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Latifah Faisal, Chair
Story County Board of Supervisors

April is National County Government Month, and we would like to invite all of the school-age artists in Story County to participate in the **"I Love My County Because..." art contest!**



There are two ways to enter. Submissions are being accepted at the local (Story County) and national (National Association of Counties - NACo) level. Local entries will be featured in and around county buildings through the month of June as well as on the county website. National winners will be featured in the National Association of Counties 2023 calendar and at NACo headquarters in Washington, DC.

Artwork must reflect some aspect of a county government function, service or program and be inspired by the artist's accompanying sentence "I love my county because..."

Submissions are due by May 1, 2022. You can find all of the information including the judging criteria and submission requirements by visiting our website www.storycountyiowa.gov.

We can't wait to see and share all the wonderful art you submit.

On the cover is the Story County Administration Building located in downtown Nevada. The Administration Building was once the County Courthouse, but when the Justice Center opened at 1315 S B Avenue in Nevada, the Courts, Sheriff, Jail, and County Attorney moved to that building. Offices in the Administration Building include Auditor, Assessor, Board of Supervisors, Treasurer, Recorder, Information Technology, Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Health, Planning and Development, and Facilities Management. Photo Credit to Cal Pearson

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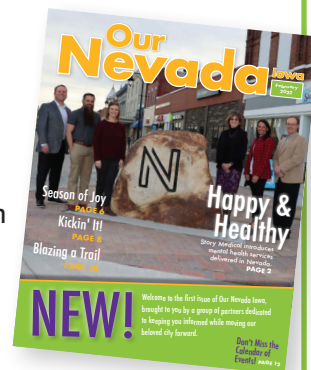
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ABOUT OUR NEVADA

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.



New event to bring in Jo Dee Messina for concert



On Saturday, May 14, 2022, Nevada's Main Street will be buzzing with the excitement of the community's first-ever Pizza•Pie•Looza, headlined by country music superstar Jo Dee Messina.

Pizza•Pie•Looza is the product of an evolution of Runners United Nevada's RUN Country Fest & 5K. The new event builds on the RUN Country Fest & 5K's success in 2020 and 2021. The planning of Pizza•Pie•Looza has involved leaders from the Nevada Foundation, City of Nevada, Main Street Nevada, Runners United Nevada, Nevada Jaycees, and the local Nevada business community.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to show off the progress we have made in our Main Street District and an opportunity to continue to build our brand as a destination community," said Mayor Brett Barker.

The event will kick off with the Pizza•Pie•Looza 5k at 1 p.m. Beginning at 2 p.m., a variety of vendors — predominately pizza and pie-themed — will open for sales, along with live music from (in performance order) Danny Grause, Justin Elliott and Aaron Ely Duo, Chris Patterson musician & Spincer, and Neil Hewitt, all performing on the South Stage, near the intersection of J Avenue and 6th Street. At 6 p.m., gates will open for the North Stage (near the City Hall campus), with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Jo Dee Messina, who charted nine number-one singles and a collection of other top-10 singles on the Billboard Country Charts, including fan-favorites "Heads Carolina, Tails California,"

"I'm Alright," "Bye Bye," and "Lesson In Leavin'," will headline the evening, joined by special guest, Jason Pritchett.

Last year's Country Fest & 5K event featured country stars Bryan White and Wade Hayes. Dane Nealson, President of Runners United Nevada, said the event showed in 2021 that Nevada has an appetite for country music.

"This year, we are looking to build on that in a huge way. Thanks to the incredible support of our event sponsors, we are in a position to be able to create an event that will appeal to a large number of people in our community and from well beyond to show off all that Nevada has to offer," said Nealson.

Nevada's Burke Corporation, a giant in the pizza toppings business, has jumped in to help sponsor the event and Messina's appearance. Burke also hopes to bring a number of its pizza-based clients into town as

vendors.

"As the leading pizza topping manufacturer for over 45 years, Burke is excited to partner with the City of Nevada and the Pizza•Pie•Looza event," said Burke Corporation President Chad Randick. "We are looking forward to a great community event and are delighted to be a part of bringing a household name like Jo Dee Messina to Nevada."

For more event information about this event, to volunteer to help at this event, and/or to purchase tickets to see Jo Dee Messina, visit www.pizzapielooza.com or follow Pizza•Pie•Looza on Facebook.





Making Moving a Priority

The Medically Oriented Gym (MOG) at Story Medical helps participants maintain healthy habits

A little more than a decade ago, Doris Otto, 81, had open heart surgery. A couple years after recovering from that intensive procedure and the associated cardiac rehabilitation at Story Medical, Doris found herself back in the operating room for hip surgery. After getting her hip repaired, she again rehabilitated at Story Medical.

It was during that rehab—and shortly after her husband Earl's retirement—that a light bulb went on for the Ottos: Regular exercise could help them feel better as they grew older. As Doris wrapped up rehab for her hip, the two joined Story Medical's Medically Oriented Gym (MOG).

The couple comes in for structured exercise classes three times a week offered by the Story Medical MOG team of Gabby Archer and Michael Melchert. In addition to having their blood pressure taken before each workout, the Ottos participate in a wide variety of stretching, strengthening and cardio work.

"It is good for us to get out of the house and be with people," Doris says. "We have a good group of people to visit with and to workout with. The exercise is good for us and keeps us physically active. I'm not saying that we are reversing aging, but we are staying mobile and pretty healthy because of the work we do in the MOG."

The class the Ottos participate in consists mainly of older adults. Because the MOG is medically-based, each participant is monitored by staff before, during and after their workout.

"Many of those we work with have underlying health conditions that require regular monitoring," Gabby says. "We



work to build an environment where they can feel comfortable in pushing themselves to realize strength and cardio gains. It really is a wonderful offering and I am proud to be a part of it."

In addition to being provided guidance during their workouts, participants are also offered other healthy living instruction, most notably in the area of nutrition.

"The staff is very helpful," says Earl, 82, who has lived with diabetes for years. "They are always providing us tips to stay healthy, including how to eat better. It's a good program. We are very lucky to have it."

Doris adds that the MOG offers a side benefit as well.

"Especially now as we have lived with the pandemic, this has given us an opportunity to get out of the house and be social," she says. "If it wasn't for this, we would only have church activities."

"This is a nice break for us," she continues. "We get in a few times a week and get to spend time with the others working out here. We have really gotten to know some of them well."

Story Medical and 21st Century Rehab partner to bring this advanced level of care to the community. The MOG team works to deliver safe, specific, and supervised exercise programs.

"We regularly serve clients with diabetes, high blood pressure, knee pain, and those simply wanting to shed a few pounds," Michael says. "Each of our clients has access to our staff to measure, document, and manage their individual needs."

To learn more or inquire about membership rates, visit with your primary care provider, or call 515-382-7116.

Keeping Feet Fit as Seasons Change

With warmer weather on the way, you might be among those looking forward to beginning a new exercise routine. If so, it is a good idea to ensure you keep your feet in tip-top shape.

Podiatrist Kelly Check, DPM, of Story Medical Clinic - Nevada, says a foot injury can quickly derail an exercise plan.

"I see patients regularly who are dealing with foot issues stemming from exercise," Dr. Check says. "It is vital when beginning a new exercise program, or ramping up an existing one, that you pay special attention to your feet."

Dr. Check recommends:

- Wearing well-fitting shoes, neither too big nor too small.

- Cleaning your feet daily and wearing clean, dry socks to prevent fungus or other infection.
- Moisturizing your feet at night to avoid itching and cracking.
- Inspecting your feet regularly for any sore spots, calluses or other irregularities.
- Keeping your blood sugar regulated to ensure you don't have any diabetes-related issues with your feet.
- Cutting your nails regularly and carefully.

If you do begin to experience issues with your feet, Dr. Check is accepting new patients. To schedule, call 515-382-5413.

News & Notes

GET READY TO LACE UP YOUR RUNNING SHOES

The Story Medical Endowment Foundation is partnering with Runners United Nevada (RUN) to host a brand new race this summer that will benefit Story Medical. The relay race will offer teams of three to complete a course that starts and ends at Story Medical. Participants can either walk or run.

"We have a great relationship with the RUN group so it made sense to work with them on a summer benefit," says Story Medical Foundation Coordinator Crystal Davis. "We wanted to do

something unique and there is not another relay in the area so this format is perfect. Our goal is for people to get outside, be active, and support the medical center in a new and fun way."

Davis says the event will be hosted August 6.

Mark your calendars now and continue to watch our social media channels and website for details on the race route and registration!



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

You can keep up with all that is happening at Story Medical by following @StoryMedical on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Reminders from the Nurses

MEDICAL REMINDERS FOR 2022/2023

Incoming Preschoolers: a completed immunization record and a current physical exam before school starts.

Incoming Kindergartners: a dental screening certificate (no earlier than age 3) and a student vision card/form. The vision card/form should be performed no earlier than one year prior to enrollment. If your child had their eyes screened here at school through the Iowa KidSight program this last January, you do not need another evaluation for kindergarten.

Incoming 3rd Graders: a student vision card/form which should be performed no earlier than one year prior to enrollment.

Incoming 7th Graders: all students entering 7th grade must have proof of TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and Meningococcal Vaccines before school starts in the fall. Medical or Religious waiver will be accepted if

signed by the physician and/or notarized.

Incoming 9th Graders: Iowa law requires that all 9th grade students provide proof of a dental screening. Any screening from 8th grade or a dental screening while in 9th grade will be accepted.

Incoming 12th Graders: seniors will need proof of a second Meningococcal vaccine, done after the age of 16 years. First dose was required for 7th grade.

Sports Physicals: all 7-12 students participating in sports will need a yearly sports physical. Physicals are good for 13 months and need to be signed and dated by the health care provider and parent.

Any student with a food allergy can fill out the Diet Modification Request Form. This will need to be signed by the health care provider and parent.

All forms can be found at www.nevadacubs.org.



Nevada FFA wins two first place golds at Sub Districts

The Nevada FFA won two first place gold awards at the subdistrict FFA leadership contest held at West Marshall High School on Wednesday, February 9th. Nevada's parliamentary procedure team and chapter program of activities both won first place gold awards. Parliamentary procedure team members included Mady Gibson, Isabelle Nelson, Kylie Taylor, Reagan Schmidt, and Arianna Chappel. Nevada's Chapter program group includes Josie Kelly, Paige Handsaker, and Chloe Peterson. Other Nevada FFA contest results were Calvin Franzen won silver in ag sales contest, Maddie Dunham earned bronze in public speaking, Rheanna Havon earned a bronze in radio broadcasting, and the freshmen conduct team earned a bronze also.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Central Elementary is still taking signups for preschool and kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have a child who will be **four (preschool)** or **five (kindergarten)** by September 15, 2022 -- please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up. (515) 382-2383.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM FLOORING UP FOR BID

Due to water damage this past winter, the Middle School Gym Floor is being replaced. Approximately 5,000 square feet are available from the current floor in 4'x10' sections.

If interested, submit sealed bid to District Office at Gates Hall by 3pm on May 20. Bid should include square feet desired, bid price, your name address email and phone number. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Please note: winning bidders will pay in full prior to removal, will remove from the property within 24 hours of removal, will be responsible for your

own loading from the parking lot, and will be contacted with more information as appropriate. Expected date of removal is on or shortly after June 6.

TEACHER NAMED GOLDEN OWL FINALIST

Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Cooper, HS/MS Ag Ed Instructor & FFA Advisor for being selected as one of the 7 finalists for the 2022 Golden Owl Award!

The Golden Owl Award recognizes agricultural educators across Iowa for their tremendous contributions to helping the next generation of agricultural leaders.

PTA WISH LISTS

The Nevada PTA has put together wish lists for staff at NCSD. Check them out and consider donating today!

Central Elementary:
bit.ly/CentralWish

Middle School:
bit.ly/MiddleWish

High School:
bit.ly/HighSchoolWish

SPRING EVENTS

Spring brings the excitement of changing seasons and warmer weather ahead. With Spring activities, that changing weather also brings changing schedules! Be sure to keep an eye on our Activities Calendar for any postponements and cancellations.

<http://bit.ly/NCSDActivitiesCalendar>

2022/2023 CALENDAR

The 2022-2023 School Calendar has been approved by the School Board.

To view/print, go to
<http://bit.ly/NCSD2223Calendar>

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Did you know we stream live our School Board meetings, as well as keep an archive of the past year's meetings on our YouTube Channel?

Learn more on the School Board section of our website at <https://www.nevadacubs.org/district/school-board/>.

The Nevada School Board Salutes



NEVADA BOOSTER CLUB

Pictured L to R: Leanne Harter (Board), Marty Chitty (Board), Teresa Wheelock (Boosters), Chad Bauman (Boosters), Amici Hayek (Board), Joe Anderson (Board)



NEVADA MUSIC PARENTS

Pictured L to R: Joe Anderson (Board), Sarah Gilchrist (Music Parents), Marty Chitty (Board), Laurie Kruzich (Music Parents), Schelly Main (Music Parents), Amici Hayek, (Board)



Building Design Assistance

Did you know the buildings that make up the Main Street of Nevada have faces? Each one is a little different from the next and each telling its own story. We call them facades; they are the front facing exterior of the buildings. For eyes, their windows, a storefront for a smile, and cornice for a grand hairstyle.

Just like our own faces, the facades of the buildings age and change. Eventually it comes time for the building owner to look at doing work on their facade. But how do they start such a project and is there any support for them?

When a building owner first contemplates work on rehabilitating or remodeling the front of their building, it can seem like a daunting task. Much like doing a makeover on a person, you want to bring out their natural beauty in a way that is affordable and realistic. One of the resources made possible through being an investor

in Main Street Nevada is access and support from design and building specialists through the State of Iowa. Our affiliation with Main Street Iowa allows us the opportunity to work with specialists to provide hands-on visits to help take a building owner's goals and turn them into a visual product. They gather information and use historic photos as reference to create renderings. These renderings are then shared with the owner to help start the rehabilitation effort. They help connect the building owner with comparable projects that have happened already in our Main Street district. These renderings can vary depending on the goals and budgets for the owner, from full historic restorations to smaller signage and minor upkeep designs.

Since becoming a Main Street Iowa community, Main Street Nevada has had seven full facade renderings



done by the state specialists. The one shown in this article is part of the Union Block Project (Gatherings). The storefront facade will be one of the final phases of this building project. Main Street Iowa specialists created the design after listening to the building owners' goals and future uses to the property. They also created a design that would allow for the potential installation of an elevator at a future time. The property owners were able to take this rendering to their contractor and show what was envisioned.

To see more of the renderings provided to Main Street Nevada businesses visit the Main Street Nevada website and click on the design assistance tab.



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April 13, 4-6 p.m.

**Join us at
Marc Olson Real
Estate, M.O.R.E. Team
RE/MAX CONCEPTS**

1124 6th Street



Opportunity abounds in Nevada

It is a time of tremendous growth in Nevada! From business expansions to new businesses breaking ground, there is great opportunity to advance your career right here at home.

Whether you want to expand your skills in a specific industry or switch gears and try something completely new, there is a position waiting for you! Let's take a look at some of the current openings in Nevada (as of 3/4/22):

- **IT Manager** – ALMACO
- **CMA / LPN/RN - Primary Nurse (FT)** – McFarland Clinic PC
- **Steel Erector/Construction Laborer** – King Construction
- **Truck Driver/Distribution Utility Class A CDL** – Hormel Foods
- **Physical Therapist** – Rolling Green Village and Indian Creek Independent & Assisted Living
- **Assistant Manager/Office Manager** – Ace Hardware of Altoona, Inc.
- **Electrical and Instrumentation Technician** – Verbio
- **Universal Banker I (Bank Teller)** – Availa Bank
- **Seed Tech** – Advance Services, Inc.



- **CNA/CMA/RN/LPN (FT/PRN)** – Story County Medical Center
- **Executive Director** – Legal Aid Society of Story County
- **EMT, Paramedic, LPN, or RN (PRN)** – Medcor Inc
- **Early Childhood Program Aide** – Mid-Iowa Community Action
- **Rural Health Correspondents** – Kaiser Family Foundation
- **Environmental Specialist** – State of Iowa Talent Gateway

Interested in learning more? Visit **WorkInAmesMSA.com** to view all Nevada job opportunities and create a free account to apply today!

Another resource available to Nevada residents is the Story County COVID-19 Retraining Program. Created to empower and train individuals in new skill sets, you can earn a certification in manufacturing, welding, healthcare and more in a matter of weeks at no cost to you! The program even offers financial support for transportation and child care. Contact Nikki Fischer, Director of Workforce Development and Diversity, at nikki@ameschamber.com or call 515-232-2310 to learn more.

Opportunities abound in Nevada – which one will you choose?

ALMACO RECEIVES \$500,000 STATE GRANT

Congratulations to ALMACO on receiving \$500,000 in funding from the Iowa Economic Development Authority through their Manufacturing 4.0 Workforce Innovation grant program in March. To qualify, manufacturers investing in technologies to address workforce issues exacerbated by the negative impacts of COVID-19. Thank you, ALMACO, for your commitment to driving innovation in manufacturing and our community!





Women In Leadership

March 2022 was proclaimed National Women's History Month in Story County, recognizing the critical economic, cultural, and social roles women play in every sphere. These roles extend to local governments such as city, state, federal, school boards, township trustees, and other jurisdictions. Five of the eight elected officials in Story County are women this year. Over the years, 28 women have been elected to serve in Story County, with cumulative years of service totaling more than 258 years. Of those leaders,

- one was elected as one of the first female prosecutors in the United States;
- in 2019, Story County became the first all-female Board of Supervisors in Iowa;
- elected officials have gone on to state and federal government roles; and
- even before the time women were able to vote, the County Recorder was a woman.

In addition to elected offices, department heads who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and other boards and commissions, have led Animal Control, Community Services, Community Life Program, Information Technology, Environmental Health, Planning and Development and other areas. In these departments, another 18 women have served as department heads, with nearly 200 collective years of service from those individuals.



Recognizing Years of Service

Annually, Story County recognizes years of service for employees who have served at least five years at Story County. This year, 35 employees reached that five-year milestone as well as many years beyond, with 470 cumulative years of employment. Those employees averaged 13.4 years of service and dedication to Story County.

National County Government Month

National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer. Story County will celebrate NCGM during April to showcase how the County achieves healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

County governments are the quiet, consistent providers of essential services. Structurally, the county continues to serve as the regional government for Iowa. It performs many state administrative functions such as the issuance of licenses and permits. Also, it provides public services of a purely local nature such as the enforcement of zoning ordinances, the provision of health and indigent care, and the maintenance of county jails. These services vary in degrees for different areas.

Throughout April, make sure to visit www.storycountyiowa.gov to find out more about the services and programs at Story County, and find us on social media on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Engaging our diverse communities to responsibly provide quality opportunities and services that matter
Accountability | Collaboration | Environment | Equity | Inclusivity | Innovation | Wise Use of Resources

County Reviews Fiscal '23 Budgeting Process

Story County started planning for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) in November 2021.

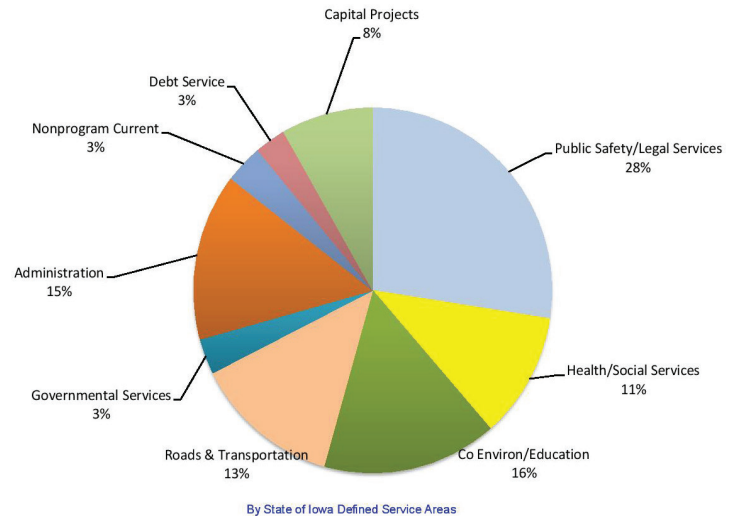
FY23 begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023. Work on the budget typically takes about five months. The budget process starts with elected officials and department heads identifying current and proposed budget revenues and expenses and submitting budget requests. Through subsequent public work sessions, the requests are reviewed along with the draft Capital Improvements Plan, keeping in mind the County's budgetary and financial policies. The Board of Supervisors strives to maintain a consistent levy rate to minimize any impact to the taxpayer while meeting budget priorities and maintaining essential public services.

The budget adopted in March has the lowest levy rate since 1990. In FY23, both the rural services and debt service levies were lowered. The countywide Mental Health levy was eliminated by the Iowa Legislature.

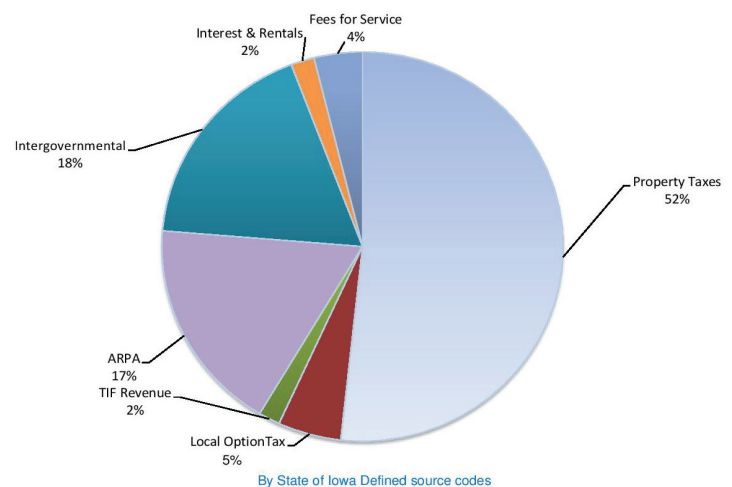
The overall tax rate dropped more for rural residents: 66 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation. For urban residents, it will be 45 cents lower. County property taxes, which fund the many services provided by Story County, represent approximately 14% of a city dweller's tax bill and about 27% for residents in rural Story County.

Any question you may have regarding the County budget can be directed to Assistant Auditor Lisa Markley in the Auditor's Office at 515-382-7210.

STORY COUNTY FY23 EXPENSES



STORY COUNTY FY23 REVENUES



FREE YARD WASTE DAY FOR ALL STORY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Story County residents can dispose of yard waste at no charge during the Spring No-Charge Yard Waste Day planned for Saturday, April 30, at GreenRU (formerly Chamness Technology), 400 Freel Drive, Ames. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This yard waste drop-off day will include both yard waste and brush.

Participants should enter the site from South Dayton Avenue, then go west on Southeast Fifth Street, and north on Freel Drive. Drivers should exit the site north on Freel Drive. Please follow GreenRU's rules for proper yard waste disposal. For more information, call GreenRU at 515-450-0450.





Let's get growing!

Part-time Nevada Public Library employee Kathy Solko (pictured above, left) has been busy in recent weeks planting the seeds of something new for library patrons.

Solko and one of the library's volunteers, Michelle Flynn (pictured above, right), have been laying the groundwork for a new "seed library" to be found alongside all the other great resources inside the public library's walls.

Nevada isn't the first public library to begin a "seed library" program, but this is the first time our local library has attempted this type of endeavor.

"It will allow people in the community to have access to gardening information and to actual seeds they may want to try out," Solko said.

State grant funds, which Nevada was eligible for because it offered Earth's Bounty programming over the past year, helped get the seed library off

the ground, according to Library Director Erin Coughlin. Along with the purchase of many varieties of seeds, both vegetable/fruit seeds and flower seeds, the library has also expanded its collection of gardening books with several new purchases.

"The seed library will be located just beyond the main circulation desk, on the counter behind the copier," Solko said. At the seed library counter, patrons can glance through the assortment of seeds, new gardening books, and many other informational handouts.

The seed library will have a wide variety of seeds for patrons to try. "There is also an option for people to bring in seeds they've saved, and they can talk to us about how that would work ... and how they can begin saving seeds for us if they'd like to," she said.

If you have never gardened before, Solko encourages you to try something simple, like planting a tomato plant, or if you want to try flowers,

she suggests petunias or marigolds. For the experienced gardener, come in and try a new ornamental flower or some native Iowa prairie flowers, or try a vegetable you have never grown.

Solko has enjoyed being part of bringing the seed library to fruition. "I have an interest of my own with gardening," she said. The most enjoyable part of helping prepare for the new program, she admitted, was "doing the research, and talking to others, like farmers, to learn more about growing."

Don't forget these other great library programs:

Story Time Thursdays,
at 10:30 a.m.

STEAM Lab for 3rd-5th grade students, Wednesdays after school

Teen Lounge, Thursdays
from 3:30-6 p.m.

Burning this spring? Follow these guidelines

As you start your outside cleaning, the Nevada Public Safety Department reminds you of City of Nevada Ordinance 105.05, OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED.

Springtime open burning season for yard waste is April 1 through May 15, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

It is important to remember these additional requirements to comply with the law and to remain safe while burning yard waste:

- Yard waste must be 40 feet from any structure (including wooden fences and utility poles).
- An approved incinerator for yard waste is permitted no closer than 15 feet from structures.
- Burn barrels are not approved for burning rubbish or yard waste.
- An adult must attend any fire until it is completely out.
- You must have a source of extinguishment near the open fire; one suggestion – a garden hose.
- Flammable liquids shall not be used to start or aid fires. Moreover, it's just a bad idea.
- You may not burn in the street or alley.
- Please respect your neighbors when burning. Never burn when it's windy or conditions are not absolutely perfect for burning.
- We recommend informing your neighbors when you intend to burn, so they do not inadvertently call the fire department.

Those who violate this ordinance will face a first offense fine of \$300, with court costs of \$85. No fire is worth this, so burn at the appropriate times and within the dates provided. If you have questions about the burning ordinance, contact Director of Fire & EMS Ray Reynolds at 515-382-4593.



News & Notes

WATCH THOSE GRASS CLIPPINGS

City Ordinance prohibits any resident from placing debris on the roadway (Chapter 135.04). This includes grass clippings. Grass and other debris can be washed into the storm sewer system causing clogs and other damage. Grass clippings in the roadway can also be a safety risk for motorcycles. This is often compared to driving on ice due to the grass being slick.

Please be sure to turn mowers away from the road and remove any inadvertent debris from the roadway. Any resident who violates this ordinance could be subject to a \$300 fine plus \$85 court costs. A second violation to this ordinance could result in a fine of \$500 plus \$85 court costs.

KEEP OUR PARKS HEALTHY

It's spring, and our residents are reminded of the City's tobacco/nicotine-free policy in our City Park System.

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the level of exposure by the general public, employees, and especially our youth to environmental tobacco or nicotine use to improve the wellbeing of all individuals.

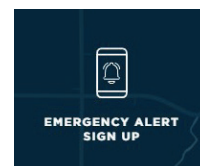
The policy also helps project a clean and healthy image of the Nevada Park System, including our Municipal Cemetery.

Per our tobacco/nicotine-free policy, no person shall use any form of tobacco or nicotine (including use of look-alikes) in the following City locations: Parks, playgrounds, athletic fields/complexes, skate park, aquatic area, buildings, shelters, restrooms, trails, municipal cemetery and parking lot areas, and any other public areas maintained by the City.

GET MOSQUITO SPRAYING ALERTS

As necessary, the City of Nevada will spray for mosquitos during the coming months. Many of our residents like to be notified of when we will spray.

Here are ways you can stay updated:



Sign up for Emergency Alerts from the City of Nevada through our website Emergency Alert System. Be sure you click "Mosquito Control Alerts" when filling in what "type" of alert you wish to receive. The Emergency Alerts sign up is found on the website's (cityofnevadaiaowa.org) home page at the very bottom right side of the page.

You may also follow City of Nevada on Facebook for alerts.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 515-382-4352.



The native prairie mix shown in this photo is the same as the mix that will be planted on Nevada's trail loop. It will take two to three years before it is fully established.

Working to restore nature and beauty

In partnership with Country Landscapes, Nevada Parks and Recreation is beginning prairie restoration work on the trail loop, west of the City Cemetery and south of Lincoln Highway. This work will happen in phases, starting with the removal of many little volunteer trees.

“Any time we can get certain areas back to native Iowa prairie, it's important for people and wildlife.”

—Ben Hershey of Country Landscapes

“This is a great area to establish because so many people use the trail surrounding it,” said Ben Hershey, a landscape maintenance specialist and ISA Certified Arborist with Country Landscapes.

When fully established, which Hershey estimates as two to three years from now, the seed mix being planted (CP42) will be made up of 25 percent grasses and 75 percent forbs (blooming perennials). “The forbs all bloom at various times throughout the year,” Hershey said.

He loves that the “loop” area of the trail has excellent soil, great environmental potential, and is visible to the public. “Any time we can get certain areas back to native Iowa prairie, it's important for people and wildlife. Many towns and cities are constantly growing in housing and business, which is also good, but it is critical to establish land for what it once was.”

Nevada Parks and Recreation Building and Grounds Coordinator Jayson Kingsbury hopes to be on site when some

of this work happens.

“I love seeing prairie development. Conservation management was my college major, and I experienced this type of work in my internship with Story County Conservation during the mid-’90s,” Kingsbury said.

It was hoped some of the work on this project would begin the first week of March, but Mother Nature had other plans. The initial work shifted to late March.

Hershey gave a possible timeline. “If weather cooperates, we will first mow down the volunteer trees, then burn the current vegetation,” he said. “As the new growth starts, we will begin spraying two applications of chemical to kill off the unwanted vegetation. Once we have the dieback we need, we will ‘drill seed’ the native seed mixture. Our hope is all of this can happen this spring.” Germination after seeding takes about three weeks, Hershey noted.

The trail loop will be open most of the time while this work is being done. There may, however, be small periods of time, during burning and spraying, when it will be closed temporarily.

Kingsbury hopes the public will be respectful and stay off the area being worked on as they enjoy the trail around that area. “Let’s give the plants their full opportunity to grow over the next couple of years.”



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Calendar of Events

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRIES

April 1 & 15
5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Suggested donation \$10
per meal (\$5 for children
10 and under)

NCSD SCHOOL BOARD

April 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.
Gates Memorial Hall
Auditorium
Watch for agenda on the
School Website, nevad-
acubs.org, under District/
School Board/Agenda.

AMERICAN LEGION SALAD LUNCHEON

April 4
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
American Legion Post
Features chicken
casserole, salads, dessert
buffet. \$10 per person

STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 5, 2 p.m.
Story Co. Admin. Bldg.,
Nevada

STORY COUNTY P&Z

April 6, 4 p.m.
Story Co. Admin. Bldg.,
Nevada

STORY MEDICAL BD OF TRUSTEES

April 7, 11:30 a.m.
Story Medical Center

COMMUNITY COFFEE

April 9, 9-10 A.M.
FarmGrounds
Visit with Nevada leaders

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK

April 11, 11:30 a.m.
Senior Center (by City
Hall)
Bring a dish to share. Serv-
ing starts at 11:30 a.m. A
program starts around
12:15 or shortly thereafter.
All are invited.

STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

April 11, 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Center,
56461 180th St., Ames

CITY COUNCIL

April 11 and 25, 6 p.m.
City Hall
Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under Agen-
das/Minutes.

NEVADA LIBRARY BOARD

April 18, 5 p.m.
Library Meeting Room
Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under
Agendas/Minutes.

NEVADA PARKS & REC BOARD

April 20, 5:15 p.m.
City Hall
Watch for agenda on the
City Website, cityofneva-
daiowa.org, under
Agendas/Minutes.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEAL

April 29
5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post
Burgers or Brats. Suggest-
ed donation \$10 per meal
(\$5 for children 10 and
under)