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JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan 9, Blood Drive, United Methodist Church, 2–6 p.m.
- Jan. 11, Nauvoo Flute Day, Pageant Headquarters, see article on page 3
- Jan. 18 - Bald Eagle Days, Keokuk, IA
- Jan. 25, Great River Eagle Days, Quincy, IL
- Jan. 31-February 1, Untold Nauvoo Stories, see article on page 2
- Feb. 1, Nauvoo Exodus Commemoration, see article on page 3

JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan. 2, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Jan. 13, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Jan. 14, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Jan. 16, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Jan. 16, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Jan. 20, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Jan. 20, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Jan. 27, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- Jan. 28, Disaster Response Plan Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fire Station
- Jan. 29, Senior Citizen, 11 a.m., Fire Station

Happy New Year
2020

The New Year 2020

It's wonderful to look to the promise that a new year can bring. As Rainer Maria Rilke suggests "And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that have never been." Or, as Alfred, Lord Tennyson suggests "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come." This year, like the optometrist's eye chart, may you have 20:20 vision and an absolutely perfect New Year!

Cannabis, Take it or Leaf It

Effective January 1, 2020, recreational cannabis products will be legal in Illinois. The Nauvoo City Council held a hearing on December 10 regarding whether or not cannabis dispensaries should be prohibited within the city limits. Some residents favored prohibition, stating that those wanting to purchase cannabis could go to nearby Hamilton, whose City Council voted to permit dispensaries. One Nauvoo area resident commented that cannabis has been helpful to him, adding that Illinois has the strictest cannabis laws in the nation regarding purity. Mayor John McCarty urged residents to voice their opinions and concerns to their Aldermen, to himself, or to the City Clerk.

-From a *Journal Pilot* article by Alan Moberly



Nauvoo Ferry Boat to Become a Reality in 2020

Don Faulkner, Hamilton, plans to offer rides in a pontoon boat between Nauvoo and Montrose, Iowa, as well as sunrise and sunset cruises up and down the river between Hamilton and Fort Madison. Locking through the dam at Keokuk will be an added attraction as well as offering a shuttle service between Montrose and Nauvoo to facilitate Nauvoo's Grape Festival and Montrose's Watermelon Festival attendance.

The 45'x12', 48-passenger boat is being built in Florida. It will be kept at a floating dock (pending approval from the Army Corps of Engineers) from May through October, depending on water levels. During the other months, the portable dock will be removed. Faulkner is planning a naming contest and will invite schoolchildren to submit ideas. The winner and his/her family will receive a free ride boat's maiden voyage.

-From a *Journal Pilot* article by Alan Moberly

The Census Matters (The third article in a series)

What happens if I'm missed? Simple: You won't be represented in the census for the next decade. While a few unrepresented resident shouldn't affect a community's federal funding, if many in your area go uncounted, then federal money—or representation—that would rightly go to your region would go to other communities or states. (Personal benefits like Social Security and Medicare won't be affected.)

What if I live in a rural community with a low population? Does it matter if I participate? Yes. In 2016 alone, more than \$30 billion were distributed to rural communities from 55 federal programs. These funds went toward things like home loans, business loans, and waste disposal. But such funding comes only if you and your neighbors are counted. This is especially true in areas with low populations.

Is it just about money? No. The number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Electoral College votes that each state gets, are determined by census numbers. So, the political balance of power in America changes after each census. [Congressional districts get redrawn every 10 years based on population. Illinois has been losing representation over the years]

-Taken from AARP Bulletin, *Real Possibilities*, September 2019

2020 Untold Nauvoo Stories

The 2020 Untold Nauvoo Stories Historical Symposium will be held January 31-February 1, 2020 at the Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street in Nauvoo during the daytime hours of January 31-February 1. Each evening will conclude with a banquet at Hotel Nauvoo (January 31) and the Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters (February 1). See www.UntoldNauvooStories.com for details and registration information. See the full schedule of events on page 4 of this newsletter.

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Fire Department Trustee Meeting

The Navoo Fire Protection District held a Trustee Meeting that was open to the public on Tuesday, December 17, 2020. The Board of Trustees approved the sum of \$261,847.00 to be raised from taxes on all properties subject to taxation within the Fire District as that property is assessed and equalized, for the year 2020. This is an increase of \$11,407.00 over the previous year (less than 0.5%).

A breakdown of this sum is as follows:

- General fund (\$127,279) (down \$186,00 from previous year)
- Insurance and Liability Protection Fund (\$40,000)
- Social Security/Medicare Taxes (\$10,000)
- Audit Fund (\$1,000) for annual audit
- Ambulance Fund (\$83,568) (up \$11,593 from previous year)

Firefighters and EMTs are volunteers. Firefighters are paid \$15 per fire call. EMTs are paid \$15/hour while on a service call. All firefighters and EMTs carry a little black pager. When the 9-1-1 dispatcher (located at the Hancock County Sheriff's Office in Carthage) calls the pager, those "on call" are to report to the fire station within five minutes. Three EMT personnel (1 supervisor and 3 EMTs and/or Paramedic) are always scheduled to be "on-call" to staff the ambulance. This year, the Navoo Fire Protection District has provided emergency fire/EMS services at approximately 200 incidents.

One does not go into volunteer firefighting/EMT to get rich. These conscientious and dedicated men and women among us are "on call" to do the difficult and very dangerous work of entering burning buildings, putting out fires, or rescuing those of us suffering a medical emergency or accidental injury. They also give up some of their weekends to be trained so that they are ready when the alarm sounds. If your friend or neighbor is such a volunteer, thank them, and their family.

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

Cookies Are Us!

The week before Christmas, the Navoo Mill & Bakery building came alive with the laughter of twenty-three area women as they mingled and shared stories of Christmases past at the Ladies Cookie Social sponsored by Navoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee. Seven Navoo-area volunteers: Carol Brown, Parti Haigh (with decorating assistance from Mike!), Karen Ihmig, Barb Schafer, Kathy Schoeni, Teri Siegfried, and Rita Souther baked and boxed the assorted cookies that were presold for the event. Cookie sales and donations netted a total of just over \$800 for the Navoo Community Center. Thanks to all who made the event such a success.

Navoo Area Senior Luncheon

Terry Altheide will present a program on an area treasure, the Keokuk National Cemetery. While the program has been presented in the past, it is always stirring to hear about it again. Join us for lunch on Wednesday, January 29, 11:00 a.m. at the fire station.

Navoo Exodus Commemoration

Once again, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring the commemoration of the Navoo Exodus on Saturday, February 1. The walk will take place on Parley Street along the Trail of Hope. Enjoy a free continental breakfast, available at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Living Center on White Street between Main and Granger, before setting out. The public is invited.

Third Annual Navoo Flute Day



Navoo Flute Day will take place Saturday, January 11, at the Pageant Headquarters Building east of Navoo. Check-in and registration for participants begins at 7:45 a.m. with the event starting at 8:15 a.m.

Classes for the day include:

- Piccolo Fun
- Flute Posture and Poise
- Trying a Contrabass Flute
- How to Shop for a Flute
- How to Play in a Flute Choir
- Playing in a Drum and Five Band
- Military Musician Career Opportunities
- Flute Maintenance and Repair

In addition to the classes, students and visitors can enjoy two concerts. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

- 11:45 a.m. - Faculty Recital, where this year's Navoo Flute Day teachers perform
- 3:00 p.m. - Navoo Flute Day Competition Concert, where all participants perform flute chor pieces as a group.

Afterwards, those who choose to may join a solo competition in pursuit of 1st-3rd place prizes in each age division. The concert will conclude with another group performance.

This year's Navoo Flute Day faculty will feature:

- Staff Sergeant Troy Paolantonio - Flutist, US Army Field Band
- Keith Hanlon - Flute Authority Technician & Sales Specialist
- Cristina Boves - Flute Authority Client Service Specialist
- Rose Bishop - Coe College Flute Instructor
- Karen Weirather - Southeastern Community College Flute Instructor

About 15-20 participants have already pre-registered, on par with previous years. There is still time for flutists of all ages and abilities to join the fun. Registration is open all the way up to the day of the event.

For more information about Navoo Flute Day, check out the Navoo Flute Day Facebook page or contact Karen Weirather at karenсандersflutist@gmail.com

Standing Bear Council January Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its January membership meeting on Sunday, January 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hawkeye Restaurant in Keokuk. Those wishing to eat are encouraged to come at noon. Standing Bear Council meetings are open to all people - Native and non-Native. Please bring one canned or dry good for storage.

This meeting will focus on upcoming events, primarily the Winter Gathering January 25-26 at the Oakley-Lindsay Center in Quincy. The World Bird Sanctuary from Valley Park, Missouri, will present this year's featured programs on birds of prey and eagles. One of the country's largest wild-bird conservation facilities, the sanctuary provides refuge for over 270 non-releasable birds and emergency care for as many as 400 others each year.

The Council is a non-profit organization. For more information about the meeting and/or about Standing Bear Council's educational programs, please call Larry Cooper at 319-795-6718, Dona Herr, at 319-520-5919, or Debbie Callaghan at 217-219-1188.

**Navoo City Council
December 10, 2019**

The Council approved the following resolutions:

- To pay \$1,310 to help the Navoo Betterment Association (NBA) purchase twelve 30"x60" Christmas banners to go on the Ameren poles along Mullholland Street. The City will pay half of the \$2,400 cost, plus \$110 for a banding tool, which the City will keep.
- To hire contractor to assess needs for heating and plumbing repairs at the old school.
- To repair the sidewalk in front of the Navoo Public Library using TIF funds. Repairs will begin when the ground settles, probably in the spring.
- To hire a contractor to assess drainage problems in Bluff Woods. The City then will look at recommendations and discuss with property owners at Bluff Woods.
- To allow a revised policy to allow media cameras to move in 3 feet closer when setting up at City Hall.
- To temporarily close some streets down on the Flats on the morning of Saturday, February 1, for the Exodus Reenactment.
- To accept \$34,000 in motor fuel tax receipts. These funds will be set aside for street repairs.
- To give City employees a Christmas bonus of \$150 for full-time and \$75 for part-time employees. These funds will be paid with "Navoo Chamber Bucks," which are redeemable in Navoo.
- To authorize the use of TIF funds to assist with building repair at 124½ Mullholland Street (just west of Grandpa John's Restaurant) where the brick structure on top is bowing out and needs to be repaired or replaced.
- To approve Don Faulkner's request to draft a lease for a boat ramp at the west end of Parley Street. (See article front page.)

-From a *Journal Pilot* article by Alan Moberly

Navoo Chamber of Commerce

Diana Blue, Program Coordinator for the Illinois Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) at Western Illinois University, spoke at November's Chamber meeting. Ms. Blue, a certified small business advisor at Western Illinois University, is interested in providing confidential one-on-one advising to help small business owners with all aspects of their business: start-up plans, financing, buying or selling a business, to helping existing businesses grow. All services are free. The ISBDC website is www.wiusbdc.org.

She told the Navoo Chamber members about the Hancock County Business Plan Grant Program which awards \$10,000 grants each year. Not many businesses apply for these grants. Last year there were only two applicants, and they both won!

The Chamber will host a one-hour consultation with Roger Brooks. This will be a virtual meeting. Along with the Chamber, the Navoo Economic Development Committee and the Navoo Hotel Motel Tax Board each agreed to pay one third of the total cost of \$400.

-From a *Journal Pilot* article by Alan Moberly

Community Blood Drive

The Navoo United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive from 2-6 p.m., Thursday, January 9. To donate, please contact the Blood Center at (800)-747-5401 ext. 1281 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1494 to locate the drive.



Navoo Community Center Testimonials

St. Mary Monastery

Though our religious community is no longer located in Navoo, we treasure our relationship with the area and the many friends we made in our [174] years there. We are eager to see Navoo continue to thrive. We appreciate the efforts of leaders in Navoo to keep the legacy of St. Mary's Academy alive and in a prominent place. Thus, we endorse the plan to build a Navoo Community Center, and we encourage you to support this important project.

Former Navoo Resident

This new library/community center is the best ideal! A real gathering space that isn't improvised. A library that is easy to use and access. Police facilities that actually let the officers turn around in their work spaces. City offices that are functional with adequate storage space. Meeting space. Catering space. A well-designed and purposeful building that not only solves problems but creates opportunities for the community. Kudos, Navoo!

Son of Former Sycamore Haven Resident

-Sally Everhardus, Fish Creek, Wisconsin
When I think of Navoo, I naturally remember my parents, Dean and Joyce Gabbert, in their place on the river upstream of town that they purchased in 1964, and made their retirement home in 1985. Dad first visited Navoo on foot by ferry from Montrose as a young man in the 1930's. These two gracious immigrants loved Navoo for the river, history, events, and most of all for its people who so welcomed them. Navoo is full of wonderful and fascinating individuals and groups; civic, historical, religious, sporting, business, and the arts.

My folks participated and volunteered at events and celebrations with people from all over Hancock County. They loved these people and were likewise loved. For my family — even though Dean and Joyce are gone — they live on for us in happy memories of our times with them in Navoo. My three sisters and I want to share in the effort to create a new community center just as our parents would have done. We look forward to the day when we can get together with friends in this very fine new space.

Navoo Market Place Supports Community Center

-John Gabbert, Winona, Minnesota
Just a reminder that the number "90" on any tagged and priced item taken to Navoo Market Place will see that its sale price goes directly to Navoo Community Center's Capital Campaign Fund. Every little bit helps. What positive way to recycle and keep funds for local use.

Thank You, Navoo Bright Angels

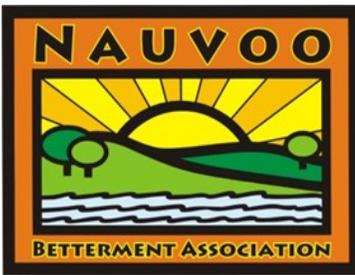
The Bright Angel committee would like to thank our participants in this year's program. We appreciate all of our community's angels and we are thankful that we were able to provide a bright Christmas for those in need. Please remember our backpack program this coming summer in preparation for the upcoming fall school session. More information will be posted in this newsletter.

January Events at Baxter's Vineyards

Baxter's Vineyards will host live music on the following dates in January:

- January 11, Nathan Gosnell from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- January 19, Bocephus Wayne from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit www.NavooWinery.com or check out Facebook for more information.



**Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the February Issue is January 24**

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Full Schedule for Untold Nauvo Stories Historical Symposium

Friday, January 31, 2020, Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street

	11:30 a.m.	Registration: Meet, greet, share previews of presentations, and pose questions
1 A	1:00 p.m.	Steve Robison: What happened to Nauvo Temple Stone? Paul DeBarthe: Archaeology at the Samuel Smith Dig Site
1 B	1:00 p.m.	Sister Mary Jane Wallace: History of Bennet Hall Patricia Henson: Smith Hamill Grocery and the Nauvo Connection
2 A	2:30 p.m.	Rita Allen: Sycamore Haven or is it Sycamore Heaven? Karen Austin: Nauvo Families
2 B	2:30 p.m.	Janet Fife-LaFrenz: The Mississippi - Its Challenges and Triumphs Randall Soland: The Easterdays and Teesdales in Hancock County – The Germans and the Scotch Arrive
3 A	4:00 p.m.	Roger Carmack: The History of the Great River Road Robert Ziegler: The Doodlebug Train
3 B	4:00 p.m.	Durell Nelson: Nauvo Button Factory Elder and Sister Willmore: Nauvo Temple District Historic Home Restoration
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Plenary Session - Hotel Nauvo, 1290 Mulholland Street Rebecca Williamson: Mormon Springs and French Town

Saturday, February 1, 2020, Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street

	10:00 a.m.	Exodus Commemoration: Family Living Center, 650 White Street
4 A	1:00 p.m.	Duane Taylor: The Joseph Smith Homestead: A Knot of Connecting Threads in Early American History Sharon Nicholl: Don Black's Log Cabin Museum
4 B	1:00 p.m.	Erica Wolfe: World War II Letters from the German Front Eugene Watkins: William Ewing's United States Agricultural Station, 1805-1808
5 A	2:30 p.m.	Joseph Johnstun: Trials of Accused Murderers Durell Nelson: Heinrich Lienhard; Adventurer and Respected Nauvo Citizen
5 B	2:30 p.m.	Rita Souther: Ancient Inhabitants of Nauvo Gene Shurts: Resources at the Land and Records Research Center
6 A	4:00 p.m.	Robert Ziegler: The Doodlebug Train Lachlan Mackay: To be announced
6 B	4:00 p.m.	Shalisse Johnstun: Listening to Nauvo: An Aural History Elder and Sister Willmore: Nauvo Temple District Historic Home Restoration
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Plenary Session - Nauvo Pageant Headquarters, 885 N. Highway 96 John McCarty: Festival on Wheels Memories

Living Water 2019 Christmas Concerts

During a season when schedules can become too harried to enjoy the company of family and friends, the Tri-State community set aside time to enjoy Him and each other during Living Water's Christmas Concerts at Old Fort Players, Lake Hill Winery, and Grandpa John's Café Theater.

The band was asked to provide easy-listening, background music for patrons gathering at Lake Hill Winery on Sunday, December 22. This was in contrast to the "all-around, wide-variety musical production and "up-beat, high-energy laser light show" offered on Monday, December 23, at Grandpa John's Café Theater. About 200 people attended this "evening filled with Christmas spirit, community togetherness, and a sense of optimism and hope."

In expressing gratitude to Dan Kraus and his family for their generosity in making Grandpa John's Theater available for the last concert, Living Water noted that they were using part of the donations received that evening to make repairs to the theater. They have used funds received from concerts to purchase new curtains and make repairs to the stage. In addition, Kris Knoke wrote a grant for materials for repairs that was successful in obtaining \$250 in funding from Thrivent. The band continues to seek donations for care and maintenance so that the theater can be used for decades to come. Please see a band member if you would like to contribute.

Living Water will minister in music during Oasis services beginning Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Bible Church, 2880 N. State Highway 9, Dallas City, Illinois. Please contact Rita Luder at 217-852-6617 for more information.