

An aerial photograph of Nevada, Iowa, showing a town square with a large crowd of people gathered for an event. The square is surrounded by brick buildings, including a prominent red brick church with a steeple. A large American flag is being hoisted in the square. The background shows a residential neighborhood with houses and a water tower. The text 'Experience' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font across the top, with 'Nevada, Iowa' in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font below it.

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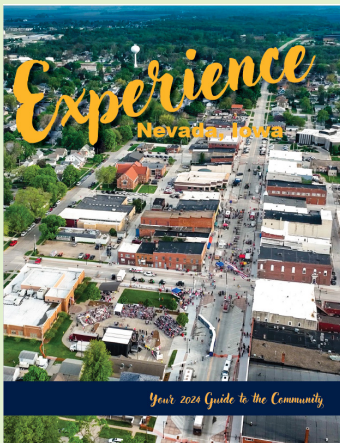
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On the Cover: Nevada resident Brian Tucker captured this drone photo from the Nevada City Hall area looking south during the 2023 Pizza Pie Looza festival in May.

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Content: A team of content reviewers worked to make certain we had as many things about Nevada as possible in this issue. To the best of our knowledge, all information was current at the time of printing, but because this is a year-long publication, some information may change. If you see something that needs to be added or corrected for next year, please email: mbarker@cityofnevadaiaowa.org.

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Hello!

Welcome to the newest community publication, Experience Nevada, a collaborative effort between the City of Nevada, Main Street Nevada, the Nevada Economic Development Council, Nevada Schools, and Story Medical Center. Much like the Our Nevada magazine our residents receive monthly, this Experience Nevada publication is a yearly guide meant to continue improved communication efforts and showcase many of the things our community offers to residents, businesses, and visitors.

I have had the pleasure to call Nevada home since graduating from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2008. There is no other place that my wife, Tracy, and I would rather raise our four daughters. Nevada is an incredible community to raise a family, start or grow a business, find a meaningful career, and call home. It's truly a great place to live, work, and play!

I invite you to experience all the amenities Nevada offers. As a Main Street community, Nevada is home to a vibrant downtown business district with unique shops and restaurants. Our Downtown Historic District and Evergreen Lane are both listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Nevada Community School District and Story County Medical Center are exceptional resources for our residents. Nevada's vibrant faith community, service clubs, and culture of volunteerism offer excellent opportunities to make a difference and enjoy good fellowship.

Nevada has a strong tradition of recreation and boasts one of the best park systems in central Iowa. With beautiful connected trails along Indian Creek, all ages can enjoy walking, running, and biking year-round. Nevada's SCORE Park hosts local, regional, and even national events with amenities for soccer, softball, baseball, aquatics, tennis, fishing, and now, a brand-new indoor recreation facility, the Nevada Field House!

The City of Nevada has enjoyed tremendous growth in recent years, thanks in no small part to the hard work and dedication of our city council, our community partners, and one of the best city government staffs you'll find. Our progressive economic development focus promotes citizen involvement in developing City priorities through our Nevada 2040 Plan. Entrepreneurship is welcome and supported. The Nevada Economic Development Council and Main Street Nevada have a strong track record of helping entrepreneurs realize their dreams in Nevada!

Nevada is blessed with a hardworking, skilled, and educated workforce. Our proximity to Ames and Des Moines provides several quality private and public higher learning institutions, which enhance our workforce. Being so close to metropolitan areas also allows access to additional cultural events and attractions.

No community can thrive without being safe. Nevada's Public Safety Department does a remarkable job of ensuring that Nevada's police, fire, and emergency medical response services remain top-notch. Our public safety model provides our police officers with advanced cross-training to support our fire and EMS response. Our Volunteer Fire Department provides a response time as good or better than many full-time departments in our state. All of our public safety professionals deserve our highest appreciation for all they do to keep our community vibrant and safe.

At the end of the day, we are a community that works together to accomplish big goals. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our great city!



Brett Barker, Mayor of Nevada

This is Nevada, Iowa

You may say Ne-VAH-duh, but we encourage you to say Ne-VAY-duh, because that's how we pronounce the name of this incredible Central Iowa community.

Our History

Even though the town was named after the Sierra Nevada mountains — pronounced like the state and the focus of the famed California Gold Rush — we think you'll agree you've struck gold when you come to our vibrant and thriving community of around 7,000 people.

Historically, Nevada was founded in October of 1853 when the T.E. Alderman family moved into the first structure to be built here. That structure, a log cabin, is preserved on Nevada's historical property, Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace, along H Avenue in the heart of town. It is also interesting to note that one of Nevada's upcoming Main Street District restaurants, T.E. Alderman's, chose its name to honor the founding family.

By 1913, Nevada was one of the cities fortunate to have the newly completed Lincoln Highway — the first transcontinental highway — going through our town, bringing motorists through the community from all across the country. Nevada was also on the original Jefferson Highway route, a north-south highway through the middle of the United States, which was completed a few years after the Lincoln Highway. The community has paid tribute to the two historic highways by naming the park in front of City Hall the Lincoln-Jefferson

Highways Heritage Park, by having a historical Lincoln Highway marker at the corner of the City Hall property, and educational placards about both historic highways by the park fence. The community has played host to various groups that make special commemorative trips along the two highways.

Nevada's central location was not only important for highways, but also played a part in the town's rich railroad history. Nevada was historically served by the Chicago & North Western Railroad on lines north of the business district. The town was also on the route of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad's "Spine Line," which traveled between Minneapolis and Kansas City, Mo. The Union Pacific Railroad presently operates both active rail lines.

Nevada Today

Nevada, Iowa is the second largest community in Story County behind the nearby City of Ames (over 66,000). Being close to Ames, which is the home of Iowa State University, gives Nevada residents the beauty of living in a smaller town, while being close to all the sports and cultural amenities of a university and a larger metropolitan area.

Nevada is the county seat of Story County, with the majority of County services being headquartered in the community.

Nevada, much like in its historic days of railroads and major highways, is still close to major transportation systems. You can access Interstate 35, a major north-south highway, by





driving just seven miles west of Nevada. You can access US Highway 30, which is four-lane in many parts of the state, right at Nevada, since it runs through our community. And the railroads? We still have active lines going through town.

Nevada is home to over a dozen major manufacturers, and we also are the chosen home of many ag-businesses, which is not surprising given we are in the heartland of the country and Iowa. The Nevada Economic Development Council is very active pursuing the types of businesses that can provide employment opportunities and add to our tax base. We boast a large industrial park area on the west edge of town.

Nevada is a Main Street Iowa community, having earned this designation and with the esteemed Main Street program in

2019. The timing was perfect as the City of Nevada was planning to complete a two-year, \$9 million reconstruction project in the Main Street District in 2020 and 2021. This project included all new underground infrastructure in the downtown area, as well as newly paved streets and sidewalks, new decorative light posts, new downtown electrical hookups and more. Nevada’s downtown property owners have received around 15 grants, since 2019, to further improve this district. Many grant funds are going toward modern upper-level housing units in renovated historic buildings.

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Experience Events

When it comes to great events, Nevada residents are covered. Here's a snapshot of some of the regular events of the year.



MAY

Pizza Pie Looza — First celebrated in 2022, this new event brought in headliner acts JoDee Messina in 2022 and the Roots and Boots tour of Aaron Tippin, Collin Raye and Sammy Kershaw in 2023. Happening in the Main Street District, the afternoon is filled with vendors, especially food vendors, and local businesses offering all kinds of pizza and pie treats, and more. Families can enjoy kids' activities, and free music acts performing on the small stage all afternoon. Purchase a ticket to enjoy the big evening concert in front of City Hall. Learn more at pizzapielooza.com; or follow Pizza Pie Looza on Facebook.

Memorial Day Observance — Overseen by the Patriotic Council, Nevada celebrates Memorial Day with a flag raising in the downtown area, a processional to the City Cemetery, and a service with music and presenters at the City Cemetery. Services are usually followed by a meal at the American Legion Post on Sixth Street, with proceeds benefiting veteran organizations. Watch the Our Nevada magazine and the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page for details each May.

JUNE

Music at the Mansion — This event was first featured in 2022, after being delayed by the pandemic. It is held on the beautiful front lawn of the Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace property along H Avenue. Several music performers/bands play in the late afternoon and evening. Food is offered by vendors, and there are usually other vendors selling specialty items. Bring a lawn chair and bring the kids, because this relaxing event under the shade of many large trees is perfect for all ages. Learn more by following the Nevada Community Historical Society Facebook page.

City-Wide Garage Sale — Normally the first or second Saturday in June is designated as the official City-Wide Garage Sale Day (or weekend!!) in our community. This is a great time to have a garage sale if you have things to clear out, or to attend a lot of garage sales in the community if you want to browse other people's treasures! Learn more by following the Main Street Nevada, IA page on Facebook.

Nevada High School Alumni Reunion — Traditionally held the last weekend of June, this annual gathering is for every alum, but usually has special recognition of the classes celebrating 5- or 10-year incremental reunions. The event has grown from being just a Saturday evening banquet to having a weekend of special events. The schedule is announced each year by the reunion committee. Learn more by following the Nevada Alumni Association CELEBRATING EVERY 4TH SAT. OF JUNE page on Facebook.

JULY

Fourth of July — Nevada offers some very traditional activities for Independence Day. A 10 a.m. morning parade comes north on Sixth Street from E to N Avenue. The parade is followed by the American Legion Auxiliary's Chicken & Noodle Dinner, offering homemade pies, plus root beer floats! The evening features the City Fireworks Show at dusk, with fireworks being shot from SCORE Park on the east side of town. Learn more about holiday events by following the City of Nevada, IA Facebook page.



Story County Fair — Nevada is home to the annual Story County Fair, which happens in mid to late July. People can see announcement of the dates each year and a schedule by following the Story County Fair Board website: <https://sc-fair.weebly.com/story-county-fair.html>. Story County's

fair is free to all who want to walk through the grounds, look at the animals and other fair exhibits, and enjoy on-site food vendors.

AUGUST

Lincoln Highway Days — Held the last "full" weekend of August, Lincoln Highway Days has been an annual tradition for 40 years and counting. The Saturday morning parade along the Lincoln Highway (from 15th Street to 1st Street, travels east to west and starts at 10 a.m.) is always well attended. Most events are held in the Story County Fairgrounds area on the west side of Nevada. The award-winning

Nevada Community Rodeo is Saturday night in the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds. A carnival and food vendors are favorites, too. Learn more about the full schedule each August at the website: lincolnhighway-days.org.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Nevada High School's Homecoming Week — Homecoming, which has many activities for students and community, is generally celebrated sometime in September. Watch for more details about the parade, the big game, and other activities on the Nevada Community School District website: nevadacubs.org, and Facebook page: NevadaCSD.

CROP Walk — Help raise money to fight hunger world-wide and locally. This event is organized by a group of Nevada churches, and seeks involvement from walkers, who will both walk symbolically and to gather donations from family and friends to give to this cause.



Pregnancy & Infant

Loss Remembrance Walk — Nevada's Cub Stadium serves as the site for a local walk, where participants join with others across the world to create a "Wave of Light" as they remember lives lost to miscarriage, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, termination of pregnancy for medical reasons, and the death of a newborn. For more information, follow Facebook events.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat — Bring the whole family and wear your costumes. On a date close to Halloween, our Main Street District comes to life with businesses and organizations with treats lining the streets. The event usually includes several fun activities, like costume contests, pet costume contest, and more. It is free to attend. Learn more by following the Main Street Nevada, IA page on Facebook.

Residential Trick-or-Treat — Each year the City sets a residential trick-or-treat night on or near the Halloween holiday. On the date set, trick-or-treating is offered throughout the City from 6-8 p.m. at all residences where the porch light is on.

NOVEMBER

Women Helping Others Craft Fair — This is a long-standing tradition in the community, with the small admission fee supporting scholarships for area seniors. Plan to attend the yearly event on the second weekend of the month. It features a variety of vendors, selling all kinds of crafts and other unique products. This event takes place at the Nevada High School. Learn more by following the [womenhelpingothersIA](https://www.facebook.com/womenhelpingothersIA) page on Facebook.

Parks and Recreation's Thanksgiving Meal — All senior residents of the community are invited, along with their guests, to attend this meal, which has been held for 20+ years. The meal features all the traditional Thanksgiving feast menu items: Turkey, mashed potatoes,



stuffing, green bean casserole, scalloped corn, dinner rolls, dessert and a beverage. A meal donation is usually requested. Watch for more details on the City of Nevada, IA website, cityofnevadaia.org, and Facebook page.

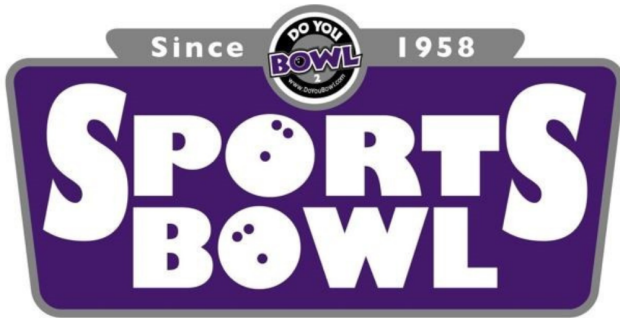
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Christmas On Main — This Main Street Nevada event started in 2021 and received rave reviews. Its main goal is to let every participating business in the Main Street District (and some who come from other areas of the community) share a little bit of magic inside their building. Those who attend can walk around the full Main Street District, from the historic hotel at the south end to the American Legion, which hosts the Cookie Walk, at the north end. Santa and other fun Christmas characters are always part of the event, which includes open houses, horse and carriage rides, chili feed, carolers, and more. Come to the Main Street District to shop, eat, visit, and enjoy a variety of activities. Learn more by following the Main Street Nevada, IA page on Facebook.

VARIOUS MONTHS

Farmers Market — Held during summer months. A new Farmers Market was introduced to Nevada in 2023, and happened in the Main Street District. A variety of vendors was scheduled for the market and offerings varied depending on the current produce season. In addition to fresh produce, attendees could find craft items, specialty foods and other homemade items, clothing, food trucks, and more. The Farmers Market plans to return in 2024. Stay updated by following [NevadaFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaFarmersMarket) on Facebook!

Nevada's RUN Series — Hosted by Runners United Nevada (RUN), this series features competitive 5K races for all age groups, plus several fun runs (or walks) during the year. The 2023 series featured the Pizza Pie Looza 5K in May, the Freedom Run 5K & 10K in June, the Lincoln Highway Dash 5K in August, the Donut Dash 5K in September, and the Ugly Sweater Run in December. The group also added a Nevada Cross Country Alumni Run in August of 2023. Learn more online at: www.runnevada.org or by following the Facebook page: Runners United Nevada.



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Nevada Historical Society properties

The Nevada Community Historical Society maintains several historic properties in our community. The properties are often sites for events and tours. Follow Nevada Community Historical Society on Facebook to learn about upcoming events, or to get involved in our community's historic pursuits.

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Halley Schoolhouse, located at 1204 H Avenue

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City Parks: The City has eight established parks, along with several other public spaces to enjoy outdoor relaxation and activities. The biggest of the City Parks is SCORE, located off Fawcett Parkway on the east side of Nevada. SCORE includes: the pavilion and pond gathering place, four-plex ball fields, soccer fields, high school baseball field, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball court, Fawcett Family Aquatic Center, two outdoor playgrounds, and the new Field House with indoor recreation opportunities, including an upper level track, and on the main floor, a young children's playground area, and both hard-surface courts and turf area fields. SCORE is also the east end of the Indian Creek Greenbelt Trail system through Nevada. Learn more: CityofNevadaIowa.org

City Trail System & Nevada Story Stroll: The Indian Creek Greenbelt Trail system is over 4 miles of paved trail that runs across the community along Indian Creek. The trail is open to walkers and bikers, but motorized vehicles are not allowed. On the west side of town is a trail loop directly west of the City Cemetery, and on that loop is the Nevada Public Library's Story Stroll, featuring a new children's picture book every six to eight weeks during warmer months. Families are encouraged to stroll the loop, enjoying both a story book and exercise. Learn more: www.cityofnevadaIowa.org or www.nevada.lib.ia.us

Anytime Fitness & Nevada Barbell: Local gyms, privately owned, within our community. Each offers different membership opportunities, classes, and programs. Find each on Facebook to learn more: [anytimefitnessnevada](https://www.facebook.com/anytimefitnessnevada), [nevadaIabarbell](https://www.facebook.com/nevadaIabarbell)



BINGO at the American Legion: Play BINGO every Tuesday night (except for the months of July and August) from 7-9 p.m. at the Nevada American Legion Post, 1331 6th St. A cost of \$5 per packet plays all games!

Sports Bowl: Privately owned, this is a historic 10-lane house located at 1229 12th St., with a full bar and restaurant. Leagues for all ages are offered, along with open bowling times. Learn more on Facebook: [NevadaSportsBowl](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaSportsBowl)



Indian Creek Country Club: Indian Creek has existed for nearly a century, providing memories through the game of golf. The club is positioned on rolling, quiet hills that make it a unique landscape for central Iowa. As a private club, Indian Creek strives to cultivate and revive a truly special destination to continue the legacy of special moments, great golf and so much more. Honoring, stewarding and preserving the timeless tradition of golf are at the core of our beliefs. For membership inquiries, please visit www.indiancreekclub.com.

Harrington Park Disc Golf Course: This nine-hole course is located in the City's Harrington Park, at the east edge of town, along Lincoln Highway. The course was updated in 2023, with new concrete pads and signage. Learn more at the City Website: cityofnevadaiaowa.org (search Harrington Park Disc Golf Course)

In-town Fishing Ponds: Nevada has three in-town fishing ponds to enjoy through the DNR's Community Fishing Program (Fish Local). Two of the ponds are located at SCORE Park on the east side of Nevada, and one pond is located on

the south side of the trail loop on the west side of Nevada. A fishing license is required on these ponds if you are over 16 years old, and all statewide fishing regulations apply. Residents can check out the DNR's "Fish Local" web page at www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Fish-Local

Nevada Field House: Brand new, having just opened in early 2024, the Nevada Field House is located within the SCORE park on the east side of Nevada, just off Fawcett Parkway. The Field House will offer indoor recreation opportunities for all ages, which will definitely be a welcomed recreational respite during the cold winter months! Some of the features of the facility are a three-lane upper-level walking/running track, turf field space, multiple hard-surface courts for basketball, volleyball, etc. And for little kids, this facility offers a unique indoor playground area. Find membership/user information online: nevadaiaia.recdesk.com

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Nevada Public Library: Located at 631 K Avenue, the library offers access to information and services to enlighten citizenship, enrich personal lives and encourage lifelong learning for all members of the community. The library staff puts together a variety of programs and events for all ages of our population from story times to book clubs, crafting and chatting times, author talks, and so much more. You can find out more about the library, look at the library catalogue of materials, register for a library card, explore digital resources, and more at the library website: Nevada.lib.ia.us



Fawcett Family Aquatic Center: Open generally from the time Nevada schools let out for summer break to when Nevada schools resume classes, the Aquatic Center is located within SCORE Park, just off Fawcett Parkway. Admission fees/passes, swim lessons, adult swims and programming, etc., can be found on the City website: CityofNevadaIowa.org (under the Parks and Recreation Department links)



Main Street Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Martial Arts School: Privately owned and located at 1121 6th Street, they have classes/training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for all ages. Learn more on Facebook: [Mainstreetbjj](https://www.facebook.com/Mainstreetbjj)

BlueMoon Holistic Yoga Studio: Privately owned and located at 923 6th Street, offering a supportive community, where participants can learn to breathe, flow and grow through yoga. Learn more on Facebook: [BlueMoonHolisticWellness](https://www.facebook.com/BlueMoonHolisticWellness)

Center Stage Dance & Main Street Dance: These are two dance studios located within our community, each offering classes. Learn more: [CenterStageDance](https://www.facebook.com/CenterStageDance) on Facebook, [Main-Street-Dance-Studio/121149144630168](https://www.facebook.com/Main-Street-Dance-Studio/121149144630168) on Facebook.

The Nevada Senior Center: The Senior Center is located at 1231 6th Street (right next to City Hall). The Senior Center hosts many activities weekly and monthly throughout the year, geared to the retired population. On the second Monday of each month all residents are welcome to attend the Monthly Potluck — bring a dish to share by 11:30 a.m. and enjoy fellowship and a short program of interest. Women of the community gather on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for coffee and fellowship. Playing card games on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, starting at 1 p.m., is another favorite activity. Find out more online: nevadaseniorcommunitycenter.weebly.com

Women on Wednesday: WOW offers free sessions on the first Wednesday of each month. These sessions are intended to educate, empower, and connect women. Sponsors are Copper Spaces, Blue Moon Holistic, Breakthrough Innovations and 21st Century Rehab. Sessions are held at Copper Spaces. Learn more and register for sessions online: <https://21stcenturyrehab.com/events-news/> or call 515-382-3366.

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Alley's Pizza, 508 Lincoln Highway, 515-382-5858, al-leyspizza.com, a family-owned pizzeria, offering appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pasta dishes, desserts, pizza and more.

American Legion, 1331 6th Street, 515-382-2837, wfb48americanlegion.weebly.com, offering several monthly meals, including Taco Tuesdays and Friday Fish Fries along with other home-cooked options, all prepared by American Legion and/or American Legion Auxiliary members.

Bricktown Bakery, 1105 6th Street, 641-336-6887, bricktown-bakery.com, offering a wide selection of made-fresh-daily donuts, pastries, cakes, and ice cream, along with "Fried Pie Fridays" and more.

Bricktown Popcorn, 1105 6th Street, Suite 101, 515-635-1975, bricktownpopcorn.com, offering small-batch gourmet hand-crafted popcorn in a wide assortment of flavors.

Burgie's Coffee & Tea Co., 1340 South B Ave., 515-215-6148, burgiescoffee.com (select "south" location), offering breakfast & lunch made with fresh, local ingredients as well as homemade pastries. All syrups are homemade and coffee is sourced from Windmill Coffee Roasters in Ames, IA.

Casey's General Stores, 1800 S B Ave., 515-217-5541, and 1138 Lincoln Highway, 515-382-5831, caseys.com, offering pizza, wings, sides, sandwiches, wraps, breakfast items, baked goods, and more.

Cubbies On Main, Home of the Original George's Pizza, 1220 6th St., 515-382-2700, cubbiesonmain.com, offering full bar, pizza, appetizers, wings, broasted chicken on Wednesdays, and more.

El Mezcalito Mexican Restaurant, 1200 6th St., 515-382-3121, elmezcalitorestaurant.com, offering family-style Mexican food, all made in-house.

FarmGrounds, 1026 6th St., 515-382-1401, farmgroundsnevada.com, a cozy coffee shop with a little bit of everything, from hand-crafted lattes, to bakery items, lunch options, take & bake meals and more.

Good & Quick's Fryer Chuck's Chicken, 519 Lincoln Highway, 515-382-3462, specials listed on Good & Quick's Facebook page, offering broasted chicken, along with other homemade specials like goulash, hot beef sandwiches, shepherd's pie, biscuits, chicken and noodles, chili dogs and more.

McDonald's, 1815 B Ave., 515-382-8800, offering its multi-national fast food chain menu.

Mi Casita Authentic Mexican Restaurant, 1115 6th St., 515-382-2444, see specials on their Facebook page, offering full Mexican menu and daily specials.

Subway, 1109 6th St., 515-382-2355, offering its American multinational fast food franchise menu.

Snack Time Family Restaurant, 1010 6th St., 515-382-5254, offering a full American foods menu with daily specials. Known also for its full breakfast menu, with favorites like biscuits and gravy, omelets, pancakes, and more.

Sports Bowl, 1229 12th St., 515-382-2500, doyoubowl.com/sportsbowl, full bar and pub-like menu, including pizza, wings, appetizers, and more.

Starbuck's Drive-In, open seasonally, 1620 Lincoln Highway, 515-382-4071, a longtime establishment, serving homemade favorites like jumbo beefburgers, homemade tenderloins, cheese balls, onion rings, long coneys, super nachos, all kinds of soft-serve ice cream and sherbet treats and more.

Sweet & Savory, 937 6th St., 515-451-5791, facebook.com/sweetandsavorytruckllc, a deli shop offering artisan sand-

wiches, soups, salads, smoothies, coffee drinks, and gourmet desserts.

TE Alderman's, 1133 6th St., 515-382-1314, tealdermans.com, offering made-from-scratch food, farm-to-table cuisine with lots of gluten-free and allergy-friendly options, plus more. (Planning to open this year.)

Stores:

Dollar Fresh, Dollar General, and Fareway, all located in the East Business Park of Nevada, provide some prepared meal options in their stores.



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Community Resources

Angel Tree Program: The Nevada Community Resource Center (NCRC) coordinates a holiday gift-giving program for children in Nevada. In October electronic participation forms for the program are emailed to every family enrolled in the Nevada Schools. Community members can participate through monetary donations or by selecting an angel to purchase items for in November. Please call the NCRC, 382-1600, or email Chris Burling, cburling@nevadacubs.org, for more information.

The Story County Back to School Blast happens each summer to help get school supplies for families in need. More information can be found at the website: www.blastbacktoschool.org. If you have questions about the program, call Jodi Heeren at the school, 515-382-2751.

Cubbies Cupboard: Located at the Nevada Middle School, 1015 15th St., this food pantry is made possible through partnerships between the Food Bank of Iowa and members of Cornerstone Church (Ames). Food is provided for children and families in the Nevada Community School District. It is open on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 p.m. For information, or to donate, contact Jodi Heeren, 515-382-2751, or Elizabeth Gindt, 515-382-3521.

Food for Thought Summer Food & Enrichment Program: This program, made possible through partnerships between the Nevada Schools, YSS, United Way and others, provides learning opportunities for elementary and middle school students, plus free noon meals for students of all ages. Watch for more information to be distributed by the Nevada Schools each spring.

Good Samaritan Fund: A fund made possible by donations that provides utility and rent assistance, gas vouchers, and groceries for emergency situations. If you have an emergency Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call the Good Samaritan/Catholic Church office at 515-382-2974. If after hours, call 515-509-7709.

Harmony Clothing Closet and Prom Dress Exchange: Located at 1122 6th St., this nonprofit agency provides clothing, coats, shoes, and various other items at no charge and is open to all. It also accepts item donations of clean, gently used items and clothing from residents. The Closet is open Mondays, 4-7 p.m. or by appointment. Check us out on Facebook or contact us at 515-207-2974 for more information.

Kids at First: Free childcare and breakfast is provided to Nevada Central Elementary students, EK through 4th grade, on late-start Mondays during the school year. We are staffed by community volunteers, who are screened through background checks. We are located at First United Methodist Church, 1036 7th Street. We open at 7 a.m., breakfast is available from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and volunteers escort children to Central Elementary School at about 9:10 a.m. Crafts, games, and puzzles are provided at the church. In good weather, we have an optional 'recess' in the church parking lot. Registration forms will be available at the elementary school on open house night, on the Nevada First United Methodist Church web site (www.fumcnevada.org), or can be filled out when you bring your child the first time. If interested in volunteering, contact one of these numbers: 515-382-6536 or 515-382-6212.

Nevada Club (part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County): Re-established in October 2018, the Nevada Club is an after-school program, located in the youth space at Memorial Lutheran Church. In addition to the latest technology, the Club is equipped with table games, STEM and art supplies, and lots of snacks! Field trips and daily programs are based on youth interest. The program operates Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m., and the cost is \$50 per member. For more information visit the website: www.bgcsotry.org/nevada-club or contact Nevada Club by phone: 515-233-1872; or by email: theclub@bgcstory.org.

Nevada Community Cupboard: This food pantry, located at 1110 11th St., is to benefit families in need who live in Nevada or eastern Story County. Food packages are provided once a month. The Cupboard is open Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m. If you have an emergency, call 515-509-7709, for an appointment. Delivery is available if you are unable to come to The Cupboard.

The Nevada Community Resource Center (NCRC): A Nevada Schools facility offering childcare from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. through a "before and after school program, afternoon preschool childcare program and summer program" for children ages 4 years old through sixth grade. For rates and program information, contact Chris Burling at the NCRC, cburling@nevadacubs.org or call 515-382-1600. You can also find more information on the School's website: nevadacubs.org.

Nevada Food at First: A free meal program held on Monday and Thursday evenings. Households order carry-out

meals (by phone or online) Mondays or Thursdays by 3:30 p.m. Meals are picked up at specific times at Nevada's First United Methodist Church or at one of several Neighborhood Meal Stop locations in Nevada and other eastern Story County communities. All are welcome — follow Nevada Food at First on Facebook. Volunteers and donations are encouraged. Call 515-215-3904 for more information or to volunteer.

Raising Readers in Story County: Nevada children are served by Raising Readers in Nevada, through volunteers. The mission of Raising Readers in Story County is to support the language and literacy development of young children by providing books, caregiver guidance, and early childhood programs. For more information on utilizing services or volunteering, call Laura Geake at 515-520-8686.

Thanksgiving Meals Program: Homecooked Thanksgiving meals can be provided to children and families in need in the Nevada School District. The service is made possible through partnerships with Nevada Parks and Recreation, local churches and service clubs. For more information, call Jodi Heeren at the school, 382-2751.

Backpack Program-Weekend Food Assistance: This program is offered to children in Nevada who attend Central Elementary School. The program is sponsored by United Way of Story County and the Food Bank of Iowa, to assure that children have nutritious food available to them on weekends or extended holiday breaks. Applications for this program are available through the Central Elementary School's main office. For more information, call Jodi Heeren at the school, 515-382-2751.

Senior Resources

Nevada Senior Community Center: Located at 1231 6th St., the senior center is committed to enhancing the recreational, educational, and health opportunities to aging adults. Activities include weekly card games, monthly potluck

meals with programs, movies, women's coffee time, chair yoga, and more. Stay updated through the website: nevada-seniorcommunitycenter.weebly.com.

Central Iowa RSVP: A dynamic National Service Program serving Story, Marshall, Webster and Hamilton counties in Iowa. RSVP offers adult volunteers, aged 55 and older, quality opportunities to share their skills, interests, and life experiences in response to a wide variety of community needs. To become involved, call us at 515-292-8890 or visit us online: www.rsvpvolunteer.org.

Heartland of Story County: Offering programs and services, designed to help senior residents maintain their independence. To find out more about services and activities, contact us at 515-346-6099 or go to: www.heartlandsenior-services.com.

Assisted Living/Long-Term Care Housing: Nevada has several housing resources for senior residents and disabled individuals. The community has two long-term care facilities: Story Medical Senior Care (affiliated with Story Medical Center) and Rolling Green Village (ABCM Corp.). Nevada offers two assisted living facilities: Indian Creek Independent & Assisted Living (ABCM Corp.) and Windsor Manor (Foster Living). Windsor Manor also has a Memory Care unit. The Regency Retirement Residence is a community of retired residents, living in separate apartments inside one building. People residing at the Regency must be 55 and older, financially qualified and able to live independently.

Find out more:

Story Medical Senior Care: storymedical.org/senior-care

Rolling Green Village: abcmcorp.com

Indian Creek Independent & Assisted Living: abcmcorp.com

Windsor Manor: Windsor-manor.com

Regency Retirement Residence: iowa-seniorliving.com



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The Nevada Foundation, established in 2019, is a nonprofit public charity that accepts gifts for community betterment.

The graphic on page 25 shows The Nevada Foundation's next project, which creates "Seasons of Giving" to showcase the various needs and ways to give in the Nevada community.

"When we established the Foundation, a key priority was to foster a culture of philanthropy in Nevada," said Mayor Brett Barker, who serves on the Foundation's board. "We know there are many great organizations doing incredible work, and our goal is to aid them in their missions to serve Nevada."

In the Seasons of Giving diagram, you can see the each quarter of the year will have a focus for giving. Through Seasons of Giving, people can give to the Nevada Foundation, which will, in return, distribute the funds to organizations that fill the focused-upon needs of each quarter.

Mayor Barker hopes the year-round focus on a variety of needs in the community will bring awareness and help for a variety of nonprofits. "Our Seasons of Giving campaign will allow those who care about Nevada, both near and far, to make annual contributions and legacy gifts to support ongoing projects in our community."

To find out more about the Nevada Foundation:

Follow them on Facebook, facebook.com/nevadafoundation/

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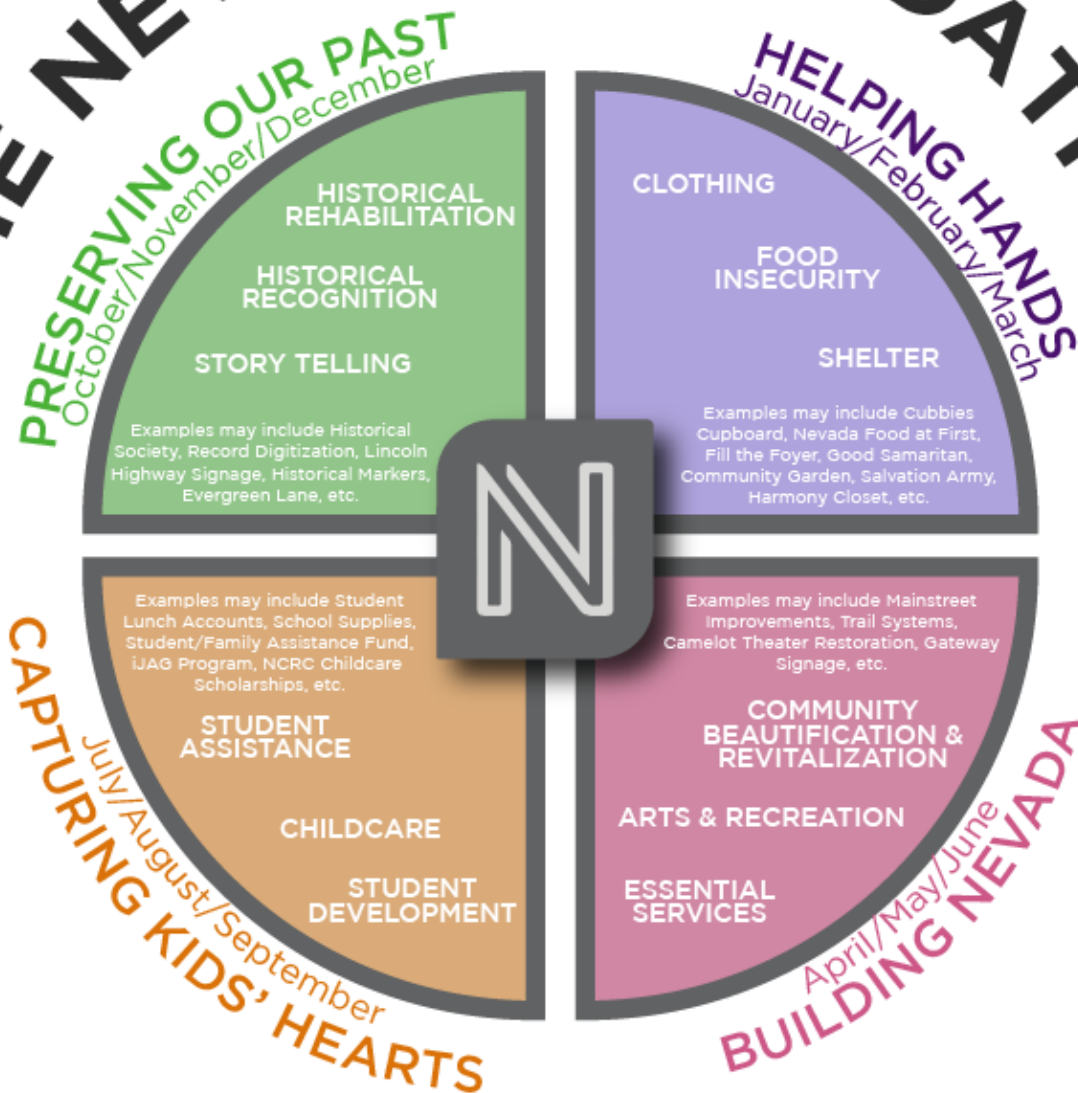
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Educational Opportunities

Nevada Public Schools



Nevada Public Schools is the largest “education system” in Nevada, offering education for pre-school age through high school. The local school district has about 1,500 students and 250 staff members. All of the school’s facilities have been updated in recent years. All facilities are ADA-accessible, climate-controlled with air conditioning, and offer the latest technology. State of the art facilities such as the Josephine Tope Community Auditorium, athletic stadiums and gymnasiums, regional welding lab, greenhouse and ag/mech lab are among the best in Class 3A.

At the elementary level, the school district promotes having the following “specials”: art, physical education, music, and social development. Support systems, from reading specialists to counselors, are available for all students. Technology is also emphasized, even at this early level. Starting in kindergarten, students are issued a computer to facilitate and enhance their learning.

It’s worth noting that Central Elementary School in Nevada is a nationally recognized showcase school for Capturing Kids’ Hearts, a program that puts staff relationships with kids as a top priority.

At the middle school level, which in Nevada consists of students in grades 5th through 8th, students take part in the LeadWorthy Character curriculum, which is designed to inspire and empower students to lead with heart. Athletics and fine arts opportunities are emphasized at this level, with coordinated sports programs offered to 7th and 8th graders. Middle school students also have unique fine arts opportunities, including plays, musicals, art, band, and choir.

At the high school level, NCSd continues to offer a number of robust co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students, such as fine arts, athletics, FFA, robotics, Key Club, and trapshooting, to name a few. Nevada’s programs have a strong tradition of earning area- and state-wide recognition.

Nevada High School is proud to offer over 100 college-credit courses, as well as robust career-ready programming such as internships, apprenticeships, and Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduates (iJAG).

Find out more about the Nevada School District:
nevadacubs.org





Nevada Christian School

The Nevada Christian School is part of the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist school network. The Nevada Christian School serves students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

The school's objectives are to create a climate for learning which is loving yet firm, and accepting yet challenging. Small class sizes (average 10 students) allow the school to give each individual attention to his or her unique needs, helping them to develop a high degree of academic achievement, to learn to be responsible for their own actions and government, and to

develop a personal relationship with God.

The Nevada Christian School offers a setting where students from different faith backgrounds can discover truths straight from the Word, and where the joy of discovery is meaningfully celebrated. Students are able to participate in several field trips throughout the school year.

Find out more about the Nevada Christian School: adventist-schoolconnect.org

Leadership Nevada

Leadership Nevada is a chance for adults to become educated about their community. It is a program of Main Street Nevada that offers the opportunity for participants to gain experience in civic leadership responsibilities and cultivate relationships with local leaders and community members.

Classmates will hear presentations on important topics, debate issues, participate in class activities, visit with area leaders, tour many community facilities and get to know other individuals representing a broad cross-section of the community. Leadership classes also undertake a community-betterment project aimed at improvement of the Nevada Community. Pictured below is the Leadership graduating class of 2021-22.

This opportunity occurs every other year. For more information about how you can apply to be part of the next class, please contact the Main Street Nevada office, 515-382-6538.



Service Groups

NOON ROTARY

The Rotary group of Nevada convenes every Wednesday for lunch at Gatherings, starting at noon. Following the meal, a program is presented to attendees. Rotary members actively engage in efforts to improve our community and the world, build new connections, provide service to others, foster professional development and leadership, and serve as mentors to Junior Rotarians — all while having fun. If interested in membership, email Christa Skaggs, hr@21stcenturyrehab.com.

EVENING ROTARY

This is a newer group in Nevada, meeting the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Location rotates. If interested in membership, email Christa Skaggs, hr@21stcenturyrehab.com.

KIWANIS

The Nevada Kiwanis Club was chartered in 1972. Its focus is improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The local group meets on Tuesday mornings, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Gatherings in Nevada. The adult group mentors a high school Key Club group, which is led by a local school advisor, Meg Frideres. For more information about Kiwanis, go to: <https://k06926.site.kiwanis.org>. If interested in joining, fill out a new member application form online: <https://k06926.site.kiwanis.org/join-kiwanis/>.

MASONIC LODGE

The Nevada Masonic Lodge #99 was founded in 1857. The Lodge home in Nevada is located at 1003 6th St. Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. This is an all-male service organization focused on “doing good” for Nevada and the surrounding communities. For more information: www.nevadalodge99.com. To inquire about membership, email: nevadaiolodge99@gmail.com.



JAYCEES

The Nevada Jaycees meets the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month at Cubbies On Main or El Mezcalito at 7 p.m. Jaycees is a service organization and young professional group that is focused on engaging citizens, ages 18-40, to contribute to their community, network with others, and gain leadership skills. To join, or for more information, please email jessica.frerichs@gmail.com or jmeyerdc@gmail.com, or send a Facebook message to Nevada Jaycees—The Jaycees-of Nevada Iowa.

LIONS CLUB

The Nevada Lions Club was founded in 1948. The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Indian Creek Country Club. To join, contact Charlene Jarboe, 515-735-6997.

AMERICAN LEGION

The Nevada American Legion Post is located at 1331 6th St. The mission of the organization is to enhance the well-being of veterans, their families, the current military, and communities by devotion to mutual helpfulness. The organization is open to all veterans. For information to join, go to the Facebook page: American Legion Post 48 Nevada, IA.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary is open to male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of veterans. Its members support the American Legion, veterans, and the military. The Nevada American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 48, holds meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. If interested in learning more, go to the unit's Facebook page: Nevada, IA Unit#48 American Legion Auxiliary.

Churches

- Central Presbyterian Church, 932 5th Street
- Christian Church, 250 W E Avenue
- Family of Faith, meets at 250 W E Avenue
- First United Methodist Church, 1036 7th St.
- Memorial Lutheran Church, 701 11th Street
- Nevada Baptist Church, 210 W 3rd Street
- Nevada Seventh-day Adventist, 324 S 6th St.
- St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1110 11th Street



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On our website, you will find a news reel in the middle of the home page with both government and community news tabs, along with a link to the community newsletter/magazine, "Our Nevada." Also on the website is a calendar with both City meetings/events, and a Community tab for community event listings. The website also offers you the ability to sign up for City Alerts.

Our Facebook page is utilized to put out all types of information about the City.

Our YouTube channel hosts full videos of City Council meetings, and our occasional "Keeping It Real" episodes, which offer useful insights about your City.



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-Evie Peterson, small business owner and Main Street Nevada Board member

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Nevada Economic Development Council

The Nevada Economic Development Council's mission: 'To cultivate economic growth and prosperity.'

The Nevada Economic Development Council (NEDC) is working to grow our community.

The NEDC works closely with leadership from the City of Nevada, the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the US Department of Agriculture, and our local utility providers to accomplish our goals. From providing infrastructure that allows for residential and commercial growth, to providing economic development assistance for industrial projects, the NEDC has played a crucial role in leading these efforts. The NEDC routinely assists businesses in the assemblage of financial incentive packages to ensure that each businesses' unique challenges are addressed head on.

The NEDC was founded in the early 1990s by a group of local business men and women who formed a nonprofit entity. In the middle to late 1990s, the NEDC purchased land for three business parks in and around Nevada. This availability of property allowed the NEDC to aggressively market Nevada as a community and attract many of the businesses and organizations that still are in Nevada 25 to 30 years later.

The NEDC has worked with both large and small businesses and industry, all choosing Nevada, Iowa, as the place to grow. Nevada is centrally located and has a population of nearly 7,000, and a Regional Workforce Population of 684,890. Nevada has a great location for both rail and interstate transportation needs. With close proximity to Iowa State University, locating in Nevada offers a multitude of research and development opportunities.

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