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# N See Nauvoo News

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## MARCH EVENTS

- March 3, SPPS Chili Cook-off, 5-7:30 p.m., SPPS
- March 8, Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m., Methodist Church
- March 10, Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 4:30-7p.m., Methodist Church
- March 11, Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 16, Spring Fling, 6 p.m., The Apron
- March 16, 5:15 p.m. Fish Fry, K of C Hall
- March 21, Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Library
- March 26, Prairie Gras Burning, 5-7 p.m., See art. p3

## MARCH MEETINGS

- Mar 1, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Mar 12, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Mar 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Mar 19, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Mar 19, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Mar 21, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- Mar 21, Nauvoo Betterment Association, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- Mar 28, Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Fire Station



when the building housed a tavern. Budweiser was always looking for advertising venues, and the tavern and its corner location were a shoe-in. Whenever advertising space on a building became available, a Budweiser artist was commissioned to travel to the location and paint the mural to specification, which included using specific colors and paint for the project. Over the years, two fonts (type styles) had been created especially for the Budweiser brand; the earlier font is used on Nauvoo's mural.

Over the years, Matt has received negative comments from LDS tourists who felt advertising an alcoholic beverage in Nauvoo was beyond the pale--some requesting that it be removed. However, Matt's curiosity regarding preserving the mural was aroused when he was "accosted by a little old lady at the grocery store" who pleaded with him to never to paint over the iconic sign. The sign was a part of Nauvoo's history, and locals wished it to remain.

Matt did receive a call from Salt Lake regarding a rumor as to whether or not Matt, an LDS church member, owned a bar in Nauvoo (because he owned the building that sported the signage). The rumor was put to rest, the mural's role in Nauvoo's history was shared, and, the mural was allowed to remain.

Over the years the sign's paint has sealed moisture into the grouting, which is causing structural damage. Re-grouting would compromise the integrity of the mural. A chicken and egg dilemma. Matt is assessing possible solutions. Until the problem is solved, we can all take a fresh look at the fading icon and hope that it will continue to reflect a part of Nauvoo's past.

## West Hancock Titans Boy's Basketball

The West Hancock Titans boy's basketball team has started on their own quest for a State tournament appearance just like the memorable run the 98 Nauvoo Colusa Vikings made 20 years ago. The Titans ended their regular season with a 26-2 record before entering the first round of the State playoffs. The first round of the playoffs is the Regionals. In years past this was normally played within the county area but with Illinois High School Association making a change of going from just 2 classes for boys basketball to now having 4 classes the tournaments are spread farther out. This year their Regional was played in Havana, Illinois and after cruising through their first game the Titans met up with the Illini West Chargers for the championship. After a close first half of play the Titans took over and controlled the rest of the game and won 62-38.

Their next stop was in Farmington, Illinois for the first round of the Sectional tournament. The Titans met up with a powerful Quincy Notre Dame team. After being down early in the game by 7 the Titans rebounded and took a 10 point lead at one time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Notre Dame didn't back down and kept fighting back keeping within striking distance all the way to the end. The Titans were able to withstand a last second shot that could have tied the game but as it fell short the Titan fans stormed the court to celebrate the 59-56 victory. The Titans advanced to the sectional championship game on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> against Deer Creek Mackinaw (DeeMac). If the Titans prevail they will play in the Super Sectional in Springfield on Tuesday night.

## A Dollar General in Nauvoo?

The rumor has been flying around for months that a Dollar General is coming to Nauvoo. The answer, according to Mayor McCarty's response to the question posed at the last city council meeting is a definite "Maybe." Evidently the chain has been making a concerted attempt to locate in smaller communities. (Warsaw and Dallas City have announced a Dollar General in their futures.) The company has recently shown interest in servicing the Nauvoo area but the city has no formal contact and is unaware of an offer to purchase property or to build a Dollar General. As of this printing, the rumor lives on!

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### Nauvoo City Council News February 13, 2018

- Mayor McCarty read the State of the City 2018.
- Approved 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2017-12 to amend Section 2-3-4 of the city code to change evaluation report from monthly to quarterly.
- Approved the appointment of Brock Stout to the Economic Development Committee.
- Approved Nauvoo Grape Festival Association request regarding the Mulholland Music Festival on May 26: a limited liquor license and permission to use the old Nauvoo Grade School building and grounds.
- Approved Grape Festival requests for August 31, September 1 and 2: a limited liquor license, use of the city park on Saturday 2 for Pet Parade Award program, temporary closing of streets.
- Approved advertising for mowing bids.
- Discussed tif promotions.
- Approved the appointment of Barb Shafer to the Public Spaces Committee.
- Approved proclamation making the second Saturday of March every year "The Day of the Vikings".
- Approved spending \$438 to purchase a Camera Security System for City Hall. This would include a four camera HD system with night vision.
- Approved a 2 day free training class in Galesburg for Chief Boley, including use of a squad car and per diem for each day.
- Approved the purchase of 4 Starcom portable radios for \$1,200 plus shipping charges. Funds from the sale of the 2004 Pontiac will be used to purchase them.
- Approved sending 3 members of the Economic Development Committee to the RCED Conference in Springfield in March and paying a registration fee of \$360.
- Approved permits over \$5,000:
  - (1) White Street Storage units--Construction Communications Tower
  - (2) Lawrence Pitt--1650 Young Street, Room Addition
  - (3) Helen Campbell--1320 Mulholland, 2nd Story Renovation

Submitted by Bev Reynolds



#### Community Blood Drive

Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary Sports Boosters will host a blood drive from 2:00- 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8 at 1610 Ripley Street, inside the Nauvoo United Methodist Church's Friendship Hall. To donate, please contact Vicky Miller at 217-430-9462 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 1899 to locate the drive.

#### Senior Citizens

Join the Nauvoo area senior citizens for lunch on Wednesday, March 28 at 11 p.m. and enjoy the music of Alan Kanauss's music students.

#### March Story Time at Nauvoo Public Library

March's Story Time at Nauvoo Public Library will be March 21 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. here at the library. The always talented Elaine Ferguson will be reading some children's poetry for World Poetry Day.

#### Sts. Peter & Paul School Chili Cook-off

The annual Sts. Peter & Paul "Battle of the Beans" Chili Cook-off will be held Saturday, March 3, at the Sts. Peter & Paul School gym from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The public is invited to test and vote on the entries. The fee to be a taste tester is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The public is welcome to test all of the entries and go back for seconds of their favorites!

Anyone wishing to enter their favorite chili may do so by calling Sts. Peter & Paul School at 217-453-2511. There is no fee to enter. Prizes are awarded for Best Chili and Best Theme. Entrants may be teams or individuals, and the teams are encouraged to have fun with their theme!

#### Turkey Pot Pie Dinner

The Nauvoo United Methodist Church is busily preparing for its upcoming annual Turkey Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, March 10, from 4:30- 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church's Friendship Hall, located at 1610 Ripley Street. The menu will include turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, lettuce salad, beverages and desserts. The price of the meal is a free-will donation. Carry outs will be available. Come join us for good food and fellowship. For more information contact Linda Yockey, [reyockey@mchsi.com](mailto:reyockey@mchsi.com).



#### Spring Fling

The Apron Bake Shoppe and Cafe will host a Spring Fling on Friday, March 16, at 6 p.m. Sherry Saint and Ellen Hundt will be cooking and baking some Easter delights, including a few different dishes and bread. Come to watch, participate, and sample. The cost for the event is \$20 per person.

Robert Saint will demonstrate how to create a spring wreath--with the option of making your own to take home. Cost of wreath materials is \$35 (\$55 per person for both events). (Note: There will be an extra cost if adding flowers to your wreath.)

Join with friends for a fun evening full of new ideas, new recipes, and a full tummy. Please reserve your spot by calling Ellen at The Apron, 217-453-2226, by Friday, March 9.

#### Public Spaces

Mayor McCarty recently appointed Dianne Adkisson and Elaine Ferguson as co-chairmen of the Capital Campaign Committee for the proposed Nauvoo Area City Center to be built on the old grade school property. The committee will be meeting on a regular basis to lay out plans and time lines during the quiet and public phases of the campaign. Refer any questions to Dianne at [d.adkisson@mchsi.com](mailto:d.adkisson@mchsi.com), 309-337-6284 or Elaine at [elaineferguson1950@hotmail.com](mailto:elaineferguson1950@hotmail.com), 217-257-7408. (If calling, please leave a message, and your call will be returned.)

### Chamber of Commerce News

- The annual "Prairie Grass Burn" down on the flats will take place on Monday, March 26 from 5-7p.m. at the corner of Hotchkiss & Hyde Streets. Nauvoo Facilities Management and the Chamber are partnering this year to offer good food, music and lots of fun for the entire family. The actual burn will start at 6p.m. Volunteers are needed!
- The Hancock County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students are looking for businesses in Nauvoo as part of their CEO experience. They are available mornings (one morning per business) during the week of March 19 - 23. If you are willing to share information about your business contact Sharon Nicholl at 217-453-6648 or sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com for more information.
- The Chamber hopes every business displays the official "Experience Nauvoo" brochure in a prominent place so that every visitor has easy access to them. Contact the Tourism Office if more are needed.
- We ask that all businesses look on the beautifulnauvoo.com website at your business information and picture. If there are any corrections or changes, please contact Larry Nicholl at larry.nauvoo@gmail.com. A 2018 Nauvoo calendar of events is being finalized. Please contact Sharon or Larry Nicholl if you have an event you would like added.
- *Budget Travel Magazine* has a contest every year to find the "Coolest Small Town in America." They look for communities across the country where so many truly cool things are happening in the worlds of art, food, public parks and community spirit. Wouldn't it be so great to wake up one morning in Nauvoo knowing we were just voted "The Coolest Small Town in America"? It's possible we could make this happen!

### Viking Pride of 1998 Lives On

On February 10, a large group of faithful fans gathered to celebrate the 20th anniversary of "one of the most improbable state title runs ever." The Vikings, under Coach Reno Pinkston (current West Hancock head coach), came from behind in their last three games to garner the title and bring home bragging rights by winning the Boys Class 1A State Championship. It was a game that will replayed forever in the memories of Nauvoo-Colusa Viking players, coaches, fans, and the community.

From the Super-sectional round until the finals in Peoria, they defeated three undefeated and state-ranked teams including the top seeded team and won the championship game 45-39. To officially honor the legendary Viking team, the Nauvoo City Council proclaimed the second Saturday in March as "Day of the Vikings."

-from article in *Hancock County Journal Pilot*

### March Events with Baxter's Vineyards

Baxter's Vineyards will host the annual birthday party open house for the Wine Barrel on March 17 with specials from noon to close.

On March 18 at 1 p.m., Baxter's will host an informational session on essential oils and pets.

For more information, visit [www.NauvooWinery.com](http://www.NauvooWinery.com)

### Harbingers of Spring

It's March. The river is open. Spring is almost in the air. Businesses closed for winter are coming out of hibernation. The Fudge Shop opened in February - in time for Valentine's Day (open regular hours, as posted). The Apron opened in early February (open 9-2:00, on Monday-Friday though the month of April with catering requests are on an as-needed basis.) Annie's Custard plans to open mid-March (weekends only). Grandpa John's Café will awaken from its nap the first week of March (open Tuesday-Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

### Nauvoo Tourism News

The Tourism Office receives emails and phone calls daily from families and groups planning their upcoming trip to Nauvoo and want information to help plan their visit. In addition to our "Experience Nauvoo" brochure, Sharon Nicholl, acting Tourism Director, has prepared a list of other activities visitors can enjoy in Nauvoo beyond touring the Historic Nauvoo and Joseph Smith sites. This list is also designed to assist new residents in Nauvoo as well as people living in the region who want to experience ALL of what Nauvoo has to offer. For a copy of this list, please stop by the Tourism Office on the corner of Mulholland and Page Streets, email Sharon at [vacation@beautifulnauvoo.com](mailto:vacation@beautifulnauvoo.com) or call her at 217-453-6648. The Tourism Office is looking for volunteers who want to interact with visitors, help organize and decorate the office, deliver brochures, learn how to plan events or get involved in a host of other projects. Your service would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Sharon if interested.

### Local Businesses Celebrate Longevity



A few Nauvoo businesses have been serving the community for well over 65 years. Two Kraus family businesses, Hotel Nauvoo and Kraus Furnishings, celebrate 75 and 65 years of service, respectively.

The pharmacy, first owned and operated by Eldred Kron (Kron Pharmacy) and then purchased by LuAnn Haas (Nauvoo Pharmacy) has served Nauvoo for a total of 72 years.

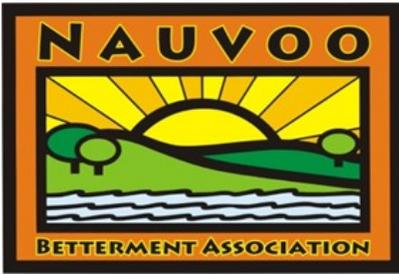
The State Bank of Nauvoo has been in business since 1893 - 125 years, 123 of those years at its present location! Members of the Reinhardt family have operated the business for the past three generations.

Baxter's Vineyards has been in business since 1857 - over 160 years! Members of the Baxter family have operated the business for the past five generations.

Kudos to the owners and operators of these establishments for their business acumen and commitment to the Nauvoo area.

### What's in a Name...

A word/name is an agreed-upon label that, once applied, usually sticks. Long-time Nauvoo area folks might remember a few of the people associated with the following "labels." Some of you might even have created one or two: China Doll . Swamp Angel . Mutt . Fish Head . Chicken Head . Bulk Head . Grease Head . Hemorrhoids . Sammy Cheese . Zibby . Step-and-a-Half . Turtle . Bird Dog . Cylinder Head . Knobby Knees . Digger . Buffalo . Spin . Abe . Swish . Frog . Toad . Bug Eyes . Bean Soup (A new slant on an old saying: "One word is worth a thousand pictures"!)



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[seenauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenauvoonews@gmail.com).  
 Deadline for the April Issue is March 23

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: The Apron, Casey's, City Hall, Fudge Factory, Grandpa John's, Motley Fitness, Nauvoo Mill and Bakery, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, and Winning Looks. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvoo's Facebook Page and at [www.beautifulnauvoo.com](http://www.beautifulnauvoo.com). **Note:** If there is lack of space, the See Nauvoo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

### Easter at Harmony Bible

Nauvoo Harmony Bible Church is preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the most important day in Christianity. You are welcomed to join us to celebrate Easter at Harmony Bible church on the east end of Nauvoo. On Easter, April 1, service starts at 8:30 a.m. with a special walk through some of the scenes of the Holy Week. It will begin with the Last Supper, then the crucifixion, and the resurrection. These will all be held outside (bring an umbrella if it is rainy). Afterwards, a light breakfast will be served inside the church. The regular church service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

We will also be having a Good Friday service, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. with music provided by Michael Haas and his group. Regular services are at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday evening we have GR8, a youth gathering for 6th through 12th grades. We have great fun, great food and great worship. You are always welcomed with open arms at Harmony Bible Church in Nauvoo.

### Hancock County Public Transportation (HCPT)

Hancock County Public Transportation (HCPT) provides demand response door-to-door transportation for the elderly, disabled, and other residents of the county. Common destinations are grocery store, pharmacy, business and/or personal visits, and non-emergency medical transportation for medical-related appointments located within two hours of Carthage.

Seniors aged 60 and older ride free (donations, however, are accepted). All other riders are charged a reasonable, minimal fee. All HCPT vehicles are ADA accessible and equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps and mobility device securement systems. For more information or to schedule a ride, call 877-371-4278.

-from article in *Hancock-County Journal Pilot*

### Correction! Senior Homestead & Tax Freeze Exemptions

According to the Hancock County Supervisors of Assessments Office, the information presented in the February edition of the newsletter is in error. Please replace with the following information. Persons who have previously filed for and received the \$5,000 reduction in their assessed value DO NOT need to contact the supervisor's office any further. The second and separate tax freeze exemption now applies to incomes of \$65,000 or less. If you have any questions on the above or on additional concerns, please call the Hancock County Assessment Office, 217-357-2615.

### Scholarships for Hancock County Residents Offered

Scholarship monies are available through the Memorial Hospital/HIA Scholarship Fund for Hancock County residents that are interested in pursuing a health care career or are already enrolled in a health care program. This opportunity is provided to any Hancock County resident due to the generosity of the Hancock County Health Improvement Association that designated monies for that purpose to Memorial Hospital.

Applications for the scholarship are available through the administrative office at Memorial Hospital in Carthage. The deadline for application submission is Friday, April 13. A certified copy of the student's transcript is also required with the application. The monies do not need to be repaid if recipients complete their education in a health care field and/or career. For more information and/or to acquire an application, contact Shelly Fox at Memorial Hospital, PO Box 160, Carthage, IL 62321 by phone at 217-357-8562 or e-mail at [sfox@mhtlc.org](mailto:sfox@mhtlc.org).



### "Here's to the Night" Gala

Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the upcoming "Here's to the Night" Gala event on Friday, April 6, at Lake Hill Winery. This year the theme is "Swingin' on a Star" with a 1940's "supper club" atmosphere complete with Big Band themed music by "Big River Swing Machine" from Quincy. Emcees for the evening will be Tegan Orpet from KHQA TV along with her daughter Kaylyn who holds the title of Miss Adams County.

This unique evening will begin with a social hour starting at 6p.m. with a full array of hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. A short presentation from the foundation will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a plated dinner served at 7 p.m. A fabulous silent cake auction will take place during the social hour and dinner, winners being announced at 8 p.m. Dancing and socializing will begin after dinner, and a live auction will begin at 9 p.m. The evening will conclude at 11 p.m.

Premium tables and individual tickets can be purchased by contacting the Memorial Hospital Foundation office at 217-357-8502, emailing Greta Wetzel at [gwetzel@mhtl.org](mailto:gwetzel@mhtl.org), or texting Greta at 309-221-7286. You can also find Memorial Hospital Foundation on Facebook and send a personal message via the Facebook page. Tickets are limited.

### Illinois Fun Facts



- Illinois is the first state to ratify the 13th amendment, abolishing slavery.
- State bird: cardinal; state mammal, whitetail deer; state insect, monarch butterfly; state flower, purple violet.

