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# See Nauvoo News

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## JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan 21, Sons of the Pioneers, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Theatre, Keokuk
- Jan 21-22, 33rd Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days, Keokuk
- Jan 21-22, Great River Eagle Days, Quincy
- Jan 29- Feb 3, SSPP Catholic School Week Observed



## JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan. 9, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Jan. 10, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Jan. 16, School Board, 7 p.m., Grade School
- Jan. 16, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Jan. 18, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- Jan 18, NBA, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- Jan. 23, Hotel/Motel Tax Board & Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- Jan. 25 Senior Citizens Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

## County Sales Tax

Hancock County school districts are considering putting a 1% sales tax increase on the April 4 ballot this Spring. The county sales tax rate would increase from 6.25% to 7.25%. Each school district in Hancock County would receive a percentage of the increase based on student enrollment. The funds raised via the sales tax increase would be restricted funds that can only be used on facilities.

## Great River Road Run

The Friends of the Great River Road Run are pleased to announce that the 2016 Great River Road Run event was able to raise over \$13,000 to be donated to the various Hancock County food pantries. Over the five-year lifespan of the Great River Road Run, a total of \$40,000 has been raised and donated to our local food pantries. One of our major sponsors is Ford Motor Company's Drive One 4UR Community, which we receive via Carson Motors. This program has raised \$22,740 of the \$40,000 that has been donated during the last five years.

The 2017 Great River Road Run will be held October 7, 2017. More information is available at [www.GreatRiverRoadRun.com](http://www.GreatRiverRoadRun.com). Consider being a participant, sponsor or volunteer at this event!

## 2017 Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium

The 2017 Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium will be held February 3-4 at the Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, Hotel Nauvoo and the Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters. The full schedule for the symposium can be found online at [www.UntoldNauvooStories.com](http://www.UntoldNauvooStories.com) and will be printed in the February edition of the See Nauvoo News.

Full registrations that are received on or before January 20 will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary DNA test kit from Ancestry.com. The value of this prize is approximately \$100. Registrations may be made online at [www.UntoldNauvooStories.com](http://www.UntoldNauvooStories.com) or by calling Kim Orth at (217) 453-6648.

The 2017 Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium will feature two keynote speakers each evening. Ugo Perego will discuss the use of DNA profiles for family history, and more specifically, will discuss the genetic past of one of Nauvoo's residents. This keynote presentation will take place at Hotel Nauvoo and will include a modified buffet meal provided by Hotel Nauvoo. Advanced registration is required for this meal and presentation. The second keynote speaker of the symposium will be Lachlan Mackay, who will discuss the lives of the children of Joseph and Emma Smith. This presentation will take place at the Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters and will include a free-will donation meal provided by Vicki Slater. Proceeds from this meal will be donated to the Nauvoo Food Pantry.

Untold Nauvoo Stories is held in collaboration with the Exodus Re-enactment that will be held on February 4, 2017 at the Family Living Center and on Parley Street in Historic Nauvoo.

## Michael McCarty Goes to Washington

A few select students are chosen each year to travel with the President and Board of Trustees of Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA to Washington DC to represent the college with their elected officials. The trip will take place February 18<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will meet with those elected to office as well as national organizations that the college works with to discuss a range of topics relating to higher education.

Six students were selected to represent the 14,700+ students at Kirkwood based on their student leadership/involvement on campus and represent a variety of hometowns and majors. McCarty was the only out-of-state student chosen, this and his involvement with the Student Ambassador group and his vocational classes gave the college more areas of discussion topics while he is there. Michael is in his second year at Kirkwood and after receiving his Associates degree after last year thanks in part to the dual credit classes that were offered at Warsaw High School he is currently enrolled in the plumbing pre-apprenticeship program this year. He is scheduled to graduate in May.

Michael is the son of John & Connie McCarty of Nauvoo and a 2015 graduate of Warsaw High School.

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### Nauvoo City Council News December 13, 2016

- The 3rd Reading of 2016-3, an Ordinance to add a Chapter 14 to Title 1 (Administration), adopting a system of administrative adjudication and establishing a municipal ordinance enforcement department was tabled.
- Proposal(s) to serve as City's Administrative Hearing Officer were tabled.
- The 3rd Reading of 2016-4, Tax Levy Ordinance, was approved.
- The Recycling Program was tabled.
- Discussed attorney's findings on cemetery trust.
- Approved Resolution 2016-4, Motor Fuel Tax.
- Approved a Special Event Liquor License for SSPS chili cook off on Saturday, March 4, from 5 to 7:30 pm.
- Approved employee Christmas gifts. Full time employees will receive \$100 and part time employees, \$50 in Chamber Bucks.
- Approved the 2016 Audit.
- Approved to spend \$4,250 for the purchase of three police tasers.
- Approved to spend \$4,700 for the purchase of a new snowplow blade.
- Two bids were presented for tree work in the city cemetery. This will be an action item in the January Council meeting.
- Approved a permit for \$1,200 for Robert Wright, 1275 Knight Street, to install a larger window on the west gable end and approved a permit for \$1,600 for an entry porch.
- Approved a permit for Vicki Andrus, 1940 Mulholland, to finish the building into a nightly rental.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

### December Caucus Results

The following were nominated at the Democratic and Republican caucuses held in Nauvoo on December 5. Their names will appear on the April 4 ballot. Caucus nominees for Mayor: John McCarty (D); Ward 1 Alderman, Chuck Gilbert (R); Ward 2, Clive Moon (R); and Ward 3, Jim Boyles (R) —all are running unopposed. Caucus nominees for City Clerk include Carol McGhghy (D) (incumbent) and Susan Swing (R). Matt Kennedy (I) is opposing John McCarty for the office of mayor as an Independent. (Note: Candidate filing period was December 12-19. December 27 was the last day to file an objection to any nominating petitions.) Plan ahead. Register to vote.

### Senior Citizens Luncheon

Do you save your old valentines? Not to worry. Kathy Allison does, and she's bringing her 100-year-old collection with her for us to appreciate. Join the group for a good meal as well as some "heart-felt" fun on Wednesday, January 25, 11:00 a.m., fire station. See you there!



### Happenings at the Old Grade School

Several have taken an opportunity to use the old grade school since the city's purchase two years ago.

Motley Fitness opened its doors on a 24/7 basis as an incubator business and has enjoyed success in attracting the seriously - and not as seriously - committed health devotees. The business is located on the ground floor on the southeast side. Stop in or call owner Brandon Motley at 319-520-5514 for more information.

Nauvoo Dance and Fitness, operated by Tonya Juhasz, is situated on the second floor on the northwest side and offers various classes. Various classes for both adults and children have been well received. For further information on classes and schedules, check nauvoodanceandfitness.weebly.com.

The first floor's former pre-school room accommodates Ruth Martin's book and crafts store. Hours vary. For further information, contact Ruth at sally0115@aol.com. In addition, Nauvoo Band and Nauvoo Orchestra each utilize a ground floor room for equipment storage and practice areas, and the school's gym can be rented out to accommodate larger groups, such as fund raisers, reunions, seminars, basketball leagues, public meetings, Pumpkin Walk activities, etc. Call City Hall for details 217-453-2587.

The City is encouraged that there is interest in the facility and is hopeful that it will financially sustain itself.

### Nature Trail Update

The Nature Trail - really a River Walk - is moving ahead. Information for five information boards has been gathered and is being verified by professionals. Benches are still available and can be purchased through Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA). A maximum of fifteen will be installed along the new sidewalks; six of them, along the trail from the Veterans Memorial to Parley Street on the south side of Nauvoo. A form and sample of a bench can be seen at City Hall. The \$600 cost includes a bronze plaque with wording of one's choice. For more information or to purchase a bench, you may also contact co-chairmen Mary Jo Scheetz 319-470-0328 or Karen Ihrig 217-453-2202.

### About See Nauvoo News...

*See Nauvoo News* is going into its seventh year of service to our community. The newsletter was taken on by volunteers from the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) when Nauvoo's newspaper closed. It's mission: to bring need-to-know information to the readership by soliciting articles and pictures submitted by local residents to seenauvoonews@gmail. It is underwritten by twelve dedicated supporters from the business community and published on the first of every month. It is available in hard copy form at nine local businesses as well as in digital form at beautifulnauvoo.com

While the newsletter does not advertise, it does publicize community and area events. Plan ahead - at least a month - in order to get the word of a local happening out and send it to the Gmail account listed on the last page of every issue. The deadline date for each issue can also be found there.



**The snowy season is here! Please help our city workers keep our streets clear by parking vehicles off the road. Thank you!**

**Coming Soon...**



Many of us have had breakfast or lunch at The Apron (formerly The Ivy) in Fort Madison and have enjoyed their fantastic desserts! Well, hold on. Ellen Hundt took advantage of “an offer I couldn’t refuse” and is moving her business--lock, stock, and barrel—to Nauvoo. She will be located in the former Dottie’s Red Front building, which recently has been remodeled and will now be refurbished as a restaurant. Ellen is looking forward to coming “home” and adding her touch to Mulholland’s business district. She hopes to be open on March 1. Watch for further details.

**Central America in the Cluffs’ Future**

Casey Cluff, former manager of Nauvoo Facilities Management (formerly NRI), has been called to be the Mission President of the Guatemala City Central Mission. His responsibilities will begin July 1st his wife Barb and daughters Emily and Abbie will accompany him. Congratulations and good luck.

**Sts. Peter & Paul School News for January**

**Catholic Schools Week:** During the week of January 29 – February 3, Sts. Peter & Paul School will observe Catholic Schools Week,

when we celebrate the high standards Catholic education instills in our students and the value it adds to our community. The theme for this year’s Catholic Schools Week; “Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” brings to mind the larger faith community that surrounds our schools.

SPPS will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many activities including a student Mass, a service project, Grandparents Day, Talent Show, as well as different dress code days. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be held during the week.

To learn more about Sts. Peter & Paul School, please call 217-453-2511 or stop by the school for a visit.



**January Events at Baxter’s Vineyards**

**Tasty Tuesdays**

Each Tuesday, Baxter’s Vineyards and Vicki Slater are teaming up to bring an evening food option to Nauvoo. Take-out orders are available by calling (217) 453-2528. The upcoming menu is:

- January 10: Turkey & Noodles served with mashed potatoes, corn or buttered peas and a roll
- January 17: Meatloaf served with green beans, baked potato, creamy coleslaw and a roll
- January 24: Mexican Night! Your choice of super nachos or an enchilada meal
- All you can eat sandwich bar: grilled pork tenderloins, brats & all beef hot dogs served with baked beans, coleslaw, tater tots and chips

Food will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and while supplies last. More information at [www.nauvoowinery.com](http://www.nauvoowinery.com).

**Nauvoo Food Pantry Thank You!**

The Nauvoo Food Pantry would like to thank the Nauvoo community for all of the donations of food, time, funds and many other special favors that are done to make our food pantry viable. The continuous support of our community is phenomenal and very much appreciated by many.

**River Notes from Consolidated Barge Company (CGB)**

It’s always interesting to find out what’s happening on the river. CGB is one of Nauvoo’s largest businesses and because of its nature and location, we often don’t think about its impact. Here are a few facts to chew on.

In 2016 the Nauvoo elevator shipped out 126 barges\* of corn and beans and very little wheat. (Each barge holds from 55,000 to 60,000 bushels.) The barges go to the Gulf and, from there, to foreign countries for food uses. River flooding causes few problems for the elevator in Nauvoo, as the river here is over a mile wide; however, flooding caused the Dallas City elevator to be closed down for two weeks in the middle of harvest this year. Nauvoo elevator river traffic is usually closed from December 15 to March 15, depending on the weather. The winter months are when the locks are worked on [there are 26 locks on the Mississippi; Keokuk is #19]. This year some lock work is being done north of us. If all goes well and weather is good we will have barge traffic again the first part of March.

Courtesy of Michelle Harman  
\*According to 2016 statistics on cargo capacity that is available from Iowadot, one barge is equal to 16 rail cars and 70 large semis/tractor trailers. One 15-barge tow and tow boat equals 6 locomotives and 216 rail cars or 1,050 large semis/tractor trailers. FYI: The Nature Trail/River Walk will have signage on this river traffic information.

**Nauvoo Tourism News**

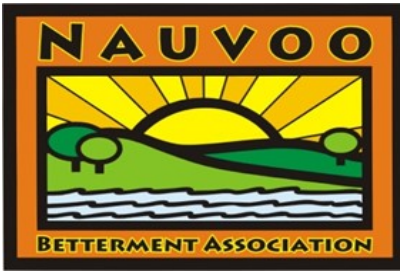


Kim Orth, Director of the Nauvoo Tourism Office has been keeping busy finalizing the 2017 calendar of events, working on a new website redesign while preparing for consumer travel shows in Utah and the Untold Nauvoo Stories historical symposium that will be held in conjunction with the Nauvoo Exodus Re-enactment on February 3-4, 2017.

Volunteers will be sought to help staff the tourism office this coming summer as well as to do step-on bus tours of Nauvoo.

In 2016, the City of Nauvoo collected over \$103,000 in hotel/motel tax. The tax that is collected by our Nauvoo accommodations is split between the Hotel/Motel Tax Board and the City of Nauvoo’s General Revenue fund.

If you have an event that you would like promoted or if you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Kim Orth at [vacation@beautifulnauvoo.com](mailto:vacation@beautifulnauvoo.com) or by calling her at (217) 453-6648.



Articles may be submitted at any time to  
[SeeNauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:SeeNauvoonews@gmail.com).  
 Deadline for the February Issue is Jan. 27

See Nauvo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: Casey's, City Hall, Fudge Factory, Grandpa John's, Nauvo Mill and Bakery, Nauvo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvo, and Winning Looks.

### Great River Eagle Days

To celebrate the return of our National bird, the great Bald Eagle, the Standing Bear Council will host their Winter Gathering and the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Great River Eagle Days* with a variety of activities throughout the weekend. The events are open to the public.

Great River Eagle Days will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 21-22, from 10am-5pm both days. The events will be held at the Oakley Lindsay Civic Center located at 3<sup>rd</sup> & York in Quincy. Admission into the event is \$5.00 for ages twelve and older and \$3 for adults over sixty.

The event honors Native American traditions with a variety of sacred ceremonies and entertainment features. New this year is the acclaimed Omeyocan Dance Co. performing Saturday from 2-3pm, featuring Aztec dances, art work and drumming with majestic costumes culture and traditions. Quincy Drum Circle will entertain the audiences with interactive drumming Sunday at 2pm.

Bald eagles will be present all weekend for close up viewing from Dr. Drew Kaiser's Raptor Rehabilitation Center. The traditional blessing of the eagle ceremony to be held Sunday at 10:30am. Native American vendors and food booths will be on site both days, offering authentic "Fry Bread" and fare. Again this year, will be the expanded area for children's educational and fun activities. The Native American dancers and drum will perform throughout the event. Dancers dressed in Native regalia are invited to dance with prizes to be awarded.

Participants are encouraged to take advantage of eagle-watching on Saturday and Sunday at Quincy's Lock & Dam 21 from 9am-4pm. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers rangers will be available with complimentary scopes at the site. Lock & Dam 21 is on Lock & Dam Road, off Gardner Expressway. The best viewing spot is from the adjoining boat ramp.

For more information, please call Leslie Haslem at 217.577.1930. For Eagle-watching information along the river, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lock and Dam 21 at 217.228.0890.

### 33rd Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days

The 33rd Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days will be held January 21 - 22, in Keokuk, Iowa. Keokuk is the winter home of a large concentration of Bald Eagles, making Keokuk a great location to view American Bald Eagles in their natural habitat. This event will also feature wildlife, conservation and environment exhibits, an insect zoo, woodcarver's exhibits and demonstrations, World Bird Sanctuary live bird shows, seminars, children's activities, unique items for sale and a Native American Cultural Area.

More information can be found online at [www.keokukiowatourism.org](http://www.keokukiowatourism.org) or by calling 319.524.5599.



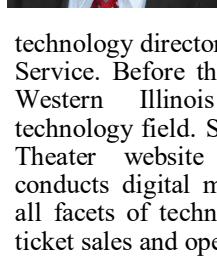
### "Igloo" Ice: Nature's Artistry

#### New Legacy Theater Board Members

Three new board members joined the Legacy Theater Foundation board this fall. Jeff Christensen of Nauvo, Kim Sikes of Hamilton, and Kirk Brandenburg of Keokuk, began work with the board that plans events and directs use of the Legacy Theater in Carthage.



Christensen, a CPA, has recently moved to Nauvo from Tacoma, Washington, where he worked with the city of Tacoma, doing accounting for several theater-related groups owned by the city. He brings experience in finding creative solutions to theater management and a background with theater funding and sales.



Sikes a longtime resident of Hamilton, is technology director for Carthage Veterinary Service. Before that she spent 13 years at Western Illinois University in the technology field. She maintains the Legacy Theater website and Facebook page, conducts digital marketing, and works on all facets of technology to run the theater ticket sales and operations.



Brandenburg has been the executive director of Keokuk Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past 17 years. The office has been responsible for the Pea Ridge Civil War Reenactment in Keokuk and Eagle Days among many other events. He brings years of promotion and marketing of major events in the area.

Officers of the Legacy Theater Foundation Board are Doug Groth, DMV at Carthage Veterinary Service, president; Ada Bair, CEO of Memorial Hospital, vice-president; Andy Bastert, regional president of First State Bank of Illinois, secretary/treasurer. Other board members include Any Graham, Carthage director of Carthage Community Development; Sharon Nicholl, Nauvo, from Nauvo Tourism public information; and Rob Carson of Carthage, owner of Carson Motors. The board recently adopted the following mission statement: "Our mission is to enrich, educate, inspire and entertain."



**New Year's Resolution:  
 Be good to yourself and  
 one another.**