

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Dates:

### December:

- 13** Early Club Closures (Ames 5:30pm & Nevada 5:00pm)
- 20** Ames All Day Club
- 23** Ames & Nevada All Day Club
- 24-26** Clubs and Office Closed
- 27** Ames & Nevada All Day Club
- 30** Ames & Nevada All Day Club
- 31** Clubs & Office Closed

This season, we are grateful for our amazing members, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

Together, we continue to make the Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County a place where young people can reach their full potential.

Wishing you a great holiday full of gratitude and togetherness!

BGCS STORY TEAM x



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# NOVEMBER "GAME" CHANGERS



Worked up a sweat at  
Overtime Gym with  
members of the Iowa  
State Softball team!

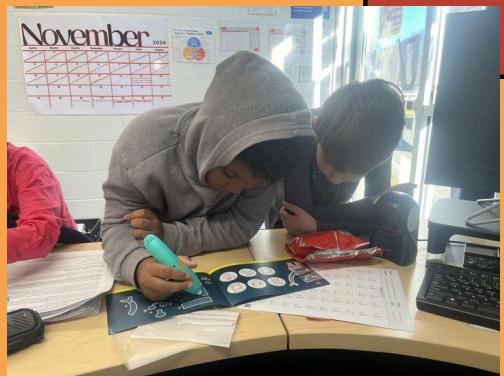


Teen Night watching  
Iowa State Women's  
Basketball was loads  
of fun!





Nevada Family Night was full of good food and new memories made!



Tried out our new 3D printer pens!

# THANKFUL



Thank you Iowa State Philanthropy group for volunteering at the Ames club!

## Giving Back

Thank you to Complete Connection and Tradehome Shoes for hosting a clothing and sock drive for the clubs!

Thank you to Altrusa International of Ames for supporting us with a grant to purchase new furniture!

Thank you to Christ Community Church & Lutheran Church of Hope, both of Ames, for hosting a drive for socks, winter hats & scarves for our clubs!



# New Website!



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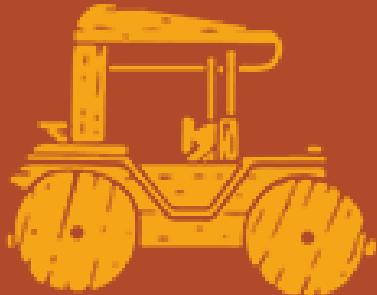
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The Boys &amp; Girls Clubs website's desktop view. At the top, there is a banner featuring a group of children and adults in blue shirts with the text 'Building Great Futures' and a 'Donate Today' button. Below this is a 'Our mission' section with a brief description and a 'Join a Club' button. Further down, there are sections for 'Invest in a child's future' with a 'Donate Now' button, and three circular icons representing education, community involvement, and family. The URL 'www.boysandgirlsclubs.org/storycounty' is visible at the bottom of the page.

Why did the website go on vacation?  
It needed to refresh its page!

↗ We have a new website design and it looks great! Hop on over to <https://bgcstory.org/> to see if you can spot any of the differences!

# Alumni Spotlight



**SHAFFER'S  
AUTO BODY CO., INC.**

Meet Chad Borwick, a proud Nevada local and co-owner of Shaffer's Auto Body. Chad's journey with the Boys & Girls Clubs began in the early 1980s when he spent his summers at the Club in Ames.

Reflecting on his time there, Chad's eyes light up with pride. "Being part of the Boys & Girls Clubs meant everything to me. It was a place where I truly felt I belonged. The memories and experiences I gained there are still vivid in my mind today."

The Club, then known as the Boys Club, was located on Kellogg Ave. Although the building no longer stands, Chad vividly recalls the rush of nostalgia he felt when he revisited the site. "The layout might have changed, but the essence remained. The smell, the memories—they stay with you."

Chad fondly remembers two mentors who made a significant impact on his life: Mark Albaugh and Chuck Conrad. "They were incredibly personable. They played baseball with us, took us swimming at Peterson Park, and always ensured we were safe and happy. They were exceptional at their jobs."

His time at the Club was filled with unforgettable moments—cheering at Iowa Cubs games, playing pool, ping pong, and basketball. He even had the chance to hang out with Iowa State legend Lafester Rhodes and had his first encounter with a computer there.

"The Boys & Girls Club was a sanctuary for kids. It was a place to make friends, learn new skills, and have positive experiences. It truly helped shape my perspective on life."

Don't shy away from the spotlight! If you have any personal stories like Chad, feel free to reach out!

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## Upcoming Staff Birthdays:

**Andrew Grassel 12/4**

**Spencer Mackey 12/17**

**Thank you to these companies for helping support  
our Feed The Kids Initiative!**



**BUFFALO  
WILD  
WINGS**



**December 3rd is GIVING TUESDAY! This holiday season, your gift to Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County can be the one thing that changes everything for a child in our community who needs extra help right now.**



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