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MARCH EVENTS

- Mar 4, SPPS Chili Cookoff
- Mar 9, Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m., Methodist Church Friendship Hall
- Mar 11, 3 p.m., Nauvoo Orchestra Spring Symphonic Concert, Historic Nauvoo VC
- Mar 11, Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., Methodist Church Friendship Hall
- Mar 18, FFA Auction, 4-7 p.m., Warsaw HS Gym
- Mar 18, Un-Stag Fundraiser, 4 p.m.-Midnight, Smokin' Gun Lodge, Hamilton
- Mar 22, Meet the Candidates/School Tax Info Meeting, 6 -8p.m., Fire Station

MARCH MEETINGS

- Mar 6, Special Finance Committee meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- Mar 7, NBA Scarecrow Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Mar 13, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Mar 14, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Mar 15, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- Mar 15 NBA, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- Mar 19, School Board, 7p.m., Grade School
- Mar 20, Library Board, 7p.m., Library
- Mar 27, Hotel Motel Tax Board/Chamber Executive Board
- Mar 29, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

The Apron Bake Shoppe & Café

Before March turns into April, the Apron will be open and ready for business. According to Ellen Hundt, owner and operator, The Apron will have a layout similar to Fort Madison's, and it will be open for breakfast and lunch. The same menu...homemade-from-scratch food and baked goods will tantalize taste buds. There will a daily special—including the much-loved onion pie—along with the usual menu items. Ellen will introduce the “slider,” a tiny hamburger, to her offerings.

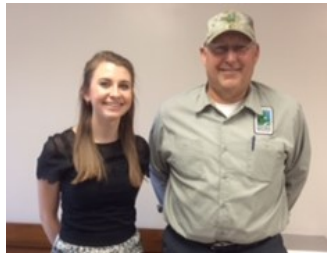
Ellen will open evenings for special occasions: Pumpkin Walk, Music Festival, Pageant, etc. The Apron can seat up to 80 for special events: weddings, rehearsal and funeral dinners, showers, etc., and she is also available for catering outside the café as well.

Current staff includes Kathleen Hart Baker, Dallas City, and Amber Hollis, Nauvoo. Stop by for the tasty treats cooked up by Ellen and crew.

Meet the Candidates and School Tax Issue Information Meeting

In order to be apprised of the candidates and the school tax issue that will appear on the April 4 ballot, Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) will host a civic event on Wednesday, March 22, at the Nauvoo Fire Station from 6-8:00 p.m.

From 6-7:00 p.m., candidates for city office will introduce themselves and their goals for holding elective office. Nauvoo has two contested races: mayoral (John McCarty, Matt Kennedy) and city clerk (Carol McGhghy, Susy Swing). From 7-8:00 p.m., Kent Young, Superintendent of Nauvoo-Colusa, will explain how the proposed one-cent sales tax will benefit the school district. Be an informed voter. Save the date and join your fellow citizens on the 22nd.



Jessica Morehouse & Mark Gerard

In 2015, Mark Gerard replaced Regan Ramsey as manager of the complex. Gerard, a native of Pittsfield, had been an assistant site manager prior to his selection. His job is making sure that mowing, maintenance, and collection of camping fees are accomplished. He spends his time at the three parks and usually is on site in Nauvoo once or twice a week.

The park runs smoothly with Jessica Morehouse, Hamilton, who has had the job of office coordinator for the past three years. Jessica handles calls and communications and, in general, keeps the office operating efficiently from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Keeping the park in ship shape are two “Site Tech II’s.” Mike Middendorf, Colchester, has worked at the Nauvoo site for 19 years; Dale Meyer, Mendon-Lima area, for 3 years. The men take care of all maintenance, including the Rheinberger House, which is park owned but run by the Nauvoo Historical Society. Mike and Dale are on-site Monday through Friday on a regular basis from November to March. From April through October their times are staggered so one of them is on duty every day of the week.

Reservations for the 30 “electrical” camping sites and reserving the shelter house (\$25 for the whole day), can be made at reserveamerica.com. Non-electrical campsites are on a first-come, first-serve basis (no reservations necessary). Discover more about all Illinois State Parks at dnr.illinois.gov. All state parks in Illinois operate under Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

-Mark Gerard and Jessica Morehouse with Karen Ihrig-Gilbert

Meet Nauvoo State Park Personnel

Many in Nauvoo have enjoyed Nauvoo State park: picnicking at the shelter house, hiking its trails, and maybe even tenting in the campground. Probably not many have met any who are involved in its operation.

The Western Illinois Complex comprises five counties: Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler. Included in the 12,679 acres are state parks: Nauvoo, Siloam Springs (Adams County) and Weinberg-King (Augusta) and 19 satellites, which could be nature preserves, fish, wildlife and hunting areas.



Mike Middendorf & Dale Meyer

Nauvoo City Council News February 14, 2017

- Approved 3rd Reading of Ordinance 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.
- Tabled proposal(s) for city's administrative hearing officer.
- Approved recycling program.
- Took action on roof at old grade school. Will get bids on spray roofing.
- Took action on mowing bids. Decided to stay with Hibbard Lawn Service to mow the cemetery. Will get bids on all other mowing except the cemetery.
- Approved Mike Boley's paternity leave.
- Tabled Joe Tripp's request for a leave of absence two months out of the year: one month in the spring and one month in the fall. Will take action on it at the March Council meeting.
- Approved SPPS God's Portion Day Auction request for a special event liquor license for Sunday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., held at the Sts. Peter and Paul's school gymnasium.
- Approved requests for the 80th Annual Nauvoo Grape Festival on September 1, 2, 3: limited liquor license, use of Nauvoo City Park, temporary closing of streets, and assistance from local police.
- Approved requests from the Nauvoo Grape Festival Association for the Mulholland Music Festival on May 27 for a limited liquor license and to use the old Nauvoo grade school's building and grounds.
- Approved Resolution 2016-6 regarding the May 27 "Road to Carthage Marathon."
- Approved Resolution 2016-5, GRRWA recycling agreement.
- Approved lease area at school for Nauvoo Community Arts & Crafts Guild.
- Approved permit for Laurence Pitt, 1650 Young Street, to fill in sunken living room floor.
- Approved permit for Alleman Home Association, 1270 Mulholland, to remodel the bathroom at the KC Hall.
- Approved permit for Matt Kennedy to remodel the bathroom at 1305 Mulholland.
- Approved permit for Kirk Juhasz, 1025 Hubbard Street, for a free standing deck on the back of house.
- There will be a Special Budget Meeting of the Finance Committee on March 6, 4:30 p.m.
- The NBA will sponsor a Meet the Candidates and School Sales Tax informational meeting at the Fire Station, Wednesday, March 22 6-8 p.m. Rain date: Wednesday, March 29 6-8 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

Daylight-savings Time Begins March 12! 'Tis the season to spring ahead one hour!

It must be spring—at least, that's what the signs of spring are telling us: Grandpa John's Café is open, the river has come alive with barge traffic, bridge time at Niota needs to be reckoned with, birds are checking out nesting spots, and the perennials are peeking out.

Flag Disposal

If you have an old flag that need to be retired, please bring it to City Hall. Boy Scout Troop 56 will be picking them up and retiring the used flags.

Community Blood Drive

The Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School will host a community blood drive from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church Friendship Hall, 1610 Ripley Street. To donate, please contact Vicky Miller at (217) 430-9462 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org & use code 1899 to locate the drive.

City of Nauvoo Mowing Bids

The City of Nauvoo is taking sealed bids for the mowing the City properties.

Before submitting your bid, please contact Barry Cuthbert or 217/453-2786 and they will show you what you are to bid on. Bid packets are available at City Hall. All bids should make provisions for trimming. All bids must include proof of insurance, \$500,000.00 per occurrence.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked: Mowing Bids.

All bids must be at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2017. Bids will be opened at the next scheduled meeting. The successful bidder will be asked to sign a contract for the mowing season.

The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Mail or deliver bids to:

City of Nauvoo
60 N Bluff Street/P. O. Box 85
Nauvoo, IL 62354

Nauvoo Market

Nauvoo Market is officially closed and is looking for someone to purchase or lease the building. There have been many rumors as to what might happen to the vacant facility; however, none, to date, have been confirmed. Contact LLC member Clive Moon 217-453-2089, for further information.

Will Everyone Please Be Seated....

At their February meeting, the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) voted to move forward with its proposed purchase of 200 chairs, 20 round and 12 rectangular tables for the Nauvoo Center* (aka "The Old Grade School"). An additional 60 chairs, were recently donated to the Center by Dena and Matt Kennedy. Jordan Bodily indicated that Nauvoo Facilities Management (NRI) would lend its support to the project by using a cost reduction opportunity at its disposal. The NBA is grateful to both the Kennedys and NRI for their participation in this project. It is hoped that having seating and tables at the site will facilitate the use of the Center.

*Note: "The Old Grade School" needed a name. And, quite by accident, "Nauvoo Center" happened at this meeting. Who knows, the name just might stick.

Scarecrow Meeting

On Tuesday, March 7, City Hall, 7:00 p.m., the NBA Scarecrow committee will meet for the second time. Patterned after a California event, the life-sized scarecrows will adorn Mulholland in early October preliminary to the Nauvoo's famous Halloween event. Dena and Matt Kennedy will have a prototype available. Interested? Come to the meeting on the 7th. Or, contact committee members: Chris Marshall, Kathy Schoeni, Jessie Nelson, Barb Schafer, Dena & Matt Kennedy, or Karen Ihrig-Gilbert.

Senior Luncheon

Steven Marshall, an ombudsman (liaison) will present information on Residents Rights in Long-Term Care Facilities at this month's senior luncheon, Wednesday, March 29, 11:00 a.m., fire station. As usual, a wonderful lunch, good camaraderie, and an opportunity to have your blood pressure checked will be available. We'll miss you if you aren't there!

Hancock County Retired Teachers

The Hancock Country Retired teachers will meet Monday, March 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton United Methodist Church. Lunch will be \$10. Ginger Kelly will be speaking on The Holy Land. Please get reservations to Rosemary McNeil, 217-505-1026, rosemary.d.mcneil@gmail.com. All newly retired teachers are guests, please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Turkey Pot Pie Dinner

The Nauvoo United Methodist Church is busily preparing for its upcoming annual Turkey Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, March 11, from 4:30- 7 p.m. at the NUMC Friendship Hall, located at 1610 Ripley Street. The menu will include turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, beverages, and desserts. The price of the meal is a free-will donation. Carry outs will be available. Come join us for good food and fellowship. For more information contact Linda Yockey (217) 453-2530, rwyockey@mchsi.com.

SPPS Chili Cookoff

The annual Sts. Peter & Paul Chili Cook-off will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Sts. Peter & Paul School gym from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to test and vote on the entries. The fee to be a taste tester is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The public is welcome to test all of the entries and go back for seconds of their favorites! Sloppy Joe's and hot dogs will also be available.

Proceeds from this event go to the God's Portion Day Committee at Sts. Peter & Paul School. Come join in the fun and cast your vote!

Annual FFA Auction

Warsaw's FFA's annual auction on March 18 at the Warsaw High School gym and cafeteria. There will be a ribeye and pork chop dinner from 4-7 p.m. with a live auction beginning at 6 p.m. All proceeds of the auction benefit the Warsaw and Nauvoo FFA students with scholarships, shop and mechanics tools, agriculture learning instruments, educational trips, and FFA contest fees and activities.

Un-Stag Fundraiser

The Nauvoo Athletic Association is having their First Annual Un-Stag Fundraiser Event on March 18 from 4 p.m. to Midnight at the Smokin' Gun Hunting Lodge, 995 East County Road 1550, Hamilton. It's a modern version on old classic fundraiser that the entire family can enjoy! An all-you-can-eat meal, featuring pulled pork sandwiches along with all the fixings and of course dessert will be served. A wide variety of beverages will be available. Come for old fashioned socializing, card playing, gun raffle, giveaways, and an auction. \$10/adult, \$6/child under 8, 2 and under FREE. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Vanessa Kelley 217-219-1591, Ben Ralph 217-617-6976 or Betsy Walker 319-470-2596. Adults only after 8 p.m.

Batman Visits SPPS!



Batman (aka Bob Hopp) visited the Hayden Wheatley fundraiser at Sts. Peter and Paul school last month. The school's 91 students raised \$6,361 for Hayden who has a rare pediatric brain cancer. Heroes all!

Information Correction

An article on the Senior Homestead and Tax Freeze Exemptions in February's *See Nauvoo News* was taken from *News & Views Newsletter*. While most of the information was accurate for senior citizens in surrounding counties, some did not apply to Hancock county.

Kelly Joiner from Hancock County's Assessor's Office made the following corrections. Only a photo ID (driver's license or other) is needed for proof of age. Once exemption(s) are made, there is no need to renew yearly. The office prefers that certificates of status be completed and turned in by July 1. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at 217-357-2615. She'd be happy to help you.

Illinois Made: Nauvoo Tourism Office

The Illinois Office of Tourism is on the hunt for Illinois Made products along the Great River Road to be highlighted by our tourism partner, Great Rivers Country. This is in conjunction with the Enjoy Illinois' state initiative to promote Illinois tourism through our talented local artisans, makers, designers and creators who handcraft their goods right here in Illinois. Perhaps you, or someone you know, creates glass work, ceramics, furniture, jewelry, hand crafted and artisan drink or foods etc.

We need the artisan/maker's name, description of the product, website & Facebook information (or location it is sold), and high resolution photo. Please send information to Kim Orth at vacation@beautifulnavvoo.com by March 7.

Looking for Lincoln in Hancock County National Park Service Cancellation Stamps

Hancock County is a part of the Looking for Lincoln National Heritage Area and thus, is a part of the National Park Service (NPS). As a part of the NPS, Hancock County is eligible to participate in the passport program of the National Park Service.

The Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center is now a site where travelers can stop and have their National Park Service Passport stamped with a cancellation stamp denoting that they have been to Nauvoo, Illinois with the date.

The Kibbe Museum in Carthage will be the next site added to this program.

The Historic Nauvoo Visitor Center will also be a host site for the cancellation stamp later this year.

Keep watching for updates and consider getting a NPS passport book and start traveling to our National Parks!

Nauvoo Tourism Office Seeks Volunteers

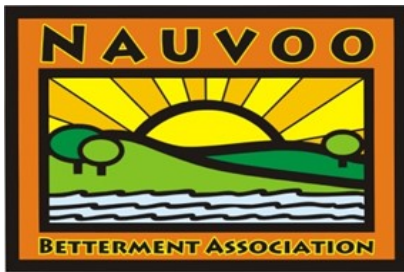
The Nauvoo Tourism Office is seeking volunteers to man the welcome center portion of the tourism office for the upcoming tourism season. Based upon volunteer availability, the office will be open Monday-Friday or Saturday from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These hours will begin mid-May and will run through Mid-October. Volunteers are asked to talk with visitors to Nauvoo and answer their questions while they are in Nauvoo.

Additionally, the Nauvoo Tourism Office seeks volunteers to give step-on bus tours as requested by groups visiting Nauvoo.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these opportunities or have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Smith at (217) 453-2519, hectorh8@msn.com or Kim Orth at (217) 453-6648, vacation@beautifulnavvoo.com.

Nauvoo Orchestra Spring Symphonic Concert Planned

The Nauvoo Orchestra will hold the Spring Symphonic Concert on Saturday, March 11 at 3 p.m. in the West Theater at the Historic Nauvoo Visitor Center. This concert will be a symphonic concert with sounds of spring and traditional music, including a couple of Irish pieces.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
Deadline for the April Issue is March 24

See *Nauvoov 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, Motley Fitness, Nauvoov Mill and Bakery, Nauvoov Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoov, and Winning Looks.

New Pick Up Location

Beginning with the March edition, *See Nauvoov News* may also be picked up at Motley Fitness, located at the Nauvoov Center (aka "the old grade school"). Thank you, Brandon, for the request.

March Events at Baxter's Vineyards

Baxter's Vineyards & Winery will be celebrating the 4th birthday of the Wine Barrel at Baxter's Vineyards along with their 160th year in Nauvoov with live music on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. Snacks and specials will be available throughout the two days. The entertainment schedule is as follows:

- March 24, Bocephus Wayne from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- March 25, Brian Boyer and Jeff Arntzen from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Details and more information is available on Baxter's Facebook page or online at www.nauvoovwinery.com.

Recycling Comes to Nauvoov

Keep your eyes peeled for the recycling receptacle to arrive in Nauvoov during the week of March 6. It will be placed at the former Nauvoov Elementary School, aka, the Nauvoov Center. More information will be available in next month's *See Nauvoov News*.

Nominations for Farm Family of the Year

The Carthage Kiwanis Club will recognize the Farm Family of the Year during the Ag Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, March 23, at Lake Hill Winery. This prestigious award is given to a Hancock County farm family who has provided outstanding service and leadership within the community. Nominations are now being accepted from anyone who currently resides in Hancock County. When submitting a nomination, please state the name of the family, their address, telephone number and township. Include a descriptive paragraph outlining the farm operation, the community activities (e.g., church groups, farm organizations, service clubs) for the family and the reasons for the recognition. Nominations are due by Thursday, March 9. All nominations can be sent to Farm Family of the Year, c/o David Walker, 430 N. 4th Street, Carthage, IL 62321. Questions may be directed to David Walker at (217) 357-0608.

Women in History Month

Keokuk's branch of AAUW is celebrating Women in History Month with an event at the Grand Theatre. Director Mary Lynne Arms is leading a group of talented area women in a fun and thoughtful performance titled "Hear Me Roar". Area women and the men who appreciate them are invited to attend.

The performance will be Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 pm at the Grand Theatre, Keokuk. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Keokuk Tourism office, Lost Canvas, and Willow Tree Flowers. Tickets will also be available at the Grand on Friday March 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and at the door. There is no reserve seating. The doors will open on Saturday at 6:30 pm.

Three spring events planned at the Legacy Theater

Tickets are now on sale for the Quincy Symphony Chorus concert, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and for the Liverpool Legends, performing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. Tickets for the Quincy Symphony Chorus are \$18, with a \$15 ticket for senior citizens over age 62, and free admission for those age 18 and under. Tickets for the Liverpool Legends show are \$40.

Tickets for both concerts can be purchased at the door, on-line at www.ticsrus.com, or at three local ticket sales locations: Carson Motors in Carthage, Zion Mercantile in Nauvoov, and Keokuk Convention and Tourism Bureau in Keokuk, Iowa. Advanced tickets are recommended for the Liverpool Legends performance.

The Quincy Symphony Chorus is made up of singers from Quincy and the surrounding area, including several from Hancock County. Their spring choral concert "Songs of our History" traces American music through eras including the Old West, the Civil War, World War I and II. Spirituals, Ragtime and Broadway tunes will also be included.

The Liverpool Legends are a cover band of the Beatles. The four musicians/actors are handpicked by Louise Harrison, the sister of the late George Harrison of the Beatles. Their "Complete Beatles Experience" is featured regularly in Branson, Mo., and on an extensive schedule of touring in the U.S. and around the world.

The April Holiday Family Fun Flicks feature is a free Easter-themed movie at 12 noon on Saturday, April 1, following the community Easter egg hunt at the Carthage Veterinary Service grounds. There will be concessions at the show. The rain date for the CVS egg hunt and the movie is April 8.

National Do-Not-Call Registry

For reporting unsolicited sales calls, start by putting your phone number on this do-not-call registry: donotcall.gov or 888-382-1222.

Once it has been there for at least 31 days, you can report unwanted calls. Your information will be pooled with other data to help catch violators. (Note: Calls from legitimate charities, survey firms, debt collectors and political candidates or parties are not covered by the Do Not Call rules.)

Ft. Madison Arts Association Fundraiser

Expressions Art Auction will be held April 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Participants will be able to bid on the best regional artwork, trips to Marth's Vineyard, Myrtle Beach, Horsehair Raku Party at the Works, and much more. Call (319) 372.3996 for more info.

Mulholland Music Festival Date Announced

SAVE THE DATE! The Mulholland Music Festival will be held at the Nauvoov Center grounds on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Details will be posted online at www.beautifulnauvoov.com and will also be published in this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John McCarty at outlawt@frontiernet.net.