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JUNE MEETINGS

- June 6, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- June 10, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- June 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- , Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Old Grade School
- June 20 , Mayor' Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- June 20, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- June 17, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- June 17, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- June 24, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- June 26, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

Testimonial for the Nauvoo Community Center

We have grown up and lived in the Nauvoo area for most of our lives. We raised a daughter here, invested time and effort in our separate business professions and in helping grow the community in various ways over the years. We like it here!

Much earlier in our lives, we both spent time away from this area and experienced how life was lived in the fast lane compared to the much slower, relaxed pace of home. Those were interesting times, and for us country kids, very educational and important in helping shape our ideas about where we wanted to call home in the future.

Nauvoo is one of the most diverse towns around and always has been. Its history that dates back at least 160 years is still alive today and because it is, it brings people from all over the planet to visit. Our location on a unique "corner" of the Mississippi River is gifted with spectacular scenery and, because of this, has always been a focal point for vacationers as a must-see on weekend jaunts. In fact, we find ourselves playing that same role many times throughout the year as we enjoy taking friends for our version of the "nickel tour" of the town and surrounding area.

Small towns tend to have close-knit citizens who try hard to provide good services in ways that appeal to locals and visitors alike. Nauvoo has lots of examples of this in its historic and commercial locations. The importance of providing a Nauvoo Community Center is to modernize the other vital components of our small town—library, food pantry, tourism center, as well as city offices, police department, etc. Since the loss of the girls' academy in town, we have lacked any sort of conference facility, a much-needed asset for helping bring larger groups of visitors in regularly. The new Nauvoo Community Center represents a well-thought-out facility that would bring all these components together under one roof.

We are fully supportive of the construction and implementation of this exciting addition to Nauvoo. There is no question that its presence here will add one more, well-accepted key ingredient to improving the city's vitality for years to come.

Don and Meredith Griffiths, Nauvoo

iDig Nauvoo

Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. Perhaps these Steven Spielberg films get you excited about being an archeologist. If you want to give it a go, you are invited to participate in a real archeological dig in Nauvoo.

Sponsored by the Joseph Smith Historic Site and the Samuel H. Smith Foundation, this is the seventh year of digging in Nauvoo. Archeological digs are currently underway at the site of the 1840s Samuel Smith (younger brother of Joseph and Hyrum Smith) home and the Hyrum Smith Office/Store.

For those of you who want to help, digging is underway until June 20. Dig helpers can report to work for a four-hour shift, mornings (starting at 8:30 am to 12:00 pm) or afternoons (1:00 pm to 4:30 pm). Up to 25 people will be assigned to a team during a shift, so your whole family and friends can work together! If you don't quite have that much time, iDig leaders can be very flexible, just let them know.

No fees are required to be an iDig Volunteer. Those interested can sign up for the "iDig Nauvoo Volunteer Event" and enter the dates/times that they are available. By signing up organizers can assure that a spot for the volunteer(s) when they come to the site. iDig Nauvoo T-shirts and souvenir trowels and other thank you gifts are available with the suggested donation on site. All funds will be used for the cost associated with the project and for beautifying the site when the project is complete. Scouts can earn the archaeology merit badge by working on the site. Organizers emphasize that archaeological work is not easy and recommend that parents of young children sign up for the same shift as their children. Then when/if children become tired, a parent/adult can assist the children or take them to other activities.

Artifacts found on iDig site are cataloged and can be seen in the basement of the Red Brick Store. Who knows what exciting items from the past you will uncover! Come to Nauvoo, report at the site, and they will give you a trowel and brush and tell you what to do.



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Nauvoo City Council News

Last Tuesday's meeting of the Nauvoo City Council witnessed a change of aldermen and a presentation by Jordan Bodily on using live animals to make visitors' experience to the 1840s sites more authentic. Mayor McCarty thanked the two outgoing aldermen, David Koechle and Beverly Reynolds for their service to Nauvoo. The four winners were sworn in by City Clerk, Carol McGhghy and took their seats at the table.

- Jordan Bodily told the Council that they were going to make some changes to some areas in the historic district. During the summer months a few sheep (mostly ewes and lambs, calves, and some chickens) would be brought in. The chickens would be roaming around Main Street between Munson and Kimball; near the Browning Home & Gunsmith Shop, the Stoddard Tin Shop areas. In addition, Bodily also said that his crews would not mow grass in some segments of the historical property (except around the edges and sidewalks) so the properties look more authentic. Also, some areas of the Joseph Smith Historic Site properties (owned by the Community of Christ) would not be mowed. This requires an exception to City grass cutting ordinances. Mayor McCarty said the City would consider this next month.
- Reports indicate that Nauvoo might receive a higher number of tour-busses this summer than in 2018. Over 18,000 young people are expected this summer, nearly three times as many as last year. Nauvoo will need extra police officers to help with bus traffic

In other actions, the City Council approved the following:

- Repair roof leaks and properly install fire extinguishers at old school, cost is \$2,000.
- Hiring a part time tourism office clerk 20 hours a week during summer @ \$10-\$12 per hour.
- New roof framing to put in a closet and then reroof the house, pending inspection at 1210 Young Street.
- Spending \$31,800 to repair streets.
- Lease agreements with various businesses using space at the old school building.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Senior Citizens Luncheon

Stephanie Moore, 1974 graduate of St. Mary's Academy, returns to Nauvoo to share some of her stories about Academy life. (Stephanie was also a speaker at this year's Untold Stories.) Learn more about SMA while enjoying lunch and camaraderie on Wednesday, June 26, Fire Station, 11:00.

Senior Exercise Class in Nauvoo

A group of senior citizens meets regularly at Nauvoo's Christ Lutheran Church for Low Impact Exercises. Led by Instructor Kathy Black, who specialized in Occupational Health, the group does a low impact fitness routine while listening to Oldies Music from Carole King, the Beach Boys and other musicians. The group is sponsored by the Nauvoo Senior Citizen's Association and meets every Monday & Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am at Christ Lutheran Church located at the corner of Wells and Ripley Streets in Nauvoo and is absolutely free. Kathy invites anybody to join and says to "bring a smile and a rubber resistance band if you have one and enjoy the new friends you will make!" No matter how old you are, exercise can improve your quality of life and you don't have to spend a lot of time doing it to see and feel improvements.

Library Summer Reading Program

Nauvoo Public Library will be having a children's summer reading program on June 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nauvoo Fire Station. Join us for a fun, art-filled afternoon. Learn to paint with marbles and create a variety of other crafts. Don't forget to sign up for summer reading at the library so your child can earn prizes all summer.

A Night of Stars Under the Stars

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee is sponsoring Trivia Night on June 22.

Gather your team of entertainment trivia geniuses, enjoy the entertainment and compete for the title of Trivia Superstars. The winning team takes home a plaque and the right to place a commemorative 8" x 8" paver, with an inscription of your choice, in the Nauvoo Community Center's entrance plaza. All who attend are sure to have a great time laughing at one another's encyclopedic knowledge of movie, TV and music trivia, (or lack thereof) and contend with friends and neighbors to claim the championship.

The event takes place on the lawn of the old school building at Mulholland and Barnett Streets (in case of inclement weather, the activity will move into the gymnasium). Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. with the contest starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tables (teams) of up to 10 players pay an entry fee of \$100 per table to participate. There will be ten rounds of questions. Bring your own beverages. Food will be available for purchase. To reserve a table for your trivia team or to ask questions about the event, call John McCarty at 217-453-2359

It's Raffle Time!

Opportunity awaits! Time to take a chance on a lovely quilt made by Peggy Siegfried, an overnight stay at one of Bob Hopp's Ten-Acre Treehouses/Log Cabin, or four tickets to a Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals game at Wrigley Field, September 19. Tickets are \$5 a chance or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held on June 22 at the Trivia contest. (You need not be present to win.) As of this date, you can buy that winning ticket from Campaign Committee members (see p.3) or at the following local businesses: Annie's Custard, Art Needlework Shop, Country Cottage Antiques, Dr. Morgan's office, Fudge Factory, Grandpa John's Havenlight Gallery, Hotel Nauvoo, Nauvoo Library, Nauvoo Mill & Bakery, State Bank of Nauvoo Ramsey Insurance, and Shear Design. All proceeds go towards the new Nauvoo Community Center. See website www.nauvoocc.org for more information.

Be Prepared!

July will be beaming with busloads of young people who will be in Nauvoo to view the pageant and take part in activities at the Historic Sites on the flats. Last year Nauvoo hosted 6,500 youth; this year, almost 18,000 will be in our fair city. A graph, showing daily bus arrivals over the twenty-seven days, from July 9 to August 4, indicates there will be from 7 to 38 busses per day. The 558 buses will average 21 per day, with 8 days having 30+ buses. The count does not include other tour buses, which might come to Nauvoo during pageant time.

Community Platelet Drive

The Nauvoo Community Platelet Drive will be from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4 at the Nauvoo Fire Department. To donate contact Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221-5127 or www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 3082 to locate the drive.

Community Center Informational Meeting

Citizens listed as property owners in Nauvoo were invited to attend one of the fifteen informational meetings at Hotel Nauvoo last September and October. The meetings reviewed the history of the project and laid out architect's renderings of the physical structure and floor plan. Since then, informational packets regarding the Community Center have been mailed to local and area businesses, suppliers, former Nauvoo residents, as well as others who have an affiliation with Nauvoo.

For all those who would like to learn more about the project—whether or not they attended a meeting or received a mailing, the Nauvoo Community Center Campaign Committee will be hosting another opportunity to learn about the project. Reserve Monday, July 22, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, for general information and an update. Want to know more right now? Go to www.nauvoocc.org. Or, ask a Capital Campaign Board Member listed below.

- Dianne Adkisson, d.adkisson@mchsi.com, 309.337.6284
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- Roger Black, rakblack@msn.com, 801.661.1838

Walking Tour Signage Replaced



The Way We Were Walking Tour signage, located east of Zion's Mercantile, had taken a beating since its being installed ca. eight years ago. Fortunately, it was still under warranty, and the new signage was recently replaced by Nauvoo

Historical Society member, Jim Topic. Based on Sanborn Maps, the walking tour highlights the evolution of Mulholland's business district. Visitors and Nauvoo citizens can often be seen checking out "the way things were." The green space is used with the permission of the Kraus family.

Joseph Smith Commemoration

Come join us on Thursday, June 17 at 5 p.m. at the Carthage Jail Visitor's Center for a commemoration program to celebrate the lives and contributions of Joseph Smith and his brother

Nauvoo's own Centenarian

Analie Leininger turned 100 on May 13. She celebrated with a quiet family dinner at her home. She is quite surprised she made to 100. Analie would enjoy hearing from you, cards can be sent to 820 S Warsaw St, Nauvoo, IL 62354

Utility Poles on Mulholland

Have you counted utility poles in Nauvoo's business district lately? Ameren owns and maintains 42 utility poles on the south side of Mulholland, each with its own GPS number. Why, you say, would any one care? Here's why. One of the possible NBA projects is to replace aging Christmas decorations, which could require permission from Ameren should the new banners, etc. necessitate use of a number of the poles. In order to pinpoint which pole(s) would be used, the pole(s) would have to be identified via GPS number(s). Whether you are an Eagle Scout looking for a project or an interested person or organization who would like to do something for the betterment of Nauvoo, this just might be for you. Or, if you might have another project in mind. Either way, explore the endless possibilities. NBA Project Forms are available at City Hall.

Children's Workshop of Nauvoo



Native Frenchwoman Stephanie and husband Aaron Shaw were looking for a small, peaceful town where everything was in walking distance. They came to Nauvoo and opened the Children's Workshop, located across from the old school building, in 2015. The Children's Workshop, is the place for you if you want to take your children or grandchildren to a hands-on learning experience. An adjoining boutique offers handmade items for sale including hand-made goat milk and honey soap as well as other novelty items—including French pastries and bread for special occasions or requests.

Stephanie also offers classes in French, using the Montessori Method. Starting May 1, she will teach French classes for children ages 2½ to 12. There are three different classes that meet two or three times per week. The classes are divided into ages 2½ to 5, 5-8, and 8-12. Children at any level are welcome to join. Please see www.workshopofnauvoo.com for more information. Tres bonne!

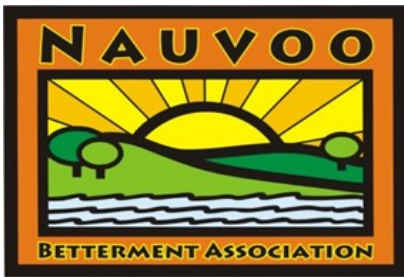
Historic Nauvoo Mill and Bakery

Nauvoo Mill was started in the late 1950s by Harold Smith. In 1984 Paul and Carol Brown purchased the business and renamed it The Nauvoo Mill & Bakery. The Brown's started out as a family business: daughter Leasa made cookie and ran the sales room, son Jeff came in before school and fried donuts and gave tours of the mill in the summer, and son Tom was a "cookie tester" after his Kindergarten class.

Carol stone grinds her whole wheat flour from hard wheat purchased in South Dakota and makes whole wheat breads and rolls made entirely from scratch using honey (they have their own beehives), fresh eggs, and of course, their own stone-ground whole-wheat flour. Most of the food served at the Nauvoo Mill & Bakery is locally grown. In fact, the Nauvoo Mill & Bakery recently won the "AMAZING Illinois Made" award from the Illinois Department of Tourism.

According to Carol, the Nauvoo Mill & Bakery has employed 100 people of the years. Currently 5-7 employees are needed, 10 at peak times. After 35 years of operation, the Browns are looking for someone to buy the Nauvoo Mill & Bakery so they can retire and have time to pursue other interests. It is hoped that some young entrepreneur will take up the operation and make Nauvoo their home.





Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
 Deadline for the July Issue is June 28

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Top Hatters Dance Performance

Top Hatter Dance Studio is performing in "Decades of Dance" at the Keokuk Grand Theater on Saturday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door.



Pictured: Front-Gracie Hill: First Row-Autumn Hill, Millie Knowles, Lauren Stevenson, Dakota Cedeno: Second Row-Isabella Poppe, Addison Markey, & Rachael Berry

Hancock County Retired Teachers

The Hancock County Retired teachers will meet Monday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. at Living Faith United Methodist Church in Bowen. The catered meal is \$10/person. Debbie Callaghan from Rheinberger Museum in Nauvo will present the program. For reservations contact Rosemary McNeil at 319-795-9350 or rosemary.d.mcneil@gmail.com by June 1.

Standing Bear Council June Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its June membership meeting on Sunday, June 2, 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.

John Bybee will present his living experiences on the subject of primitive archery equipment constructed from materials found in the local area. Examples of his work in these areas will be on display.

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.

Measles

According to our local clinic and pharmacy, there has been no measles outbreak in Hancock County. However, it pays to be vigilant. Measles is a serious respiratory disease that causes a rash and fever. The best protection: the measles-mumps-rubella shot (MMR). Measles affects both children and adults; however, if you were vaccinated prior to 1968 with either inactivated (killed) measles vaccine or one of an unknown type, you should be revaccinated. For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/vaccination.html> or check with the clinic and/or pharmacy.

Some "Corny" Facts

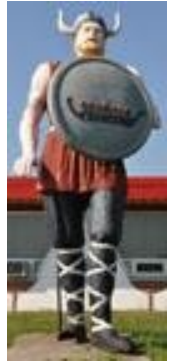
- Most of the corn stalks around here develop just one large ear with the number of kernels per ear averaging about 800 kernels.
- A typical corn plant can be anywhere from 5 to 12 feet tall, and a healthy plant's root system will reach about 6.5 feet into the ground!

Nauvo's Viking Getting a Makeover

We know him well. He had stood guard over the Nauvo-Colusa Vikings over the past 33 years and now is a beloved icon for the grade children who play at his feet.

These 20 feet tall Viking statues were produced by International Fiberglass in the mid-1960s as promotions for Viking Carpets. Originally, the statues, named "Erik the Viking," all held shields with the company's logo emblazoned on them. By the mid 1970s, the Viking Carpet Company had folded. Only about nine of the dozen or so produced are still known to exist. The Nauvo's Viking was originally located at Rheinschmidt's Carpet Store in Burlington and was moved to Nauvo-Colusa Junior High School in 1986.

These statues were made from molds. The two arms, the torso, the legs, and the head must be pieced together; therefore, the first thing that must be done is to take it apart for transportation. The repair begins by repairing any damaged fiberglass and reinforcing any weak areas. Once that's done, the giant gets sanded to the "gel" coat, the first layer put onto the original mold after construction. Then, he's primed, painted with auto paint, and covered with a clear coat for preservation.



Our Viking has withstood the ravages of time and needs some work done. He needs our help. It will cost ca. \$7,000 to restore him. A fund has been created at the State Bank of Nauvo for this purpose. It's a "giant" task, but we can restore him to his former glory and let him, once again, tower over his beloved Vikings.

Thanks to Pam Knowles for providing this information for See Nauvo News. For further information on these giants go to <https://icl.coop/giants-among-us/>

Census 2020 Needs You!

It's extremely important that everyone is counted every ten years. Doing so for small towns like Nauvo is imperative as the city receives funding per capita for each person counted—the same amount every year for TEN years! (According to Mayor McCarty, the city received \$156 per person.)

Now is a chance to work for the 2020 Census. Among other requirements, you must be at least 18, have a valid driver's license, access to a vehicle, and a computer with internet. Work hours are flexible, training and mileage are paid, and you are paid weekly. See a brochure at City Hall or go to 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020. It's a wonderful learning experience—as well as a great-paying job.

