

## See you at the Story County Fair in Nevada July 21st - 26th!

### Cemetery Preservation Training

Local officials entrusted with maintaining Story County's rural cemeteries recently gained new knowledge about the important role they play in keeping Iowa's native vegetation growing in the wild and a newfound respect for the grounds where earlier generations are interred.

The Story County Board of Supervisors sponsored cemetery preservation training for Township Trustees in early June. In Iowa, townships are responsible for the care and maintenance of cemeteries, and the training offered an opportunity to learn about native prairie plant life to protect, legal aspects of cemetery upkeep, and basic maintenance and cemetery preservation.

"From a natural resource point of view, some of our cemetery prairie remnants contain the only specimen of a species we are aware of in the entire County," said Story County Conservation's Amy Yoakum. Therefore, learning how to properly care, recognize and handle rare prairie remnants is important. "From a historical perspective, prairie is what covered the landscape when the early settlers arrived in Story County. I think it's appropriate, and pretty cool, when remnants of historic vegetation rest where our earliest Euro-American residents do," Amy commented.

Yoakum reminded those at the training to also think about and protect the natural wildlife found in cemeteries when doing maintenance and planning.

The laws and guidelines governing cemeteries are spelled out Iowa's Code, including officially designating any cemetery that has not had a burial in 50 years as a "pioneer cemetery," said Ethan Anderson, Assistant Story County Attorney. Anderson also presented key laws regarding cemeteries, highlighting the trustees' responsibilities when taking care of township cemeteries.

Following presentations from Story County staff, John Heider of R.I.P. Ltd., focused on cemetery preservation and maintenance. As part of the day's training, John went over the correct cleaning materials and utensils to use on gravestones in order not to damage the pieces of history. "Trustees can learn how to preserve historic materials so that they can reduce maintenance costs and allow more in-house work." He also discussed upkeep of the cemetery in general, such as how to properly trim grass close to the gravestones so as not damage the markers.

Nevada City Cemetery hosted the hands-on training. The group was shown how to reset gravestones, fix crooked ones, and even reseal stones broken in half. Class participants were put to work helping preserve the stones immediately after watching John complete one. They also learned about locating unmarked gravesites, gravesite mapping, and cleaning gravestones.



IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED FOR THE FUTURE.

-John Heider, R.I.P. Ltd.



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### Upcoming Events

- Story County Blood Drives  
August 24, 2017, from 12-5 pm at the Story County Human Services Center, 126 S. Kellogg, Ames  
  
August 25, 2017 from 12-5 pm at the Story County Administration Building, 900 6th Street, Nevada

- School Elections to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Filing period from Monday, July 10 - Thursday, August 3, 2017

- National Preparedness Month begins September 1st

- Final day to pay property taxes is September 30th

Story County Board of Supervisors meet Tuesdays weekly at 10:00 am in the Public Meeting Room - 2nd Floor - Story County Administration Building, Nevada

For more scheduled events and classes through Story County Conservation, please visit:

[www.storycountyiaowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiaowa.gov)



### 2017 Citizen of the Year Award

Dr. Erwin Klaas is Story County's 2017 Citizen of the Year. The Story County Citizen of the Year Award is given annually to a resident of Story County who performs meritorious service above and beyond what would be expected of a citizen. Their efforts demonstrate creativity, vision, leadership, and citizenship by providing service to programs and activities that positively impact the welfare of the citizens of Story County, Iowa.

Dr. Klaas is an ISU Professor Emeritus of Animal Ecology. He came to Iowa State in 1975 and served as Professor of Animal Ecology and Asst. Leader and Leader

of the co-op Unit until he retired on December 31, 1999. While at Iowa State, he guided graduate students on pesticide effects, waterfowl energetics and ecology, wild turkey survival and habitat analysis.

Dr. Klaas' service includes Commissioner of the Story County Soil and Water Conservation District and represents the District on the Prairie Rivers of Iowa Board of Directors and the Squaw Creek Watershed Authority Board. Dr. Klaas was a founding member and serves as the current President of Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park.



### A Message from Story County Animal Control



The Story County Animal Shelter is located at 975 W. Lincoln Highway in Nevada. The Shelter may be reached at 515-328-3338.



Story County Animal Control would like to remind you about the following with the high temperatures in the forecast recently:

- Make sure all outdoor animals, domestic and livestock have plenty of water, and a place to be out of the sun.
- Make sure indoor animals are let out for shorter amounts of time than normal and also given ample water.
- Don't leave any living or breathing thing inside a vehicle of any kind. Temperatures climb very quickly in a parked vehicle. If you can't take them with you safely, leave them at home.
- If you see any animal in distress, call local authorities immediately.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Story County Animal Control  
515-382-3338

Story County Sheriff  
515-382-6566

Ames Animal Control  
515-239-5530

Huxley Police Department  
515-597-2002

Nevada Policy Department  
515-382-4593

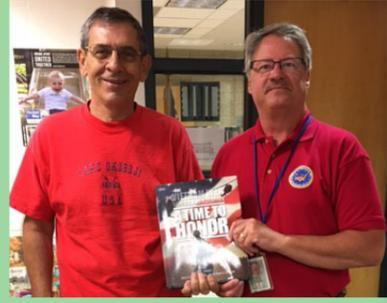
Story City Police Department  
515-733-2646

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### Commemorative Books about Vietnam War Available

Story County Veterans Affairs is issuing 50 year commemorative books to "in country" Vietnam Veterans for free. The book contains personal accounts from the war, pictures and a DVD. Veterans will need to call to schedule an appointment and bring in their DD-214 to receive their book.

Contact Veterans Affairs at (515) 663-2930, or visit them in Ames at the Human Services Center located at 126 S. Kellogg (Suite 001)



### Thank you for your Years of Service!

Story County celebrates the retirement of the following long-time staff members:

**Craig Phares**  
33 Years of Service  
Secondary Roads

**Don Tice**  
25 Years of Service  
Secondary Roads



### Capital Improvements Planning

The Story County Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a multi-year guide to the construction and/or improvement of county facilities and the acquisition of equipment. It serves as a planning and implementation tool for the acquisition, development, construction, maintenance, and renovation of public facilities, infrastructure, and capital equipment.

Visit [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov) > Your Government > Board of Supervisors > Capital Improvements Plan for more information and view current projects and updates.



### Story County Contracts for Workforce Solution Strategies

The unemployment rate in Story County continues to be one of the lowest in the United States. In April, the reported unemployment rate for the County was 1.7%. Our business and industry continue to grow. Job openings on the county-wide job board [WorkInAmes.com](http://WorkInAmes.com) have averaged more than 1500 postings a week. The Board of Supervisors contracts with the Ames Economic Development Commission to provide a suite of workforce development strategies. Two programs managed by the AEDC include the Summer Intern Program and K-12 Engagement.

#### Summer Intern Program

Each summer a series of four or five events is held for interns in the Ames/Story County area. The goal of these events is to provide an opportunity for local interns to better acquaint themselves with our area business leaders. Once interns see what the Ames and Story County area has to offer, the hope is they will consider staying here once they begin their careers.



#### K-12 Engagement

A new K-12 program called Story County Active Learning Experiences (SCALE) is being launched in the Fall 2017 for juniors and seniors in eight area school districts: Ames, Ballard, Boone, Collins-Maxwell, Colo-Nesco, Gilbert, Nevada and Roland-Story. Through collaboration between education and business partners, the SCALE program seeks to develop highly skilled and adaptable innovators and leaders. SCALE draws upon the expertise of business partners to bring real world application into the comprehensive high school experience. Through inquiry-based learning and authentic projects and experiences, students add value to business partners while exploring passions and career possibilities identified by economic trends in Story County.

For more information about any of the programs outlined above please contact Brenda Dryer at [brenda@ameschamber.com](mailto:brenda@ameschamber.com) or by phone at 515.232.2310.

### New Requirements for Special Events

Story County recently adopted a new ordinance requiring a permit for certain Special Events planned for unincorporated Story County. It is intended to provide protections to participants, volunteers and spectators involved in the event, including adjacent property owners and motorists and to communicate the plans with applicable emergency response entities so they are better informed and able to adequately respond in the event of an emergency. The application process assists County staff, other applicable entities, and Board of Supervisors to provide the greatest level of safety and awareness of the special event and determine the impact of the special event to the site and surrounding area.

The Special Events Ordinance streamlines the County's review process, addressing only those special events lasting longer than 4 hours and involving greater than 250 participants, volunteers and spectators. Special Events applications are required to be submitted 21 days prior to the event. Applications are reviewed by County staff and other applicable entities within 2 business days and ultimately acted on by the Board of Supervisors.

Submit Special Events applications and \$50 submittal fee to the Story County Planning and Development Department at 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa. To obtain a Special Events application or to learn additional details about the Special Events Ordinance, please contact the Story County Planning and Development Department at [pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov) or by calling 515-382-7245.

### Annual Review of the C2C Comprehensive Plan Underway

The Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C) Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Story County Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2016. The C2C Plan is a living guide and guides Story County with a clear vision and goals, identifies quality of life aspects, and outlines strategies. We are now one year into the 20-year Plan. To ensure it is a living document, we are reviewing the goals and vision and all the tasks associated with the Plan.

As part of this process, we have re-opened the survey conducted in 2015 to determine whether the initial conditions remain and whether priorities have shifted. You can view the survey and participate on Story County's website at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov) - just click on *The C2C Plan* tab on the left hand side.



### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Administration Building**  
Phone: 515-382-6581

**Animal Shelter**  
Phone: 515-382-3338

**Conservation Center**  
Phone: 515-232-2516

**Engineer and Secondary Roads**  
Phone: 515-382-7355

**Human Services Center**  
Phone: 515-663-2930

**Justice Center**  
Phone: Attorney 515-382-7255  
Sheriff 515-382-6566

### STORY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS



County Attorney  
Jessica Reynolds



County Sheriff  
Paul Fitzgerald



County Auditor  
Lucy Martin



County Treasurer  
Renee Twedt



County Recorder  
Stacy Herridge



Supervisor  
Lauris Olson



Supervisor  
Rick Sanders



Supervisor  
Marty Chitty