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# Our Nevada Iowa

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## The Opener

**By Jeff Harris**  
**President of the NEDC**

This month we celebrate National Manufacturing Week Oct. 4-11. We have a rich history of manufacturing in our town. We are home to the oldest industry in Story County (Almaco) and support some of the newest businesses in the region in our West Industrial Park flex rental space.



We recently hosted visitors in Nevada looking to make an investment in our community. NEDC hosted an industry panel where we were able to feature four of our great manufacturing businesses. They highlighted their quality employees, supportive local government, outstanding centralized location, ease of doing business here, and the strong partnerships and collaboration that are commonplace in Nevada. It was a proud moment for me and the other NEDC Board representatives in attendance.

Year after year, we continue to see our great manufacturers grow in Nevada. In October we will again have the opportunity to celebrate economic growth in our city when we cut the ribbon and dedicate the beautiful new headquarters of the Mid-States Companies. Our businesses have choices in location, and we are thrilled that so many of our companies pick Nevada as the place to continue to grow and expand.

Please join me and the NEDC Board of Directors and investors in celebrating the impact of manufacturing in our community!

**ON THE COVER:** Kevin Vier, Founder and CEO of Mid-States, is shown with his two sons, Riley Vier, left, Vice President of Marketing, and Austin Vier, Chief Operating Officer.

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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.



# The Mid-States Success Story



Mid-States Companies, located and headquartered in Nevada, Iowa, is in the final stages of its most recent expansion effort: A 9,000-square-foot administrative office building that is intended to bring together their range of businesses and services under one roof. The expansion is the latest in a long line of reinvestment projects for the company.

Kevin Vier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mid-States Companies, is a Nevada native and grew up in a family-owned construction business with his father. Through V&H Construction, he had his first opportunity to sell a grain bin dryer. "At the time, I wanted the opportunity to work on larger projects," said Vier, thinking back to the origins of Mid-States.

In 2001, he founded Mid-States Millwrights & Builders (MMB) after working for and eventually purchasing Lint Millwright in Nevada. Over the next two decades, Mid-States expanded from five employees and a 50x70 shop, to a company that now employs over 80 people and includes millwright services, structural steel fabrication, material handling equipment, cranes and trucking services, as well as engineering and design services. Today, both of his sons, Austin and Riley, are helping to lead the company, Austin as Chief Operating Officer and Riley as Vice President of Marketing & Development.

"Our business has been fortunate to scale in steps," said Riley, acknowledging the history of the company that he grew up

in. Since 2001, Mid-States Companies has grown in scope and now occupies over 139,000 square feet of manufacturing space in Nevada.

In the mid-2000s, the supply chain of procuring equipment slowed with the ethanol boom. "Since we couldn't get equipment in a timely manner," Vier said, "we realized that we might as well start manufacturing our own equipment. This was when we first started making our own catwalk, towers, platforms, structural steel and soon after, our lines of material handling equipment."

In 2010, they built a 14,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and officially launched Mid-States Material Handling and Fabrication. The company supported the millwright division by providing structures and material handling equipment.

In the years that followed, the expansions continued to keep up with the demand. A 34,000 square-foot addition was announced in 2017, followed by a 40,000-square-foot addition to the facility as new product lines were developed and additional demand grew. By 2021, the company had built up a fleet of cranes and trucks that were used for MMB projects and launched Mid-States Crane and Trucking to provide those services to external customers. Finally, in May of this year, Mid-States started Mid-States Design

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—Kevin Vier, President & Chief Executive Officer of Mid-States Companies

& Engineering and brought professional engineering services in-house and created a space for all their existing drafting and design staff to be under one roof.

"We are now vertically integrated from design and engineering, to manufacturing, to millwright services, to crane and trucking," said Vier. "We are a one-stop shop for our clients, which is notable as we have more control over the services and products we provide."

Mid-States Companies is an economic development success story that reinforces the importance of supporting local expansion projects and how that can positively impact a community. They operate nationwide across 34 states from California to New York. In addition to their own employees, they manage the same number across project sites.

"At Mid-States Companies, it's all about the people," said Vier. "We have been blessed with not only family, but also great leaders and dedicated employees across our various operations. It's great to be able to grow this company in Nevada where I and the rest of my family grew up."

# Important community series to start

## FREE CHILDCARE, MEAL PROVIDED FOR KIDS

What started as a conversation around the Main Street Nevada Board Room, has turned into a three-part series for the community on looking out for our youth. After all, it does take a village!

We are excited for the first of our "It Takes a Village" series — My Ascension. This is a film about a girl named Emma Benoit. Emma is an inspirational young woman who tried to take her own life and lived to help others who are struggling.

On Monday, Oct. 21, Emma will speak to students at Nevada High School during an assembly. In the evening, we invite all parents and adults in our community to a free viewing of Emma's "My Ascension" film at the Camelot Theater. Following this film, area resource individuals will be available to answer questions about how we can help our youth. Free food will be available as well.

To make it easier for parents to come, free childcare is generously being provided by volunteers at First United Methodist Church. Parents can drop their kids off at the church at 5:30 p.m. and then walk over to the Camelot Theater. A free meal will also be provided for the children.

This series is a partnership between Main Street Nevada, Nevada Community Schools and The RedShirt Foundation, with sponsorships from The RedShirt Foundation, Story Medical, United Way of Story County, and a Delta Dental grant.

## It Takes a Village 2024-25 Nevada Community Series Hosted at the Camelot Theater

Concessions Available

Childcare Available: Methodist Church 5:30 - 8:00pm

### Suicide Awareness & Prevention

Monday, October 21, 2024 - 6:00 pm

**Movie: My Ascension (90 Minutes), Resources available to follow.**

An inspiring look at Emma Benoit's story, and includes firsthand experiences of families, friends, school officials, and suicide prevention experts. The film does not shy away from the difficult realities of the ongoing youth suicide crisis, but shares valuable resources to help keep teens safe.

Nevada High School students will also view My Ascension and have an opportunity to speak to Emma Benoit at a student assembly on October 21.

### Screenagers

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 6:30 pm

**Movie: Screenagers, Growing Up in the Digital Age (67 minutes)**

An award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world.

### Screenagers, Next Chapter

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 6:30 pm

**Movie: Screenagers, Next Chapter, Addressing Mental Health in the Digital Age (63 Minutes)**

Millions of young people experience high stress, anxiety, and depression. In Next Chapter, follow physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston as she discovers solutions for improved adolescent stress, anxiety, and depression in the digital age.

#### The 2024-25 Nevada Community Series Partners



**2024 Downtown  
Trick-or-Treat  
10.29.24  
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

# Nevada FFA working to restore prairie at Hickory Grove Park

Story County Conservation (SCC) would like to thank the Nevada FFA Chapter for its involvement this planting season, as FFA members planted and will harvest 11 acres of soybeans at Hickory Grove Park through a prairie restoration project.

During the lake renovation in 2019, sediments removed from the lake bottom were deposited to a spoil site near Oriole Ridge Lodge for future prairie establish-



ment. The sediment contained seeds of many invasive and undesired plants, and those grew into a blanket of Canada thistle, smooth brome, and reed canary grass. Planting a prairie into this seed bank was futile, and it was decided the best option was to create a blank canvas by terminating all vegetation and then replanting prairie.

SCC enlisted the help of Nevada FFA, creating a valuable partnership for both students

and SCC's prairie goals. FFA advisor Kevin Cooper and students spent many hours removing debris from the uneven soil to ensure it wouldn't be a problem for farm equipment. Steve, Jim, and Owen Wilson prepared the soil and planted 11 acres of soybeans, donated by Kolln Seed Sales—Pioneer Seed. This valuable, low-stakes learning experience provided Nevada FFA members a lesson in both agriculture and conservation.

Nevada FFA plans to farm the site again next year and then SCC will have a new prairie seeding the following dormant season. Thank you, Nevada FFA!

## November 5, 2024 Election Information

Do you know the location of your polling place? If the answer is 'no' or 'I'm not sure,' here are a few different ways to find the answer.

- Check the polling place information listed on your voter card.
- Enter your street address into our polling place lookup site:  
[apps.storycounty.com/electionpollingplace/](https://apps.storycounty.com/electionpollingplace/).
- Call the Auditor's Office and give us your address: 515-382-7210.



You can vote early in the Story County Auditor's Office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Oct. 16 to Nov. 4. The Auditor's Office will be open Saturday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Satellite voting is available at the Ames Public Library from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 19, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2. Satellite voting will also be available at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State Campus from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 25.

## TIME TO REGISTER YOUR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

The Story County Recorder's Office would like to remind everyone that ATV/ORM/ORV and snowmobile registration is now open until Dec. 31. Any renewals received after that date will incur a \$5 penalty per vehicle. To save taxpayer dollars, the Recorder's Office is no longer mailing courtesy reminders to recreational vehicle owners. Please provide a current email address when renewing to ensure you receive a courtesy email reminder each year.

The Story County Recorder's Office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please stop into the office or call us at 515-382-7230.

## BUY PERSONALIZED PLATES SOON TO GET BY CHRISTMAS

If you are planning to get personalized plates for a friend or loved one as a Christmas gift, please do so as soon as possible. The Iowa DOT and Story County Treasurer cannot guarantee a delivery date at order time, but typically lag time is about four to seven weeks.



Bring your kids to Trick-or-Treat at Breezy Bay Campground at Hickory Grove Park on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 5-7 p.m. It's free to participate!

# Volunteer works on big project

Denny Thompson is about to get to his favorite part of any construction project.

After around 700 volunteer hours put in working on the upstairs apartments in the Camelot Theater building, Denny said the “finish work” is about to begin.

“Cabinets, trim, doors, floor coverings, mechanicals,” he said. “The structures are done. Now it’s time to make them pretty.”

Denny’s volunteer spirit and construction background have been a godsend to the Camelot Theater Foundation, a board he now sits on, as does his wife, Nancy.

“I’ve never been much of a board/meeting person,” Denny admitted, “but it (working with the board and the apartments project) keeps me busy and keeps my mind active. I’ve also enjoyed the people.”

Denny’s wife has served on the Foundation board longer than her husband, and it was her involvement that linked him to the theater.

“The theater men’s bathroom had a toilet sitting with no floor underneath. It was basically just a stand pipe, and they were getting ready to have their first event. So, Nancy asked if I could go in and help John Beals with the bathroom work. That’s how it started,” Denny said.

From there, Denny volunteered for more, which has found him being the main person involved in reframing and working on both apartments, one on the second floor and the other on the third.

The biggest challenge with the work, he said, is the age of the theater. “It’s an old building. The main structure of the building is really sound, very good. But, some of these upstairs spaces were left unattended for a lot of years, leaving a lot of rot and windows that were rotting.”

So, there was ample amount of demo work, then reframing the one-bedroom apartments. Denny is excited to make them both into livable spaces, and he hopes that if all the sub-contractors can be scheduled in a timely manner, most of the work on finishing may be completed yet this fall.

“The best thing about these apartments is location,” he said. “My wife and I actually watched the July 4th fireworks from one of the third-floor windows, and we had a nice light breeze and a beautiful view.”

Redoing the steps that lead to the apartments was a neces-



Denny Thompson is using his construction background to help bring the two apartments above the Camelot Theater back to life.

sary project and one that was recently completed. Denny needed someone to help on this project and brought in Chad Ullmann of Ullmann Construction. “Chad is new to the community,” and was looking, Denny said, for a way to volunteer. Chad has helped with the stairs and a few other parts of the project since joining forces with Denny.

Denny, Chad and some of the other subcontractors have given volunteer time, especially in labor, even though some things, like materials needed, have been paid to them. But Denny has spent, by far, the most volunteer time on this project.

Sometimes, he admitted, he thinks about all the time he’s committed and all the other things he should be doing, but he doesn’t regret the hours. “It’s like every house I’ve been involved with building. There’s a little bit of pride because you’re leaving something to the future. I’m going to always come back (to the theater) and remember this place.”

For now, he’ll keep plugging away at the work that still needs to be done, and he’ll continue his service on the Foundation Board, helping wherever needed as the theater portion of the building is eventually renovated.

“I don’t ever want to slow down. I was a hyperactive child, and if I slow down, I might not ever get back up.”

*\*Read a more detailed version of this story with additional information about Denny Thompson on the City’s Community News Blog: <https://cityofnevadaiaowa.org/news/#community>*

## CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

DONOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



The Nevada Foundation will begin an effort to support many causes in the community. Seasons of Giving will provide the community the opportunity to contribute to the cause they are passionate about.

**Helping Hands:**

Clothing, Food Insecurity & Shelter

**Building Nevada:**

Community Beautification & Revitalization, Arts & Recreations & Essential Services

**Capturing Kids' Hearts:**

Student Assistance, Childcare & Student Development

**Preserving Our Past:**

Historical Rehabilitation, Historical Recognition & Storytelling

**Make checks payable to:**

Nevada Foundation  
Memo line: Seasons of Giving

**Donations can be mailed to:**

Nevada Foundation  
1209 6th Street  
Nevada, IA 50201

## 3 YEAR PLEDGE COMMITMENT

By this pledge, I/we are making a binding commitment to give the amount(s) specified below, which The Nevada Foundation is an Iowa non-profit corporation under the provision of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Nevada Foundation's federal tax identification number is 83-4317357.

I would like to pledge a total amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_ My 3 year pledge will be billed for \$\_\_\_\_\_/monthly/annually.

**My Seasons of Giving donation should be directed to:**

- Helping Hands
- Building Nevada
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Preserving Our Past
- Split equally between all efforts listed above

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Signature Date

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Signature Date



**#seasonsofgiving**

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**Thank you for your support!**

# City Employee News

## REYNOLDS AWARDED

Nevada Fire Chief Ray Reynolds received the 2024 Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award at the International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire-Rescue International Conference & Expo, held in Dallas, Texas in August.



The award honors fire and life safety professionals for their leadership, service, and support of model fire codes and standards.

Following two fatal fires in the City of Nevada in 2022 and 2023, Reynolds identified a disturbing upward trend in community and firefighter risk from fires caused by people smoking while using supplemental oxygen in their homes. In the 2022 fire, a 74-year-old woman was pulled from her home alive with severe burns but succumbed to her injuries the next day. The 2023 fire claimed the life of a 73-year-old male and severely burned two family members. Cigarette smoking and home oxygen concentrators were factors in both fires. These tragic incidents spurred Reynolds to organize and lead a national initiative to reduce the risks of fires involving home oxygen therapy and oxygen concentrators.

Modeling a successful approach previously implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Reynolds began advocating for the use of thermal fuses, otherwise known as fire breaks, in oxygen tubing both at the oxygen concentrator and near the patient to help stem the rash of home oxygen fires in the City of Nevada and throughout Iowa. Reynolds' efforts were central in convincing Iowa's Department of Health and Human Services to publish and distribute information on thermal fuses to Medicaid patients and home

medical equipment suppliers.

As a member of the IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section Board of Directors, Reynolds has elevated advocacy for using thermal fuses with oxygen tubing with the nation's fire service. He has delivered presentations to fire and life safety educators, regulators, and federal policymakers with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Washington, DC. Additionally, Reynolds served as a member of the International Code Council's Fire Code Action Committee from 2017-2023 where he developed code proposals that enhanced the fire and life safety requirements of the International Codes.

The City congratulates Reynolds on this prestigious honor.

## HOVICK JOINS WATER DEPARTMENT

Nathan Hovick of Roland is a new water operator II with the Water Department. Hovick fills the position vacated by Scott Walkner, who transferred to the City Street Department.



Hovick comes with a wealth of experience and licenses that give him a good foundation of knowledge for the position in Nevada. He's worked for the City of Roland for 14 years. He started as a water and wastewater superintendent in Roland, moving his way up to public works director. While on the job in Roland, he earned his Grade II water treatment license, his Grade II water distribution license, and his Grade II wastewater treatment license. He also was a certified as the pool operator for Roland.

Read more about Hovick under "Recent City News," "Community News" on the City's website: [cityofnevada-iowa.org](http://cityofnevada-iowa.org).

## GIBSON JOINS PUBLIC WORKS

Jordan Gibson, a 2015 graduate of Nevada High School, began employment with the City of Nevada Sept. 9. Gibson will be a public works employee, sharing time between the Water, Wastewater and Streets departments.



Gibson worked for the Local 55 Electrical Union following high school. He traveled all over the country working on wind turbines.

"I was an underground splicer, doing all the underground electrical work," he said. It was all on-the-job training, and the best part was getting to see a lot of the country.

"In 2019, we worked in 23 states," he said. His favorite of all the places they worked was Colorado. "We were working right outside of Estes Park. I hadn't been to Colorado before, but I loved it."

More recently, Gibson has worked for CIT Sewer out of McCallsburg as a jet operator.

He's glad for the opportunity to work for the City of Nevada.

When he's not working, his hobbies include pretty much anything you do in the great outdoors. "I like hunting, fishing, riding motorcycle...just being outside."

Read more about Gibson under "Recent City News," "Community News" on the City's website: [cityofnevada-iowa.org](http://cityofnevada-iowa.org).





LET THE NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT 'LIGHT UP' THIS

# HALLOWEEN

**DO YOU HAVE A GATHERING FOR  
YOUNGER CHILDREN THIS MONTH?**

IF SO, PLEASE EMAIL  
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CAN ARRANGE FOR ONE OF OUR OFFICERS TO  
COME TO YOUR EVENT AND HAND OUT A GIFT THAT  
IS NOT ONLY FUN, BUT WILL HELP KEEP KIDS SAFER  
WHILE TRICK-OR-TREATING THIS YEAR!

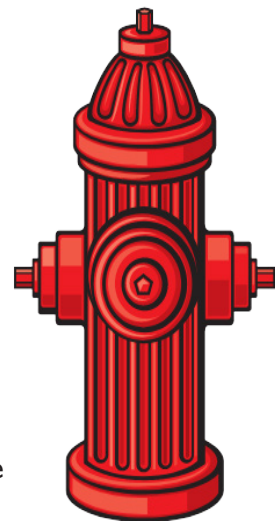
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ON OCTOBER 29!**

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AVAILA BANK**

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

During the month of October, the City's Water Department crew will flush water lines via fire hydrants. Because of line flushing, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water or lower water pressure. The discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air. It does not affect the safety of the water.



If you experience discoloration after crews have flushed your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all cold-water faucets for a few minutes. If you have questions, please call the Water Department at 515-382-2074.

## CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP

Nevada Municipal Cemetery fall clean-up will be held Oct. 21-25. If you wish to keep any decorations, stands, etc., please remove them by Oct. 20, or they may be disposed of. You may return items to the cemetery on Oct. 28. If you have questions, please call Cemetery Sexton Gene Fritz at 515-382-6240.

## SPRAYING OF PUBLIC GROUNDS

Parks and Rec/Cemetery staff will be spraying all park grounds, cemetery, and various other City properties for weed control in October. Please be aware of this if you are on City properties. If you have questions, please call Parks and Recreation at 515-382-4352.





## Nevada Parks and Recreation 1-6 Grade Youth Basketball

Nevada Parks and Recreation's Youth Basketball Program is for boys and girls in 1st-6th grade. Fees include clinics, practices and organized game play in the Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL).

Program clinics and practices to take place between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Nevada Field House. 5/6 Grade clinics and team formation week of October 21. 1/2 & 3/4 Grade clinics and team formation week of November 4.

- 5-6 Grade Boys and Girls: Game Dates (November 9, 16, 23, December 7, 14, 21)
- 1-2 Grade Boys and Girls: Game Dates (December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25)
- 3-4 Grade Boys and Girls: Game Dates (December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25)

\*Schedule could change due to registration numbers and other circumstances beyond our control.

For more information and to register visit [nevadaia.recdesk.com](https://nevadaia.recdesk.com)

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

## At the Nevada Public Library...

### REGULAR YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

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

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

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. — STEAM Lab (K-3rd grade)

### OUR REGULAR MONTHLY ADULT EVENTS

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

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

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

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

### MIDWEST AUTHOR SERIES

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Chuy Renteria

Chuy published "We Heard It When We Were Young," a memoir, detailing his upbringing in a Midwestern meatpacking community.



### MGMC MENTAL HEALTH

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Come hear from Susan Moore from Mary Greeley Medical Center talk about mental health.

Find out more about these and other things going on at the Library: [www.nevada.lib.ia.us/programs-events](https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/programs-events)



Pictured (at left) are Leadership group members on this project: (from left) Audra Poterucha, Chris Scobba, Tyler Davis, Terence Beaston, and Erin Coughlin, along with City Streets workers Scott Walkner and Doug Pratt. Below: Burke Corporation's \$5,000 donation for the project is recognized.



## Leadership group works with City to place public safety sign

On Aug. 27, two Nevada City Streets Department employees helped a group of Leadership Nevada students celebrate the installation of a new "flashing pedestrian sign" at the curve where W 3rd Street meets West I Avenue (by the old Billy Sunday baseball field location).

Leadership Nevada, a program facilitated by Main Street Nevada, IA, divides students into small groups to develop projects that benefit the community. The community betterment project is part of the "course work" for the Leadership program.

According to participant Terence Beaston, members of this

group took turns sitting and counting both cars and community members, especially young soccer players, who were impacted by the safety concerns at this street crossing in the community. Feeling there was a need for something to slow traffic down, they brainstormed the flashing lights sign idea, raised funds to purchase one, and worked with City officials to make the sign a reality.

Burke Corporation donated \$5,000 toward the project, and the City Streets Department installed the new sign, which has a button for pedestrians to push that will prompt the flashing lights.

## Public Arts Commission needs your input

The Nevada Public Arts Commission has prepared a public survey to gather input from the community about public art displays.

This survey is now available. Use Survey Website link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8LX975>

or Survey QR code shown here.

The survey has just a few questions. Your input is valuable as we continue exploring ideas for developing meaningful public arts in and around Nevada.



Public Arts Commission members are: Jason Schneider, Wade Presley, Janice Gammon, Mindy Buyck, Nancy Port, Dylan Jacobson and Tina Schmidt. Jordan Cook and Sandy Ehrig also contribute as advisors.

# Introducing our School Resource Officer, Lane VanderHart



## LANE VANDERHART

District  
School Resource Officer

Nevada Police Officer Lane VanderHart is the newest School Resource Officer in the Nevada School District. This position has been brought back to the district following community concerns about school safety in the aftermath of last year's Perry school shooting.

School and City officials worked together to make the position a reality once again. The last SRO in the district was officer Matt Snyder, who served nearly a decade ago.

VanderHart has been with the Nevada Public Safety Department since April of

2022. He is a 2014 graduate of Knoxville High School. His wife Olivia is a park ranger in Story County.

Public Safety Director and Police Chief Chris Brandes said he picked VanderHart for the SRO position because of his calm demeanor and his ability to look beyond just "enforcement" to apply policing in the most effective manner with youth. "He's very relatable and went to a school that had an SRO, so he's seen the position first-hand," Brandes said.

VanderHart's main responsibilities will be to increase school safety, to be a liaison

between students and the police department, and to be a dependable presence at the school on a daily basis, which should enhance the safety of all students and employees.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Gray said, "NCS D has had a strong partnership with the City of Nevada for many years and that has very much included the support of our local law enforcement agencies, both City and County. Having an SRO will only enhance that communication and collaboration."

## Welcome to our new teachers!

There are quite a few new faces in each building this school year. Be sure to welcome them when you see them!



### REAGAN MCILRATH

Central Elementary  
Kindergarten



### CELINE KASHINSKIE

Central Elementary  
Kindergarten



### KATIE KRAKOW

Central Elementary  
3/4 MultiAge Teacher



### REBECCA MANTEUFFEL

Central Elementary  
4th Grade



### FRANCES CARLSON

Central Elementary  
Special Education



### NOELLE BLAYLOCK

Central Elementary  
Special Education



### TY ADAMS

Middle School  
5th Grade Science & Writing



### JILL CAMPBELL

Middle School  
Special Education



### HANNA KENDALL

Middle School  
6th Grade Language Arts



### LINDSEY HALEY

Middle School  
Special Education



### ABBY STEPHENSON

Middle School  
8th Grade History



### LORI DEASON

High School  
iJag Specialist



### ABBY MCLLOUD

High School  
English

# A Note from the Nurse: When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home if they don't feel well. If you are unsure if you should send your student to school, you can always call and talk to the school nurse.

## SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms
- I have not had a fever overnight and have not taken fever reducing medicine during that time
- I have a mild stomach ache
- I haven't thrown up overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up
- I have a mild rash and no other symptoms
- I have eye drainage without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness



## KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4
- I have thrown up two or more times in the past 24 hours
- My stool is watery and I may not make it to the bathroom in time



## SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache, or tooth pain
- I have stomach pain and fever, bloody or black stool, or am dehydrated, and/or I have not urinated in the last 8 hours
- I have a persistent cough or trouble breathing, or have a fever with the cough
- I have eye swelling, eye pain, or an eye injury
- I have a rash that has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash



## Nevada Booster Club

Now is the time to join the Nevada Booster Club and make a direct impact on the success of our student-athletes! By becoming a member, you'll help fund middle and high school athletic programs, contributing to things like equipment, uniforms, and facilities.

With over \$70,000 raised annually and 1,400 hours volunteered, the Boosters are vital in ensuring our athletes have the support they need to thrive. Plus, it's a great way to stay involved in the community and cheer on our Nevada Cubs. Learn more and sign up today!

Visit our website to sign up  
<https://nevadaboosterclub.com/membership/>

## Nevada Music Parents

Nevada Music Parents works hard by running the concessions stand in the Nevada Cubs Stadium. Every dollar you spend in the concessions stand or contribute after concerts goes straight back to our music and theater students. We help K-12 music programs, band, choir, and theater. Recently, we purchased brand new uniforms for the marching band, new spotlights for the theater, and video equipment for all teachers. We are thankful for all volunteer hours and contributions.

If you are interested in joining us please email: [nevadamusicparents@gmail.com](mailto:nevadamusicparents@gmail.com), go to our website, or find us on Facebook.



# Family Finds Complete Care Close to Home

Story Medical Clinic proves to be the right choice for Deyoes in their move back to Nevada

When Alex and Katie Deyoe decided to move their young family back to Nevada, finding reliable healthcare for their children was paramount—especially for young son William who was born with a lung condition. After considering all options in the area, they made the choice to establish care with Dr. Audra Poterucha at Story Medical Clinic in Nevada. They were confident Dr. Poterucha could deliver the high-quality healthcare they needed from a clinic that featured a family-friendly vibe.

Alex, originally from Nevada, recalls his mother's positive experience with Story Medical. He says that played a role in the decision to establish care at Story Medical.

"My mom switched to Story Medical in recent years and told us how happy she was with the care she had received there," Alex says. "Considering her experience and that fact that it was right here in Nevada, it seemed like a good avenue for us."

## Serving the Whole Family

The Deyoe's move to Nevada coincided with the arrival of William, who was born with a

congenital lung defect requiring extra medical attention. This magnified the importance of the family having convenient access to comprehensive care. In all respects, the Deyoes needed a healthcare provider that could handle the complexities of William's condition while also caring for their three-year-old daughter, Rylee.

Alex and Katie say the choice to go with Story Medical quickly proved to be the right one. From the seamless transfer of medical records to managing the appointment schedules of two young parents, the clinic handled everything with a level of care and efficiency that impressed them both.

"They were quick to accommodate us, making sure William was seen just two days after being born," Katie says, highlighting the responsive and proactive nature of the clinic. And that was just the beginning. Dr. Poterucha and her team's approach to family healthcare has been both a comfort and a relief for the Deyoes.

"It's been really easy to make appointments, and the MyChart app helps us to more easily manage our schedules," Katie says. "The fact that everyone there from Dr. Poterucha to the registration staff is focused on service is impressive. Even on short notice, their ability to provide swift care, like when William had an ear infection, only contributes to the trust we have in them."

### Effectively Managing Complex Care

The clinic's handling of regular visits to manage William's condition further exemplifies the care team's commitment to delivering integrated care.

"If Dr. Poterucha has any questions, she reaches out directly to the specialists. The communication has been excellent," says Katie, who says Story Medical's affiliation with UnityPoint Health has been a bonus, ensuring they have access to the same specialists they saw prior to moving to Nevada.

### Personalized Care, Community Focus

Alex says growing up in Nevada he has long been aware of the clinic's reputation for serving the community with great care. Dr. Poterucha's personal connection to the family—she was in high school at the same time as Alex—and her professional expertise have made her indispensable to the Deyoes.

"Having a provider like Dr. Poterucha, who knows this town and truly cares about her patients, makes us feel like we're more than just another case; we're part of a community," Alex says. "Throughout the clinic, the providers have been here for years, and that makes a difference. It definitely puts us at ease knowing we have

experienced professionals looking after us."

Now settled into Nevada, the Deyoes say the stress they once felt about finding an adequate care option to meet their unique needs is gone.

"Moving back and finding such reliable care right away has been fantastic," Alex says. "It's made a huge difference in our lives, especially given the complexities with William, and the fact that Rylee is entering her toddler years."

As for Katie, the peace of mind that comes with having a trustworthy healthcare provider nearby is invaluable. "Just knowing that everyone from the doctors to the front desk is there for us makes all the difference," she says.

**To schedule an appointment with one of our providers accepting new patients, please call 515-382-5413 in Nevada or 515-387-8815 in Maxwell.**

# News & Notes

## SHARE YOUR OPINION AT STORY MEDICAL

The Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is looking for patients and family members who can:

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

For more information about joining the 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

Learn more about our career opportunities 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

## SCMC BD OF TRUSTEES

**October 3, Noon**  
Story Medical Center

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**October 4 & 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Nevada Public Library

## NCS D SCHOOL BOARD

**October 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.**  
Gates Memorial Hall  
Auditorium

## AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

## TACO TUESDAY

**October 1, 4:45-6:30 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
First Tuesday of the month. Cost is  
\$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10  
and under)

## MILITARY VEHICLE CONVOY

**October 9, mid-day**  
Downtown/City Hall area  
*Participants of the Military Vehicle  
Preservation Association Convoy  
will stop in Nevada for lunch. Locals  
are invited to greet them in front of  
City Hall, though their exact time of  
arrival is uncertain (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)*

## AMERICAN LEGION MEAL

**October 11, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*Fish Fry with an alternate choice of  
baked chicken hindquarters. Cost is  
\$12 per adult (\$5 per child, age 10  
and under)*

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**October 11, 7 p.m.**  
**October 13, 2 & 6 p.m.**  
*Showing "Harry Potter"*

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

**October 14, 11:30 a.m.**  
Senior Center (by City Hall), 1231  
6th St. *Bring a dish to share. Program  
will begin around 12:15 p.m.*

## CITY COUNCIL

**October 14 & 28, 6 p.m.**  
City Hall

## MIX-N-MINGLE

**October 16, 4-6 p.m.**  
Sports Bowl  
*Hosted by the Nevada Jaycees*

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**October 18, 7 p.m.**  
**October 19, 7 p.m.**  
*Showing "Beetlejuice" (the original)*

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**October 20, 2 & 6 p.m.**  
**October 22 & 23, 2 p.m.**  
*Showing "Torn Curtain"*

## 'IT TAKES A VILLAGE' COMMUNITY SERIES

**October 21, 6 p.m.**  
Camelot Theater  
*Free childcare at First United  
Methodist Church for attendees*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

**October 25, 5-7 p.m.**  
American Legion Post  
*Enjoy a meal of smothered pork  
chops, scalloped potatoes, carrots  
and dessert. Cost is \$12 per adult (\$5  
per child, age 10 and under)*

## CAMELOT THEATER MOVIE

**October 27, 2 & 6 p.m.**  
**October 29 & 30, 7 p.m.**  
*Showing "The Mummy"*

## DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT

**October 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**  
*Theme is Haunted Hollywood*

## POTATO BAR AT LEGION

**October 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**  
*Enjoy a baked potato bar. Cost is \$7*

## CITY-WIDE TRICK-OR-TREAT

**October 31, 6-8 p.m.**  
*Participating homes should have a  
porch light on*