

Information on Nominees

Worksite Wellness Nominees

Arvest

Arvest offers access to kitchen with refrigerator and microwave, healthy food choices on site, a tobacco free environment with programs to support drug & alcohol abuse, health screenings and stress management.

Cotley College

The Cotley College Wellness Program encourages positive lifestyle behaviors like increasing physical activity, eating nutritionally balanced foods and managing stress. New to employees in August was use of a treadmill desk to encourage physical activity during the work day. Cotley offers full time employees "Wellness Time" where they can use two, 30 minute sessions of work time for exercise if they commit to an hour of exercise on their own personal time. We offer healthy eating talks and lunch

Farmers Insurance-Jessica Bland

Farmers Insurance is a tobacco free environment that has a full kitchen and healthy beverage choices onsite for their employees

Heartland

Heartland is extremely focused on the health, wellness, and betterment of not only our patients, but our staff as well. Alyson Harder, CEO is on the Healthy Nevada Board-and is truly focused on offering as many health incentives as possible to our employees. We are offered a health fair each year with screenings, we are offered fitness classes at work, we receive 50% discounts for gym memberships, we are offered prizes and drawings for being involved in fitness and health programs at work, etc.

Nevada Housing Authority

Nevada Housing Authority worked for 18 months plus to implement a Smoke Free Environment at their agency. The Smoke Free Policy went into effect on September 1, 2017. We offered resources to tenants that wished to quit smoking, some did and many have cut back their smoking. We also included in our policy the e-cigs. The impact on the health of all our staff and tenants will no doubt be improved with this change and new policy. Tax dollars are saved with policy.

Large Business Nominees

3M

Provides jobs to community. They continue to expand and hire full time.

Fidelity Communications

Since Fidelity Communications purchased Cobridge Communications in 2012, the company has enhance the services offered to residential and business customers in the Nevada area. Fidelity continuously makes improvements to the infrastructure to provide high quality services. A redundant fiber ring was added to the infrastructure to provide consistent and reliable connectivity, Fidelity became and all-digital system offering better signal, quality and clarity, and new equipment is continuously added to keep up with the ever-changing technology and needs of customers. These new services and features have required additional manpower to be added to the Fidelity workforce. Which also made it necessary for Fidelity to relocate to 310 N Osage Blvd. The new building houses the customer service department, installation and repair technicians, warehouse and Fidelity Local 6 office. The upgrades have benefited Nevada residents with; increased Internet speeds (up to 250 mps), local programming, whole-home DVR and WiFi, unlimited home phone service and business communication solutions. These services provide Nevada with similar infrastructure of a large, metropolitan area.

Heartland

Just a few projects Heartland contributes to in our area Relay for Life Team, Bushwhacker BBQ Sponsor, Regular (Bi-Monthly) News Spot on Community Wellness done by CEO on "Good Morning Four States" local (Joplin) news, Youth Suicide Prevention Seminars for Middle School.

Memberships, Board Memberships, and/or Strong Involvement of the Following Entities: Vernon County Rotary Club, Nevada Lion's Club Board, Vernon County United Way Board, Nevada Police Department Crisis Intervention Team

(CIT)Coordinating Council, Healthy Nevada Board, Healthy Nevada Mental Health Committee, Nevada Regional Foundation Board, Kaysinger Basin Set 6 Project
Sponsorship in Community Health Fair, Nevada Griffons Game Sponsorship for all Community Members, Healthy Nevada Fitness Challenges, etc.
MANY other misc. projects, memberships, and community involvement by the staff at Heartland!

Medicalodges of Nevada

Medicalodges of Nevada is a skilled nursing facility in Nevada that has received numerous awards for the quality of their care over the last several years. 2014 National Quality Award, 2015 Best Nursing Homes – US News & World Report, 2017 Pinnacle Customer Experience Awards and Ranked 5-Star facility by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – which is no east feat! Additionally, Medicalodges of Nevada has had several years of 100% deficiency-free or Very Low deficiencies (and no patient care deficiencies) in their surveys by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS). To celebrate the HUGE success, Medicalodges corporate funds an employee party each year they achieve a top-quality survey and give bonuses to their 70+ employees for their hard work. This facility is taking great care of their patients (“family”), keeping them healthy, and making them feel at home and it is being recognized, Nationally! Part of their success is due to the longevity of their top-level leadership: Susan House, Administrator – 25 years / Kim Stalin, Director of Nursing – 33 years / Barb Houston – 21 years / Janice Heckadon, Food Services Director – 33 years. Clearly, Medicalodges is not only a great place to live, but a great place to work!

Moore-Few Care Center

Nevada Police Department

They continue to work hard at trying to clean up our town and crack down on the drug situation.

On My Own, Inc.

On My Own has a wonderful facility and provide many services to serve and help members of our community. They are always looking for more ways to be involved in the area.

Vernon County Sherriff’s Department

They relentless work at making our county safe and crack down on the drug situation. They also take time to educate citizens year-round.

Agri-Business Nominees

54 Feed and Seed

54 Feed & Seed’s intent is to provide families with friendly, knowledgeable, personal service in their feed and farm supplies along with helpful advice in their lawns and gardens. The focus of 54 Feed & Seed was to bring Purina Feed to Nevada and team it with the type of independent garden center most avid gardeners previously had to drive to the city to find. Staci has generously given back to the community by donating her services to clubs, civic groups, pretty much anyone that asks for help!

ADM

ADM provides a service to the community with bio-fuel and provides several jobs in the community.

AGL Drone Solutions

AGL Drone Solutions is a locally owned and operated UAV company dedicated to providing customers with the aerial services they need at a cost they can afford. Our team of pilots can assist with everything from planning the flight to providing production services. With the highest quality cameras available, we can obtain videos in full 4K (Ultra HD) and photos in 20MP. Our pilots are all FAA licensed and ready to capture photos of your wedding, property, event or even family pictures! Michael Morris also runs a Morris Farms Facebook page and teaches and hosts school kids about agriculture.

Ash Grove Aggregates

Multi-location limestone producer with quarries in Kansas and Missouri. Mission is to ensure that we are the producer of choice in the crushed stone industry. All of our actions will be directed toward attaining and maintaining loyal, informed and valued customers / Successful, safe and proud employees / aggressive, prosperous and responsible company.

Brantley Johnson

FieldMaxx Water Management Solutions

FieldMaxx Water Management Solutions, Rusty Johnson owner, provides field drainage services for ag producers.

John Deere – Legacy Farm and Lawn

November 1, 2008 marked the beginning of a new era for three local John Deere equipment stores. Barton County Implement Co. of Lamar, Missouri, Purinton's of Lockwood of Lockwood, Missouri, and Joplin Farm and Lawn of Joplin, Missouri, are pleased to announce the combining of their respective companies to form a new company, Legacy Farm and Lawn. In 2012, another John Deere dealership in Nevada, MO was added to the Legacy family. Barton County Implement has operated their company headquarters in Lamar since 1956.

The new name Legacy Farm and Lawn was chosen to recognize the years already invested by the previous generation serving people in this area, coupled with the future generations serving people in the years to come. We recognize the importance of quality individuals to represent the company as employees. Many faithful years of service to their customers have been invested by these individuals. Legacy Farm and Lawn will be able to supply products to fill needs from the homeowner's lawn care products up to the needs of the largest in production agriculture.

MFA Nevada

They go above and beyond to help our local farmers. They are great to work with and a great resource for our farmers.

Missouri Northern Pecan

Missouri Northern Pecan growing business, involved in the community, hiring employees, representing Nevada around the Country.

Nevada R-5 Ag Department, Brian Gast

Producers Grain

Record Harvest – Steve Cabbage

Record Harvest is not about the bells and whistles — they provide solutions. That's what Record Harvest sells. Their goal is to help each producer and every acre reach full potential through practical and profitable precision agriculture practices. Anyone can sell precision tools and services. Record Harvest also delivers the necessary knowledge and support to our customers — priceless commodities in the world of precision Ag

Small Business Nominees

Belles and Beaus / Second Edition

The combined store features a wide variety of clothing selections. The remodeled store is a great addition!

Buildet, LLC

Buildet is a pacesetter business that is a corner stone of Nevada. They have been building and improving Nevada and surrounding communities for years. They have a reputation for quality work with knowledge and experience to handle just about any construction job from excavating, flat work to finish carpentry. They have participated in charitable works in our community as well as renovating to enhance and modernize Nevada. They have been steady employers in our town and offer competitive and fair wages in doing so. Their owners are lifelong residents of city and are integral parts of this community. They have set the pace of modern Nevada while treasuring its past.

Eyecare Professionals

Hancock Automotive

Hancock Automotive is a family owned business that has been offering great reliable service to our community since 1988.

Inetvision

Provide a great service to community.

Kitchen Essentials

Kitchen Essentials is a gem in our community and the newly expanded store is amazing! They also have great customer service. Whether it is something for your own kitchen, or a gift for your favorite "foodie", Kitchen Essentials is bound to have it! Nevada is very lucky to have a unique store like this one!

Los Sauces, Iguana Azul, I don't Care

Guicho and partners have been serving delicious food to Nevada, continuing to grow, adding jobs, and boosting the Nevada economy for several years in Nevada! We're happy to have them here and to watch them grow!

Nevada Housing Authority

Nevada Housing Authority has been a long standing entity in the community that employs a small number of individuals but impacts many with their rental assistance programs and oversight of 200 public housing units. This programs has a significant economic impact in the community with its close to 3/4 million dollar annual budget. The agency is more than just a public housing agency providing rental assistance but it works with many community stakeholders to connect individuals and families to resource providers in providing education, job opportunities, etc. to work toward self sufficiency. Nevada Housing Authority prides itself in the quality of its housing stock and its existent and impact in our community since 1970.

Nevada Public Library

They have numerous programs for children all throughout the year from preschool to Middle School. They are always keeping their facebook page up to date and always very pleasant staff.

Sharky's Pub and Grub

Sutherland Home Base

The Way Preschool-Lori Fast

The preschool does weekly backpacks for love, they have a food pantry box at the church that they stock weekly, for Christmas the children all brought mittens and hats and gave them to children that needed them. I see this as a way to touch more children than just the ones that attend the Preschool.

Community Involvement Nominees

Pastor Chad Bailey

Pastor Chad of Pine Street Baptist, active in Ministerial Alliance, started men's shelter, New Life used items store and coffee shop to provide work for the men.

Leslie Carroll-Bartlett

Leslie is involved in teaching yoga classes, active in Lion's Club and episcopal church, Farmer's Market board of directors. former Extension Council president.

Patty Bennett

Patty has been working for 3M Nevada since 1988 and during this time she has been active in many organizations, from community, to school, to church, as well as in the plant. I feel her three strongest areas have been the United Way of Vernon County (27 years +), Nevada Area Habitat for Humanity (8 years+) and the Law Enforcement "National Night Out" (2 years). For the past 7 years, and continuing, Patty has served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Vernon County. Prior to that she participated in various roles in the Nevada Plant's United Way efforts, as she continues today. With her years of experience helping United Way to the plant she has always brought new employees into a

positive view of volunteering by being a strong positive influence. She has helped with UW fundraising, kick off breakfast, chili cook-off, UW Oktoberfest community event, recording and organizing the minutes from the board meetings, creating marketing materials, secretary and a member of the executive board. For the last five Habitat houses Patty has served as the lead of the Painting Crews. She is responsible for coordinating schedules, supplies and volunteers for all painting tasks inside and out. During peak times Patty would spend over 15 hours a week assuring the houses are updated on time meet completion targets. The last couple of years as the Plant needed some additional volunteers to man a 3M Drink table for the “National Night Out” with the City Police and County Sherriff’s office, Patty was glad to set in and help as well as recruit other to join in as well.

David Black; Family Financial Education Specialist, University of Missouri Extension

2017 Work in Nevada/ Vernon County: Nevada Regional Technical Center Business Advisory Board. Work includes judging state competition projects, lecturing for classes, and arranging introduction to Chamber of Commerce. Developed the facilitation of financial foundations class at the Vernon County Jail. Has provided financial education to more than 50 inmates which has lead to documented positive outcomes related to financial literacy and responsibility. Was recognized by State Representative Patricia Pike. Member of the Nevada Resource Committee dedicated to improving education, employment, and transportation for the vulnerable population of Nevada, Vernon County. Works with Habitat for Humanity to provide free financial counseling to clients who are receiving new homes. Works with Nevada Jobs Center to provide education and counseling to job seekers.

Officer Markus Champion

Officer Champion is truly a champion in the NPD. He is respected in the community and goes above and beyond serving our community

Adam Dean

Adam is amazing and does so much for our community. NWTF is a small part of what he does and it is huge for the benefit of our kids. All that he does for local and non-local food pantries. Adam will collect processed deer meat that is donated by the hunter or processed meet that is never picked up from the processing plant and he delivers it to food pantries in Vernon, Bates, and Cedar counties.

Pastor Chris Deines

Pastor Chris Deines is nominated for this award by the Nevada Housing Authority. Pastor Chris as we fondly refer to him is our go to person when we have an individual and or family in our Nevada community in need. He has the ability to counsel, calm a stressful situation, validate individuals and provide resources that no one else can or will. Pastor Chris has worked not only with our agency but Healthy Nevada and others. He recently has been involved with bringing a program to the community in respect to Bridges out of Poverty, working to assess and address the poverty in our community. Pastor Chris and his family have adopted families, and are a shining example of what it means to SERVE. Pastor Chris is most deserving of the Community Involvement Pacesetter Award. Working with Wayne Neal, he would smile down proudly to give this award to Chris as he impacts lives on a daily basis similar to Mr. Neal including often times the unlovable. He is a change agent to better Nevada.

Ross Lawrence

I would like to nominate Ross Lawrence for the Community Involvement Pacesetter Award. I think he exemplifies exactly what this award represents.

Ross is extremely involved in the community and wants to make sure that the future of Nevada is bright. Ross currently serves on the Board of United Way of Vernon County, The Rotary Club of Nevada, The Ducks Unlimited Committee, and of course the Chamber of Commerce. Anyone who serves with Ross will all tell you how dedicated he is to every committee he is involved in. In the past year alone, he organized, applied and received a grant for, and delivered the Choices Program to all Nevada 8th graders through the Rotary Club. The goal of the Choices Program was to encourage students to stay in school and teach them the benefits that education has on the rest of their life. Ross also saw that there were students who were unable to get the school supplies that they needed, so he organized and led the “Stuff the Bus” program through United Way that in its first year gathered over \$9,500 worth of school supplies that were distributed to area schools for students that desperately needed them. He has also been very dedicated to the financial wellbeing of the community and hosts free financial classes to the community every month on topics ranging from how to make a family budget and pay down debt to helping people plan for the future.

Lions Club of Nevada

The lions club is constantly giving back to the community through the eye glass program, back packs of love and many other projects they do through the year.

Nevada Elks Lodge

Christmas Basket Program and they do a TON of donations & gifts on Christmas every year!

Quality Products

Provides service to community and jobs.

Erica Skouby

She is involved in everything community. She stepped up for Bushwhacker, is part of United Methodist Women, the Griffons, bakes pies for Habitat.....and much more. She also is very supportive of the events in our community.

Will Tollerton and the Bushwhacker Museum/ Historic Society

Will does an amazing job preserving and promoting our history. Great job bringing the Deepwood Cemetery event to Nevada.