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NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

MARCH EVENTS

- March 2, Symphonic Concert, 7 p.m., Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters
- March 9, Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 4:30 p.m., UMC Friendship Hall
- March 10, Daylight Savings Time. Spring Ahead!
- March 11, H.C. Retired Teachers, 11:30 a.m., Hamilton United Methodist Church
- March 14, Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m., UMC Friendship Hall
- March 21, Meet-the-Candidates, 6p.m., Fire Station

MARCH MEETINGS

- March 7, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- March 11, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- March 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- March 18, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- March 18, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- March 21, NBA, 6 p.m., Fire Station CANCELLED
- March 21, Mayor' Round Table, 7p.m., Fire Station CANCELLED
- March 25, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- March 27, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

NC⁵'s Quiet Phase Goes Public

Since June, the Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign Committee (NC⁵) has been its "Quiet" Phase, setting the stage for the public opportunities to contribute to the new Community Center.

Informational meetings were held in September and October at Hotel Nauvoo. Packets and brochures and a video explaining the scope of the project were created; potential major donors were contacted; a billboard was erected at the building site - all preparing the way for the "Public" Phase of the campaign, which

will open more opportunities for public participation beginning this month.

The building's architect has designed a bricked plaza at the entrance to the Community Center. This pedestrian walkway will "pave the way" into the Community Center while commemorating those who wish to memorialize their connection to Nauvoo. Family names, graduating classes, missionary service, special events, etc., can be celebrated, leaving a legacy for children and grandchildren. The bricks range from 4"x4" and 8"x8" bricks to 16"x16" granite tiles. Brochures explaining the cost and methods of personalizing the pavers will be available this month in brochure and online forms.

Farmers who use Consolidated Grain and Barge (CGB) will be invited to share a portion of their harvest. A supporter of the campaign, CGB has opened an account for contributions, and has posted information and the Center's link (nauvoocommunitycenter.com) on its website. Informational letters will be mailed to local farmers this month. By being proactive, we can move our community into its future with prudent planning and generous contributions of our time and talents. Together we can.

Save the Date NC⁵ Auction, October 12

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC⁵) is sponsoring an auction on Saturday, October 12, at the former grade school gym. Sullivan Auctioneers will be in charge. Now is the time to start thinking about what you'd like to donate. Perhaps you have some Pyrex bowls (currently hot items!) that are gathering dust or, maybe an exercising machine in perfect condition that serves as a clothes hanger. Perhaps it's a vacation time share that you just won't be using this year or next. What about that antique from Great Aunt Maude that you don't care for but that someone would just love. Or, maybe you'd like to open your home for a brunch, luncheon, or dinner. The list goes on. Be watching for more information on this event or contact co-chairmen Barb Schafer and Rita Souther.

Outlaw Tees Celebrates 35 Years in Business

Q. What does it take to start as an entrepreneur and end up with a thriving business? A. A good idea, hard work, and perseverance.

John and Connie McCarty purchased Outlaw Tees in 1984, and have grown Outlaw Tees into the thriving business it is today. John creates the artwork graphics for tee shirts, businesses, cars and trucks, city buildings (including Nauvoo's city hall, amongst others) that bare his trademark style. John has been making artistic designs since age 12, when Elmer Kraus asked him to letter a truck for his furniture store. This first job gave him the confidence to keep learning and working to improve his craft. He learned about lettering and sign-making from local sign painter and artist Don Beasley. From these simple beginnings came Outlaw Tees.

The biggest changes in the industry that John has witnessed in the past 35 years have been, by far, the advancement of technology and the power of internet marketing. This also has made this field more competitive, with printers from all over the world tapping into customers just as easily as Outlaw Tees can. John feels that the only way to stay ahead is to throw the personal touch into every job, know your customer's wants and needs, and strive to meet those goals.

John and Connie have kept their business in Nauvoo because it's their hometown. Both were born and raised here, and they feel they owe Nauvoo for all it has given them. Besides their involvement in civic groups, church committees, school organizations, etc., John has served as Nauvoo's mayor the past 14 years. We are proud to have them and their business in our community.

Taken from Alan Moberly's article, *H. C. Journal-Pilot*, February 2019



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- Approved purchasing a Bak Flip G2 Bed Cover, \$779.99, for police truck, which will allow us to securely store equipment in the bed of the truck.
- Approved purchasing an Alco-Sensor FST portable breath test machine, allowing us to have a device in each patrol vehicle so there is always one available. Approval was for \$479 for the unit from Intoximeters, Inc.
- Approved purchasing a spreader box for the truck, authorized for \$5,475. This item will be acquired as a replacement when the city experienced the heavy snowfall and the old spreader box failed.
- Approved sending two representatives, Brock Stout and Jeff Christensen, to the Illinois Rural Affairs in Springfield March 7 and 8.
- Approved Flood Museum building permit, over \$5,000, at 1310 Knight Street.
- Approved lease renewal for community band at old grade school.
- Approved lease agreement for John Fisher--Suite 180.
- The Pilot Program with NRI and the city ends December 2019, with a notification that there will be a 5-year extension at a 20 percent reduction each year.
- Mayor McCarty will be absent Wednesday, February 20, thru Monday, February 25. Chuck Gilbert was appointed Mayor Pro Tem in his absence.
- The FY 2018 Audit was tabled until the March council meeting.
- Mayor McCarty gave the State of the City.
- Approved the FY 2019 Budget Amendment.
- Approved the 1st Reading of additional amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019 and waived the 2nd and 3rd Readings.
- Approved Grape Festival requests for the 82nd Annual Nauvoov Grape Festival to be held on August 30, 31, and September 1, 2019.
- Approved the Warsaw High School After Prom donation of \$400 on April 27, 2019. Submitted by Bev Reynolds

Senior Citizens Luncheon

Have you ever wondered what Nauvoov Products was? The business is east of Allyn House and, formerly, Stubb Starr's former garage. You just might want to come to this month's luncheon when owners Matt and/or Sheila Poppe will tell all. See you at the fire station on Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m., for camaraderie, food, and a learning experience.

Fairy Door Trail

The Nauvoov Fairy Door Trail is continuing its third year, and we are looking for people who would like to help organize, promote, and create this wee bit of fantasy and fun. If you are interested in helping, contact Kathy Schoeni at 309-209-0337. A committee meeting is planned in March, date and time to be determined.

Looking Ahead to "Earth Day"

Spring will be here (we think!) in time for Nauvoov residents to honor the Earth by spiffing up the downtown area. Due to a conflict in scheduling, Nauvoov's Nauvoov Betterment Association (NBA) will honor Earth Day on Saturday, April 27, one week after the official date. Bob Wright will be chairing the event and will be looking forward to your participation. Watch for more information in the April newsletter.

March NBA and Mayor's Roundtable Meetings

The next regularly scheduled NBA and Mayors Roundtable will be replaced by Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, March 21. 6- 7 p.m., at the fire station.

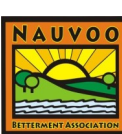
Meet-the-Candidates Night

The Nauvoov Betterment Association (NBA) is sponsoring a Meet-the-Candidates Night at the fire station, Thursday, March 21, from 6-7 p.m., in preparation for the local elections held on April 2. This election is for municipalities and special districts. Nauvoov has three wards with two aldermen from each ward with staggered four-year terms. Candidates wishing to run in this election had to be either nominated at their party's caucus in December or petition to run as an Independent by January 31 of this year.

Two of Nauvoov's three wards have contested races: First Ward: Jason Skog (R) and Ron Grant (I) and Third Ward: Larry Nicholl (R) and Jim Topic (D). In Ward Two, incumbents Tacy Anozie (R) and Brenda Adkisson (R) run unopposed. (Notes: Tacy had been serving Clive Moon's uncompleted term and is now running for a 4-year term of her own. The Democratic caucus did not nominate candidates for First or Second Wards.)

Candidates for aldermanic positions will have opportunity to introduce themselves and explain why they would like to serve their constituents on the city council. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Come and show your support for the democratic process and your candidate. If you have any questions about whether or not you are eligible to vote in this election, please call Nauvoov City Hall at 217-453-2587.

NBA Project Application Available at City Hall



The Nauvoov Betterment Association's (NBA) mission is, in part, to enhance Nauvoov's amenities... by promoting and encouraging improvements to the quality of life in Nauvoov for both citizens and visitors through short-, long-term and on-going projects.

With this in mind, a project grant application form will be available at City Hall starting March 1. While some suggestions were printed in last month's newsletter, there are a myriad of things that could "better" Nauvoov. Why not pick up an application form this month. Individuals, families, friends, and organizations are encouraged to participate. If your project is chosen, NBA is prepared to pay part or all of the costs.

This is NBA's first attempt at such a project, and we are sure that there will be questions. NBA member Carol McGhghy, City Clerk, is available in person or at 217-453-2587 to field questions and, if she doesn't have the answer, will put you in touch with an NBA member who can help. Wouldn't it be neat to be able to point to a completed project in our downtown area and say, that's MY idea!

Hancock County Retired Teachers

The Hancock County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, 861 Walnut Street in Hamilton. The catered meal will be \$10. The program will be on Emergency Preparedness by Maureen Crawford from the Hancock Co. Health Department. For reservations contact Rosemary McNeil at 319-795-9350 or Rosemary.D.McNeil@gmail.com, by March 1.



**Sunday,
March 10, 2019**

Chamber News

The Nauvoo Area Chamber group is looking forward to kicking off the new year with our upcoming meeting on Monday, March 11 at noon at the fire station. The (December, January and February monthly meetings of the Chamber were cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.)

The luncheon will be provided by the Fudge Factory. Guest speakers will be Bob Bruce, new General Manager of WCAZ Radio and Kendall Gallaher, Nauvoo Fire Captain, who will be talking about some newly proposed fire regulations in the Fire Codes and upcoming inspections that will be taking place as a result of these changes. We will also be introducing Mark Cox, the new Managing Editor of the *Journal-Pilot* Newspaper.

We are also happy to announce that the new and improved "Experience Nauvoo" brochures are now available to distribute throughout our community and beyond. If you haven't received your copies, please contact Sharon Nicholl at sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com.

Jordan Bodily is chairing a focus group looking into a transportation system in Nauvoo to easily move visitors from the historic district up to the business district and back to increase sales and allow them to take advantage of what we have to offer "uptown". If you would like to be part of this group, contact Jordan at jordanbodily@ldschurch.org or reach him at Facilities Management. We are still hopeful to get this in place for this coming summer season!

A yearly calendar of events is being compiled for publication on our beautifulnauvoo.com website and possibly in a rack card for distribution. If your organization has events and dates you want added, please contact either Larry or Sharon Nicholl at sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com.

Turkey Pot Pie Dinner

It's time for the Nauvoo United Methodist Church's annual Turkey Pot Pie Dinner fund raiser.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 9. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church's Friendship Hall, located at 1610 Ripley Street. The menu includes turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, beverages and desserts—all for a free-will donation. Carry outs will be available. Come join us for good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Linda Yockey, 217- 453-2530, 39 Butternut Lane, Nauvoo, IL 62354, rwyockey@mchsi.com.

Blood Drive

The Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School will be hosting a blood drive, Thursday, March 14, from 2-6 p.m. at the Nauvoo UMC Friendship Hall, 1610 Ripley Street. To donate, call Vicky Miller at 217-430-9462.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Kelly & Brenda Logan were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association at the 2019 Annual Conference on Monday, February 25 at Walker's Bluff Winery, in Carterville, Illinois.



Kelly & Brenda Logan are the fifth generation of Baxter's to operate Baxter's Vineyards in Nauvoo - the oldest winery in the state of Illinois. Kelly, Brenda and Kim Logan have been a part of the Illinois wine industry since the inception of the group in 1992.

Spring Symphonic Concert

Spring-and music-are in the air. What a delightful pairing after the long, cold winter! The Nauvoo Community Orchestra will be presenting a Spring Symphonic Concert on Saturday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters Building located two miles east of Nauvoo on Hwy. 96. Also featured will be the Nauvoo Area Singers. And, all of this joyful uplifting of the spirits is available for a free-will donation. See you there.

Untold Nauvoo Stories

The Untold Nauvoo Stories committee would sincerely like to thank all those speakers who gave excellent presentations at this year's Symposium held February 1 and 2. Over 100 people from the community and beyond attended this annual event surrounding the yearly Historic Nauvoo Exodus Commemoration. The topics this year were varied, interesting, and informative.

The committee is already working to line up next year's presentations! If you have an idea for a topic or would like to make a presentation, please contact Larry Nicholl at untoldnauvoostories@gmail.com. Save the dates, February 7 & 8, 2020 for next year's event. We will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary of this Symposium.

Christ Lutheran Church



Built in 1876, Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo is one of the oldest churches in Hancock County. Its congregation was organized in 1851 when a Swiss clergyman began gathering Lutheran immigrants along the Mississippi River into congregations. Initially called the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, the church held services in German until 1911 when it began offering a monthly English service. The name was changed to the Lutheran Church of Nauvoo. Beginning in 1935, all services were conducted in English.

In 1971, the Luther Hall fellowship addition was constructed. All aspects of financing and construction were accomplished by the church membership of that time on a volunteer basis. The congregation presently is led by Pastor Brian "Pete" Hagglund, who also serves at St Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Madison.

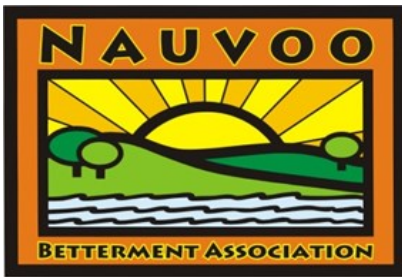
Christ Lutheran Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Current attendance at Sunday services averages from 20-30 worshippers.

Taken from Alan Moberly's *H.C. Journal-Pilot* article, Feb. 2019

John Sullivan Heads to Springfield

Former state Senator John Sullivan is now serving in a new role as Illinois Department of Agriculture director. Before being tapped by Governor Pritzker, John represented the 47th Senate District from 2003 to 2017. Sullivan, a Rushville Democrat is no stranger to Hancock County—and, Nauvoo. He and his family have long been involved in family-owned auction and real estate in the county. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grade School and Hamilton High School. Many in Nauvoo have known him for years, and everyone wishes him well in his new position.





Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
 Deadline for the April Issue is March 22

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Standing Bear Council March Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its March membership meeting on Sunday, March 3, at 1 p.m. at the Hawkeye Restaurant, 105 N. Park Drive, 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. Rising Sun will speak about “Drum Etiquette,” including the spiritual aspects associated with drumming in Native American culture. There is a protocol, “etiquette between the Hand Drum and the Pow-Wow Drum.

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.

Carthage Library 125th Anniversary Open House

The public is invited to an open house to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Carthage Public Library on Sunday, March 10 from 2-4 p.m.. The event will be held at the Library's current location, 500 Wabash Avenue, Carthage and will feature music of the era performed by The Lemmings, scrapbooks and displays of the library's history, tours of the current library, and refreshments served by the Friends of the Library. Everyone is welcome to join in the library's 125th Anniversary celebration. For more information or to share photos and memories of the library call 217-357-3232 or email cartlib@mtcnw.net.

Asian Carp for Dinner

University of Illinois students are now being served fresh seafood in the dining hall: Asian carp! There is a proliferation of these fish in the river, and concerted efforts are being made to discourage the fish from getting into Lake Michigan. All carp are from Asia however, the silver carp are the jumping variety that are multiplying rapidly. Serving the carp, which is high in protein, as a menu item is a new twist on the problem. Sounds fishy, but it's true.



Here's something to think about...



The following items were part of a graphic showing how long it takes for certain plastics to decompose when tossed into the ocean. (Number of years are in parentheses.) Cigarettes (10), Plastic bags (10-20), drink cans (200), plastic cutlery (100-1000), diapers (450) fish hooks (600), glass (4000). And, even more discouraging, some plastics never decompose. Hmmm....

Expression Art Auction

The Fort Madison Area Art Association, presents there expression art auction at Comfort Inn & Suites in Ft. Madison on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information call FMAAA at 319-372-3996.

You can now pick up *See Nauvo News* at Dollar General.

Legacy Theater 2019 Season

Legacy Theater's March-June Schedule:

The Legacy Theater in Carthage has announced its 2019 season and is excited to bring a variety of new acts to the stage and welcome back previous artists.

- March 6, 2 & 7 p.m., Church Basement Ladies' *Rise Up, O Men*
- March 16, 7 p.m., Prince Ivan, Hancock County Music Festival
- March 22, 7 p.m., Cherish Lee
- April 13, 7 p.m., Texas Tenors
- April 14, 2 p.m., Texas Tenors
- May 10, 7 p.m., Keith Allyn's Tribute to Neil Diamond
- June 14, 7 p.m., *Redhead Express*
- June 28, 7 p.m., The Hughes Brothers
- June 29, 2 and 7 p.m., The Hughes Brothers

Tickets are on sale to the public for the January, February and March shows. Other shows may be added to the schedule as artists request to perform live at The Legacy Theater. Advance tickets are recommended and can be purchased at the theater box office, open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; at Carson Ford in Carthage, Kraus Furniture in Nauvo, or the Keokuk Convention and Tourism Bureau. Order tickets online at www.thelegacytheater.com, or call 217-354-9479.

Cahokia Mounds

Collinsville, Illinois, near St. Louis, is home to Cahokia Mounds. It's an historic Indian site visited by ca. 300,000 people each year. It features the largest pre-Columbian, earthen structure in all of North and South America, the 100-foot high Monks Mound, which was built by Native Americans, who are now known as members of the Mississippian culture.



Originally, there were 120 mounds at the site. Many visitors think the mounds are burial sites but, actually they were platforms for buildings. It is assumed that a large building atop of Monks Mounds was the home of the site's leader. There are, however mass graves on the site, which appear to have been sacrifices.

At the height of the Cahokia Mounds, ca. 10,000 to 20,000 American Indians lived at the site, and perhaps twice as many lived in the region. It's known as “America's first city,” and is believed to have had a population larger than London in 1250.

This major settlement, formed around 1000 to 1050 on the Mississippi River flood plain near St. Louis, was abandoned by 1400. To date there is no known cause. Perhaps natural resources were depleted. Or, perhaps disease. Or, a corrupt ruling system caused it to be abandoned. The jury is still out.

The Cahokia site was protected by the state in 1920s and named a World Heritage Site in 1982. For more information call 618.346.5160 or check out the website at www.cahokiamounds.org. It is a tremendous historical phenomenon existing in our very own state. Time for a road trip?

Taken from H.C. Journal-Pilot, July 25, 2018