school days.

12:30 p.m. Join Kris Corbin in the High School Cafeteria for a walk down memory lane. Share stories about and see pics showing the history of the school and town.

3:30 p.m. Socialize with your friends and family at Gates Hall before the banquet dinner.

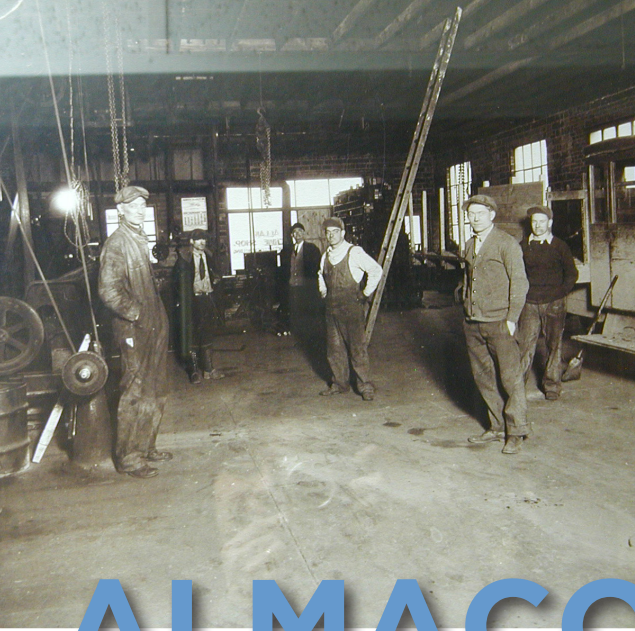
5 p.m. Dinner, followed by a brief program by Nevada's own Class 3A State Champion Football players and coach. Classes celebrating their incremental reunions are encouraged to also have a speaker give a brief speech.

On Sunday, join Kris Corbin once again for a tour of Briggs Terrace, aka Evergreen Lane, located at 1204 H Ave. The tour will begin

at 2 p.m.

Reservations are requested for all of the events by June 16. Banquet tickets are \$25/person. You can text/message 515-291-4733 or email kls.alumni@icloud for more information and make reservations. Payment is acceptable by check or through VENMO.

Find out more about the Alumni Weekend on the group Facebook page - Nevada Alumni Association CELEBRATING EVERY 4TH SAT. OF JUNE.



ALMACO

150 Years of Craftsmanship, Innovation, and Purpose

In 1876, a small blacksmith shop opened in Ames, Iowa.

What began as forge-welding and horseshoeing laid the foundation for a company that, 150 years later, would design and build highly specialized equipment used by researchers around the world. That commitment to skilled craftsmanship has never changed — making ALMACO the oldest business in Story County and one of its most enduring.

A Turning Point: Seed Research and a New Era of Ownership

Gary Clem worked for Allan Machine Company for a summer in 1961 and went on to learn tool and die making, product management, and served in the Army.

In 1972, Gary returned to the Ames area and joined Allan Machine Company, working alongside Wendell Allan. At the time, they were doing primarily repair work, but the Allan family had established themselves with the agronomists at Washington State University. The plant breeders were working to develop new seeds to gain higher yields, improved nutrient density, and greater resilience. They learned of a bid for a thresher, which was needed to gather better data on their test plots. Allan Machine Company built the machine and delivered it to Washington.

In 1973, Iowa State University approached Allan and Clem with an idea: to collaborate on manufacturing a self-propelled combine for use in seed research. At the time, this type of equipment was not widely available, and the project required innovation, precision, and persistence.

Through close collaboration and dedication, the team successfully designed and manufactured the prototype. The result

quickly gained attention within the research community. As word spread, it became clear there was strong market demand — and that they had the capability to meet it.

The company name evolved into ALMACO, reflecting both its heritage as Allan Machine Company and its increasingly specialized focus. While ownership transitioned from the Allan family to the Clem family, the company remained family-owned and family-driven. Many employees have come to consider ALMACO not just a workplace, but a second home — strengthening the culture of loyalty, trust, and shared pride.

By the early 1980s, demand for seed research equipment had outgrown the company's original facilities, so the company moved to a new location in Nevada, Iowa. There were about 25 employees that made the move.

Today, ALMACO is led by Chief Executive Officer Patrick Clem, who has continued that strong legacy with 150 employees working at ALMACO's headquarters. "Our employees are the heart of ALMACO. Their long-term commitment, attention to detail, and sense of ownership have carried this company from blacksmithing roots to global manufacturing leadership," said Patrick. "They will continue to shape our future, and we couldn't be more thankful."

Over a third of current ALMACO employees have stayed for 10 years or more, building relationships and sustaining ALMACO's family values. Flexibility and support are integrated into the business culture in ways that other manufacturing companies are starting to emulate as employees look for more family-friendly workplaces.

ALMACO has also remained deeply connected to the Nevada community, supporting local fundraisers, civic organizations,

and the school district over the years. The company is proud to call Nevada home and remains grateful for the support the community has shown throughout its growth.

Advancing the Future of Global Agriculture

ALMACO continues to design, build, and service plot planters, plot combines, threshers, shellers, seed processing systems, and other highly specialized solutions for seed researchers around the world. The equipment is smaller than commercial-use agricultural equipment and is focused on gathering clean data to develop seeds that will support the growing world.

“The seed produced using ALMACO equipment contributes directly to feeding the world,” said Patrick. “When you drive down the road past a field of crops, ALMACO was a part in developing the seed for those farmers. It’s an incredible feeling.”

From the beginning, ALMACO sold equipment all over the world. One of its first deliveries was to Egypt, but many of ALMACO’s clients had plots in South America, in the countries of Brazil, Chile, and Argentina.

Over time, ALMACO has expanded its footprint beyond Iowa, establishing satellite partners in Europe, Asia, and most recently adding business entities in South America. Machines that ALMACO builds are shipped and serviced on every continent except Antarctica.

Global service is achieved for ALMACO through field service professionals who travel to client locations, on-site service at ALMACO locations, and their 24/7 call center. Wherever the client is, ALMACO is there to support them.

Contract Manufacturing and Engineering

ALMACO has built on its own equipment expertise by offering contract manufacturing and engineering services. For decades, ALMACO has designed and manufactured highly specialized machines, understanding products from the ground up. They know how designs become reality, how tolerances matter, and how machines perform in real-world environments. That depth of experience makes the company uniquely positioned to help other businesses at every stage of their product lifecycle.

“Whether supporting prototype development, small custom

runs, or full-scale production, ALMACO meets customers where they are,” said Patrick. “Having lived through product lifecycles ourselves, we understand the challenges that emerge at each phase and the right way to solve them.”

ALMACO is both a full-service manufacturing partner as well as an expert engineering firm all in one. Modern ALMACO manufacturing operations often include laser cutting, forming and bending, CNC machining, fabrication and welding, mechanical assembly, and electrical assembly. The experienced team at ALMACO supports goals from fabricating a single replacement part to a complete build-out of a new machine.

Engineering is also a core pillar of the organization. Mechanical, electrical, and software engineers collaborate to move products from concept to production under one roof, using tools such as 3D CAD, rapid prototyping, automation systems, and scalable software solutions.

ALMACO supports organizations ranging from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies, serving both domestic and international customers across industries ranging from agriculture to construction to even car-wash equipment. The company is actively seeking additional clients for large-scale complete builds or sub-assemblies.

What began at the forge has become a comprehensive, advanced manufacturing and engineering enterprise—built on the same commitment to quality that defined its earliest days.

Looking Ahead

As ALMACO celebrates its 150th anniversary, it does so with gratitude — for its founders, owners, employees, partners, and the community that has supported it for generations.

“As a family-owned business, ALMACO remains guided by values of integrity, diligence, and reputation,” said Patrick. “Those principles have guided our success, and we are excited to see ALMACO evolve into new industries, embrace new technologies, and expand in every part of the world while keeping our Nevada roots.”

Success at ALMACO has never been measured by machines alone — but by people, purpose, and the way the work is done.





Randi Jones (left)
and Mary Beth Elliott

Carrying Forward a Legacy of Compassion

Randi Jones honored for excellence with award given in memory of former nurse

When Ashley Elliott was pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse, she did so while facing challenges most people could never imagine.

Diagnosed with a brain tumor while continuing her nursing education, Ashley persevered through chemotherapy, radiation, coursework, and clinicals, ultimately earning her RN license while continuing to care for patients at Story Medical Clinic - Nevada.

"She worked hard, and it was harder for her because the

chemo and radiation affected her brain," says her mother, Mary Beth Elliott. "The studying was much harder, and we were so very proud of her."

Before Ashley passed away in November 2016 following her courageous battle with brain cancer, it was her wish that an award be established to help support nurses pursuing additional education and professional growth. Today, the Ashley Elliott Excellence in Nursing Award continues that mission. Annually, the award recognizes a Story Medical employee who demonstrates Ashley's work ethic, compassion, and commitment to patient care.

This year's recipient is Randi Jones of the Inpatient Unit.

For Jones, the award represents both a personal milestone and a meaningful connection to a legacy she deeply respects.

"It is such an honor to be recognized," Jones says. "I'm am very proud of the way my career has progressed and very proud to work here at Story Medical."

Jones' healthcare journey reflects the same determination that defined Ashley. She began working in healthcare at age 16 after completing her CNA coursework, eventually earning her CMA, LPN, and RN certifications — all while working full-time and raising four children. She is currently continuing her education by pursuing her BSN.

"Every little bit helps," Jones says of the award's financial support. "I have a senior [in high school] this year, and between school, bills, and life in general, it means a lot."

Mary Beth Elliott says one of the most meaningful parts of the award is seeing Ashley's legacy continue through the lives and careers of others.

"It helps us keep remembering her and knowing she's helping others," she says.

The award was first presented in 2016 to Jackie Wilson, RN, one of Ashley's close friends and colleagues at Story Medical Clinic - Nevada. Today, Wilson serves the community as a nurse practitioner, something Mary Beth says reflects exactly what Ashley hoped the scholarship could accomplish.

Over the years, the award has continued to support nurses committed to advancing their skills and serving patients with compassion, values Ashley embodied every day.

For Jones, receiving the award carries a special sense of responsibility.

"Absolutely," she says when asked if it motivates her to carry on Ashley's legacy. "It means a lot to me."

2026 Nursing Award Honorees



We celebrated National Nurses Day on May 6 with our annual Nursing Awards celebration. We are proud to recognize the following honorees:

- **DAISY Award:** Jamie McDannald, Emergency Department (pictured above with her family)
- **Ashley Elliott Excellence in Nursing Award:** Randi Jones, Inpatient (See article at left)
- **Nursing Award-Strength:** Mallory Bergquist, Nevada Clinic
- **Nursing Award-Excellence:** Amy Stark, Education/Trauma
- **Nursing Award-Compassion:** Jami Trickey, Inpatient
- **Nursing Award-Teamwork:** Trixie Barger, Inpatient
- **Nursing Award-Nursing Support:** Jackie Edwards, Inpatient
- **Partner of Nursing:** Dr. Rebecca Griffon, Nevada Clinic

Each of these dedicated providers was nominated by a co-worker, patient, or family member for the award they received. We appreciate the role each of these professionals—along with ALL those nominated this year—play in making Story Medical such a wonderful place to receive care!

News & Notes

MANAGE YOUR CARE ONLINE WITH MYCHART

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

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

Create an account at: chart.myunitypoint.org/storycounty

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.

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5:30 pm - 8:00pm | K Avenue between 6th & 7th Streets
facebook.com/MainStreetNevadaDowntownMarket
market@mainstreetnevada.org

Market Calendar
2026



Primary Election—June 2nd

The Story County Auditor's Office is gearing up for the primary election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

The Primary Election is an election by the political parties to nominate their candidates for the General Election ballot. No one is elected in a Primary election; candidates are nominated. To win a political party nomination, the candidate must receive more votes than anyone else in their party for that race and receive at least 35 percent of the votes cast for that office by members of their political party.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 2, 2026. Do you know where your polling location is? If not, please scan the QR code. *Early in-person voting is being held on the first floor of the Administration Building in the Assessor's Conference Room. You can vote early in-person until Monday, June 1.*



RAGBRAI Vendors in Unincorporated Story County

The Story County Board of Supervisors voted to allow vendors in unincorporated Story County on July 22, except for the following areas:

- **The road right-of-way** — This is generally from the center of the road to the far side of the ditch.
- **The part of the route between Highway 69 and I-35** — Riverside Drive, portions of Dayton Avenue and

E-29, which have 1,000 trucks per day loaded with road construction material entering and exiting the Ames mine of Martin Marietta.

The portion of the route where vendors will not be allowed is about 4 miles of the route between Gilbert and Nevada, so most of the route will be open to vendors. Regarding the right-of-way, shoulders of county roads are typically narrow. Having riders stop on the road

to visit a vendor could be dangerous for other riders and vehicles, as these roads will not be closed to vehicle traffic. It's safest for vendors to set up off the road by working with landowners along the route.

We are looking forward to helping make the 2026 RAGBRAI a safe and memorable experience for our residents and visitors!

CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Friday, June 19, 2026, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Regular office hours will resume Monday, June 22, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Conservation Shooting Sports Camp

Join Story County Conservation on Thursday, June 18, at Hickory Grove Park for a Shooting Sports Camp! In this camp, we will experience using some of the tools that were used for primitive hunting and some of the tools similar to today's hunting practices. Campers will learn to use atlatls, sling shots, tomahawks, and bow and arrows, and will end camp learning about modern air rifles. This camp is designed to be fun and educational, while also teaching campers safety, and respect. Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, and clothes (including rain gear) to be outside all day. Closed-toed shoes are a must!

The camp runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This camp is for children who have completed 6th grade and up. The camp is \$35 per child, and you can RSVP by scanning the QR code shown here.



Postal Customer

Calendar of Events

NCS SCHOOL BOARD

June 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall

SENIOR CENTER WOMEN'S COFFEE

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

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

June 8, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.
Bring a dish to share. A short program begins around 12:15 p.m.

MUSIC AT THE MANSION

June 13, 4-9 p.m.
Evergreen Lane, *No Admission*

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OPEN

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

SENIOR CENTER MEN'S COFFEE

June 4 & 18, 9 a.m.
Senior Center, 1231 6th St.

CITY COUNCIL

June 8 & 22, 6 p.m.
City Hall

GOOD SAMARITAN COOKOUT

June 17, 4-9 p.m.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Free-will donation

HARMONY CLOTHING CLOSET

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

STORY MEDICAL BOARD

June 4, 11:30 a.m.
Hospital Board Room

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 7 p.m.
In front of City Hall
No admission, bring a lawn chair!
June 30, 7 p.m.
Tope Community Auditorium
No admission

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

June 26, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Serving "school lunch spoonburgers"
Adults \$12, Children \$5

BINGO AT LEGION

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. (June is final month until September!)

DOWNTOWN MARKET

June 4 & 18, 5:30-8 p.m.
K Ave. between 6th & 7th Sts.
along with Music Social gathering in front of Bricktown Bakery/Popcorn

FIRE DEPT.'S BLAZE INTO BOOKS

June 10, 5-7 p.m.
Nevada Fire Station
Activities, snacks, stories

NHS ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

June 27, 28
See details of banquet and more on page 9

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>*

NCS LAST DAY OF CLASSES

June 5, 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

June 5 & 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nevada Public Library

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

June 12, 13

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

June 12, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Alternate choice of meatloaf. Adults \$15, Children \$8

EARLY JULY

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

July 1, 1-6 p.m.
Gates Hall

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

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