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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 2, Fall Harvest Supper, Appanoose-Faith Presbyterian Church, 4:30-7 p.m.
- Nov 4, HC Retired Teachers, Carthage, 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 7, *Messiah* practices begin, see p3
- Nov 11, Veterans Day Ceremony, SPPS, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 14, Blood Drive, SPPS gym, 2-6 p.m.
- Nov 14, NHS Annual Membership Dinner, Hotel Nauvoo, 6 p.m.
- Nov 20, Flute Performance, see article p3
- Nov 20, Marijuana Panel Discussion, Carthage, 7-8 p.m.
- Nov 26, Addiction Recovery presentation, Carthage, 7 p.m.
- Nov 30 and Dec 7, Historic Nauvoo Christmas Walk, 5:45-p.m.

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- Nov 7, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 11, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Nov 18, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Nov 18, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Nov 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 21, Mayor' Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 21, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 25, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- Nov 26, Disaster Response Plan Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fire Station
- Senior Citizen—No meeting in November

## New Business on Mulholland



Although she presently has an online presence at [threekeyscollection.com](http://threekeyscollection.com), Jean Brown has always dreamed of having a brick-and-mortar woman's clothing boutique. Her dream is becoming a reality. Three Keys Collection, which is named after Jean's three little boys who hold the keys to her heart, is located in the former Kraus Furniture bedding annex and will feature casual work clothes from sizes small to 3X. Jean is married to Tom Brown and has lived in the Nauvoo area since 2011. Jean hopes her boutique will be open after Thanksgiving—just in time for serious Christmas shopping!

## Nauvoo Community Center's Auction Was a Resounding Success

Members of the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) are thrilled with the success of the fundraising auction held on October 12th. There were 113 via live-auctioned and 53 via silent-auctioned items. According to Committee member, Barb Schafer, the auction raised \$40,000 towards the construction of the new Community Center. A highlight of the auction included eight "books" being auctioned off throughout the afternoon, one of which included the remote to the 75" TV. The books brought \$2900 to the coffers of the campaign. The committee wishes to thank the over 200 contributors, as well as the bidders who made for an exciting afternoon of fun. We are so very grateful for all of our local citizens and those in the surrounding area for supporting this worthy cause. Stay tuned for future fundraising events. Many thanks to Jim and Matt Sullivan from Sullivan Auctioneers of Hamilton, who donated their time and talents to the effort.

## Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign

Coming off a very successful auction the 12th of this month, the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign members are already gearing up for more activities to keep the fundraising efforts rolling. Campaign members have put in countless hours trying to spread the word on the new building and all it can offer to Nauvoo-area residents.

A question that committee members are often asked is "Why a \$ 4 million dollar building?" The cost of the actual building is \$2,500,000. The remaining \$1.5 million includes architectural and design fees, removal of the existing building, site preparation, curb, gutters and paving, furniture and fixtures plus a 10% contingency. These prices were figured by Poepping, Stone and Bach (PSBA), using 2020 opinion of probable cost figures. These prices also were figured at prevailing wage. If needed, there are design options that could lower the building cost without changing the square footage.

When planning this facility, the committee took the input from community groups in 2011 regarding usage and space needed. It was determined that a 15,000 sq. ft. building would accommodate all the needs, plus offer even more. Besides the ease and efficiency of having all the city services and a new well-equipped library in one building, the opportunity of a meeting and reception area will offer a revenue source to the city. This can also lead to new service opportunities for businesses to supply the needs of the events. By locating the new building farther off the roadway, it offers an opportunity to develop retail spaces along Mulholland and allow for outdoor event space. This will help stretch Nauvoo's business district and can add to a more "city center" look with walkways entering to the green space in front of the building.

The committee is working on plans for the foyer and hallway displays that showcase the historical growth of the town, especially during the 1900's time period. These would not only include interchangeable historical displays but also photographs of the industries and businesses that help form what Nauvoo and the surrounding area is today: area farms, the cheese factory, the wine and grape industry and many long-time businesses. Do you have an idea(s) on what you'd liked showcased in the telling of Nauvoo's story? Something that will be a permanent legacy? Committee members welcome your vision and input.

## Calendar Extended

Both Hotel Nauvoo and Grandpa John's Café will extend their dates of operation to December 15 this year. Both usually close on or near mid-November but are experimenting with a longer season to accommodate Christmas parties, among other dining opportunities.

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## City Council Minutes October 8, 2019

The City Council approved the following:

- The waiver of the sewage portion of a 70,000-gallon water bill of a customer whose water from a water line break did not go down the sewer.
- The payment of \$50 plus travel expenses for two persons to attend the Tri-State Development Summit in Quincy on October 25th.
- The approval of the Finance Committee's recommendation to hire Ana LeVesque as City Treasurer at \$15/hr. plus standard city employee benefits.
- The donation of \$100 to the Warsaw High School Help-a-thon.
- Four building permits to Nauvoo Facilities Management for improvements to structures on the flats.
- Resolution 2019-1, an agreement with the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop (CPB) for payment in lieu of taxes from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Church is not obligated to pay anything to the City but has done so to help reimburse the City for lost real estate tax revenue from Church-owned property. The amount will decrease by 20% each year over the next five years until it is reduced to zero. The agreement was adjusted to give the City a right to appeal, to which the CPB agreed.
- A request from the Nauvoo Athletic Association to use the old school for a fundraiser rent free on Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- Setting the hours for Beggars Night (trick-or-treating) for Wednesday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- A request from the Historic Nauvoo Visitors Center to close a few streets on the Flats for the annual Christmas Walk. These events will be held on consecutive Saturdays: November 30 and December 7 from 5:45-9:00 p.m.
- The removal of some chain link fencing around the blacktop area at the southwest corner of the old school. This will be done by Nauvoo Facilities Management at no charge to the City and will allow for more off-street parking at the old school.
- To permit the installation of two signs on the property of the old school listing businesses and services within. The signs will be donated by Outlaw Tees at no charge to the City.

The City Council turned down a request by Kirk Juhasz to allow for nightly rentals at 1055 Hubbard Street, upholding the decision of the Planning Commission. They also tabled a variance request from Jennifer Lind at 1340 Knight Street that would have allowed a bed and breakfast at that location.

Alderman Jason Skog brought up the idea of increasing business license fees in Nauvoo. No vote was taken. Mr. Skog planned to present the proposal to the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Gallaher, Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) Director for the Nauvoo Fire Protection District, spoke about the need to update the City's Disaster Response Plan. Monthly meetings to do this well be at the Fire Station on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Nauvoo resident Karen Ihrig showed examples of information boards along the Nauvoo Riverwalk that will teach interesting facts about the Mississippi River, history of Pool 19 (Lake Cooper), aquatic life, Mississippi Flyway, and barge traffic. There will be an additional information board highlighting the former cheese factory near the benches on young street.

### A Bald Eagles Teaching Moment

Bald eagles can be seen around open water looking for fish—an obvious fact. Here are some not-so-obvious facts. Eagles have a 30 mph cruising speed, 100 mph fastest diving speed, and fly at a maximum of 10,000 feet. Female bald eagles can weigh an average of 14 pounds and can have a wingspan of 8 feet. Males are smaller, weighing as much as 10 pounds with a wingspan of 6 feet. Their sharp eyesight can spot a rabbit-size creature from 3 miles away; a fish, from a mile away. Winter bald eagle population in Illinois is 3,000+. A group of eagles is called a convocation.-Taken from "Eagle Action," Travel Illinois, Fall/Winter 2018-19

## Chamber of Commerce

Nauvoo business district is approaching a transition of change as some long standing businesses are closing and new ones opening and still more business opportunities await new owners and ideas. We are sad to say goodbye to the Mill & Bakery, Allyn House, Art & Needlework Shop, and Children's Workshop of Nauvoo. We wish you all the best in whatever the next chapter of your life looks like for you all. Sue Meisner's Fiber Arts of Nauvoo business will be moving into the Art & Needlework Shop.

It was announced by the Chamber election nominating committee at the October meeting that there will not be the need for an election at the November meeting for President, Treasurer and one Board Member positions since there is only one person running for each of these positions. The names of those taking over as new leaders will be announced next month! We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to those finishing their service to the Chamber as a job well done: Sharon Nicholl, President; Ted Rheinhart, Treasurer; and Jessie Nelson, Board Member. We wish you well in your new endeavors!

Our next Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on Monday, November 11th at noon at the Fire Station. A delicious luncheon will be provided by Facilities Management beginning at 11:45. Guest speaker will be Dan Byer, from the United States Census Bureau, discussing the immediate job opportunities available with the Census Bureau and the reasons why it is so extremely important that EVERYONE in Hancock County be counted in the 2020 Census.

### Veterans Day Ceremony



Sts. Peter & Paul School will host a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11, 8:30 a.m.. We would like to include as many veterans (living and deceased) on our "Wall of Pride" as possible. Please send/bring to school the name of each vet, the branch, years served, and a picture, if available. All area veterans, families of veterans, and all of our school and parish families are invited to attend!

### Blood Drive

Sts. Peter & Paul School will host a Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center blood drive on Thursday, November 14, 2 – 6 p.m. in the SPPS gym. Please make plans to give blood. Your donation can save lives. You may call the school (453-2511) to schedule an appointment.

### Senior Citizens Luncheon

As usual, there will be no Senior Citizens Luncheon in November. However, there is something special for the seniors to look forward to in December when Sts. Peter and Paul School has invited the Nauvoo Area Seniors for Christmas dinner on December 11. They will provide a program for the event as well. What a wonderful invitation.

### Library Raffles



It's that time of year again! Nauvoo Public Library has some fun raffles. This year we have an Anne of Green Gables American Girl doll, book, and two movies. We also have a Jurassic World Lego set. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Raffle tickets are available now at the library. You need not be present to win. Drawing is December 11th!



### Scarecrows, a Hit Once Again

The following are contest winners and categories, excerpted from an Alan Moberly article in the *Journal-Pilot*:

For Creative Use of Materials, the awards went to Lou Ann Metternich's "Iron Maiden," a scarecrow made from an ironing board, and Rita Souther's "Can-Can Girl," made of steel cans. For most original, the award went to Margaret Schneider's "3 Dogs and a Black Cat," featuring an arch-backed cat with fur standing on end.

Honorable Mention awards went to The Nauvoo Public Library for their "Lil Critter" and to Renee, Kaylee and Karen Blunier and Sandra Marler for their "Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Third place went to Joe Hopp Construction's two scarecrows and a dog attempting to fix some wiring; second place, Press House Winery's "corker," a scarecrow made with a face and hands made from corks; and first place to the Nauvoo Fudge Factory's "Cousin 'It'."

Beautiful "Nauvoo Rocks" hand-painted by Jamie Steen and Chamber Bucks in the amounts of \$20, \$15, and \$10, were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The Scarecrow Stroll and Festival is sponsored by the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA), a group dedicated to promoting and encouraging improvements to the quality of life in Nauvoo.

### Community Center Fundraising at Nauvoo Market Place

The Nauvoo Community Center Community Fund (NC5) now has a presence at Nauvoo Market Place. And, everyone and anyone can participate. All it takes is your involvement. It's an easy, painless way to show your support while recycling some really neat things that others can use. Here's what you need to do. Take your donated items to Nauvoo Market Place and price them, using a tag available at the cash register counter (use # 90). Sharon Cohen, manager, is offering the space pro bono, and all the proceeds raised will go towards the new community center. Thank you, Sharon, for your generous contribution to the cause!

### Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce Retiring Business Appreciation Dinner

In recognition of long time business owners Paul & Carol Brown, Debbie Allen, and Mary Lou Ferneti, the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce invites the community to a dinner at Hotel Nauvoo Saturday, November 16, at 5 p.m to show their appreciation of their many years of service to the community. (Dinner at your own expense) Please RSVP by November 9 to Barb Schafer at 319-470-0495, [barb.schafer@frontier.com](mailto:barb.schafer@frontier.com) or Sharon Nichol at [sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com).

### Hancock County Retired Teachers

The Hancock Country Retired Teachers will meet Monday, November 4, at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Carthage. A catered meal (\$10) will precede a memorial service program with entertainment by Illini West High School Chorus. For reservations contact Rosemary McNeil, 217-505-1026, [Rosemary.D.McNeil@gmail.com](mailto:Rosemary.D.McNeil@gmail.com).

### Fall Harvest Supper

The Appanoose-Faith Presbyterian Church, near Niota, will hold their annual Fall Harvest Supper on Saturday, November 2, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Ham, cheesy potatoes, salads, corn, green beans, desserts, and drinks will be available for a free will offering.

### Nauvoo Historical Society

Nauvoo Historical Society's annual membership meeting, dinner, and election of officers will be on November 14 at 6 p.m. At Hotel Nauvoo's Nauvoo Room. The program, "Early Native American Schools," will be presented by Dona Herr from Standing Bear Council. Members and other interested in the history of the Nauvoo are welcome to attend. Dues may be paid at the membership table before the dinner meeting.

### Assortment of Sortings

On Saturday, November 16, from 1-4 p.m., the Nauvoo Historical Society will have a work party at the Weld House to sort obituaries and newspaper articles. Your help is appreciated.

### Timothy Chooi in Concert

The Keokuk Concert Association presents Timothy Chooi, a 25-year-old Candian violinist, on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Theatre, Keokuk. Admission is by season membership or single tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Students K-12 are admitted free of charge.

### Karen Weirather to Perform as Guest Artist

Flutist Karen Weirather with pianist Leigh Pirtle will be performing Wednesday, November 20 12:15-12:45 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Burlington, as a guest artist for the Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music Series (BLCMS). This concert series is a lunchtime event that happens every 3rd Wednesday of the month in an effort to provide high level classical music performances that are free and open to the public. Attendants are also free to bring their lunch! For more information, check out the Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music Series Facebook page.



### Messiah Performance

It's time to start practicing for the *Messiah*. The traditional Nauvoo *Messiah* orchestra and choir performance will take place this year on the second Saturday in December (December 14th) and has moved locations from Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints church building (380 North Durphy St. in Nauvoo). The concert will start at 7:30 p.m.

In preparation for this wonderful Nauvoo Christmas event, we invite all ages and faith traditions to come together to sing in the choir and be inspired by these beautiful praises to our Savior in celebration of His birth. The location of ALL practices will be at the LDS church in Nauvoo and the days and times are as follows:

Thursdays and Sundays from 7-8 p.m.

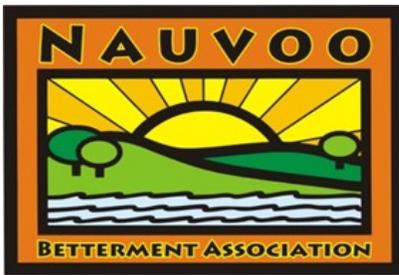
November 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24;

December 5, 8, 12, and 14.

December 12 is dress rehearsal with the orchestra (7- 9 p.m.)

December 14 (Saturday) is the concert (7:30 p.m.)

Any questions please contact Rick Marshall, [rmarshall764@gmail.com](mailto:rmarshall764@gmail.com) - 309-221-1841. Whether or not you sing in the choir, play an instrument in the orchestra or participate as an audience member – this inspiring musical experience will be one of the highlights of your Christmas season.



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### Panel Discussion on Marijuana Legalization Announced

The Hancock County Addiction Coalition invites all Hancock County adult residents over 21 years of age to a panel discussion regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana in the state of Illinois. The discussion will be held on Wednesday, November 20, from 7-8 p.m. at The Legacy Theater in Carthage. The event is free of charge.

On January 1, 2020, the sale of recreational marijuana will be legal in the state of Illinois. The Hancock County Addiction Coalition is aware there are many concerns as to how this will impact our communities. Residents are uncertain about the numerous aspects of the law, and how it will be enforced.

To address this, the Coalition has invited a panel representing local law enforcement, the Hancock County State Attorney's office, local health care providers, a person in recovery, and a representative from Herbal Remedies in Quincy to answer questions and clarify the legal issues involving marijuana use. This will not be a debate of whether the law is right or wrong, it is an effort to clarify how this law will affect our lives.

Nauvoo Chief of Police Mike Boley, who is serving on the panel, believes the discussion is important to the residents of Hancock County. Even as an officer of the law he finds he has his own questions about what will happen as of January 1, 2020. He is hopeful the panel, representing various perspectives, will offer clarification to questions and concerns of the impending change.

In addition, the Hidden-in-Plain-Sight display, a model of a teenager's bedroom containing many items that appear innocent but are actually drug paraphernalia or red flags indicating substance misuse, will be set up for public viewing in the lobby of The Legacy Theater from 5:30-7 p.m. The display is intended for adults (21 years of age and older). The Coalition is also sponsoring guest speaker Andrew Dewey for a community presentation on addiction and recovery on Tuesday, November 26, beginning at 7:00 pm at The Legacy Theater.

The mission of Hancock County Addiction Coalition is to Support, Treat, Educate, and Prevent addiction in Hancock County. For more information about the Hancock County Addiction Coalition or the Hidden in Plain Sight display, contact HCAC by phone at 573-240-0404, or by email at [help@hcacil.org](mailto:help@hcacil.org). You can also visit their website at [www.hcacil.org](http://www.hcacil.org) or by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HCACSTEP>.

### The Swastika's History

It's strange how words and images morph over time. According to an article in the Hancock County Historical Society's October 2019 "News of Yesteryear," the swastika was once right up there with other lucky symbols: the horseshoe, four-leaf clover, and wishbone. Often given by a merchant as a token, it was a lucky charm shielding its possessor from danger and harm as well as being a symbol of prosperity and good luck. The earliest known swastika is from 10,000 BC, and it was used freely until the 1930s when the Nazi Party utilized it in their propaganda when its meaning shifted to a symbol of terror and intimidation.

### Quashquema's Village

If you've lived in Nauvoo long enough, you will know the name Quashquema. The following is taken from a recent paper by local resident and researcher Rita Souther. Lore had it that "there were between 400 and 500 lodges in his village at the bend of the river [Nauvoo area]. If true, this would put the population at 2,000-2,500, if counting 5-10 persons per lodge.... However, a village of 400-500 lodges is not supported by contemporary, 19th century accounts that described Quashquema's village of 6 and 13 lodges, or 30 to 65 residents."

If that peaks your interest in the Indian population in Nauvoo prior to its being settled by people other than Indians, you must give yourself a treat and read Rita's "What Do We Really Know about Quashquema's Village?" as published in the November 2019 The Nauvoo Historical Society Newsletter. In "reviewing the first-hand accounts, which have provided more accurate information to either support, or refute, [Zebulon Pike] claims published decades later," Rita has carefully documented her findings, setting straight long-held claims of numbers in the village in the Nauvoo area named Quashquema. It is a scholarly, interesting read for all. Kudos, Rita!

### Living Hope Church Christmas Program

The youth group of Nauvoo Living Hope Church are putting on a Christmas event Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. All local senior citizens are invited. A free three course meal will be served with a finale of the presentation of "The Birth of the Great I Am" a play written and presented by the youth of the church. The meal and show are free as a thank you to our area senior citizens. If you would like to attend please call the church office 217-453-6629 and leave a message stating your name and the number of reservations you would like to make.

### Standing Bear Council November Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its November membership meeting on Sunday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hawkeye Restaurant, 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. The Council will coordinate upcoming events and celebrations of Native heritage, including the Quincy Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at the Oakley Lindsay Center November 8-10.

November is Native American Heritage Month! Native American Heritage Day, a civil holiday, is Friday, November 29, this year. Standing Bear Council will observe this holiday with a feast of celebration on Saturday, November 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ivor Fowler Center, 710 Montrose, Iowa.

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.

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