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- DECEMBER EVENTS**
- Dec. 11 & 12 , Live Nativity, 5:30-8p.m., Living Hope Church
  - Dec. 17, Virtual Blue Christmas Service, see article page 3
  - Dec. 25, contest list due, see article p4



**Certified Arson Investigator in Nauvoo**

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District now has a certified arson investigator on its staff. Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher completed the required five-week, 200-hour Basic Arson Investigator Course taught by the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy at the New Lenox Fire District in October. The Basic Arson Investigator course, among other things, focuses on the criminal law aspects of arson investigations and includes topics such as interviews/interrogations, evidence collection, arrests, search and seizure, warrants, and Illinois Criminal Code & Statutes.

On October 20th, 2020, the Nauvoo Fire Protection District Board of Trustees voted on a resolution classifying Gallaher as a peace officer for arson investigations. The designation gives Gallaher the same powers of arrest, search, and seizure as a police officer and authorizes him to carry a firearm while investigating arson or arson-related crimes.

Gallaher, 34, currently serves as the Fire Chief at the Nauvoo Fire Protection District. He has been a member of the Nauvoo Fire Protection District for twelve years and has been a certified Fire Investigator with the department for the past three years. Emergency services have always been a part of his life, specifically the Nauvoo Fire Protection District, where both of his parents, Dan and Vicki, have been active members of the department since the 1980s.

Gallaher, a lifelong resident of Nauvoo, has had the opportunity to create many strong relationships with community members and those community members have helped him out throughout his entire life. He says that providing fire/EMS services to those community members on what might be the worst day of their lives is his way of giving back and showing his gratitude to the community he loves.

Kendall Gallaher has a day job as a mechanic at Nauvoo Facilities Management in Nauvoo, and is owner/manager of Vick's Auto Repair in Nauvoo.

- Taken from an article by Alan Moberly



- DECEMBER MEETINGS**
- Dec. 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m. Location TBD
  - Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

**American FFA Degree Award Winner**

This year Ryan Berry, a member of the Warsaw FFA chapter, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention & Expo that was held virtually this October. To be eligible, the members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience program in which they own their own business or hold a professional position as an employee, among other responsibilities. Out of 760,000 student members less than one percent achieve the American FFA Degree. Congratulations, Ryan!

**Trees on Mulholland**

A big thanks to all those who helped with the project of putting Christmas Trees along Mulholland and at other businesses in town. This project began about 10 years ago and has helped add to the holiday spirit of our community. Participating businesses purchase trees from the Nauvoo Chamber.

For you historians, the first public Christmas Tree in Nauvoo was put up by the Unity Club in 1929. It was a tall cedar and was erected in the center of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Page) and Mulholland. The first night that it was up, a businessman going home after closing late in the evening, ran smack into the tree and brought it down on his car. In his defense, it was a foggy night. Undaunted the tree was put back up in the center of the road, but the marshal did put out a flashing light. The next year the tree was moved to the corner of the intersection on the hotel side.

In 1939, in addition to the big community Christmas Tree, the Unity Club provided a small evergreen to each business establishment to use inside or outside of their stores. I can find no record of how many trees ended up outside or how long that activity continued.

-Submitted by Durell Nelson



**Caucus Reminder:** Monday, December 7, old school gym. The Democratic party Caucus will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Republican Party Caucus at 6:30 p.m. Caucus attendees will nominate parties' candidates. (See City Council minutes for positions open.) Anyone may attend each caucus but may vote in only one. Nominees will be on the April 6, 2021 ballot

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**Nauvoo City Council  
November 17, 2020**

**Note:** The November Council meeting was held one week later than originally scheduled because a few city officials had tested positive for COVID-19. The physical meeting was closed to the public due to COVID restrictions but was broadcast live on Facebook. A recording of the meeting can be viewed at the City of Nauvoo, IL Facebook page.

**Approved the following:**

- Purchase of a plexiglass barrier for the customer service counter at City Hall. (Funds for this purchase were provided with a grant from the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program.)
- A request to remodel the home at 2015 Munson Street, turn garage into living space, and add nine feet to the west side of the house (contingent on west property line)
- A request to re-roof the apartments at 1660 Mulholland Street.
- Extending the contract for the Nauvoo Tourism Director another 30 days.
- Execute a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Nauvoo Fiber Arts LLC.
- Award a Christmas bonus to City employees: \$150 to full-time, \$75 to part-time. As has been done in past years, the bonus will be paid in "Nauvoo Bucks" which may be spent at any Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce member business.

**Mayor John McCarty announced the following:**

- Caucuses to nominate candidates for mayor, clerk, and three aldermen will be held at the old school gymnasium on Monday, December 7. The Democratic Party Caucus will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Republican Party Caucus at 6:30 p.m. The aldermen whose terms will expire are Chuck Gilbert (1st Ward), Tacy Anozie (2nd Ward) and Jim Boyles (3rd Ward).
- There have been 72 reported cases of COVID-19 in Nauvoo, 50 of these were in the past two weeks.
- Friday (November 20) a Tier 3 COVID response will be in effect in Nauvoo and the surrounding area. Local enforcement will be in responding to complaints of non-compliance. If future complaints arise, the City will appeal to Hancock County and/or the State of Illinois for assistance.
- Urged local businesses to look into applying for Business Interruption Grants (Contact Hancock County Economic Development Director Belynda Allen for more information.)
- The City congratulated and acknowledged Nauvoo Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher's recently designated as a Certified Arson Investigator.

**Other action:** Alderman Jason Skog will finish a draft proposal on allowing chicken coops in Nauvoo under specific restrictions. He requests that aldermen and other citizens get their comments for and against chicken coops within the City limits to him by November 27. Comments can be directed to him, to any alderman, or to City Hall.

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

**Notice:** December 7 is the deadline for any changes that need to be made to your prescription insurance.



**Illinois Driver's License Information**

Driver's licenses and ID card expirations will be extended until June 1, 2021. Facilities statewide will be closed for in-person transactions until December 7, 2020 due to the worsening of COVID-19 cases. There are options for conducting some of these transactions on-line. Go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) for a complete listing and for more specific information.

**Property Assessment Information**

In Illinois, all non-farm property is required to be assessed at 33.33% of fair market value. Every four years, or a quadrennial, (2020 is one of these quadrennial years), these properties are reevaluated, making sure all properties are equalized. If not, an equalization factor is applied to those township properties where equalization has to be made. In Nauvoo, Appanoose, and Sonora townships the equalization factor this quadrennial year is 1.025. A number of exemptions may also apply. (Farmland assessments, however, use a different formula that is related to soil productivity index.) A complete listing may be found in the November 18, 2020, edition of the *Hancock County Journal-Pilot* or at the Supervisor of Assessment's office at the courthouse in Carthage.

**Beware! Scams Are Everywhere!**

- The COVID-19 crisis offers fertile ground for those who wish to take advantage of a bad situation. A recent article in the AARP Journal states "For years, every fraudster we've interviewed has told us that the key to cheating people is to get them into a heightened emotional state so they can be more easily manipulated." Well, are all there. And, it's harvest season for scammers. Follow these rules and avoid being "harvested": Be aware of our emotions before clicking on a link or buying something from an unknown seller. Wait 24 hours before making a big purchase. Use established, well-known retailers that stand by their products. Don't answer a call if you don't recognize the number! (Let the caller leave message for you to assess.) Be extremely dubious of any caller claiming to be from a government agency or tech-support company. (This is almost always a fraud.)
- The Social Security Administration's recent mailing warned against falling for scammers pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. DO NOT BE FOOLED! If you receive a suspicious call 1) Hang up! 2) Do not give them money or personal information, 3) and make sure to report the scam at O/G.SSAJ.GOV.
- The IRS, state tax agencies, and the tax industry warned of a new scam that tricks people into disclosing bank account information under the guise of receiving the \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment (EIP). Please be reminded that neither the IRS nor state agencies will EVER text taxpayers asking for bank account information so that an EIP deposit may be made. The scam message states: *You have received a direct deposit of \$1,200 from COVID-19 TREAS FUND. Further action is required to accept this payment into your account. Continue here to accept this payment....* The text includes a link to a fake phishing web address. DO NOT TAKE THE BAIT! The IRS DOES NOT send unsolicited texts or emails, call people with threats of jail or lawsuits, nor demand tax payments on gift cards.

-Taken from West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging News & Views Newsletter, December 2020

**Living Hope’s “Live Nativity”**

Join us, December 11 and 12, 5:30-8 p.m., as we travel back in time to the very first Christmas! Follow along as humble shepherds welcome the arrival of the Christ Child, the promised King of Kings! Enjoy the beauty of the season in this outdoor setting with live animals, costumed characters, holiday music and refreshments. Free Admission. (For your safety, social distancing will be practiced) We will have warming sites if needed. Join us at Living Hope church, 2125 Mulholland St. ( Highway 96 on the East end of Nauvoo). If you have questions call 217-453-6629

**Virtual Blue Christmas Service**

The Nauvoo United Methodist Church will be having a Virtual Blue Christmas service on December 17 at 7 p.m. The service will be on the church Facebook page “Burnside and Nauvoo United Methodist Churches.” A Blue Christmas service is for those whom the holidays are not joyful, for those who are lonely, in mourning, feeling alienated and cast apart from family celebrations; experiencing depression and sadness and yet feel compelled to "put on a happy face" for others, therefore denying their true feelings. If you find yourself struggling with this Christmas season, then this service is for you.

**Just Who Was That Masked Man/Woman?**

It’s difficult to know if you know the masked person standing next to you in the checkout lane or across the street. However, masks wearers will be around for a while.

Different masks offer different levels of protection. A cotton mask offers far less protection than a surgical mask; however, if you use one, the thicker, the better. Snug-fitting cotton-polyester blends are preferred but may only be about 30% protective; scarves/ bandannas, 10% or less. An N95 or equivalent mask (KN95, for example) offers the best protection, filtering out at least 95% of infectious particles. The KN95 mask can be found locally at the pharmacy. When these masks were in short supply at the beginning of the epidemic, some care workers were asked by their hospitals to prolong the use of the mask by rotating them weekly, as the virus cannot live long outside the body. Each mask was put into its own storage bag for a week before wearing it again. (Not the best solution but better than wearing no mask at all!) Both mask and bag should be disposed of.

**And We Think WE Have Problems....**

Alyssa Petersen, Hamilton, was arrested and detained in China over a year ago for allegations of illegally bringing people across the boarder, who were working for the school she was teaching at. She is able to keep in touch with family and friends through the Shanghai Embassy. In a recent communication, Alyssa noted some of the quirky skills acquired since her capture: she can wash her hair in a bowl in three minutes, sponge bathe in two, make a stack of blankets six feet high as straight as an arrow, keep her mouth shut, and sleep spooned up to 14 other people like a baby. Alyssa’s sister BreeAnne works at the Red Front where opportunities can be found to help Alyssa and her family. For more information and a link to the GoFundMe please visit [freealyssa.com](http://freealyssa.com).

Merriam-Webster Dictionary’s word of the year is *pandemic*. Imagine that!

**Roads Recently Paved in Nauvoo**

It’s extremely expensive to keep Nauvoo’s streets in tip-top condition, and the City, by itself, cannot afford to meet the demand for improvements. Over the last few years, Nauvoo Facilities Management (NFM, formerly NRI) have paved parts of Young and Parley street. This November an additional 11 blocks were paved. They include Partridge, from Mulholland to Carlos (between the new construction on the flats to the horse barn on North Hill); Hubbard, from Partridge to Durphy; and Durphy, from Hubbard to Cutler. Any updating to our streets is helpful and appreciated.

**Coal Dock Near Montrose Repurposes**



Hendricks River Logistics (HRL), the coal dock that can be seen along the river between Keokuk and Montrose, Iowa, is undergoing some changes. You might recognize the place from the Illinois side of the river. At night, the coal dock’s “arms” are outlined by lights, making it look like a

huge, illuminated praying mantis. Coal is delivered and unloaded at the site then onto barges and railroad coal cars that snaked on forever on the tracks at the foot of the Fort Madison BSNF bridge.

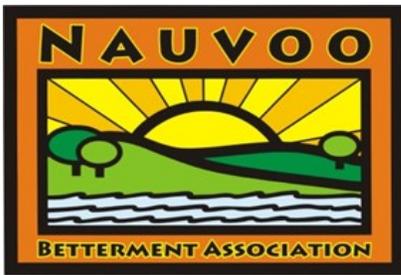
According to manager Shawn Duer, and as quoted in the October 28, 2020, Marine Log blog, the company was “looking for their future” as coal shipment in the U.S. Inland Waterways continues to decline. (HRL was the closest terminal 970 miles to western coal from the Power River Basin in Wyoming. The location allowed coal to minimize the rail transportation of the coal while maximizing the more efficient method of barging; therefore, reducing the cost.)

The facility will diversifying its offerings, becoming a multimodal terminal that can handle various commodities in addition to coal: fertilizer, grain, lumber, steel, and other dry bulk cargoes via barge, train, and truck. Hendricks Logistics has 300 acres of available land, 16,000 + feet of private industry tract, fleet for 80+ barges, new multimodal transloading terminal, plus a 24/7 harbor boat. Diversification of commodities will be phased in



**See Nauvoo News Donations Down**

We all are getting out less these days. And, if we do, fewer businesses are open. *See Nauvoo News* is still being distributed, however - even though contributors haven’t had much access dropping their quarter into the slot. A twenty-five cent donation has always been suggested and faithfully heeded - just ask regular attendees at Senior Citizen luncheons - they ALWAYS have their quarters ready when papers are available at meeting. Of course, this year is different. There have been no luncheons since March. Those who have been able to drop a quarter, or more, into the slot have done so, and it is appreciated. Some businesses have given them to customers with pick-up orders to aid in distribution. In 2019 we averaged about \$35 a month from our collective “newsstands.” There were no pageants this year and few tourists, as well. Since March, our monthly average has hovered around \$14. We understand the situation and will continue to make the newsletter available. For those who are able to drop a coin or two into the slot, we thank you. For those who aren’t, we look forward to your resumed support when our lives and our town open up again. Hang in there!



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 Deadline for the January issue is December 25

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**Delivery Boxes Bring New Life to Recycling**

Recycled office paper, which has become scarce with people working from home, have made junk mail and discarded delivery boxes a hot commodity—a sharp change from two years ago after China toughened its standards for waste-paper imports. Today, people are ordering more food and packages to their homes. Now these recyclables are being turned into new toilet paper, coffee cups, paper towels, and cardboard boxes. Once, again, there is a need. So, save and recycle that paper!

-Wall Street Journal, November 18, 2020

**Believe It or Not**

Eat your heart out, Ripley. According to Harvest Public Media, via NPR, a new technology is working toward providing cow facial recognition rather than by ear tags. In case of a disease outbreak in a herd- when time is of the essence- the affected cow(s) could be easily tracked and quarantined. Ranchers say it would be cheaper than the charge connected to using a radio frequency for ear tags. They would have a subscription to an App that would provide the facial recognition and identification for each cow in the herd... This could be a “mooving” experience for our bovine friends.

**Telephone**

Forget the texting and emailing and Facebooking and Instagramming for a while, and just call your friends on the telephone and give them your undivided attention for five to twenty minutes, or so. The sound of the human voice and the knowledge that someone wants to talk to you just for the sake of conversation and caring is a healthy addition to all of our lives. Whoever you call will love it. And, so will you.



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**When Brand Names Become the Thing Itself**

Funny. We seldom think how things get their names. Often the product (thing) was once unique, so we start calling it by its brand name. Then, the branding name becomes the thing. We even start spelling the word without a capital letter: think Kleenex. Generically, it's actually a tissue. We even call Puff's a kleenex! Words are agreed-upon labels for things. Some others, like Binkie (a pacifier), Scotchtape (cellophane tape), Frisbee (flying plastic disk), Xerox (reproduction of an image), Thermos—you get the idea.

Sometimes the brand name can become a verb, as in “Have you googled that?” Or, an example of an older brand that became a verb, “I xeroxed you a copy.” Hmmm. Will Zoom follow in the same path? Maybe you've already said “Our family “Zoomed” for Thanksgiving. Have some fun. See if you can list at least ten brand names that “became” the name of the product? Or, maybe, a few that have become the name of the action? When there is agreement on the meaning of a “label” for a thing, the word takes off on a life of its own.

**Challenge:** who can come up with the longest list? Send your list to [seenauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenauvoonews@gmail.com), by December 25. A prize will be waiting for the one with the longest list.