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DECEMBER EVENTS

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- Dec. 10, Historic Nauvoo Christmas Walk, 6-9 p.m.
- Dec. 10 & 11, Living Hope Church Live Nativity, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Dec. 11, Holiday Season Fundraiser at the Library, see article p. 3
- Dec. 11, Handel's *Messiah* Concert, 7:30 p.m., Legacy Theater, Carthage
- Dec. 17, Deck the Town Drive-by See article p. 1
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There Is No Lack of December Activities in Nauvoo!

Historic Nauvoo will host a free Christmas Walk on Friday, December 10, beginning at 6:00 pm. A variety of activities and performances will be available simultaneously until about 9:00 p.m. Wagons will take guests between the Family Living Center and the Old Nauvoo Main Street, where old-fashioned storytelling will be offered in three locations. Visitors can also take in musical performances in the Cultural Hall. Parking is available north of the Family Living Center but not near the storytelling sites. The Visitors Center will host some local performing groups: the Warsaw High Jazz Band at 6:00 p.m.; the Warsaw Choral group will follow at 7:00. A nativity will be staged twice in the west theater beginning at 6:30 pm, and a Christmas film will repeat in the east theater. Refreshments will be available in the Family Living Center. People of all ages are welcomed! For more information, visit nauvoohistoricsites.org.

Living Hope Church Nauvoo Living Hope Church, a non-denominational Bible-based Church located west of the fire station, once again will present "Our Living Hope," a live nativity, on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, from 5:30-8 p.m.. Live animals in a stable along with a cast will depict how it might have been the night Jesus was born. This year, 25 volunteers will portray shepherds, wise men, angels, and of course Mary and Joseph. A family from Ferris is providing donkeys, fainting goats, chickens and even lambs. The church will have a space for indoor seating for those who would like to stay and get warm while enjoying some complementary hot drinks and cookies. We invite everyone to come and enjoy this serenely awesome event to help us all remember the real reason to celebrate Christmas.

Handel's *Messiah* Concert

The Nauvoo Community Orchestra and Chorus will perform a Handel's *Messiah* Concert on December 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Legacy Theater, 1160 Buchanan St. in Carthage. (See related article on p.3.)

Deck the Town Christmas Decorating Drive-by

Nauvoo will have a Deck the Town Christmas Decorating Drive-by on Friday, December 17. Those interested in including their decorated house on the "Deck the Town" list can contact Jamie Steen by December 10 at DecktheTown@gmail.com. All participants will receive a Nauvoo Christmas ornament painted by local artist Jamie Steen. Those who want a list of the decorated houses can get one at the Nauvoo Fudge Factory, the Nauvoo Tourism Office, or at the e-mail listed above.



DECEMBER MEETINGS

- Dec 13, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- Dec 14, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Dec 13, School Board, 7 p.m.
- Dec 27, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

The First Annual Dickens' Christmas Ball

If you've ever wanted to travel through time back to the Victorian Age, you can immerse yourself in a 19th-century Christmas at the First Annual Dickens' Christmas Ball at the Smokin' Gun Event Center, 995 E. Co. Road 1550, Hamilton. Historical Merriments will present the Victorian-style holiday season, featuring feature delicacies, lively parlor games, Christmas Carols sung around the piano, as well as historical dancing. This delightful event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 18. Clothing styles from the lifetime of Charles Dickens (1812-1870) or modern formal dress are requested. Digital photographs will be available for \$5. Readers can take advantage of the Early Bird discount prices by purchasing their tickets (\$20) by December 11. The cost will be \$25 at the door. Early Bird attendees' names will be entered into a drawing for chance to win valuable prizes. For information and tickets visit <https://www/historicalmerriments.com/events>. (See related article on p. 3.)

Living Water

Living Water will present a Christmas concert at Grandpa John's Café Theater on Thursday, December 23, 7:30 p.m. For more information about the concert and weekly 7 p.m. Wednesday Advent services at the theater, please call Michael Haas, 309.221.1401 or Kris Knoke, 217.430.8254.

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Nauvoo City Council November 9, 2021

The Council approved the following:

- Increased the hourly pay to the City's part-time employees from \$12.69 to \$16.00, effective immediately. This was done to keep Nauvoo's pay rate in line with that of other communities.
- Increased the hourly pay of City Treasurer Ana LeVesque from \$16.33 to \$17.50, also effective immediately.
- The hiring of Derek Himan as a part-time police officer. Himan is currently Chief of Police at Carthage.
- The purchase of two furnaces for the old school gymnasium. These two 200,000BTU furnaces will be installed by Peters Heating & Air at a cost of \$5,722.
- Replacing lights at City Hall with LED lights. This will be done by Tom Hopp at a cost of \$1,363.
- Increase water & sewer rates by 3% effective January 1, 2022. This is the same rate of annual increase as has been the past five years.
- Purchase of concrete (up to \$2,000) for improvement of sidewalk on the west side of N Page Street in front of the Nauvoo Food Pantry.
- Approved a Variance Request to allow nightly rentals at 2105 Parley Street. The variance was requested by Jason and Sarah McDonald. The property is surrounded on both sides by nightly rentals. The aldermen disagreed among themselves, some stating that approving the request would undercut existing lodging businesses, while others countered that during the busy pageant season, Nauvoo lodgings are fully booked and that visitors stay and spend their money in Fort Madison and Keokuk. Newly elected Chamber of Commerce president Tom Grant spoke in favor of approval, opining that Nauvoo would miss out on revenue if they didn't. He also asked if there was a way to allow residents to rent property during the heavy tourist season. Aldermen Adkisson, Christensen and Nicholl voted in favor. Anozie, Boyles and Grant voted no. The motion carried with Mayor Skog's tie-breaking vote.

Other:

- Mayor Skog reported that the 2020 Census reports Nauvoo population to be 950. This is down from the 1,149 reported in the 2010 count. Skog was concerned that Nauvoo was undercounted because the missionaries were sent home because of COVID (and have since returned), and that this would reduce population-based funding to the City. He said he left a message with the Census office in Chicago to inquire about getting a recount. He has not heard back.
- The mayor also announced the receipt of a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) payment of \$54,000, and that this was the third of five annual payments that will decrease approximately 20% each year until phased out in 2023.
- He acknowledged the presence of several Scouts B.S.A. members. These young men are earning their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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City Council Continued

- The City Council then revisited the matter of accepting an offer from Mark Anderson of the Nauvoo Park District. The Park District last month proposed an agreement with the City to maintain the city-owned City Park, relieving the City of the financial burden of maintaining and improving the City Park. City Attorney Diane Vine repeated her advice via text message that the Park District has no legal authority to contract with the City regarding city-owned property. Again, Mark Anderson disagreed, citing the opinion of another attorney. Some aldermen expressed concerns received from constituents about work needed at the Nauvoo Park District itself. (The Nauvoo City Park is located at the corner of Bluff and Knight Streets. It is maintained and operated by the City.)
- The Nauvoo Park District is located at the corner of Winchester and Young Streets. It is a five-acre park with ball diamonds and playground equipment. It is maintained and operated by the Nauvoo Park District.)
- Some aldermen stated their reluctance to go against the counsel of the City Attorney. One resident asked what the logic was of not allowing the Park District to do this. Finally, Mark Anderson withdrew the offer, stating that in the opinion of members of the Park District Board, the City was losing a golden opportunity.
- Randy Soland, speaking by telephone, pitched his proposal for an Oktoberfest to be held in Nauvoo at the old school grounds. He offered to pay the expenses for the first year. One alderman asked if there would be a problem because the groundbreaking for the new community center would have already taken place and there would be construction fences up. They decided that the event could take place on the southeast corner of the property, where the playground used to be. The event will be on Saturday, October 22, 2022, one week before the Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk.
- Mayor Skog said that he would not be at next month's City Council meeting (in order to attend his son's wedding in St. Louis) and appointed Alderman Larry Nicholl as temporary chairman for the December 14 meeting.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Former Nauvoo Resident Passes Away

William C. "Bill" Scully, 89, died October 23, in Chesterfield, Missouri. Bill succeeded founder Oscar Rohde as president of Nauvoo Blue Cheese Company (1965 to 1987), continuing as president until the company was sold to Raskas Foods. The company was well known for producing a premium domestic cheese, earning the prestigious Best Blue Cheese in the U.S and the World's Best Blue Cheese in 1984. His wife Marie survives. Read more about Nauvoo Blue Cheese Company's history in Nauvoo on the story board across from the company's former location on Young Street near Wells.



Nauvoo Public Library Reminders

Adult Coloring Contest: To all adults who like to color: Have you either picked up or turned in your coloring page at the library yet? It's not too late. Each coloring page costs \$5, which goes to help support the library. The page may be colored by using crayons, pens, pencils, markers, or any combination. Turn in your completed masterpiece to the Nauvoo Public Library by Tuesday, December 14, to be eligible for judging. (Your coloring page will have a number on the back and only library staff members will know whose page is whose. Judges will give a list of first, second, and third place winning numbers to the library staff, who will contact winners the following week. Winners' creations will be featured in the window of the library.



It's a Wrap! Also, voluntary library elves will be receiving presents to be wrapped from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Nauvoo City Hall's meeting room on Saturday, December 11. This is a free-will donation event, although a \$5 minimum will be appreciated. Remember that presents dropped off for wrapping **MUST** be in a box with your full name and contact information written on the box. Each present **MUST** have a sticky note on it with the gift recipient's name as you wish it to be displayed. (The elves **REALLY** need to know all this information!) Once presents are wrapped, an elf will contact you for pick up on the same day. No fuss, no mess, no bother

Note: Donations of wrapping paper and/or supplies will be gratefully accepted. Volunteering elves are needed for wrapping. Four time shifts are available: 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon to 2 p.m., and 2-4 p.m. All wrapping will take place at the meeting room at Nauvoo City Hall. Please contact the library at 217-453-2707 for more information.

Job Openings at Nauvoo-Colusa CUD #325

The Nauvoo-Colusa School District has employment opportunities for the following teaching positions: Elementary Special Ed and Junior High Science. Applicants must be certified in the state of Illinois. Interested? Send a letter of application, references, copies of transcripts, and certification to Mr. Chad Cox, Nauvoo-Colusa Schools, 2461 North State Hwy. 96, Nauvoo, IL 62354 or to chadcox@nauvoo-colusa.com.

The following coaching positions are open: Assistant JH Volleyball Coach, Head JH Track Coach, and Assistant JH Track Coach. Contact Mr. Chad Cox as noted above.

School bus drivers are needed. These include those drivers and substitutes who can drive a full-sized bus as well as substitutes to drive the school vans to multiple school locations. Applicants must complete the necessary training and obtain the required bus license. (The District will help with this process.) For more information contact Vicky Miller at 217-453-6639 or millerv@nauvoo-colusa.com. Nauvoo-Colusa is an equal opportunity employer.

Nauvoo Christmas Rock Painting

Join us on December 5, from 2-3:30 p.m. at Baxter's Vineyards & Winery in Nauvoo for some festive rock painting. Supplies will be provided by Baxter's, for reservations or questions call 217-453-2528.

Rock Painting is a simple way to bring a smile to someone's face. Paint a picture on a rock and hide the rock for someone to find. Whoever finds your rock can go to Facebook and post a picture of the rock in the Nauvoo "Rocks" IL Facebook group with a note. That person can keep the rock or re-hide the rock again for someone else to find - maybe in Nauvoo or maybe in another community. You never know how far your rock might travel!

Eighth Annual Messiah Concert

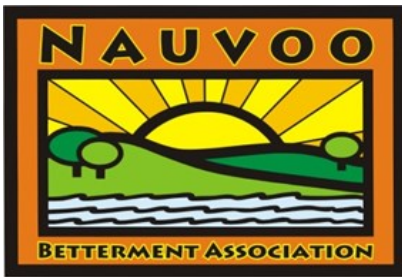
The Nauvoo Orchestra and Nauvoo Community Choir will present their 8th annual Messiah Concert at the Legacy Theater in Carthage. The public is welcome, and there is no charge for the event, although free will donations are gratefully appreciated.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 11. Nauvoo resident Rick Marshall will conduct the performance, which will feature internationally known opera singer Diana Walker Neve, who distinguished herself in a variety of roles with many opera companies. Other soloists will be Matthew Bean, Rebecca Bean, and Pete Haglund.

The Nauvoo Community Orchestra was established in 2010, the result of the hard work and dedication of Laurie Peterson and Tom Dowell, two talented Nauvoo musicians. In 2014, Rick Marshall became their new conductor. The orchestra serves approximately 40 musicians, from 10 years of age to adults of all ages and levels of expertise to perform beautiful music as well provide a cultural experience. All musicians playing orchestral instruments are welcomed.

The Dickens' Christmas Ball

The Dickens' Christmas Ball, held on Saturday, December 18, is being hosted by a new type of Nauvoo business. It is called Historical Merriments and is owned and operated by Kimberli Grant with the assistance of her husband Tom Grant. It's all about sharing the fun pastimes of the 1800s: dancing, parlor games, Christmas caroling, fancy balls, and soirees. The historical dance classes held at the Old Presbyterian Kirche on Page Street started in August and have been enjoyed by more than 40 people since then. These unique dance classes are for anyone 14 years and older to enjoy with or without a partner while learning historical dances in a fun relaxed atmosphere! Kimberli has hosted many balls over her 14 years of teaching and is looking forward to holding her 12th annual Dickens' Christmas Ball December 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Smokin' Gun Event Center. For more information visit HistoricalMerriments.com, Facebook, or call/text Kimberli at 801-376-9618. What a wonderful way to enjoy the holiday



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New Restaurant Coming to Nauvoo

Sarah and Travis Scheel have purchased the former Nauvoo Mill & Bakery from Carol and Paul Brown, who retired in 2019. The Scheels will call their restaurant Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe where homestyle breakfasts, lunches, and dinners will be featured along with homemade pies, cakes, and cookies, plus gluten-free and dairy-free items. They are planning a Community Appreciation Open House on New Year's Day. A full opening is planned for Monday, January 3. What a wonderful opportunity for the Scheels as well as for Nauvoo. Welcome!

Taken from article by Alan Moberly

Documentary Film, the *Tomb of Joseph*

The *Tomb of Joseph* documentary film premier was hosted by producer Brian Christiansen at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites. Filming took place in June 2021. Many locals were used as extras.

The film reviews the Latter-day Saints' arrival in Nauvoo and their building of the city. Scenes set in modern times tell the story of Brian Christiansen, owner of Zion's Mercantile, unearthing an underground structure in front of the store that conjures up the story of Joseph Smith's earnest desire that a tomb be constructed near the Temple as a final resting place for himself and his family, although the exact location of the storied tomb has been lost over the years. (His remains rest at the Smith Family Cemetery at the Joseph Smith Historic Site),

Many possible locations have been brought up regarding where such a tomb might have been located—many have been dismissed as wine cellars built at a later date. According to Christiansen, the *Tomb of Joseph* film has been accepted into the LDS Film Festival in March 2022. The film being distributed soon thereafter. The Tomb of Joseph Museum, erected on the spot, is anticipating a grand opening in early spring.

Taken from article by Alan Moberly

Hedge Apples


No, these apples aren't for pie. However, you might want to use them to control spiders! Most people are familiar with baseball-sized "hedge balls," the green, wrinkly fruit of the Osage orange tree. These can be found dotting the landscape in the area. While there is no scientific proof to support the claim, many homeowners use the apples to repel spiders and other pests. Here's the "recipe." Select the fruit that is still green (not brown and overripe). Leave the stem intact, which prevents the fruit from oozing a milky substance. While the juice is not toxic, it may irritate sensitive skin. Put each hedge apple into a small bowl, or some other container to contain any leakage that could stain flooring, etc. The best place to place them is in closets, under the sink, or around the perimeter of your home. Discard once they have turned brown, within a month or two. It might be worth a try.



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Agrivoltaics


Agriculture has always adapted to meet the needs of a changing society: from tractors and pest management to breeding and genomics. Today, there're risks brought on by a changing climate. Enter agrivoltaics. ("agri" relating to food production; "voltaic" relating to electricity production). This new technology promises to improve food production and reduce water use, while also creating energy and additional revenue. Solar panels placed on the same land where crops are grown allow growers to harvest the power of the sun twice. The solar panels also help plants grow more efficiently by needing less water (plants have a limit to how much sun they can actually use. Once reached, any light beyond that point does not increase photosynthesis or help the plant grow; it only increases the plant's water demand.) The panels can be positioned to allow plant just the right amount of sunlight, and then the excess sunlight can be harvested for electricity, making the panels producing electricity even more than they would without crops below them because the plants help keep the solar panels cool. This electricity, then, can be used to run the farm. Surplus energy can be stored in battery banks or sent to the grid for consumer use. Agrivoltaics is a symbiotic relationship providing a win-win-win for the future of farming.



Christmas Riddles

Be The First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ___ What do you get if you cross Santa with a Detective? 2. ___ What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents? 3. ___ What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? 4. ___ What do monkeys sing at Christmas? 5. ___ What kind of people are afraid of Santa Claus? 6. ___ What did Santa change his name to after sliding down a chimney where the fire was still burning? 7. ___ What do you call Santa when he has no money? 8. ___ Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor? 9. ___ Where do Snow-Women like to dance? 10. ___ What is a snowman's favorite lunch? 11. ___ What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed? 12. ___ How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico? 13. ___ What did the buck say to the doe on Xmas Day? 14. ___ Why was Santa's elf depressed? 15. ___ What goes Oh! Oh! Oh! 16. ___ What did Adam say the day before Christmas? 17. ___ What do elves learn in school? 18. ___ Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Claus-trophobics B. Santa Paws C. It was feeling crummy. D. Merry Xmas, Deer! E. Crisp Kringle F. Santa walking backwards. G. Saint Nickel-less H. At Snow-balls I. The elf-abet J. A cookie sheet K. Low 'elf-esteem L. Silent Night M. Fleece Navidad N. An ice-burger O. A Christmas quacker P. It's Christmas, Eve Q. Santa Clues R. Jungle Bells
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