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- Jan 3, Blood Drive, 2-6p.m., Friendship Hall
- Jan 18, Martin Accounting Open House, 3-5 p.m.
- Jan 19-20 Bald Eagle Days, Keokuk, See article p.3
- Jan 30, Tourism Industry Meeting, Old School, See BTE article p.2
- Feb 1-3, Untold Nauvoo Stories, See article p.1
- Feb 2, Nauvoo Exodus Commemoration, See article p. 1

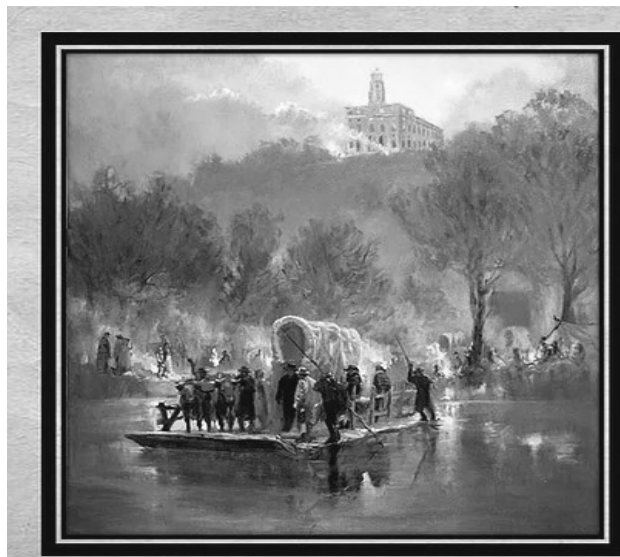
JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan 3, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Jan 14, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Jan 15, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Jan 17, NBA, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- Jan 17, Mayor's/Leadership Round, 7p.m., Fire Station
- Jan 21, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Jan 21, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Jan 28, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- Jan 30, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

Untold Nauvoo Stories

The community of Nauvoo will host a variety of weekend activities in Nauvoo February 1-3 with the return of the Untold Nauvoo Stories Historical Symposium. The symposium has expanded and will include two evening keynote speakers and seeks to celebrate Nauvoo's history with presentations that explore less well-known topics. The event will be augmented by the re-enactment of the 1846 Exodus from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The purpose of these events is to enrich the understanding of the personalities, conditions, and social currents that converge in Nauvoo.

Registration and open house begins at 11:30 a.m., February 1 at the Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitors Center. Sessions will run from 1-2:15 p.m., 2:30-3:45 p.m., 4:00-5:15 p.m. each day. A banquet will be held on Friday, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at Hotel Nauvoo with keynote speakers Kim and Brenda Logan who will present "The Baxter Family of Nauvoo." On Saturday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., there will be a catered meal at Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters. Free-will donations will benefit the Nauvoo Food Pantry. Keynote speakers Lach Mackay and Eugene Shurts will present "Nauviews." The detailed schedule of events and registration information are available on the last page of this newsletter or online at www.BeautifulNauvoo.com.



2019 Nauvoo Exodus Commemoration Saturday, February 2, 2019

10:00 am
Public Invited

Enjoy a free continental breakfast before walking to Parley Street and down the Trail of Hope to the Mississippi River for a short commemoration program at the Pioneer Memorial.

Free continental breakfast and walk will begin at 10:00 am at the Family Living Center (Located on White Street, between Main & Granger)

Exodus Commemoration

On Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at 10:00 am, we invite everyone to participate in an event in Historic Nauvoo to commemorate the 1846 Pioneer Exodus. This event commemorates the departure of the first group of Latter-day Saint residents from Nauvoo. Those early pioneers forged a trail across southern Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and into Utah. That route, now an official route of the National Park Service, is known as the Historic Mormon Trail. The Exodus Commemoration will begin with a free continental breakfast at 10:00 am at the Family Living Center (White Street, between Main and Granger), followed by a walk down Parley Street to the edge of the Mississippi River. The parade will feature flags representing the nationalities of those who lived in Nauvoo in the 1840s. Participants may choose to wear a name tag to represent one of the original pioneers. At the Pioneer Memorial, which is at the edge of the Mississippi River, there will be a short commemoration program. This event is an opportunity for everyone to remember the heritage of this area. For more details visit www.historicnauvoo.net. We hope you'll join us!

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**Nauvoo City Council News
December 11, 2018**

- Approved 3rd Reading of 2018-7, Tax Levy Ordinance.
- Discussed Stossel Ordinance Violation.
- Approved street closings for 2nd Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 15, 5-10 p.m.
- Approved employee Christmas gifts: \$150 for full time employees and \$75 for part time employees in Chamber Bucks.
- Approved Mayoral appointment of Scott Sumner, Manager of Haven Light Gallery, to Hotel/Motel Board.
- Discussed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) options for new projects.
- Approved the city contracting sidewalk snow removal for the old school, city park, and city hall at \$120 for snow and \$65 salt only.
- Approved transferring money from the city's portion of the Hotel/Motel fund to pay for the purchase of the police truck.
- Discussed that the EPA loan be paid off in 3 years.
- Approved building permits over \$5,000: 1360 Young Street and 330 Page Street.
- Ron Frericks, President of QFB Energy, spoke to the Council on pricing proposals of energy supply for the next 1-3 years.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

Blood Drive

The Nauvoo Community will host a blood drive inside the Nauvoo United Methodist Church Friendship Hall on Thursday, January 3, from 2-6 p.m. To donate, please contact Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221-5127 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1494 to locate the drive. Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 11/8/18 are eligible to give at this drive.



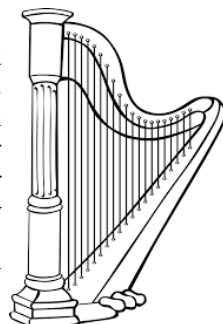
Business Open House

In May of 2018 Martin Accounting & Tax Service relocated their office to 1335 Mulholland. With the approaching tax season, they will be hosting an open

house on Friday, January 18 from 3-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit their new office for refreshments and door prizes.

Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens

Sycamore Haven's Irene Tukuafu will enchant those gathered at this month's Nauvoo Area Senior Citizen luncheon with her magical harp music and the story of her love affair with the instruments. Join us for angelic music, good friends, and a tasty meal on Wednesday, January 30, 11 a.m., fire station. (No "harpies" allowed. They must remain in their myths!)



Business Transformation Experts (BTE)

Business Transformation Experts (BTE Global LTD. LC) is opening offices in the old grade school this January. Their Business? Creating business.


According to local businessman Matthew Von Trapp, Nauvoo resident and one-time cheese factory worker, indicates that the purpose of bringing BTE to Nauvoo is to strengthen the economic and social 'engines' of the community—in other words to improve the infrastructure, industries, and home-town appeal of Nauvoo.

Matt uses his statistical analysis skills and an infrastructure/industry model of development to gauge the strength of the city and plan growth strategies. He and his business partner have five projects designed to yield better profit margins for Nauvoo businesses to allow them to prosper in the global and Illinois's challenging business environment. One of the projects designed to improve the tourism industry is "tourburst," which started as a smartphone app and has since evolved into a tourism company.

The company, which employs five people in the U.S. and nearly a dozen overseas, has been developing tourism-driving capabilities. The company has even bigger plans on the horizon. In 2019, a focus on non-tourism-related industry development will be a "critical growth objective." according to Von Trapp.

In a bid to stem the tide of such external forces, BTE has invested a substantial sum into business and industry improvement initiatives here since its founding in June of 2017. Von Trapp is pleased with BTE's plans for the future. Updated rooms in the old school will host three offices for local employees and a conference room.

For more information or to be a part of the BTE initiatives, you may contact Matthew Von Trapp at matthew.vontrapp@bte-ai.com. Nauvoo looks forward to benefitting from Matt's expertise and enthusiasm. We are glad to have him and his staff as a part of Nauvoo's future. Welcome!



BTE Will be holding a public meeting related to the tourism industry on Wednesday, January 30, in Nauvoo at the old school. For more information contact Matthew Von Trapp. (See contact information above)

Legacy Theater's Winter Line Up

Mark your calendars!

- **January 19** at 2 p.m., Justin Shandor's *Ultimate Elvis* tribute will be performed at 2 p.m.
- **February 22** at 7 p.m. *Cat's Pajamas* vocal band takes center stage.
- **March 6** at 2 and 7 p.m., *Rise Up, O Men* will be presented by the Church Basement Ladies.
- **March 16**, 7 p.m. *Prince Ivan*-Hancock County Music Festival
- **March 22**, 7 p.m., Cherish Lee

FYI: Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) will resume regular meetings the third Thursday every month at 6 p.m. at the fire station. January 17 is the first meeting of 2019. All are welcome to attend!

The following four articles were taken from West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging's *News & Views* newsletter, January 2019:

It's That Time Again

You might need assistance in filing that income tax return if you are 65 years of age or older and are single (or married, filing separately) (\$12,000) or if you are married, filing jointly, and both of you are over 65 (\$24,000) and make amounts as listed above in wages, interest, dividends, gambling winnings, IRA distributions, pensions, and/or social security benefits. (In 2018, Social Security benefits were only taxable if ½ of those benefits plus your gross income were more than \$15,000 (or \$32,000 if married and filing a joint return. No changes have been made as of yet.)

Confused or concerned? Make an appointment with Gay Dickerson, Carthage, at 217.357.6000 or 217.617.3376 for more information or to make an appointment.

Medicare Advantage Programs

NOTE: A Medicare Advantage **Disenrollment** Period (MADP) is available from January 1 to February 14. This allows you to go back to Original Medicare **ONLY**.

New in 2019: There is a **one-time change** allowed during Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MADP), which starts January 1 and ends March 31. Coverage begins the first month after enrollment. You must already be enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan on January 1. You can switch to a different MA Plan with or without drug coverage. You can return to Original Medicare and enroll in Part D but cannot switch from one PDP to another. Note: The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period doesn't provide a Guaranteed Issue Right for a Medigap policy. Questions? Call Gay Dickerson, at 217.357.6000 or 217.617.3376 for more information or clarification.

Beware of Scammers!

Absolutely avoid providing your Social Security Number (SSN) or bank account information to unknown individuals over the phone or internet. Know that Social Security employees will never threaten or promise benefit approval in exchange for information requested in this manner. Should you receive such a call, report it to the Office of the Inspector General at 800.269.0271 or online at oig.ssa.gov/report.

In Need of Home Help?

Everyone wants to be able to remain in his/her home, but sometimes help with in-home tasks is needed. That help is available. For more information, call West Central Illinois Case Coordination Unit at 800.252.9027 or 217.222.1189.



Bald Eagle Appreciation Days

Bald Eagle Appreciation Days, January 19-20, is presented by Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau Foundation and Lee County Conservation Board. Lots of activities for everyone to enjoy: View American Bald Eagles in their natural habitat, Conservation and Environmental Exhibits, Woodcarvers' Exhibits and Demonstrations, World Bird Sanctuary Live Bird Shows,

Seminars, Children's Activities and more. For more information call (319) 524-5599, email: info@keokukiowatourism.org, or visit www.keokukiowatourism.org.

The Delta Queen, What a History!



In December, 2018, the 91-year-old *Delta Queen* officially became exempt from a 1966 law that requires vessels carrying overnight passengers to be constructed of noncombustible materials.

The ship's boilers were built in 1919 and were originally intended for a World War I vessel. Two of the boilers were put into the *Delta Queen* when she was built in 1927. The *Queen* first ferried cars, freight, and passengers between Sacramento and San Francisco, serving during World War II as a ferry boat, ferrying soldiers from the San Francisco doc to ships anchored in the harbor.

The *Delta Queen* was bought as war surplus by the Greene Line Steamers. The 285' x 60' vessel, which has accommodations for 176 passengers and a crew of 80 began offering overnight cruises in 1947.

Twenty years later Congress passed the Safety at Sea Act (1966), which aimed to prevent fires aboard wooden, foreign-flagged passenger vessels calling on U. S. ports. The legislation's language, however, inadvertently applied to the *Queen*. Though her hull is made of steel, her upper decks are wooden.

Two-year intermittent exemptions were renewed until 2008, when Congress failed to take up the measure. The *Delta Queen* was docked in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where it served as a dockside hotel.

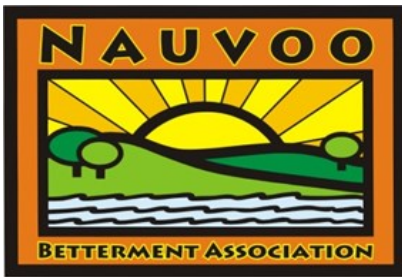
In 2015, a reconstituted Delta Queen Steamboat Company bought and moved her to Houma, Louisiana, where she now awaits her next job for the 10-year exemption (until 2028). The company is anticipating a \$10 million to \$12 million repair and refurbishment project, with cruises estimated to begin again in 2020. Her restoration progress may be tracked at www.DeltaQueen.com. Many look forward to the Queen's new reign. (Taken from *The Waterways Journal*, December 10, 2018, pp. 3, 7-8)

A Trip in Your Future?

It's that time of year when you're thinking about getting away from it all—or, at least making plans to get away from it all! Two area groups have trips that just might interest you.

Gemini Excursions: How about a Panama Canal cruise end of February early March? Or, maybe, New Orleans in April? If an Alaskan cruise is on your bucket list, you might want to check out a June cruise. Or, maybe an October Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard motor coach tour is more to your liking. Interested? Call Pam Kelly, Gemini Excursions, 319.524.1461 or email her at excursions.pam@gmail.com.

Quincy Area Senior Center: The Center is offering a Nashville Show Trip in April, Niagara Falls and Toronto in May, the Colorado Rockies in June, plus others. For more information, call Kim Schuette at 217.223.5700 or 800.252.9027.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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 Deadline for the February Issue is January 25

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Full Schedule for Untold Nauvoo Stories Historical Symposium
Friday, February 1, 2019
Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street

	11:30 a.m.	Registration: Meet, greet, share previews of presentations, and pose questions
1A	1:00 p.m.	Glenn Lloyd: How the swamp (Lower Nauvoo) got drained Bob Wright: The Tunnels of Nauvoo
1B	1:00 p.m.	Cynthia DeBarthe: Artifacts in the Basement of the Red Brick Store Paul DeBarthe: Archaeology at the Samuel Smith Site
2A	2:30 p.m.	Melody Lloyd: How the Norwegians of the Fox River area interacted with the Saints of Nauvoo Wendy Eaton: Joseph Smith Historic Site – Centennial History
2B	2:30 p.m.	Erica Wolfe: World War II Letters from the German War Front and the Personal Stories they Tell Randall Soland & David Brady: The Eruption of Mount Tambora: Its influence on Joseph Smith, the settlement and statehood of Illinois and the founding of Nauvoo
3A	4:00 p.m.	Ben Pykles: Restoring Nauvoo's West Grove Durell Nelson: How Halloween was celebrated in Nauvoo in the 20th Century
3B	4:00 p.m.	Bob Baxter: Sonora Landing Jim Horton: Mayor Lowell Horton
	5:30 p.m.	Hotel Nauvoo (1290 Mulholland Street) Dinner & Plenary Session: Kim and Brenda Logan: The Baxter Family of Nauvoo

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street

	10:00 a.m.	Exodus Re-Enactment: Family Living Center, 650 White Street
4A	1:00 p.m.	Father Tony Trosley: The History of Saints Peter and Paul Church Phil Hoenig: The Joseph Smith and Father Alleman Connection
4B	1:00 p.m.	Karen Austin: The History of the Presbyterian Church Joyce Buckert: A few Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Hancock County
5A	2:30 p.m.	Joseph Johnstun: The Official Announcement of the Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith Stephanie Moore: My experiences behind the brick walls of St. Mary's: Moore Memories
5B	2:30 p.m.	Irene Tukuafu: Weaving, a Cottage Industry Sue Meissner: Linens and Things: The Art of Flax Growing from Plants to Linen goods
6A	4:00 p.m.	Dan Moffitt: Moffitt Family – First Families of Nauvoo John McCarty: The Cheese Factory Memories
6B	4:00 p.m.	Tonya Boltz: Civil War in Keokuk, Iowa Jim Slater: Button Factories of Ft. Madison, Iowa and Dallas City, Illinois
	5:30 p.m.	Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters (885 N. State Highway 96) Dinner & Plenary Session: Lach Mackay and Eugene Shurts: Nauviews

Picture Request

For the upcoming Untold Stories weekend, I am giving a presentation on Hallowe'en in the twentieth century in Nauvoo. I am in need of pictures of Mulholland with the "decorations" (outhouses, wagons, barrels, and the like) that found their way there during Hallowe'en night. If you can help me (Durell Nelson), my e-mail is dnn50@yahoo.com and my phone is 217 440-4925. I would also be thrilled with a picture or two of Hallowe'en costume parties in the 1930s or 1940s.