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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sept. 5, Grape Stomp, 7 a.m., Inn & Suites
- Sept. 5, Poker Run, 1 -8 p.m., Warsaw-Nauvoo
- Sept. 16/17 Nauvoo Boy Scouts Pack 56 Informational Meeting/ Registration , State Park Shelter House- see pg. 3
- Don't forget to get your scarecrows ready for October!



Labor Day Weekend Activities Salvaged

Remember the annual Rolling-Up-the-River event of Labor Day Weekends past? Hundreds of unique custom and classic automobiles cruised through the river towns of Warsaw, Hamilton, and Nauvoo. Limitations caused by COVID-19 have prompted local enthusiasts to offer a small scale, more casual, socially distanced version of the event: a Three-Town, Poker Run Cruise-in.

The event will begin on Saturday, September 5, at 1 p.m. in Warsaw and finish at 8 p.m. in Nauvoo. The starting point will be at Chadrock Memorabilia in Warsaw (behind DJ's Bar & Grill) from 1-2 p.m. Participants will be given maps showing the two stops in Hamilton. Cruisers will eventually ending the in Nauvoo where the final three stops will be made. (Current road repairs may alter that route. Route verification will be determined the day before the event.) The participants will finish up in the field west of the car wash near Outlaw Tees where the cars will be on display until around 8 p.m. Prizes will be handed out with cash money for the best poker hand.

Nauvoo's Red Front Restaurant will be handling food concessions on the grounds. A group of automotive artist/pin-strippers will be giving demonstrations and auctioning off their art. Proceeds of the auction go to support the Festival on Wheels/Tom Ciolek scholarship fund to help area youth who wish to pursue a post high school automotive-based career. Admission is free. Those desiring more information may call 217-453-2359.

Taken from Alan Moberly article

Other Labor Day Weekend Activities

Despite the unfortunate cancellation of the majority of the events of a traditional Labor Day Weekend in Nauvoo, the 36th Annual Nauvoo Grape Stomp will be held on Saturday, September 5. The starting/ending location, as well as the course has been modified to the inability to utilize our Nauvoo State Park. The starting and ending location will be on Knight Street, north of the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites. A time lapse video of the 2020 course is available on Grape Festival's Facebook page. Registration may be completed online at www.RunSignUp.com or by contacting Margaret Schneider at grapestomp@live.com. A virtual option is available for 2020 and any person competing in person will be asked to follow proper social distancing guidelines.

The Scarecrows Are Coming!

The 4th annual Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by the Nauvoo Betterment Association, will begin on October 3 with "crows" on display throughout the month of October.

Covid 19 doesn't scare our crows! They will be socially distanced along Mulholland Street and are looking forward to both old and new "crows" to join them. In the past we have had 35 entries and hope to increase that to 50 this year. So, if you have always wanted to make a scarecrow, now is your chance. They can be made of any material you desire and can be as simple or elaborate as you want.



Due to the pandemic, there will be no official Scarecrow Stroll to kick off the event, but entries will be judged with prizes awarded. Registration will be required to be included in the judging, with forms are available at Nauvoo City Hall by calling Karen Ihrig 217-453-2202 or Barb Schafer 319-470-0495

The popular minions have survived the pandemic and will be back this year along with a friend, so mark your calendars and join your family and friends for this fun event!

Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk

Though the pumpkin walk, is canceled the Halloween spirit is alive and well in Nauvoo. This year the committee is organizing a decorating contest for a "Bootiful Nauvoo Drive Thru" to be held October 24. We look forward to seeing what the citizens of Nauvoo have to offer creatively! Use lights, carved pumpkins, or the best ideas Pinterest has to offer to deck your yard/house out to the fullest. Look for further details on the Beautiful Nauvoo Facebook page to enter your house for judging the evening of the 24th.



Be responsible.
Socially distance
Wash your hands
Wear your masks

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Sept. 8, City Council, 7:30 p.m. Location TBD
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

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Baxter's Vineyards, 2010 E. Parley St. Nauvoo, 217-453-2528, www.nauvoowinery.com

City Council Minutes August 25, 2020

Originally scheduled for August 11, the meeting was re-scheduled to the 18th, then again to the 25th, due to discovery of COVID-19 infections in town. Mayor John McCarty praised Nauvoo city employees and businesses for their rapid and effective action that stopped the infection from spreading, adding that the Nauvoo zip code area (according to the health department website) has had eight cases total since the pandemic began, just under 7% of the Hancock County total of 118. He added that there were no new cases since the last positive case two weeks previous to the meeting. Originally the meeting was to be held at the old school gym, which has no air conditioning. McCarty thanked the Kraus family for offering Hotel Nauvoo as a "cool" alternative.

The City Council voted to approve the following:

- Payment of \$1,620.19 in dues to the Hancock County Economic Development Committee
- Payment of \$610.00 to city attorney for service.
- Payment of \$689.40 in dues to the Western Illinois Regional Council
- Expenditure of \$495.00 for training and per diem for Police Chief Mark Church for TASER training. Officer Church will, in turn, train other Nauvoo police officers
- Payment for directional signage for detour to Nauvoo at Niota and at both ends of Connable Road (Cost will be \$450 less whatever is paid by the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Economic Development Committee.)
- Demolition permit to remove attached garage at 150 S. Wells Street
- Building permit to 280 S Page Street to add a 14x16 room at the back of the house
- Extension of the Tourism Director contract another 30 days
- Ordinance 2020-3 authorizing the sale of a surplus truck chassis at the Water Plant to a willing buyer for \$500.00
- A contract of \$32,252.10 to winning bidder W.L. Miller Company to chip-seal city streets
- Lease agreements for space in the former school building with Laurie Peterson and the Nauvoo Orchestra
- Ordinance 2020-2 to vacate Bagby Street
- To table a proposal to allow chicken coops in Nauvoo pending changes to original proposal from proponent Wayne Jespersen.

The Council heard service requests from two LDS missionaries, Elders Earl & Kearsley, who are serving in the area. They are available to perform any service projects that do not include use of power tools and are limited to a maximum of nine hours per week.

Credit/Debit Cards vs. Cash/Check

In recent casual conversations with a few small business owners regarding how things were going, the subject of what form of payment to use cropped up. Did you know that, depending on which credit card processing company is used, anywhere from 2.8% to 5% is charged to the business? Hmm...Maybe we would be helping them out to pay with cash or by check to eliminate some of this overhead. Just an idea....

Work Permits



Nauvoo City Hall has had several inquiries regarding what work requires permits prior to the start of a project. (While some of these items can be approved by the building inspector, larger projects may require council approval).

Use the following guidelines as rule-of-thumb:

- If you are increasing square footage, making a structural change, replacing a roof, or adding a permanent or moveable out building, you need a permit.
- If you are hiring a roofing or electrical contractor, the contractor must have an Illinois State license to legally perform the work. State Licenses for these occupations are designed to educate the contractor on quality practices that offer the best results for the consumer.
- If you are going to dig remember to call JULIE first to get all utilities marked.

It's always a good idea to check with City Hall to make sure you are in compliance.

On another note, City Hall has received a few complaints regarding the need to remove tall grass and weeds as well as grass thrown on roadways when mowing. Please be considerate of others to avoid having to make list of properties for police inspection. More tolerance was shown during the shutdown but, like with utility penalties, City Hall indicated there will be closer attention being paid to complaints.

It's Not Too Late...

Still haven't been counted in the 2020 Census? Responding is easy by using a mobile phone, tablet, or computer - even if you haven't received your census invitation. Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) and click "Respond." Complete the online form, making sure to include everyone who lives in your household. That's it. You're done. Easy, right?

Voting by Mail This Election?

More people than ever are opting to vote by mail in this year's presidential election due to the pandemic. The method to do so varies. Illinois is one of the states allowing mail-in voting for everyone.

- Any Illinois voter may request an absentee ballot in advance by mailing an application, applying online, or in person [at the courthouse]. **This request must be made by October 29.** [In an NPR radio interview, Senator Durbin recommends that a ballot request be made no later than October 19.]
- In Illinois, **absentee ballots must be postmarked** by election day, **November 3.** [Senator Durbin suggests that ballot be sent in not later than October 27.]

-from *Wall Street Journal*, August 21, 2020



Please note that the Hancock County Retired Teachers will not be meeting in Nauvoo for their September 14th meeting.

Family Happenings of Note

- Many of you remember the Cluffs: Casey, Barb, Angie, Sarah, Emily and Abby. Casey served as Nauvoo Facilities Manager, a job Jordan Bodily presently holds. On August 18, Sarah was married to Christopher Bailey in the Provo City Center Temple.
- Matt/Amber Kraus will be extending their stay in Germany for at least another year.

Presbyterian Church Sold

On August 15, the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church building was sold at an online auction. Sullivan Auctioneers donated their time for the event. All funds raised will be going to over 25 charities. Former members, area churches, and various individuals bid on church inventory and a handmade quilt that was made by women of the church. The church, itself, and stained-glass windows (auctioned separately) sold online for a total of \$80,000 to Dr. Phil Harrop from Des Moines. He also purchased the bell. Plans for future use of the building are yet to be determined. Harrop also owns the former Lange home on Young Street.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Legacy's Berth

Ah, the course of just about everything gets waylaid these days. The cruise boat that was to be docked at the foot of Parley Street will stay in Florida until next year. There just were too many hurdles, among them the return of tourism for this year was limited, and the virus still a major issue relating to public gatherings. The reality of the situation resulted in leaving the boat in Florida until the opening of the spring season. While the initial idea was to have a competition for the naming of the boat, paperwork made it necessary for it to have a name sooner. The owners decided to name it *Legacy*. It's arrival in Nauvoo next year will open a new and, hopefully, robust travel season.

Flood Museum Expansion

Bob Wright has plans to expand the Flood Museum experience. He recently acquired a brick duplex adjacent to and east of the Museum. The new structure will be remodeled and become the Learning Institute Discovery Center where new exhibits and activities will reflect interpretation of biblical history.

According to owner Bob Wright, The Discovery Center will feature interactive exhibits referencing DNA's role and how it might be affected by changing environments as well as possible affectations made by magnetic fields and radiometric and carbon dating. Additional biblical stories and ancient civilizations as well as a planetarium-like experience will be available in order to better reflect the story reflected in the Museums. Plans are moving towards an anticipated opening in summer 2021.

For more information, call 800-264-4817 or www.thefloodmuseum.com/discovery-center.

-From article by Alan Moberly in July *HC Journal Pilot*

Nauvoo Historical Society

The herb and flower garden at the Rheinberger house courtyard, is full of beautiful and tasty herbs, ready for some harvesting. If members would like to pick some herbs or just bring a lawn chair and sit in the cool of the evening to enjoy the view across the vineyard to the river, it is a lovely, welcoming spot. Between 7-7:30 p.m. is an especially good time.

Boy Scouts Pack 56 Registration

Nauvoo's Boy Scouts Pack 56 will be holding an informational meeting on September 16th at 6 p.m. in the Nauvoo State Park (Main Shelter House). Registration will be held the following evening, September 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Nauvoo State Park at the Main Shelter House.

September Events at Baxter's Vineyards

- Labor Day Weekend - September 6, enjoy Nathan Gosnell and Jerad Harness on the patio at Baxter's from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- September 20, enjoy Bocephus Wayne on the patio at Baxter's from 3p.m. to 6 p.m.

Nauvoo Business District News

Watch the Uptown Businesses for special events over the Labor Day Weekend (and throughout September) as the various businesses find creative ways to offset COVID closures.

Three Keys has announced on their Facebook page that they have been getting new inventory in and are planning to be open Saturday, Sunday & Monday of Labor Day Weekend.

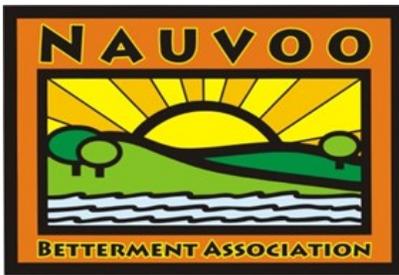
The Nauvoo Fudge Factory has announced on their Facebook page that caramel apples are back for this fall - give them a call to pre order!

Fun Things to Know

- If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. -Catherine Aird
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
- The dot over the letter "i" is called a "tittle."
- Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.
- The red "spot" on 7 Up comes from its inventor, who was an albino with red eyes.
- The Declaration of Independence was written on paper made of hemp.
- The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law that stated you could not beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
- The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time the most known record player brand was Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.



Dutch belted oxen shown grazing as they await tourism to return to Nauvoo when they will resume their role in providing wagon rides on the flats.



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

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Family Farms in and Around Nauvoo

First in a series of articles about area farmers

Many farms in the area are family farms. A few of them will be highlighted in coming issues of *Seen Nauvoo News*. This month, the Morrison farm is featured.

The Morrison Farm

It is always interesting to find out how we end up living where we do. Martha Morrison returned from her job in Milwaukee to "the home place" in 2012 to care for her elderly father until his death two years later. Martha remained in the family farmhouse. Martha doesn't farm; however, she is part owner in the farmland and is actively involved in managing her portion. She shares her family's history in the Nauvoo area.

In the early 1840s, the Pettit family of eight, who were recent Mormon converts, went westward from New York to Montrose, IA, where they thought they had title to a parcel of farmland, only to find that the property was already titled to someone else. Both parents soon succumbed to malaria, leaving six young children behind. The children were cared for by the Mormon community and were placed in one of the duplexes on the flats. The oldest Pettit child, a 16-year-old girl, married a Mormon and travelled west with the Saints to Utah, taking her youngest sibling, a 4-year-old boy, with her. (The Pettit name continues in Salt Lake City today.)

The other four children remained and were taken in by Mormons who farmed in the Burnside area, located about twelve miles east of Nauvoo near Adrian. (There used to be a Mormon Church a few miles west of Adrian on the Adrian blacktop.) The Pettit children married into the farm families around Burnside. One of the offspring of the Pettits married a Singleton, whose parents were Protestant Irish immigrants that came to the area to farm in the early 1850s.

The Singletons had bought farmland between Adrian and Colusa in the early 1850s and did quite well financially during the Civil War, supplying food to soldiers and hay and grain to livestock used in the war effort. The 1888 farmhouse, where Martha lives, was built by a Singleton for his new Pettit wife. The Singletons and Pettits were well known bankers in the Burnside, Colusa, LaHarpe, and Quincy areas in the early 1900s. The Pettit name survives in Hancock County, but the Singletons were survived by girls who did not carry forward the family name.

In the 1950s the Singleton farm was a traditional one that was comprised of a dairy herd, steers, hogs, chickens, grain, hay, a fruit orchard, and a large garden. Today, due to economies of scale, the family concentrates on growing soybeans and corn. Besides farming the original Singleton homestead, Martha's brothers, Jay and Jim Morrison, and her brother-in-law, Jim McKoon, rent some of their farm ground from other Singleton heirs, as well as other historic farm families in Hancock County. Their legacy of farming is still going strong after 170 years.



Martha & Jim Morrison pose in
American Gothic Style

A Few Facts about Agriculture in Illinois

According to the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS), as of April 2019, Illinois had 72,000 farms, covering 27 million acres -- about 75 percent of the state's total land area—with most acreage is devoted to mainly corn and soybeans. The average size of an Illinois farm, including hobby farms, is 375 acres.

Marketing of Illinois' agricultural commodities generates more than \$19 billion annually with corn accounting for 54% percent of that total and soybeans, 27%. (Livestock, dairy and poultry generate 13% .)

How are Illinois' agricultural commodities used? About 89 percent of the state's cropland is considered prime farmland, ranking the state third nationally in total prime farmland acreage.

Who farms? There are only 75,087 farm operators, down from 164,000 in 1959. During the same time period, the average farm size more than doubled as sophisticated technology made many aspects of the industry less labor-intensive. Illinois farmers are generally more than 50 years old. Forty-nine percent hold jobs off the farm and consider farming their secondary occupation. Family farms still dominate, though some of these have incorporated.

Illinois ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities. Approximately 44% of grain produced in Illinois is sold for export.

-Taken from the Illinois Department of Agriculture website

