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### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Nevada County Child Protective Services staff believe deeply that every child has the right to a safe and stable childhood, free of abuse and neglect. This month is set aside to recognize the ways we can work together as families, as a community and as a nation to eradicate abuse and neglect of our children.

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month is an opportunity for all of us to start the conversation in our communities about how we can keep our children safe and provide services to meet their basic needs. We need to ensure all children are heard, valued and appreciated.

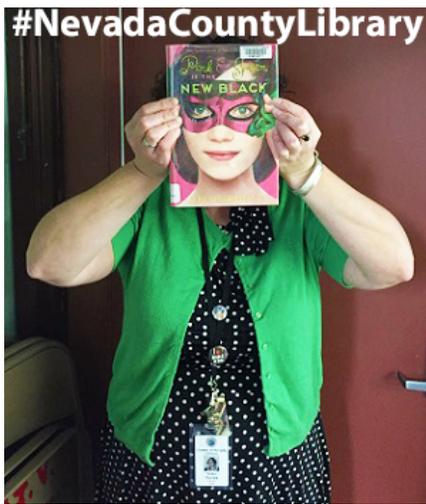
Child abuse and neglect is, and always will be, 100% preventable. Nevada County Child Protective Services focuses not only on the safety of the child, but also believes that recognition, prevention and proactive participation in promoting healthy parenting and strong families through education and community support is the best way to interrupt an abusive situation. Turning words into action by training our neighbors, businesses, schools, friends, and families, about the signs and indicators of child abuse and neglect, our community to make a longstanding and permanent difference in the lives of children in Nevada County. By promoting safety, awareness, education, transparency and dialogue, we can prevent child abuse and neglect from occurring and harming the next generation of Nevada County residents.

For more information please feel free to contact Nevada County Child Protective Services Program Manager, Nicholas Ready, at [nicholas.ready@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:nicholas.ready@co.nevada.ca.us) or (530) 265-1654.

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### Celebrate National Library Week with the Nevada County Community Library



National Library Week is April 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>! To celebrate, the Nevada County Community Library is hosting Library BINGO all week. Pick up your Library BINGO card at your local branch, complete it, and bring it back to receive a pack of California Wildflower Seeds and be entered into a drawing to win a pair of Sierra Cinema movie tickets, a gardening gift basket, or an iPod shuffle.

The Library is also hosting a BookFace photo contest! Take your photo with a book cover as your face (see picture above) and tag your photo with #nevadacountylibrary on [Instagram](#) or post it on the [Nevada County Library Facebook](#) page. Participate to be entered into a random drawing to win a pair of Sierra Cinema movie passes or a gift bundle from the Bookseller in Grass Valley. Two winners will be announced on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Read the award-winning picture book *The Last Stop on Market Street* as you stroll through downtown Nevada City, now through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Pages of the book are posted in the windows of participating Nevada City businesses. Start the 0.7 mile StoryWalk at Harmony Books at 130 Main Street.

On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, join Youth Librarian Lisa Nowlain on a special Bus Storytime at 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Madelyn Helling Library to hop on a bus and enjoy a special storytime on wheels. Register for the [special Bus Storytime](#) online with the [Library Events Calendar](#).

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## April Is Second Chance Month

What is Second Chance Month? It is an effort by prison ministry organizations, together with both conservative and liberal groups, to give those who have been convicted of crimes an opportunity to reenter society. Prison Fellowship's senior vice president, Craig DeRoche indicates "We believe people with a past can rise from their failure, repay their debt and restore and heal our communities that are affected by crime.... There is no such thing as a throwaway person and by granting second chances to those who have earned them (we) will be contributing to the restoration of families, communities and our nation."

Nearly one in four adults in the United States has a criminal record. This can restrict them from voting, finding employment, expanding their education and obtaining housing. A criminal record can follow an individual well after the time that they've served their sentence and "paid their debt to society". This "second prison" of homelessness and poverty can destroy any hope a person has of becoming a contributing member of society.

In California, there are a variety of steps a person can take to clean up their criminal record. The Nevada County Public Defender's Office can help with some of these steps. This help includes assisting with petitioning the court for expungements, as well as, petitions that can reduce certain convictions to misdemeanors, pursuant to the recent voter initiatives Proposition 47 and Proposition 64.

If you would like to talk to a public defender about what you can do to clean up your criminal record, please contact Keri Klein at the Nevada County Public Defender's Office at (530) 265-1400.

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## Candlelight Vigil in Recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Weather permitting, Victim Witness is sponsoring a candlelight vigil in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The vigil will be on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., at the Robinson Plaza in Nevada

City. This tradition was started by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. President Reagan stated:

"...Only victims truly know the trauma crime can produce. They have lived it and will not soon forget it. At times, whole families are entirely disrupted –physically, financially and emotionally. Lengthy and complex judicial processes add to the victim's burden. Such experiences foster disillusionment and, ultimately, the belief that our system cannot protect us. As a Nation, we can ill afford this loss of faith on the part of innocent citizens who have been victimized by crimes...."

Find a flyer with [additional information here](#).

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## Grass Valley Charter School Students Learn About Local Government



Grass Valley Charter's second grade students came to the Eric Rood Administrative Center to learn about their local government and how they can connect with those who make the laws and ordinances for Nevada County. The field trip included an introduction to local government, a tour of the Eric Rood Administrative Center, and several interactive lessons on County services.

Employees from the Elections, Clerk-Recorder, Building, and Sheriff Departments spoke to the students about their department's role within the County. Students participated in a mock election in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. They voted on their favorite Frozen character, learning that their personal favorite is not always the winner. In another exercise, students used marshmallows and toothpicks to create a structurally sound "house". The Sheriff's department gave students a "show and tell" of a Sheriff Patrol vehicle. During the tour that had the students visiting several offices, they were challenged to keep an eye out for the County Seal that was hidden around the building.

Ryder, McKinlee, and Veda, students from Ms. Hight's second grade class, all enjoyed the field trip and had their own favorite parts. Veda won a County water bottle for correctly answering the question, "what are County laws called?" Ryder's favorite part of the trip was building marshmallow houses because they got to eat some of the marshmallows and learning about County building and permitting processes. McKinlee enjoyed getting to look at the Clerk-Recorders "big books" from 1857 Mortgage and Index Forms.

Ms. Hight learned something new as well: how to use your address to know if you should call the Sheriff or the City Police. The trick is that five digit addresses are in the Nevada County Sheriff's jurisdiction whereas three digit addresses are in Nevada City or Grass Valley Police's jurisdiction.

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## Welcoming Dr. Christopher Genobaga OB/GYN to Western Sierra Medical Clinic

Dr. Christopher G. Genobaga, a 17-year obstetrician and gynecologist (OB/GYN), has joined the Maternity Health Unit at Western Sierra Medical Clinic in Grass Valley.

Dr. Genobaga, who earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University in Southern California, will help meet the critical need for women's health services in the Nevada County. The county has a shortage of OB/GYNs, causing some women to leave the region for physicians in other communities.



He will provide a range of services for women and will handle deliveries at Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley.

Dr. Genobaga is the most recent addition to Western Sierra's Maternity Health Unit, which offers three providers and numerous services.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Rubin at 530-802-2711 or [cherylr@wsmed.org](mailto:cherylr@wsmed.org).

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## PG&E Emergency Preparedness Meetings

PG&E is planning a series of regional meetings to provide key county and city representatives an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the electric annex for the company's emergency and disaster preparedness plans. Consistent with the California Public Utilities Code, PG&E would like to identify points of contact from our jurisdiction to review and comment on PG&E's plans. Once identified, the designee will be invited to attend and participate in one of the [regional meetings](#).

The meetings will consist of a presentation from PG&E staff with time for an open discussion on PG&E's Emergency Preparedness Plans. The designee will be provided a copy of PG&E's emergency disaster and preparedness plans which will be utilized during the public portion of the meeting.

For more information contact Brandon Sanders, PG&E Sierra Division Public Affairs at (916) 472-2241.

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## Jessica Hudson Past County Librarian Named Washington DC's 40 Under 40



Past Nevada County Librarian, Jessica Hudson, was just named on [Washingtonian's "Forty Under Forty"](#) to watch for shaping local politics, business, the arts, and other industries.

Jessica Hudson served as Nevada County Librarian for two and a half years, from 2011 to 2014, before accepting a job with Contra Costa County's larger library system. She was the driving force behind Madelyn Helling Library's Collaborative Technology Center (CTC), which provides valuable resources to Nevada County residents like access to computers, 3D printers, and study rooms. Now, as the Director of the Fairfax County Library (Virginia's largest library system), Jessica is bringing modern technology to the libraries of Washington DC. In 2017 this means 3D printers, increased trainings, and the creation of a laptop lending program.

Jessica's tenure at Nevada County continues to have a positive impact on our community today. The CTC continues to offer increased technology, programming, and trainings thanks to the sustained efforts of Laura Pappani, our current County Librarian. Today the CTC offers iPad and iPhone training, classes on how to use our 3D printers, innovative STEM programs to engage kids and teens, and even a Mobile Technology Center that is able to bring technology and learning on the road.

To sign up for Library programs, look at what is coming up on the [Library Event Calendar](#).

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## Help Big Brothers Big Sisters by Supporting a Paper Shredding Event



### **Big Brothers Big Sisters** of Nevada County

securely stored until they can be professionally shredded on the day of the event.

If you need more information, you may contact Suze Pfaffinger at (530) 265-2059 or email her at [suze@bigsofnc.org](mailto:suze@bigsofnc.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Nevada County is having a [fundraising shred event on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.](#) at 117 Argall Way in Nevada City. Cost is \$10 a bankers box. If you can't attend that day call BBBS at (530) 265-2059 to arrange early pickup of boxes. Boxes will be

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## Bear River Library Station Closed During Spring Break

The Library's Bear River Station, located in Bear River High School, will be closed the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> for the school's spring break. Public hours will resume on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. All other branches of the Nevada County Community Library will be open as usual the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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