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See Nauvoo News

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MAY EVENTS

- May 10, Meet the Chamber of Commerce, 6:30 p.m., Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters
- May 10, Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m., SPPS gym
- May 21, Summer Reading sign-up, Library
- May 26, Book Sale, 10 a.m.- 2p.m., Library
- May 28, Craft Show and Open house, 10 a.m-4 p.m., Cambre House
- **May 28, Memorial Day Picnic, 11 a.m.– 1p.m., City Park**

MAY MEETINGS

- May 3, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- May 8, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- May 14, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- May 17, Nauvoo Betterment Association, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- May 17, Mayor's/ Leadership Round Table, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- May 21, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- May 21, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- May 30, Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Fire Station

...some things only change if we will them to change.... Communities do not magically grow and prosper. It is the cooperation and determination of neighbors, friends, and families working together toward a common goal that enables the places we love to thrive.

Matt Kraus, President of Hancock County Economic Development

Capital Campaign Committee Update

The fourteen members of Nauvoo's Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NCCCCC) continue to collect and refine information and forms necessary for the campaign's success.

In separate meetings in April, the committee met with Nauvoo-area resident Greta Wetzel, Executive Director of Memorial Hospital Foundation and West Point, Iowa's, Dennis and Kate Menke. All are actively involved capital campaign leaders. The Menkes are presently chairing the campaign for West Point's \$6 million Holy Trinity Elementary School project and have been involved in their town's successful library project, which raised over a million. The committee is, indeed, flattening the learning curve on the fine points of capital campaigning.

In 2011, Nauvoo's civic needs were evaluated based on interviews and analysis with various representatives of city organizations that might benefit from a facility that would accommodate more than just a new library. The, then, "Public Space Committee"—the Committee's name when it was first formed almost ten years ago, had former committee member Roger Black summarize this information into a comprehensive document that, eventually, formed the basis for the present plan for the proposed Nauvoo Community Center. The Committee has invited Roger to return to Nauvoo to assist the reorganized committee (NCCCCC) in planning and budgeting. Roger and wife Kathy served a Public Relations mission in Nauvoo in 2010-2011. His professional background includes Director of Management Services for Salt Lake City and coordinating with local governments for the 2002 Olympics. Roger and wife Kathy have accepted the committee's invitation to assist with the Capital Campaign. They plan to return to Nauvoo and have agreed to work with the committee for a year. The Blacks anticipate returning to Nauvoo by late May or early June.



Joseph Smith Historic Site's Centennial Year

In May of 1918, 100 years ago, the first caretakers were sent to Nauvoo to prepare what is today the Joseph Smith Historic Site for visitors. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Layton (Ida) were sent at the request of The Reorganized Latter Day Saints' (now Community of Christ) President Frederick M. Smith to restore the homes of Joseph and Emma Smith, maintain the grounds, and give tours to visitors passing through the site. A written account of their experiences were written by Ida indicating how they enjoyed talking with visitors and friends, and entertaining the missionaries and traveling elders sometimes for days.



The Joseph Smith Historic Site is currently open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. through May 20 and Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 1-5p.m. May 21-October. Tours begin at the Visitor Center at 865 Water Street.

Business on the Move

Martin Accounting is excited to announce it has moved to a new location at 1335 Mulholland next door to The Apron. Don Schafer purchased the business from Betty Martin in 2014 and looks forward to serving his clients from downtown Nauvoo. Watch the June issue of See Nauvoo News for the date of a grand opening.

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Nauvoo City Council News April 10, 2018

- Approved advertising for bids regarding the Garbage Haulers Contract.
- Approved 2018 Nauvoo Pageant requests and street closures: the Pageant will perform nightly shows every evening except Sunday beginning Monday, July 9, and ending Saturday, August 4. White Street between Partridge and Main, Partridge Street between White and Mulholland, and Hyde Street between Hotchkiss and White will be closed from 6-11 p.m.
- Approved appointment of Patty Haigh to the Library Board.
- Approved appointment of Lee Ourth and Alan Moberly to the Public Spaces Committee.
- Approved changing the name of the Public Spaces Committee to the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee.
- Gene Shurts asked that the council set up a method to obtain minutes of committees, including the Hotel/Motel Board.
- Approved renewal of Laurie Peterson's lease agreement.
- Approved lease agreement with the community band.
- Approved setting a time for a working meeting with the Hotel/Motel Board, Finance Committee, Mayor, and Attorney regarding current issues and to define the future of the current ordinance.
- Denied a variance request for John Howell at 1405 Young Street. The Streets and Buildings Committee denied the request also.
- Approved site plan review for Dollar General at 1645 Mulholland Street.
- Approved writing off water and sewer bad debt.
- Approved mowing bid to CSW General Contracting, Montrose, Iowa, \$790 per mowing.
- Approved replacing 25-year-old, worn out Auto Dialer at the Water Plant. Cost of the replacement and three-year contract is \$4,899.
- Approved purchasing a 2018 Dodge Ram Quad Cab 4x4 truck police vehicle for \$36,250 (\$1,250 of which is for the radar unit) to replace the 2008 Dodge Charger.
- April 25 will be the city wide cleanup.
- April 21, 9 a.m. - noon, will be street cleanup for Mulholland's business district, the city park.
- Approved hotel room for 1 night at the Best Western for no more than \$89.99 plus tax in Monticello, Illinois, for Certified Taser Instructor class. This request was approved at the March Council meeting.
- Discussed Solar Options for Water/Sewer Plants. Will explore and have a presentation at the May meeting.
- Approved Permit over \$5,000: 1645 Mulholland Street, Rod Hamby, new Dollar General Store.
- Nauvoo will be the Host City for the July 7 Fireworks this year. Submitted by Bev Reynolds

God's Portion Day Announced

Sts. Peter & Paul School is hosting their 19th Annual God's Portion Day auction on Sunday, June 3. This is the school's largest fundraiser. Breakfast will be served prior to the live auction. Food and drinks will be available for purchase; additional activities include Kids Zone, classroom presentations of homemade projects, quilt raffle and tuition raffle. Look for more details will be in the June newsletter.

Nauvoo Public Library News

Summer Reading— Sign up starts Monday, May 21! The theme this year is "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" Stay tuned for upcoming summer activities and contact the library with any questions at 217-453-2707.

Book Sale- On Saturday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., join us at the library for a special book sale. Fill a bag for just \$1.00! You may bring your own, but we will also provide some that day. No restrictions on number of bags. We will have never-before-seen-stock set out that day.

Cell Phone Service Survey

How would you rate your cell phone service: wonderful, ok, or poor? The Economic Development Committee needs solid cell phone data so it can approach the different carriers to improve their service. To get this information sign-up sheets will be available in the city clerk's Office, at the Apron and at the library. We need to know: Your name, Who your cell phone provider is (Verizon, AT&T, U.S. Cellular, Sprint, T-Mobile, MetroPSC, other), how is your reception in Nauvoo, have you considered switching carriers, and which carrier would you likely change to?

Once we have at least 100 signups, a random drawing will be held and a \$25 Gift Certificate to The Apron will be awarded. Your cell phone number is NOT needed!! Please, only one entry per phone.

Community Blood Drive

Sts. Peter and Paul School will host a community blood drive from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 10 at the SPPS gym. To donate, please contact Karla Sullivan at (309) 221-5444 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1898 to locate the drive.

Senior Citizens Luncheon

Robert Saint, local hair stylist and all-around artist, will tell all about hair—yes, hair! While you've probably not given it much thought, hair is a fascinating topic—whether you have a crop of it or are in the thinning stages! It just might be a "hair-raising" experience! Join us for Robert's presentation as well as lunch on Wednesday, May 30, 11:00, Nauvoo fire station.

Questions? We Have Answers...

If you are a patient of Memorial Medical Clinics and have medical questions or a medical issue, you may call 217-357-8645, an after-hours care line. The service is available from 6 p.m. until 8 a.m., the next business day. (Call your Primary Care Provider's office during regular office hours.) When calling the line, please have the following information ready: your name and date of birth, your primary care medical provider's name, and the information regarding your current need/issue ready to discuss with the nurse. (If you are prompted to leave a message, do so and the nurse will get back to you as soon as possible. Be sure to leave a callback number! This is NOT an emergency number. If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911.)

Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA)

- **Memorial Day:** Plans are underway for the 6th annual Memorial Day Picnic sponsored by the NBA. This year's event will be held in the Nauvoo City Park on May 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain location, the former Nauvoo grade school gym). Handicapped parking will be available in front of City Hall. The picnic has proven to be a popular event where friends and families can gather for a relaxing time with food and entertainment. For a free will donation guests will enjoy a menu of BBQ pork, grilled hot dogs, baked beans and chips. Water and soda will be available for purchase. A short program will focus on the original Decoration Day holiday with a display that guests can attach ribbons to as a way of honoring deceased family and friends. Music will greet guests and entertain during the meal. The NBA encourages and welcomes anyone who is interested in joining their group to contact Karen Ihrig Gilbert at 453-2022 or Barb Schafer 319-470-0495. The group has been responsible for a new façade on City Hall, playground equipment and fencing in the City Park, "The Way We Were" tour in uptown Nauvoo, city benches and flowers uptown. Mark Monday, May 28 on your calendar and join your neighbors at the Community Picnic.
- **Scarecrow Festival:** It's not too early to start thinking about scarecrows, As the NBA will be sponsoring the 2nd annual Scarecrow Festival in October. Last year's event was such a success with over 30 "crows" lining Mulholland that we look forward to having even more this year. The creative talent of our local businesses, schools, organizations and individuals is amazing. Watch for more news in the coming months!
- **Fairy Doors:** The NBA is continuing it's Mulholland Street "Fairy Door Project". Our purpose is to encourage interest and shopping in Nauvoo. Six businesses participated last summer and we would like to invite more participation this year. We have new doors constructed and are happy to give to the first businesses who request them. We also encourage and welcome your own door creations. If you would like to join our venture contact Kathy Schoeni at kschoeni@hotmail, or Jessie Nelson at thetunafish07@gmail.com by May 15, The fairy doors should be on display by May 28. Please include the following information in your e-mail: name of your business, name of the fairy or gnome that lives at your location, and a request for a door, if needed.

Earth Day

Thanks to Bob Wright, chairman, and assistant, Jeff Christensen, the well-publicized and well-organized NBA event attracted over 50 people: firemen, NBA members, missionaries all lent their efforts in spiffing up the area. The fire department and Nauvoo Facilities (NRI) also lent a hand(s) and trucks to pick up the full trash bags that lined the street and hosing down the street. To sweeten the deal, Casey's graciously donated four-dozen delicious donuts. How nice! What community spirit! NBA thanks all who participated.

Notice Anything Missing?

Some of you might have noticed that the Albert Haas house on Young and Bluff streets has been torn down, leaving the garage as a reminder of a former residence once having been on the property. Last year Sts. Peter and Paul purchased the property from the late Albert Haas estate, thus rounding out the corner of the block of SPPS. To date, according to Fr. Szydlak, there has been no projected use of the newly acquired land. The garage will be used as a storage facility.

News from the Tourism Office

- Lori Rackl, the Travel Editor for the *Chicago Tribune* was in Nauvoo in April to research an upcoming article on Nauvoo architecture.
- "Familiarity Tours" for small groups of German VIPs in May and Japanese VIPs in June was organized by the Illinois State Office of Tourism. Both provide fantastic opportunities to showcase Nauvoo.
- The Annual "IdigNauvoo" event runs May 14- June 15. The IdigNauvoo Archaeological Conference will be held the week of June 3-9 with several presentations on Nauvoo's archaeology. This year's goal is to continue the work at the Samuel H. Smith site and find the Hyrum Smith office. For more information about this event go to their website, idigNauvoo.com
- In Summer/Fall of 2019, six men and women will begin a 100-day journey on foot from the headwaters to the Mouth of the Mississippi River. The organizer of the event will be in Nauvoo on May 9, 11:30 a.m., at the tourism office, to meet with the Tourism Director and Mayor to discuss how the event will benefit Nauvoo. Feel free to attend this meeting and get the details and give input.
- Another big thank you to the great volunteers coming forward to help out in the Tourism office.

Chamber News

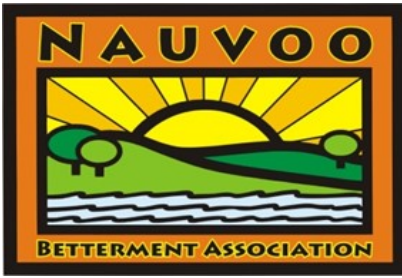
The Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce has renewed their efforts to have Nauvoo businesses join or come back to membership in the Chamber. New benefits are worth the cost of joining: a free assessment of your business's media equipment, functions, security system, etc. by NetWatch Information Systems, Inc. (a \$1000 value); free access to Destination Development Association's website resources to improve your business (a savings of \$250); education and training on relevant topics at monthly Chamber meetings; opportunity to have a booth or table at Chamber-sponsored events and City events where the Chamber is a partner; and, as always, a delicious free luncheon at the monthly Chamber meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the fire station meeting room. Stop by the Tourism/Chamber office or call 217-453-6648 to talk to Sharon Nicholl about joining.

Welcome to Nauvoo Meet-and-Greet

"Welcome to Nauvoo and Meet the Chamber of Commerce Night" will take place Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pageant Headquarters building, 3 miles east of Nauvoo. This event welcomes and invites all new residents of Nauvoo and surrounding areas, missionaries, museum docents, tourism volunteers, and any other interested individuals to attend. Mayor John McCarty will welcome the group followed by a "virtual tour" of the business district and chamber members. Guests will then be encouraged to visit table displays to meet business owners, receive free samples, discount coupons, information and give away items. For more information, contact Durell Nelson, 217-440-4925.

Illinois Fun Facts

- Popeye's creator, Elzie Segar, was from Chester.
- In 1914, the term "jazz" was coined in Chicago by Benny Goodman and Gene Krupa.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
Deadline for the June Issue is May 25

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Nauvoo Products Adds Storage Building

Nauvoo Products recently added a 30 x 60 foot storage building just east and to the rear of their present facility. A newly poured, concrete driveway replaced gravel, making truck deliveries easier. The company makes "black, sticky things"-door seals- for the auto industry and needed more space to store the foam and butyl—the black, sticky stuff. The demand for the product keeps a crew of twelve busy on a full-time basis. Nauvoo Products was started in 1998 by Dave and Rose Poppe. In 2008, son Matt and his wife Sheila became owner-operators. The business fills orders for car companies located in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.



New Host at the Kibbe Museum

Marilyn Candido is lending her expertise in Hancock County history as a part-time paid employee of the Kibbe Museum in Carthage. As host, she welcomes visitors to the museum, answers questions, and gives tours, as needed. She also works with the museum board in maintaining museum information, exhibits, and other projects. Marilyn serves as current president of the Nauvoo Historical Society (NHS) and has been a NHS board member since 2010. She volunteers for Nauvoo's Weld House Museum, a repository of memorabilia and artifacts pertaining to Nauvoo's history. If you've never been to the Kibbe Museum, stop by. It's a well-done, fascinating compilation of the county's past.

FYI: The Kibbe Museum has acquired a Burg Touring Car on indefinite loan from the Loren Utsinger Family of Dallas City where the car was built. The car is the only known survivor of the Louis Burg Carriage Company. Marilyn hosts at the museum from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday. Weekend hosting is done by Kibbe board members and other volunteers.

Taken from *Hancock County Journal-Pilot*

Baxter's Vineyards May Events

- May 5, Live Music from Bocephus Wayne from 7-11 p.m.
- May 11, Live Music from Nathan Gosnell from 7-10 p.m.
- May 13, Sunday Funday Music from E2 from 3-6 p.m.
- May 19, Live Music from Two Fifths from 7-11 p.m.
- May 24, Essential Oils Class, 7 p.m.
- May 27, Sunday Funday Music from Double Play, 3-6p.m.

Details and additional events can be found on our Facebook page or our website at www.NauvooWinery.com.

Cambre House and Farm



The Cambre House and Farm will hold their second annual craft show and open house on Monday, May 28, Memorial Day, from 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. Located between Nauvoo and Niota on the bluff, the Cambre

House, a beautiful historic house, will have many craft and vendor booths and food for sale, as well as tours throughout the day. The house was the first privately owned home in Hancock County on the National Register of Historic places. E-mail amy.provine@gmail.com for more information or check out the Cambre House and Farm Facebook page.

New Medicare Cards

Heads up! According to Lynn Niewohner, Director of Western Illinois Area on Aging, residents of Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri will have new Medicare cards sent in a plain, white envelope during the month of June, 2018. By April 2019, all Medicare beneficiaries will have their new cards. (DO NOT get rid of your old card until you get the new one. And, make sure you take the new one with you to doctor or hospital visits.)

BE AWARE! Scammers are coming, too. The new Medicare card number is like a social security number. DON'T give it out casually. Remember, Medicare will NEVER call you to gather personal information and will NEVER ask you to pay for the new card. If you think you've been scammed, report call number to Illinois SMP at Age Options, 800-699-9043.

Quashqema Revisited

You are invited to join Standing Bear Council in honoring Illinois and its American Indian heritage on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Nauvoo State Park (weather location at former grade school on Mulholland). The park was the site of the Sauk and Fox settlement, "Quashqema," until 1824, when Captain James White purchased their claim. Chief Quashqema, Sauk for "Jumping Fish," then led his people across the river into present-day Iowa. For more information about the Gathering and/or about Standing Bear Council's educational programs, please call Larry Cooper (319-795-6718), Dona Herr (319-520-5919), or Debbie Callaghan (217-219-1188).

Yvonne M Replinger

Yvonne M. Replinger 102, former Nauvoo resident and wife of Raymond Replinger passed away on March 31, in Palm Harbor, Florida. Many might of remembered her as a clerk at the Nauvoo Post Office. She is survived by son-in-law Tom Schmitz and family.