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AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug 1, Live Music, "Mostly Country", Wine Barrel 3-6 p.m.
- Aug 22, Live Music, "Trystan Grisham", Wine Barrel, 3-6p.m.



Let's all do our part to keep Covid 19 Delta variance in check and keep our economy booming. Make plans to get vaccinated today. We owe it ourselves and to our country.

Flowers Bring Beauty to the Business District

Over the years businesses were encouraged to put potted plants in front of their businesses along Mulholland. Approximately 15 years ago, NRI (aka NFM) augmented the existing flowers which are watered and tended by missionary staff early every morning. Today, almost 50 flowerpots (half nurtured by businesses; half, by NFM) continue to line Mulholland, such as the "angel trumpet" in front of Three Keys, as shown. (These are cuttings Carol Brown took from the original plants Durell Nelson set out in front of the library long ago. They caused such a sensation that the then librarian Lois Crouse resorted to writing the name of the plant on her desk so all she had to do was point to it when the inevitable question was asked.) The interesting blooms and colors vary by the year and are a treat to the eye of passersby.



Update on Excursion Boat *Legacy*

It "almost" became a reality! The long-hoped-for docking in Nauvoo hit a wall—rather some rocks—on July 21. Just as The *Legacy* had made plans to embark and disembark passengers in Nauvoo on two mornings a week and an all-day excursions from Nauvoo every Thursday, the river played a nasty trick. The river dropped, putting the boat's access to the Parley Street access area at risk due to a pile of rocks thirty feet out from shore, which showed clearance above the rocks only up to assistant Barry Cuthbert's, knees! It is guessed that a dammed area developed from the debris coming down the river when the river was higher. The same area a couple of weeks previous had allowed safe water for the vessel. Since the boat's gangplank extends only 15 feet, there was no immediate way to deal with the situation. Asked what could be done, Don Faulkner, one of the owners, replied, "Pray for rain!" If anyone has some creative solutions (besides rain), they might be worth passing on. Nauvoo would LOVE to have the *Legacy* in Nauvoo on a regular basis.

Nauvoo Community Center Update

Christmas Is Coming... ...as are other special events or occasions. It's not too soon to think of ideas for presents. (After all, Christmas is only 22 weeks away!) And, there are birthdays and anniversaries to commemorate. Why not give something with lasting appeal? A commemorative brick, perhaps? Older folks usually don't need more "things" to dust, but they certainly do like to be remembered. A brick on the walkway of our new Community Center's entrance plaza would be a caring gift and provide bragging rights. Younger honorees would love to point out their very own paver to their family and friends. What a thoughtful way to remember someone who has a warm spot in your heart. (And, Santa would approve!) Forms are available at Nauvoo City Hall or online at www.nauvoocc.org.

"Cash" Donation Made to NC5: The Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens were recently given two boxes containing coins and coin sets. They generously gifted them to the Nauvoo Community Center Campaign, who recently sold them to a collector for \$950. No money laundering was necessary. It was a clean transaction that will end up benefitting the community. Thank you, Seniors. We know that you will enjoy using the new facility that you helped build.

Bids Related to Nauvoo Community Center: The City received only one bid for the construction of the Nauvoo Community Center by the required July 16 deadline. (Two or more bids were required in the public notices in for the City Council to acknowledge them.) The Nauvoo Community Center Committee is considering alternative approaches in order to move forward. Whatever the approach, once a contractor is chosen, the final plan needs to be approved by Library Grant officials before being approved by the city. The Committee is focusing on being ready for construction to start in 2021. The Grant allows three years for construction to be completed. The lot in Bluff Woods, donated to NC5 by a former missionary, was published in the newspaper three times, as per the law for sale of city property, with sealed bids due to the city by August 1. As of this writing (July 26), no bids had been received.

AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug 9, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- Aug 10, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Aug 16, School Board, 7 p.m.
- Aug 16, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Aug 18, NBA, City Hall 7p.m.
- Aug 23, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

Nauvo0 City Council Minutes July 12, 2021

The Council took the following actions:

- Approved spending \$569 to put spray on the bed liner of the new 2021 Ford F150 truck, which was purchased last month.
- Tabled a proposal on allowing chicken coops within the City limits pending a public hearing. The date of this hearing has not yet been announced.
- Approved a proposal by Mayor Jason Skog that future City Council meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. This will begin right after the roll call.
- Approved amending City Codes regarding the Municipal Tax on electricity and gas bills. The Municipal Tax on natural gas will increase from \$0.00125 to \$0.005 per therm. The Municipal tax on electricity will increase as well, from \$0.00125 to \$0.006 per kWh for the first 2,000 kWh, and by different amounts for higher levels of consumption. (NOTE: This correspondent checked his most recent gas and electrical bills and calculated his increase to be about \$6/month.) The purpose of the Municipal utility tax increases was to make up for the loss of funds formerly paid by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), which is being phased out after its five-year period.
- Approved the current grass cutting exceptions for the Nauvo0 Historic Sites “Outdoor Museum” until spring of 2022, when they will be re-evaluated.
- Sent to the Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee a request from Nauvo0 resident Tyson Kelley that the City fix the sinkholes across the front of his yard. The sinkholes come from a deteriorated concrete pipe that a previous owner had installed some 50-60 years ago. The Committee will evaluate whether and to what extent fixing the problem is the responsibility of the City or the property owner.

Alderman Jeff Christensen reported that the Economic Development Committee is negotiating with Mediacom to install a WiFi system along 4-5 blocks of Mulholland, so that visitors can access WiFi from one source, rather than from the many different businesses there. The Committee also reported that they will be contacting the owners of a few buildings along Mulholland that need painting and improvement to inform them of options of obtaining funds for such. He also reported that of the 32 Airbnb locations in Nauvo0, 12 are not in compliance with license or tax forms and posited that the City’s Airbnb ordinance needs better compliance enforcement.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Businesses On and Off Mulholland

Last year not much new was happening along Nauvo0’s Mulholland Street. This year, things have changed—for the better! There have been a few new businesses open and a few more have been making changes to their infrastructure

Nauvo0 State Bank

It’s business as usual at the bank. But, the reminder on the counter noted that Christmas Club Payment is due on August 2, week 39 of 50. Only 11 weeks until Christmas!

Winning Looks

Owner Shani Bollin says business is brisk, with the return of some of the missionaries positively affecting her business. She is happy to see their return!

Nauvo0 Market Place

Manager Sharon Cohen announces an “insanely busy” season so far. Sharon’s noticed that the store has become a stopping point for people from the Midwest. Although the vast majority of the store’s offerings is eclectic in nature, a newly created wall of items of especial interest to LDS members has been added. Sharon is averse to empty shelves and can always find space for new vendors. She is still holding out hope that the El Camino food truck will be in the parking once the owners are able to find enough help. The store is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-7:00 pm.



Sharon Cohen, Nauvo0 Market Place proprietor, awaits visitors at Nauvo0’s present “Community Center.”

Outlaw Tee’s

Connie McCarty, office manager/owner, noted that business is up due to the resumption of events that typically require t-shirts. With school reopening in the fall, “spirit shirts” for team supporters will ratchet up. According to Connie, the only glitch is the cotton mills are having a difficult time keeping items in stock. Certain brands or colors are often difficult to find, and orders have had to be modified. Hours, also, have been slightly modified this year. Monday through Thursday remains the same: 8-4:30 p.m. On Fridays, the shop is open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Family Inn and Suites

Julie, manager and jack-of-all trades at the moment, noted that the business, that officially reopened on June 1, is in the process of being purchased by Brian Christiansen, owner of Zions Mercantile. Since then, tour groups have been making reservations for the fall and summer groups are checking in. Three plans are in the works, one being the refitting of kitchen so that the restaurant can be sublet. The rooms are being updated, and the pool will reopen to the public (prices based on a daily or monthly rate) once it has passed inspection. Right now, full-time seasonal housekeepers are needed. Interested? Call 217-453-6527, Ext. 441 and ask for Julie. All of Nauvo0 and its visitors are delighted to see the business up and running once again. Thanks to the Christiansen’s for re-opening the doors of the Inn and Suites.

Nauvo0 Pharmacy

Pharmacist and owner LuAnn Haas is hoping that masking won’t be mandated again as she is just getting accustomed to re-acquaint herself with her customers and meet visitors that are once more venturing out. She also noted that face-to-face consultation is so much better than a phone conversation. She is watching Hancock County’s COVID numbers on the Delta strain of the virus carefully and encourages all to get their vaccinations. She hopes she doesn’t have to be restricted to curbside service only once again. Get that shot!

Three Keys

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays have been the busiest, although the store is also open all days of the week except Sundays from 10-5:00 p.m. Three Keys tries to provide different fare for all who come through the door—whether purchasing an item for themselves or for a gift. (Gift cards are available.) An online presence—yes, social media is where it’s at—has brought in more orders than in the past, which is a boon to business. The business adds a bit of panache to the downtown.

Quarry House Gallery and Quarry House Lofts



A new Mulholland business replaces former Havenlight Gallery. Dan and Susan Bartlett—especially Susan—have had their eye on Nauvoo for a very long time—since their being tour guides at the Temple in 2001. The Bartletts have been married 33 years and have lived in a multitude of places, among them being along

the Mormon Trail. They've lived in Iowa from 1997-2008, the last eight of those years in Pella. Dan, an engineer, had the opportunity to relocate to Burlington's Ammunition Plant where he is presently Director of Engineering. Susan was thrilled to be closer to Nauvoo where the couple plans to live once Dan retires in five years.

Susan, a longtime bookkeeper and first-time business owner, will run both the retail and the three upstairs BnB lodging facilities. The front half of the store will feature a "Christian Gallery" with prominent artists Liz Lemon Swindle and Youngsung Kim. Local photographer Scott Sumner and Sue's husband Dan Bartlett also exhibit their photographic artworks. Opportunities are available for additional artists' paintings, photography, sculptures, pottery—all of which would concentrate on art rather than more crafty items. Next year, Sue plans to offer refreshing drinks for sale at the Back Alley Soda Bar. The May-December business opened its doors on Monday, July 26. Hours will be from Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5:00 p.m. (She notes that a later opening time on any given day might be due to being "barged," as she will be making the trip from their home near Geode Park in Iowa.) There are three Air B&B apartments upstairs. Each with a king bedroom, queen pull out couch and full kitchen and bathroom. A washer and dryer are available in the entry's community area. We wish her well! Make sure to stop in and say hi.

Hotel Nauvoo

The Hotel's reopening has caused a wave of dedicated former patrons, as well as new ones, frantically trying to secure a spot for limited seating on Friday-Saturday only. Reservations are needed 217-453-2211. Watch the Hotel's Facebook page for any updates. Calling a week in advance is suggested. Everyone is happy to see the Hotel open once again!

Country Cottage Antique Shoppe

Proprietor Susie Siegfried noted that business has picked mainly from repeat customers and more area tourists. Her inventory includes no reproductions or crafts, a purist's paradise! In 2020 she had closed only during the months of April and May. The shop is open Monday 11-4:00 and Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

Red Front

The Red Front has super busy, according to owner-operator Morgan Squire. They have been serving 300-400 meals daily and have appreciated everyone's patience trying to get orders out in a timely fashion. Morgan hopes to bring back the quesadillas and breakfast croissants, two time-consuming entrees, as well as the frozen dinners in August. Red Front will host a Harry Potter Day on September 1, featuring goodies like Frozen Batter Beer, Chocolate Frogs, Caramel Wands, and Pumpkin Pasties. It is sure to bring out the wizard in all of us! In addition, the Squires have taken advantage of \$5,000 of the City's TIF funds to update the kitchen in the upstairs' apartment, which accommodates up to 15. Staying in an place over a restaurant just has to be a plus!

Nauvoo Public Library

Librarian Amber Bevier is finding that tourists are once again stopping in to ask for information on local history, directions to historic sites, and where to eat. She also noted that the Summer Reading Program ended in July and was one of the busiest yet. No doubt people were just plain happy to get out of the house and appreciate doing many of the things that had been taken for granted. It's great to have a dependable staff in our town. Amber is looking forward to a new and improved library facility in the near future. Hours: Monday 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Allyn House

Tanner Christensen, offsite general manager of the The Allyn House, indicated owners Shane and Dannielle Matheson's plans to complete the remodeling the main floor of the business by renovating the remaining two rooms this winter. One of these, Charles Allen's workshop area, will become a museum focusing on the Restoration of the Temple. The adjacent house to the south has structural issues and has become a safety issue and will be torn down. The lot's future is still TBD. The Matheson's are looking to finalize pending purchases of additional properties in the area as they attempt to enhance and preserve the historical flavor of the town. Presently, they are working with other new building owners in the commercial district to produce collaborative rather than individual successes. Emma and Zion will be replaced on August 12 with new managers Emily and Jacob Winfry, who will finish out the 2021 year. Store hours are Monday-Thursday 11-5; Friday and Saturday 10-6. The Matheson's will be returning to Nauvoo in October to work on refinishing the floors in the Temple.

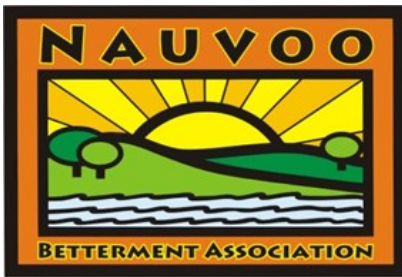
Sunset Hill Shave Ice

Bianca, owner Brielle Hill's daughter noted that most popular flavors of the shave ice have been "tiger's blood, pina colada, and blue Hawaiian." Whichever flavor you might choose melts like snow in your mouth. So far, the newly opened shop is finding Friday and Saturday the most popular. Besides "snow" in August, visitors will find home printed Nauvoo T-shirts. You can even buy a T-shirt in a cup. Imagine that! Open Wednesday-Saturday from 11:30-8 p.m.

Zion's Mercantile, et al

Bailee Christiansen is pleased to let people know that her family is taking their investment in Nauvoo seriously. To date, the Christiansen's have purchased Zions Mercantile, The Woodruff Hotel (aka Temple House), Ellis Sanders B&B, and the Willard Richards Inn with an additional property still to be closed, and other properties are pending. Their ultimate goal is to "assist the community to thrive and less about personal [ambition]."

Along with the recent building purchases came the discovery of the "tomb." (Bailee acknowledges that its being related to Joseph Smith is still "speculative" at this point.) Because of the interest it aroused, the area was further excavated, and the idea of museum was envisioned located underground on the corner of Mulholland and Bluff. The excavation exposed, a 7' x 24' room was exposed after an opening in the north wall was investigated. It features a barreled ceiling with exposed brickwork said to be of a type done during the Mormon period in Nauvoo (1840s). A 30' spring well was found just west of the where Zion's front porch now stands. On the west wall, five of the original steps from Ochsners Emporium, an 1890's building located on the site, can be seen. Just north of them is the mouth of a 4' high and 4' deep tunnel--yet to be further explored. Free to visitors, the museum will open early next year and will feature documented information. Local historian Joseph Johnstun the museum's curator. All in all, Bailee is quick to say, "It's been a wonderful year."



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the September issues is August 26

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Baxter Vineyards

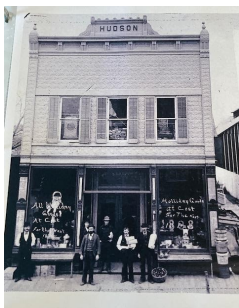
Owner/operator Brenda Logan doesn't seem to be lamenting over the deluge the grapes have had to withstand in July. Evidently the excess water doesn't significantly bother the deep-rooted grape plants. The Winery, known for its wines, grape juice, Nauvoo Nibbles and, of course, Carol's Pies has not had to totally close its doors during the pandemic closedown. Its hours are Monday-Saturday 9-5 and 10-5 on Sunday. On another note, Brenda was pleased to report that the Recent fundraiser held at the Winery for Lori Boyer raised ca. \$20,000 to put toward her medical expenses. Brenda was quick to note that we have a "very generous community." So true. Thank you to all who participated.

The Wine Barrel

The Wine Barrel has been a gathering place for locals to congregate for drinks and some camaraderie on Mondays 3-6:00; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3-7; Fridays and Saturdays 3-7; Sundays, noon to 6. "Mostly Country" will entertain those gathered on Sunday, August 1, from 3-6 p.m. On Sunday, August 22, "Trystan Grisham" will perform from 3-6 p.m.

Nauvoo Christian Visitors Center

According to Steve Dealy (pronounced "Daly"), director of the Center for eleven years, there are changes in the wind that will complement the changes to the interior that have already been made, which have included raising the ceiling four feet, removing carpeting that exposed original floors, and creating for shelving for the gift shop. The outside will be getting a facelift, returning the façade to the way it looked in the 1882 Hudson Building grocery store (pictured). As with other store fronts created during this time frame (Red Front, laundromat, library, former needlework shop, etc.), the entrance will be recessed and flanked by large windows. New signage is being created along with a vestibule inside the new front door. An expanded gift shop will be housed in the front room where coffee and tea may be enjoyed while sitting in a few easy chairs. Sometime in the near future, an addition will be added to the back of the building where a Bible Museum will offer displays, literature, and family-friendly interactive activities. According to Steve, the museum will tell the story of "how the Bible came to be, using manuscripts and significant archeological discoveries." Hours are 10-5:00 Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 217.453.2372 or visit the website at www.mission2mormons.com.



1882 Hudson Grocery Store 2021 Christian Visitors Center

Annie's Custard

Everybody seems to enjoy to the max the custard and waffle creations found at Annie's Custard. Helen Cambell, owner/proprietor, delivers the goodies to both loyal as well as new patrons, often offering a taste of a delectable flavor fresh out of the machine. She's been busy this summer, but business is slower than during Pageant years. She has incorporated warm onion pie and bread pudding to her fare. Look for an egg casserole to be offered for non-waffle lovers (Who could that be?). And, you might even leave a piece of clever napkin art or saying under the transparent tabletop covering. Check Annie's Facebook page for updates or call 217.219.0189. Annie's is open from 8 to 9:37 p.m. (And, there really IS an "Annie." She's Helen's daughter. No doubt she is happy to have her name associated with a Nauvoo favorite place for sweet things.)

Mobile Home Village

Tucked away at the south end of Barnett Street is Nauvoo's Mobile Home Village, recently purchased by AAT Holdings, which is managed by owners in Donnellson and Montrose. Eric Van Ausdall, one of the company's owners, indicated experience with ownership of other mobile home parks in the area. They saw the potential in purchasing and refurbishing Nauvoo's Mobile Home Village, taking it back to what it was like 20 or 30 years ago. Eric noted that the park's setting and layout are ideal, as it is located in a cul de sac that backs up to the State Park and is accessible to Nauvoo's business district's amenities. Presently 17 of the 25 lots are occupied. There are plans afoot for capital improvements being made in 2022: including adding homes and utilizing the center of the mobile home park in a way that will improve the appearance and functionality, among others. They like to think of their parks as a place more like a "Community," a neighborhood where people watch out for each other in a supportive way. The owners are invested in working toward this vision for Nauvoo's future and are open to suggestions that will help make it a reality. We all look forward to the changes which will benefit not only the residents but the rest of Nauvoo as well.

The Flood Museum

The website and signage for the museum indicate it is open daily until 4 p.m., however, there has been little activity this year due to owner-operator Bob Wright's being out of town dealing with family emergencies. Signage indicates calling to schedule a visit for scheduled groups, limited to ten people. (FYI: The last four digits in the signs' phone numbers are conflicting; however, the website uses the 800-264-4187 number.) Please watch for further details.

Side notes: Businesses might have been missed by oversight. Sorry. The newsletter concentrated on businesses open to the public in the main business district. A highlight was that many of the new business owners learned a great deal about their building from the information included in The Way We Were Walking Tour (which won a Hometown award in 2011) material presented in the park just east of Zion's Mercantile and on the accompanying sheets provided. It's one of the additions to Nauvoo that keeps on giving.