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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 4, *Messiah* rehearsals begin, see article p. 3
- Nov 6, Fall Harvest Dinner, Appanoose Church 4:30-7 p.m.
- Nov 12, Nauvoo Historical Society Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m. Nauvoo Inn and Suites
- Nov 29, Coloring Contest Begins, See article p. 3.



Daylight saving times ends November 7th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

Scarecrow Festival Winners

The Scarecrow Festival shows off the talents and spirit of local and area residents. The results of their labor just get better and better. And, the rest of us enjoy the fruits of their imagination the whole month of October. Sixty individual "crows" made it to Mulholland this year with more new entries than in the past. Nauvoo welcomes the "oldies, but goodies" along with the "newbies." Then, there's next year...



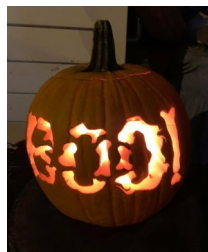
Pictured are winners of this year's Scarecrow Festival contest: Best Crow in Show went to Elizabeth Tukuafu for "Harvest Goddess"; Second and third places followed: Lou Ann Metternich's "Steela"; and Jamie Steen's "Bull Rider." Honorable mention awards went to Camille Anderson and the Nauvoo Pharmacy's "Licensed to Pill"; Dave and Carrie Steffensmeier's "Pumpkin Thief Behind Bars"; and the Mitchell Family's "Handstand Harvey."

Halloween Hoopla

Nauvoo hosted its second annual Drive-by Halloween Hoopla house decorating contest, kicking off the Pumpkin Walk on the following day. Residents carried the Halloween spirit above and beyond imagination. Winners included the **Overall favorite**, the Baileys' at 1235 Knight; **Scariest**, the Tripps' at 210 Barnett; and the **Most Kid Friendly**, the Nelsons at 1895 Young St. Honorable mentions were given to the Halls' at 1405 Knight; the Sumners' at 2110 Knight; and the Steens' at 175 Warsaw. Pictures of the houses can be found on the Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk Facebook Page.

Pumpkin Walk 2021

Tacy Anozie and Jessie Nelson, organizers of this year's Pumpkin Walk, deemed it a success once again. Pumpkins glowed and grinned and grimaced along Mulholland Street, enchanting the thousands who streamed into Nauvoo for the annual event. Besides the 500 pumpkins (there were supposed to be 400, but Durell Nelson got carried away with the count once again!), there was a "virtual escape room," The Spooky Trail Parade, music by the Warsaw High School Jazz Band and "Dead Elvis and Friends," fortune tellers and free Kettle Korn popcorn and candy (courtesy of Nauvoo missionaries), a haunted house (local 4-H group), songs from the Phantom of the Opera (Rick Marshall and Joanne Gallaher), along with food provided for sale by various vendors: Bun Busters' food truck, Fat Jimmy's, El Camino, Knights of Columbus and the Nauvoo Historical Society and local restaurants: Annie's Frozen Custard, Red Front, and Hotel Nauvoo Quite a happening! And, then, there's next year to look forward to!



Meet Jack, a gigantic pumpkin Kathy Schoeni made out of papier mache. Jack received donations at this year's Pumpkin Walk during Bootiful Nauvoo. His eyes glow. His smiling mouth is open just enough to take money—coins or the folding type! Oh, what clever and artistic people we have in our town!

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- Nov 8, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- Nov 9, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 15, School Board, 7 p.m.
- Nov 15, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Nov 22, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

Nauvoo City Council October 12, 2021

The City Council approved the following:

- Purchasing new radar equipment (\$1,256.75) for the 2015 Dodge Durango squad car, noting that the existing radar set is 30 years old. Funds for this purchase are already available in the police equipment budget.
- Increasing pay, effective immediately, for part-time police officers from \$12.69/hr. to \$16.00/hr., with increases to \$17.00/hr. in May 2022, with increases of \$1/hr. every May for the following three years. This was done to be competitive with what neighboring communities are paying.
- Allowing a request from Facilities Management (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints historic sites) to replace a building at 655 Hotchkiss and to construct a new wash bay at 130 Young Street).
- Donating \$150 to the Warsaw High School Help-a-thon. WHS students will be doing service to the City as a fund-raising project.
- Setting 'Beggars' Night' (trick-or treating) hours for Saturday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 2nd Reading of the 2021-10 Tax Levy Ordinance.
- Using part of the old school building by a local 4-H group for a haunted house fundraiser.

Other:

- Alderman Jeff Christensen, representing the Hotel/Motel Tax Board, told of a new website design for the City by Townsquare Interactive. The new website was paid for with a grant from the Quincy Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Mayor Skog thanked the aldermen, City staff, and those who serve on various committees and projects that "make this a truly beautiful city".
- Mark Anderson of the Nauvoo Park District requested an agreement with the City for maintenance of the city-owned City Park (located next to City Hall, east of the Temple) to relieve the City of the financial burden of maintaining and improving the City Park. Speaking remotely over the telephone, City Attorney Diane Vine said that the Park District has no legal authority to contract with the City regarding city-owned property. Mark Anderson disagreed, citing the opinion of another attorney. After discussion, the City Council voted to table the issue so that Mark Anderson can assimilate all of the information and prepare a contract for the City to review and decide upon.
- Nauvoo resident Hugh Pierce, representing nine families that travel on North Robinson Street to get to their homes, thanked the City for recent work done on that street. The City receives about \$30K annually (financed from Illinois gasoline tax revenues) for street repairs. Those interested in getting particular street problems repaired can come to the monthly Streets meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at City Hall.

Nauvoo Historical Society

Nauvoo Historical Society will host its annual membership meeting, including a dinner (menu below), program on historic dances by Tom and Kimberli Grant, and election of officers on Friday, November 12, 6 p.m., in the dining room of the Nauvoo Inn and Suites. The Society hopes many of the new residents as well as long-time residents of Nauvoo will take this opportunity to join the Historical Society, meet with others who are interested in learning about and preserving all of the different phases of Nauvoo's history: Native American, Latter-day Saints, Icarian, and the German/Swiss influences in later settlers and businesses.

The prepared slate of officers includes: President, Rebecca Williamson; 2nd Vice President, Dan Kraus; Secretary, Jim Topic; Board Members, Bev Reynolds and Rita Souther. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Come, enjoy a meal, program, fellowship, and the opportunity to select your NHS representatives for the coming year. Reservations can be made by calling Rita Souther at 217.453.6635 or emailing ritasouther@gmail.com. The dinner, catered by Ellen Hundt, will center around a Native American theme featuring roast turkey with mint sauce, wild rice and berries, flat bread, three-sister succotash, and Indian pudding with vanilla ice cream. Cost is \$15.50 per person with payment taken at the door. (Reservations must be made by Thursday, November 4.)

Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA)

A fun and dynamic group of Nauvoo area citizens enjoys finding ways to make our community a little better than it was before. They most recently sponsored the Scarecrow Festival and, along with financial assistance from the City Council, the new banners along Mulholland that celebrate the activities that fall brings to Nauvoo. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Civic Center (City Hall) at 7 p.m. (There are no meetings in November and December.)

October's meeting left members with all sorts of ideas—both long and short term-- to work on for the coming year including a French Heritage Day, October Fest, board games and activities in the uptown area, including a decorated piano placed outdoors for passersby to enjoy, an activity calendar to be located near the soon-to-be-built Community Center, and a host of other still TBD possibilities. One idea was to paint murals on the sides of buildings depicting historical events, nature, the river, old businesses, and similar ideas. NBA members were tasked to have three ideas/challenges ready for the January 19 meeting—to be accomplished in 2022. Then, by the February 16 meeting, the methods for achieving them would be in place. You just might have an idea to share with an NBA member—or, better yet, come to a meeting. NBAers actually love going to an NBA meeting. So will you. See you in January.

Fall Harvest Supper

The Appanoose Church will hold their annual Fall Harvest Supper Saturday, November 6, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. We will be serving am, wild rice dressing, potatoes, corn, salads, rolls, drinks, and desserts. All for a free-will donation. dine-in and drive-thru available. For drive-thru Please call the church after 3 p.m. 217-448-4981.

Nauvoo Community Center Gift

The Rizley Family Foundation recently awarded Nauvoo Community Center with a check for \$100,000 to go toward design, construction, and initial operating costs. The Nauvoo Community Center Fundraising Committee (NC5) greatly appreciates the family's thoughtfulness in remembering our community in such a generous fashion. Their gift, among other contributions, has brought NC5 donations to \$1.9+M.



November Nauvoo Public Library Happenings

• Adult Coloring Contest Fundraiser

This season the library staff is putting the “fun” in fundraiser with a coloring contest for grown-ups! Now that the kids are back to school, it’s time to borrow those art supplies.

How it works: Starting on Monday, November 29, you can stop at the Nauvoo Public Library to get your coloring page and a copy of this information sheet. Each coloring page costs \$5, which helps support the library. Color your page using crayons, pens, pencils, markers, or any combination. Turn in your completed masterpiece to the Nauvoo Public Library by Tuesday, December 14th to be eligible for judging.

Judging: Judging will be held later that week and will be anonymous. (Judges are not eligible for participation.) Your coloring page will have a number on the back and only the library staff members who will NOT be participating in judging will know whose page is whose. Judges will contact the library with the winners so that the staff can notify the winners by the following week.

Prizes: The judges will be picking a first, second, and third place winner who will receive a lovely prize, as well as a place of honor in our window display. We look forward to seeing your creativity this season!

• Wrapping up the Holiday Season Fundraiser

The holiday season is always a whirlwind! This year, let our fantastic volunteer elves help you out while you support your local library.

Volunteers will be in the meeting room at Nauvoo City Hall on Saturday, December 11 and will be receiving presents to be wrapped from 8a.m. until 3p.m.. This is a free-will donation event, though a \$5 minimum is appreciated. All proceeds help the library.

If you want to drop off your presents for wrapping, they 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 so that our elves can mark the presents for you once they are wrapped. As soon as your presents are ready, the elves will contact you for pick-up. **All wrapped presents must be picked up the same day.**

Note: If you have any wrapping paper or wrapping supplies that you would like to donate, you can drop off your donations at the Nauvoo Public Library. Donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use!

The wrapping event goes from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the meeting room of Nauvoo City Hall on Saturday, December 11. Four short shifts need volunteers: 8 -10 a.m., 10a.m.-12 p.m. 12 -2 p.m., 2-4 p.m.

If you would be interested in wrapping for one of these shifts, please come in or call the Nauvoo Public Library at 217-453-2707. We appreciate your interest in this event, and we look forward to sharing the holiday season with you all!

Nauvoo Bright Angels

The 13th Annual Nauvoo Bright Angels program is accepting applications now until November 6th, from families in need with children ages 0-18 years old living in the Nauvoo-Colusa School District and/or attending Sts. Peter and Paul School.

Angels Trees will be placed at the Fudge Factory, Nauvoo Market and The Red Front. Donors may shop for their selected “angel” using the suggested wish list provided (total cost of gift(s) should be no more than \$20.00 to \$25.00 per angel). Return the new and unwrapped items along with the angel card to Nauvoo Pharmacy, Christ Lutheran Church (Nauvoo) or any open Nauvoo church on Sundays before December 7th.

Please do not wrap the gifts; however, gift wrapping paper is accepted and appreciated! If you prefer, you may make

Nauvoo Community Center Update

The October City Council meeting clarified the position of the Nauvoo Community Center’s options to move forward with the project. Because Nauvoo is a Home Rule community, the city attorney informed the Council that the RFP (request for proposal) can be placed on the general contractors’ RFP site for projects looking for bids as well as send RFPs to selected contractors. There is need to have a minimum number of responses before selecting a bid. In talking with local contractors, the committee learned that the time frame of the previous RFP was too short, not allowing interested contractors opportunity for careful planning. The committee is anticipating bids to be received by February 2022. Hopefully, by this time next year, the new Community Center will be well on its way to completion!

Handel’s Messiah

The traditional Christmas concert featuring selections from Handel’s “Messiah” will be presented by the Nauvoo Orchestra and Choir this year on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legacy Theater in Carthage.

All ages and faith traditions are invited to come together to sing in the choir. All rehearsals will be held at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church on Ripley and Warsaw. Rehearsal days and times are Thursdays and Sundays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (At least one practice a week is required, but both are recommended for people who need extra practice with this challenging music.) Jot the following dates on your calendar: November 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21; 28 and December 2, 5. Dress rehearsal with the orchestra will be held at the Legacy Theater on Thursday, December 9, 7:00-9:30 p.m. If you have questions or wish to participate, please contact Sharon Nicholl, sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com 714-865-5105.

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.

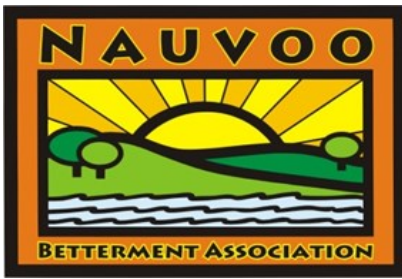
It’s Showtime!

November brings two shows to the Legacy Theater. On November 5, Vocal Trash, an ensemble of young singing, dancing instrumentalists will be presenting “Music with a Message.” The November 5 performance for the general public begins at 7 p.m. (In the afternoon, the four Hancock County high schools have each been invited to bring 100 students for a free show.) The group combines recycled musical instruments made-up of metal trash cans, plastic barrels, water bottles and other landfill rescued items.

On Saturday, November 13, The Folsom Prison Five: Johnny Cash Tribute performs at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at The Legacy Theater box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday, or call the theater at 217-357-9479 and leave a message, or purchase them on the theater’s website, www.thelegacytheater.com. (Note: State mandated rulings related to Covid -19 includes masking by guests and staff.)

Joy Swearingen, JP correspondent





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Deadline for the December issues is November 26

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Nauvoo Food Pantry

According to Feeding America, there are 1,211,410 people in Illinois facing hunger or about one out of every ten of us. Hunger can be caused by many factors, including loss of employment, illness, old age, unexpected dependents, inadequate food stamps, and so forth. This need reaches all corners of the state, including Hancock County. Public-spirited individuals, churches, and organizations in different communities work unitedly to help those in need to obtain food.

The Nauvoo Food Pantry, located just behind the Nauvoo Tourism Office on Page Street, provides emergency food for anyone in need within the Nauvoo area and is open every Monday (except holidays) from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some clients are referred by supporting ministries, but the Pantry will give food to anyone who comes. No verification of income and assets is required, just the client's name for record keeping. Clients select food items, based on the size of the client's family, from a list of items stocked in the pantry. The Nauvoo Food Pantry is supported by the following Nauvoo area churches: Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Community of Christ, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, and United Methodist Church.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

History of Nauvoo Food Pantry

Long-time Nauvoo resident Meredith Griffiths wrote a history of the Nauvoo Food Pantry. An abridged form of that history appears below.

Prior to 1983, Nauvoo churches would assist with the monthly distribution of food commodities such as cheese, peanut butter, rice, and butter, which were stored in the basement of the Nauvoo United Methodist Church. Then, in 1983, a new food pantry organization assumed the duties when a group of concerned citizens met with a representative from the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) to begin the process of setting up a food pantry for persons needing food assistance in the Nauvoo area. They provided a \$500 start up grant.

The basement of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (RLDS, now Community of Christ) which at the time was located at on Main Street (razed in 1987) about where the Pioneer Pastimes building stands today. Meetings were held upstairs every two months. Donated food was stored for distribution, and boxes of food were put together ahead of time ready to be dispersed. Each area church was assigned to provide a category of non-perishable food to collect for the pantry each quarter: meat, fruit, or vegetables. The categories were rotated each quarter.

In 1986, the Nauvoo Food Pantry moved to the garage/luggage storage area of St. Mary's Priory, due to basement's flooding at its previous location. In 2001, when the Sisters of St. Mary's Monastery sold their properties and moved to Rock Island, the Food Pantry was looking for a new home when Dan Kraus offered the back area of the Nauvoo Tourism Office at no cost. This location had a door on Page Street, which was more private for the clients, and the Pantry operates from this location today.

The Nauvoo Food Pantry joined the River Bend Food Bank in the Quad Cities and was able to obtain food in bulk at a lower cost along with receiving grants from Dot Foods and from federally funded grants coordinated by WIRC. The churches and community donate food and money. Through this generosity, the Nauvoo Food Pantry has been able to continue to serve the needs of the community.

Many have served on the pantry board for the past 35 years, volunteering their time unloading food, stocking shelves, serving clients, as well as donating food and money. For them we are so very grateful

Individuals who wish to support the Nauvoo Food Pantry can help by contributing store-bought canned goods, soap or paper products and, garden produce (bring it Monday morning so they can also make it available while it is fresh). Money may be donated directly through the State Bank of Nauvoo. Or, contacting one of the Pantry Board members would be a way to see if there might be a special need at a particular time.

-Adapted from an article by Alan Moberly

Something's Always Happening on the River



The American Riverboat Line's, *American Melody*, made her first cruise in September. She has glided past Nauvoo many times since July, stopping in either Fort Madison or Burlington. (Her last stop in Fort Madison will be on November 9.) She holds 175 passengers, has 91 rooms, and cruises the Upper and Lower Mississippi with length of cruises varying from 8 to 22 days. Four buses follow her, taking interested passengers on one-hour tours with local step-on guides or shuttling them around town. The tours are centered around agribusiness: Krogmeier Dairy Farm, Hinterland Dairy, and Harvestville Farms; and Historic Fort Madison: the old prison and Schaffer Pen Museum. According

to one of the tour guides, passengers who aren't from the Midwest are surprised that Iowa is hilly and has so many trees. They also ask questions about crops and cattle. In 2022, Viking Cruise Line will add the Mississippi to their schedule, stopping in Burlington only.

Due to volunteers' vacations, the December newsletter edition will be delayed by a few days.