

# Our Nevada Iowa

June  
2024

## Main Street Pride

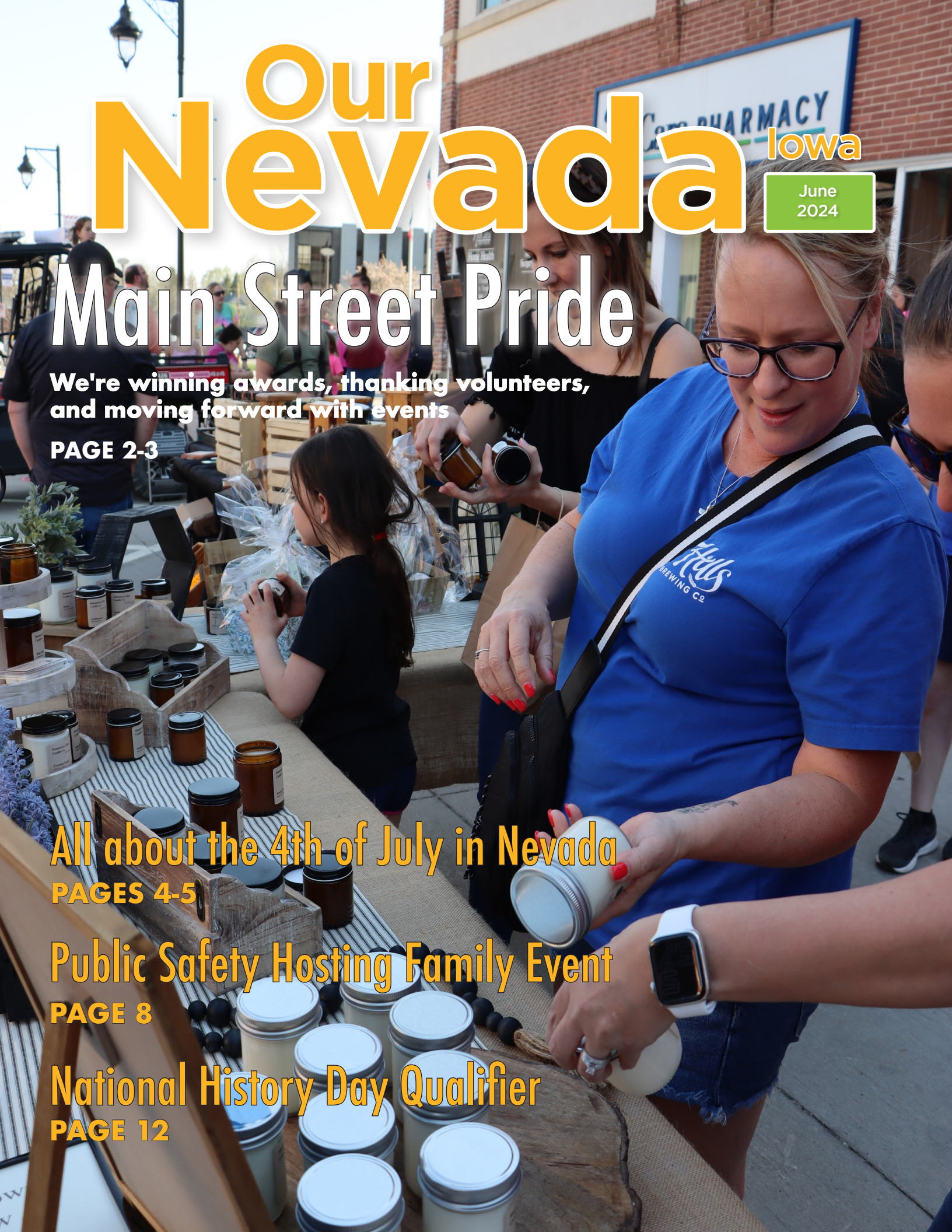
We're winning awards, thanking volunteers,  
and moving forward with events

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## The Opener

**By Emily Schaack**  
**Executive Director of Main Street Nevada**

June already?!? That means kids are out of school, and there will be more hustle and bustle around town. It's always fun to see the youth in our downtown getting food, heading to the library or walking around with friends. The air feels different when June hits.



June marks the beginning of our farmers market this year, as well as many other events being planned. These events are what makes our community feel like home. They are times when we can bring our families and get together with our neighbors, or meet a stranger who becomes a friend. We are lucky we don't need to leave Nevada to find something to do or gather with others. Nearly every week something is being provided to the community.

We are blessed that so many events in our town are free and put on by volunteer organizations. I sometimes stop and think how different things would be if we didn't have caring volunteers to help make Nevada feel like home. Concerts wouldn't happen. Lincoln Highway Days and Pizza Pie Looza would go away. Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Christmas on Main, Camelot events, RUNs — they are all organized by volunteers. We have many residents who are passionate about helping Nevada thrive and continue to be a place where people want to live. And there is plenty of room for more volunteers! With over 20 volunteer organizations in Nevada, they all need more help and would welcome anyone looking to do more. Volunteering is a great way to feel connected to your community.

Another thing you can do to give back to the community and the volunteers who selflessly help make this a great place to live ... attend their events and fundraisers. Thank them for their time and efforts. Showing up and being appreciative goes a long way to ensure that our organizations will continue to provide great events for the public.

Enjoy the beginning of summer. Spend time connecting with others. We'll see you downtown!

**ON THE COVER:** Nevada Farmers Market-goers in 2023 check out goods from one of the vendors.

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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.



# Main Street Nevada Recognized with awards

Each year, Main Street Iowa holds an awards banquet to recognize the work Iowa's Main Street programs are doing. Economic Vitality and Historic Preservation efforts are highlighted, among other things. On April 19, a few Main Street Nevada volunteers joined Executive Director Emily Schaack, at the banquet held at the Community Choice Convention Center in Des Moines. Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham spoke to the crowd of 450 Iowans.

Fourteen awards were given out this year. These awards are very competitive, with 77 projects being nominated to receive one. Main Street Nevada was fortunate to win our first competitive award after nominating many projects in the past few years.



Brett Barker, Jon Augustus (President), Emily Schaack (Executive Director), Bre Taege, Brenda Dryer and Katie Clement represented Main Street Nevada at the Main Street Iowa Development Awards.

## BUSINESS RECRUITMENT AWARD

Main Street Nevada was honored to win the award for "Business Recruitment." The award recognized the large amount of collaboration it took to help Something Blue get settled in Nevada. Between the Masonic Lodge's willingness to temporarily house Something Blue, Marc Olson Real Estate letting Something Blue use its trailer multiple times, and NEDC helping with communication to the Realtor of the old bank building, it truly took teamwork to finally get Something Blue into its permanent home in Nevada. Main Street Iowa saw the dedicated collaboration efforts that took place and felt it deserving of this year's award. Main Street Nevada is thankful to everyone who assisted in this project and especially to Something Blue for allowing us the opportunity to show how Nevada works in collaboration.



## 2 MILLION DOLLAR PRIVATE INVESTMENT BENCHMARK

Main Street Nevada has hit the 2 million dollar benchmark for the amount of private investments made in our

downtown district since 2019. With large renovation projects on Copper Spaces, the Camelot, the Journal Building, and Tipton Apartments, it didn't take us long to arrive at this investment amount. Other renovation projects, like Something Blue and Cubbies on Main, also contributed to this amount, which does not include any grant dollars or other public funding. Two million dollars is what our building owners have collectively invested into their buildings in our downtown district, and we are thankful for their vision and passion.

## LEADERSHIP AWARD

Main Street Nevada nominated Bre Taege for our 2024 Leadership Award Recipient. Bre's leadership on the farmers market in 2023 made it a very successful event for the community and one we look forward to having again this year. Thank you, Bre, for your vision and dedication to this project that provides another opportunity to our community.

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY Celebration

**6:30–10 a.m. – Breakfast at  
the Fire Station**

Enjoy a pancake breakfast before the parade.  
Cost: Free-will donation

**10 a.m. – 4th of July Parade**

Find a spot along 6th Street, between E Avenue and N Avenue, to watch this year's Legion-sponsored 4th of July parade. Register to participate between 9:15 and 10 a.m. at the parade staging area on E Avenue, between 7th and 9th Streets. There is no cost to take part.

**After Parade, around 11 a.m. –  
Rootbeer Floats and Chicken Noodle Dinner**

Enjoy Rootbeer Floats and/or the annual Legion Auxiliary Chicken Noodle Dinner at the Legion Post, 1331 6th Street. Rootbeer Floats will be served outside the Post for a free-will donation. The dinner will be served inside (you may opt to carry-out). Along with homemade chicken & noodles, enjoy other fixings and homemade pies.

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 10 and under

**8 p.m. – Pre-Fireworks Treats**

Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, across from the SCORE Park, will serve free popcorn, sno-cones and bottled water in their parking lot.

**Dusk – Fireworks**

Enjoy the annual City of Nevada Fireworks show. Fireworks are discharged from the west side of SCORE Park on the east side of Nevada.





# FIREWORKS

## What to know

A City of Nevada fireworks show will happen at dusk in Nevada. Fireworks are shot into the air from the west side of SCORE Park. That area will be roped off for safety. Spectators can view the show from the SCORE Park area and from other places in town with a good line of sight to the sky over SCORE Park.

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

**July 1-3: Fireworks can be discharged from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**July 4: Fireworks can be discharged from Noon 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.

# New program can help locate cemetery spaces

Locating the burial place of a departed friend or loved one in Nevada Municipal Cemetery has become easier.

On May 1, the Parks and Recreation Department went live with a new "grave location program."

Mike Liska, GIS Group Leader with HR Green, the City's engineering services firm, took a lead on this project. Before the program went live, Liska met with City employees to go over how the program works.

One obvious use for the new program is research and genealogy, and helping those just wanting to know where someone is buried.

The program will, however, also help City staff and the public with more information, including spaces still available for purchase, and, in the case of severe storm damage, pictures saved on this program can help show where and how headstones were originally placed.

Liska said the process to get all the information ready for this new program was done in phases. "We started by mapping all the headstones and putting in their physical GIS location that maps it to the world," he said. While doing this, workers also took photos of each headstone and space that will go with that physical location.

In the next phase, workers took the actual information from headstones and recorded that information in the program to make it "searchable." One of the nice things about the program is that partial name searches will work. If you know just a first name, for example, you can put that first name in the search, and it will bring up everyone with that name for you to review.

The third phase of the project included taking photos of



the cemetery's blocks, lots and spaces. Liska said the most challenging part of working with the Nevada Cemetery was the many "odd-shaped" areas and spaces with many different dimensions. "That made it more complicated, but also made it more interesting," he said.

The Nevada Municipal Cemetery covers approximately 28 acres, with over 5,500 headstones. Also included in the program's information are those whose ashes are in the City's first 96-unit columbarium. This summer the City plans to add another columbarium in the cemetery.

Cemetery Sexton Gene Fritz wants the public to know this program's information will be "fluid," meaning it will constantly be added to and updated as needed. He believes having the program go live on May 1 is good timing, because one of the busiest months at the cemetery is May, which concludes with well-attended Memorial Day services.

Fritz now has a printed cemetery map outside of the cemetery office (the little "house" in the cemetery) and that printout includes a QR code to link people to the new location program. The program is available to link to through a laptop or desktop computer. The City has a link to the program on the City website's Cemetery page, found under "Departments."



The program also has a mobile-friendly version and an app for those who want to utilize it on their phones.

To download on an iOS phone go to: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/arcgis-field-maps/id1515671684>

To download on an Android phone go to: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.field-maps&hl=en\\_US&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.field-maps&hl=en_US&gl=US)



# Library News

Summer programming will kick off June 2 in Patton Park from noon-3 p.m. The summer reading program is for youth up to age 18. Sign up at the Library.

Kids up to 5th grade will complete weekly reading logs and receive local business coupons.

Teens (from 6th-12th grades) will complete weekly reading logs and receive scratch-off cards for small prizes. They will also be entered into a year-end raffle! Scratch-off tickets can also be earned by attending library programs or checking out items.

## June Teen Programs (registration required)

June 3, 1 p.m., Candy Sushi

June 10, 1 p.m., Yoga with BlueMoon

June 17, 1 p.m., Sand Painting

June 21, 6 p.m., Family Nerf War

June 24, 6 p.m., Teen Bingo Night

**Summer Toddler Time** (for kids up to age 3) is Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Summer Story Time** (for kids 4-8) is Fridays at 10 a.m.

The following kids' programs are planned each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in June for kids going into 1st through 5th grade. (Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult.)

June 5, Decorate Flower Pots

June 12, Shrinky Dink Keychains

June 19, Bird Feeders

June 26, Sun Catchers

**For Older Youth/Adults:** The following programs are coming up:

## Midwest Author Series: Julie Stone

**Wednesday, June 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



Romance fans won't want to miss Iowa author Julie Stone as she joins us in the meeting room to talk all things Rom-Coms!

## Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time

**Tuesday, June 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



Join us for a special screening of the Emmy Award-winning Aldo Leopold documentary, *Green Fire*, and a discussion of the film and Leopold's land ethic with presenter Thomas Dean. Legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold, author of *A Sand County Almanac*, was born and raised in Burlington, Iowa. *Green Fire* provocatively examines Leopold's thinking, renewing his idea of a land ethic for a population facing 21st-century ecological challenges. The film describes the formation of Leopold's idea through his life and experiences, exploring how it changed one man and later permeated through all arenas of conservation today. Through these examples, the film and discussion challenge viewers to contemplate their own relationship with the land community. The film was produced in partnership with the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the Center for Humans and Nature and the US Forest Service, and it was supported by funding from Humanities Iowa.

To find out about more June events for all ages, utilize our website link: <https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/atthelibrary/summer-learning-challenge>

# City Briefs

## MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Want to know when 'Mosquito Spraying' will happen? The City offers the following notifications:

1) The Alert box on the front of the City website; 2) An Alert notice (sign up on the City website to receive); 3) A post on the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page.

## ANNUAL RATE INCREASE

You will notice an annual rate increase on your July utility bill.

The City increases water rates yearly at 3 percent to cover increasing costs combined with demand. The increase will be effective for bills due on and after July 1, 2024. A significant impact to these costs are chemicals and facility maintenance.

The new Wastewater Treatment Facility construction is in final stages. As it nears completion, the City is working on a new rate structure to provide equitable rates for different types of users within the City. The rates must provide enough revenue for 1) operations and maintenance, 2) necessary ongoing projects to keep the system working properly and 3) payment of our debt, plus 10 percent, per our debt requirements. The City must also provide a reserve for unexpected expenses. More information will be provided as rates are finalized. Thank you for your patience.

## NEW TRAIL PROJECT TO START ALONG 19TH STREET

Work on a new 10-foot asphalt trail, along the west side of 19th Street, will begin mid-summer.

The trail will run from Lincoln Highway, south to South G Avenue. It will be offset from the road, and the one area where there is a frontage road, north of the railroad tracks to H Avenue, will not have a trail.

It is hoped this trail addition will provide for safe walking/biking along the 19th Street corridor.



# NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMER EVENT

JOIN OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024  
10 A.M.-2 P.M. @ THE  
CITY HALL CAMPUS  
1209 6TH STREET

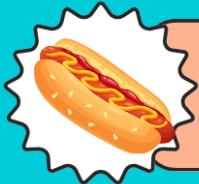


## BRING YOUR BIKES

for a bike obstacle course, fitting for helmets, FREE helmets for those who need one, basic bike repairs, bike licensing and more!

## PREPARE TO JUMP

in the fire department's fun bounce house!



## BRING YOUR APPETITE

to enjoy hotdogs and more!

## PREPARE TO LEARN

as we give tours of some of our emergency vehicles helping you know more about them!



## BRING ANIMAL SUPPLIES

to help the "Bailing Out Benji" nonprofit organization. Donations of any kind of pet food or supplies will be appreciated!

## PREPARE TO DRAW

as we chalk the walks around City Hall!



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# Recognizing Volunteerism



At the April 22 Nevada City Council Meeting, during National Volunteer Week, a group of Nevada volunteers — nominated by organizations that utilize lots of volunteers in the community — were recognized for their service. They each received a special pin from Main Street Nevada Director Emily Schaack. Pictured with Mayor Brett Barker are (from left) Barb Mittman, Kathy Solko, Michelle Flynn, Christa Skaggs, (Mayor Barker), Elizabeth Gindi, Jalene Hornbuckle, and Ann Kurtenbach. Not pictured were Jeff Spencer and Lisa Oxley, both nominated but unable to attend the council meeting on April 22. We thank these Nevada volunteers for their service. Those recognized have helped with the following: Nevada Food At First, Nevada Community Garden, Nevada Public Library, Main Street Nevada, Camelot Theater Foundation, Harmony Clothing Closet, American Legion, Nevada Foundation, and more. We know we have many more volunteers in our community, and hopefully, we can find all of those people to honor in time! If you want to nominate a volunteer to be recognized in the future, please send a little bit about your nominee's volunteer service to Emily Schaack, Main Street Nevada, 1015 6th St., Nevada, or email to Emily at: [director@mainstreetnevada.org](mailto:director@mainstreetnevada.org).

## Flushable wipe issues

City workers have been noticing an increase of what are called "flushable wipes" or "baby wipes" in our City lines. While these wipes are advertised as being flushable, they do not break down once flushed the way that toilet paper does. Therefore, flushing them means you are creating the possibility of a clog/sewer back-up that could and will likely affect your own property, and damages can be costly.

If using these types of wipes, please dispose of them in another type of container and throw away with your garbage. Do NOT flush them — or any of the products listed in the graphic at right — down your toilet!

### DO FLUSH

The following can be flushed down the toilet.



Toilet paper

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### DO NOT FLUSH

The following cannot go in the toilet as they can clog pipes and septic systems.

				
Paper towels	Cigarette butts	Disposable diapers	Wipes (Baby or flushable)	Feminine hygiene products
				
Plastics	Medications	Cotton (Cotton swabs or balls)	Dental floss	Toxic Substances

**Dispose these items in the trash.**

## Music at the Mansion is back

The Nevada Community Historical Society announces that Music at the Mansion will return in 2024 on Saturday, June 15, from 4-9 p.m. at Evergreen Lane, 1204 H Ave.

This year, the opening act is Cedar County Cobras, who use a collection of instruments to play "boot-stompin' roots music that has been described as contagious, acoustic, rockabilly, dancing bluegrass or brand new, old-time country with the gritty sound of soulful blues."

The headliner for this year is Randy Burk and the Prisoners, who create music that is "at once exciting and familiar, honest and soulful, fearless and introspective." As told on his website, "Burk's affinity for songs about love, life, pain and good ol' hard work can be traced to his small-town Iowa roots."

Food vendors, selling great things to enjoy during the concert, include Cellar Winery, Kona Ice, and Story County Cattlemen. Chocolaterie Stam will also be selling gelato.

Bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun afternoon at Evergreen Lane!

## Grant dollars available

Do you have an idea for a ministry or special project in the community and are looking for some money to help make it a reality? Please apply today for a grant through the Memorial Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.



We value projects that serve others, small projects, projects that invite collaboration, projects that build new relationships, and projects that promote generosity.

To apply please use the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/2024EndowmentGrantApplication>

Applications accepted beginning June 2, 2024. All applications MUST be received no later than noon on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024.

## Fundraiser BBQ to be held

A Good Samaritan Fundraiser BBQ will be held Wednesday, June 19 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Cost of the meal is a free-will offering.

The event and Good Samaritan Fund is sponsored and overseen by five local churches: St. Patrick's Catholic, First Christian, Central Presbyterian, Memorial Lutheran, and First United Methodist. The Good Samaritan Fund helps eastern Story County residents in one-time crisis situations with paying utilities and rent. The fund can also provide gas cards and groceries through the Community Cupboard, if needed.

## Summer band concerts set

The Nevada Community Band started in 1999 as a Leadership Nevada initiative by Rob Bacon, FC Parrish, Jim Mattke, and Jody Melcher. This summer, concerts will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in front of city hall. The summer 2024 concert dates are as follows: June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2 (Patriotic Concert), and July 9 will feature the Nevada Community Jazz Band. The Community Band will also perform in this summer's Fourth of July parade.

Throughout the history of the Nevada Community Band, local and area musicians have performed for our loyal audience. We always welcome new audience members. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

Directors for the summer include Wade Presley, retired high school band director, and Drew Barker, who is the current director of the Nevada High School Band and 8th Grade Band.

Weekly guest performers for intermission this year include Jack O Leary, Deb Malsom, and Frank Engstrom among others.

This summer, weekly concerts are possible through the financial support of sponsorships from local businesses. At this time, concert sponsors include Hawcott Lawn Care, Wirtzy Construction, and an anonymous Nevada family. Special thanks to our Season Sponsor, Chris Clark, owner of The Flower Bed.

The band is always open to new members. Those interested should contact Wade Presley at [pres64@gmail.com](mailto:pres64@gmail.com).



# Primary Election June 4



The Story County Auditor's Office is gearing up for the primary election, which happens June 4, 2024.

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.

In order 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 will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 4.

Do you know where your polling location is? If not, please go to <https://apps.storycounty.com/electionpollingplace/>.

## Boards & Commissions

Story County encourages, promotes and welcomes the participation of citizens in the decision-making process. A number of standing citizen commissions, committees and boards provide public input into Story County government. Boards and commissions serve as an important link between the citizens and Story County leaders by communicating values, attitudes and needs of Story County within the special area of their group's assignment. They are an integral part of the process which contributes to sound government.

Approximately 70 citizens presently serve Story County on a board or commission giving generously of their time. We benefit from the expertise and energy of these individuals. Boards and commissions give citizens a voice in their government and provide a means of influencing decisions that shape the quality of life for residents of Story County. For a complete list of all advisory boards and commissions, please visit the County's website at [www.storycountyia.gov](http://www.storycountyia.gov) and under the Government tab, select "Boards & Commissions."

To apply for appointment on a Story County volunteer advisory board or commission, please complete the Application for Appointment available online at <http://www.storycountyia.gov/appointmentapp> for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Completed applications may be submitted at the link or printed and mailed to Sandra King, c/o Story County Board of Supervisors, Story County Administration Building, 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201.

### COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Story County offices and buildings will be closed Wednesday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, June 20, at 8 a.m.



## National History Day Qualifier

Nevada Middle School student Kye Smith qualified for the National History Day competition, and four other NMS students were named finalists at the State History Day contest, held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines on April 29, 2024.

Smith's individual website is titled "Herbert Boyer and Stanley Cohen: Catalysts of GMO Technology." Smith also received the Agricultural and Rural History Special Award in the Junior Division for his project. Only two projects from each of the nine NHD categories are selected at the State level to advance to the National competition.

Two other NMS groups also received recognition at the State Contest. Bella Betting and Addison Lawler were among six project finalists for their group website "Radium Girls: Do They Still Glow." In addition, Rizzy Carsrud and Hailey Gruhn were among six project finalists for their group documentary, "Katherine Johnson: Changing the Trajectory of Women and People of Color."

The National History Day Contest will be held this year from June 9-13 at the University of Maryland.

### NEVADA FFA STATE CONVENTION RESULTS

Twenty-four Nevada FFA members participated in the 96th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. The chapter's Ag CSI team earned a silver award with their presentation on raising plants. The chapter exhibit featuring tractor restoration, constructed by Emilee and Reed Kelly, earned a silver award. The Ag Sales team earned a bronze award in competition. Rowan Steele, Mady Gibson, Ariana Chappell, and Gracie Leslie were presented with the state FFA degree. Kamryn Linder was presented with state runner up award in the Ag Design & Fabrication welding proficiency competition. Wrigley Isleb participated in the state FFA band. FFA advisor Kevin Cooper introduced Josie Kelly, North Central Vice President, for her retiring speech at the first general session. In addition, Nevada CSD Superintendent Dr. Steve Gray, Nevada High School Principal Dr. Kristian Einsweiler, Nevada CSD Board President Marty Chitty, and FFA advisor Kevin Cooper were all recognized on stage by Josie Kelly and presented with certificates of appreciation.





# Congratulations, Retirees!

At the conclusion of the 2023/24 school year, 5 staff members left their schools for the last time and headed into a new journey - retirement! Congratulations and thank you to these great people for their many years of service.



**TIM CLARK**

Elem. Custodian, 19 years



**RANDY DAVIS**

8th Grade Teacher, 24 years



**BRIAN SCHAEFFER**

Business Manager, 28 years



**SUZANNE THACKER**

MS Special Ed. Teacher, 20 years



**KATHY SCHULTZ**

5th Grade Teacher, 4 years

## *Congrats on your Retirement!*

### SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSISTANCE

Does your family need help getting supplies for the start of next school year? Our Family Services team has you covered!

Visit <https://bit.ly/4aqGRPD> to learn more.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2024/25 School Calendar has been approved by the school board.

View it here: <https://bit.ly/Cal2425>

### FREE SUMMER MEALS

Breakfasts and lunches are available at no cost to children 1-18 this summer!

Open to the public - you do not have to be a NCSD

student to get a free meal. Bring your kids, grandkids, etc. Any child ages 1 through 18 eats free! All meals are served on site and must be eaten on site. No grab and go options are available.

**Monday-Thursdays June 10 - July 18 (closed July 4),  
NHS Cafeteria**

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

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

### CAREER EXPO

Nevada Middle School Students, along with students from other area schools, recently attended the Central Iowa Middle School Expo where they experienced work based learning opportunities in agriculture, exterior construction, with stations highlighting equipment and showcasing tools.

Watch Video Highlights: <https://bit.ly/msCareerExpo>



# Hornung Honored for Nursing Excellence

Special ceremony recognizes caregivers who go above and beyond to deliver the Best Experience Every Time

Tina Hornung, RN, (center with flowers) was presented with the DAISY Award for nursing excellence on May 7.

It was on a whim that Tina Hornung, RN, decided to explore a career in healthcare. Having just quit a job and unsure of her next steps, Tina initially rejected her sister's suggestion of pursuing nursing.

"At first, I told her absolutely not," Tina says. "But I thought about it for a while and I figured, why not? Looking back now, it is the best thing I ever did."

Today, Tina is the Infection Control/Employee Health Nurse at Story Medical, where she plays a pivotal role in maintaining patient safety and staff well-being. Her dedication and compassion have not gone unnoticed.

On May 6, during National Nurses Week, Tina was honored with the prestigious DAISY Award, an international recognition program that celebrates the exceptional care provided by nurses every day.

The DAISY Award is a symbol of recognition for nurses who go above and beyond in their commitment to patient care. Tina's colleagues and patients alike recognize her unwavering dedication and compassionate approach to nursing.

Reflecting on her journey into healthcare, Tina says, "I initially got into nursing on a whim, but it turned out to



be the most fulfilling decision of my life. I love interacting with people and making a positive impact in their lives, even during challenging times."

Tina's passion for patient-centered care aligns perfectly with Story Medical's mission to deliver the Best Experience Every Time. She emphasizes the importance of treating patients holistically, focusing not just on their medical needs but also on their emotional well-being.

"What I love most about Story Medical is the sense of community and teamwork," Tina says. "Everyone here is dedicated to making a difference for our patients and our community. It truly feels like being part of a welcoming and impactful team."

The DAISY Award at Story Medical is a partnership between Story Medical and Purdue University Global, highlighting the commitment to recognizing nurses who demonstrate exceptional care and dedication in their roles.

Tina's story serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and patients, showcasing the profound impact that compassionate nursing care can have. Previous DAISY Award winners include Trixie Barger, RN; Travis Clark, RN; and Josh Roberts, RN.

"Congratulations to Tina on receiving this well-deserved honor," says MaryJane Hunt, Vice President of Patient Care at Story Medical. "We are proud to have such dedicated professionals like Tina who embody the spirit of compassionate care."

**Has a nurse at Story Medical made a difference in your life? If so, nominate them for a DAISY Award at [storymedical.org/DAISY](https://storymedical.org/DAISY).**

# Exceptional Care in the Spotlight

In addition to the DAISY Award, Story Medical offered recognition to a number of nurses and other care providers for exceptional service at a ceremony coinciding with the start to National Nurses Week on May 6. Those honored included:

- **Outstanding Leader:** Mandy Schiefert, RN
- **Partner of Nursing:** Jerrod McCormick, CRT
- **Nurse Proud (Strength):** Christina Goodlaxson, RN
- **Nurse Proud (Excellence):** Andrew Lucchesi, RN
- **Nurse Proud (Compassion):** Trixie Barger, RN
- **Nurse Proud (Teamwork):** Ann Squier, RN

"It is important for us to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contributions of our care providers," says MaryJane Hunt, Vice President of Patient Care at Story Medical. "Recognizing exceptional caregivers not only highlights their dedication but also inspires a culture of excellence throughout our medical center. Each caregiver honored exemplifies the core values of compassionate, patient-centered care that Story Medical strives to uphold. Congratulations to all the recipients of this well-deserved recognition."

## News & Notes

### STORY MEDICAL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNCIL

The Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is looking for people like you who are committed to improving the patient experience.

We are looking for patients and family members who can:

- Share their perspective
- Collaborate with hospital staff and other PFAC members
- Improve quality, patient safety, and health outcomes

For more information about joining the Story Medical PFAC contact Jessica Howe, Patient Experience Specialist, at [jhowe@storymedical.org](mailto:jhowe@storymedical.org) or 515-382-7726 or fill out an application at [storymedical.org/PFAC](https://storymedical.org/PFAC).

### 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](https://storymedical.org/careers).

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

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# Calendar of Events

## AQUATIC CENTER OPENS

June 1, Noon

## NEVADA FARMERS MARKET

June 2 & 16, 12-3 p.m.  
Main Street District

## NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

June 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

## COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Campus  
See details on Page 10

## LEGION TACO TUESDAY

June 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post

## BINGO

Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
\$5 a packet plays all games  
(Last month before a two-month  
summer break!)

## SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

June 6, 11:30 a.m.  
Story Medical Center

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

June 7 & 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Nevada Public Library

## CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

June 8  
Go to Main Street Nevada Facebook  
page for event details

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

June 10, 11:30 a.m.  
Senior Center (by City Hall), 1231  
6th St. Bring a dish to share. Pro-  
gram will begin around 12:15 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL

June 10 & 24, 6 p.m.  
City Hall

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

June 14, 5-7 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
Fish Fry and Baked Chicken. Cost is  
\$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10  
and under)

## PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMER EVENT FOR KIDS

June 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
City Hall Campus  
See details on Page 8

## MUSIC AT THE MANSION

June 15, 4-9 p.m.  
Evergreen Lane, 1204 H Ave.  
See details on Page 10

## GOOD SAMARITAN BBQ

June 19, 5-7 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1110  
11th St.  
See details on Page 10

## NEVADA ALUMNI REUNION BANQUET

June 22, 3:30 p.m.  
Gates Hall  
Social time, followed by dinner and  
program. Must purchase tickets  
(available at State Bank) ahead of  
time.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY REUNION-THEMED MEAL

June 28, 5-7 p.m.  
American Legion Post  
Will serve spoonburgers, apple-  
sauce, green beans, peanut butter  
bars & beverages. Cost is \$12 per  
adult (\$5 per child, age 10 and  
under)

## EARLY JULY

## AMERICAN LEGION BLOOD DRIVE

July 3, 1-6 p.m.  
Gates Hall  
This drive is facilitated by  
LifeServe Blood Center

## FOURTH OF JULY IN NEVADA

July 4  
See details on Page 4