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# See Nauvoo News

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

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- Feb 12, NC5 Fundraiser, see p 1
- Feb 14, Valentines Dinner, Nauvoo Sweet Shop, see p3
- Feb 23, NHS Program, City Hall, 7 p.m., See article p2

*What we see depends mainly on what we look for.*  
-John Lubbock-

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb 8, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 14, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Pageant HQ
- Feb 16, NBA, 7 p.m. City Hall
- Feb 21, School Board , 7 p.m.
- Feb 21, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Feb 28, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

## Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium

The 12th annual Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium will be online only. There will be two presentations on Friday evening, February 4th, and two presentations on Saturday evening, February 5th, starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Friday evening, Joseph Johnstun will discuss the history of the “Tomb of Joseph” and Bob Smith and Paul De Barthe will speak on the “I Dig Nauvoo” project and archeological activity in Nauvoo. Saturday evening features Randall Soland speaking about “Nauvoo’s Town Characters and Businesses in the 1960s and 1970s” and Mike Allen will present “Rivertown: Boats and Boating in Old Nauvoo.” For more information about the speakers and their presentations and to register for this free Symposium, go to [untoldnauvoostories.com](http://untoldnauvoostories.com).

## Nauvoo Exodus

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., we invite everyone to participate in an event in Historic Nauvoo to commemorate the 1846 Pioneer Exodus. This event commemorates the departure of the first group of Latter-day Saint residents from Nauvoo. Those early pioneers forged a trail across southern Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and into Utah. That route, now an official route of the National Park Service, is known as the Historic Mormon Trail. The Exodus Commemoration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Living Center, followed by a walk down Parley Street to the edge of the Mississippi River. Bagged grab-and-go snacks will be provided as you exit the Family Living Center. Due to State of Illinois requirements, masks will be required indoors. The Exodus Walk will feature flags representing the nationalities of those who lived in Nauvoo in the 1840s. Participants may choose to wear a name tag to represent one of the original pioneers. At the Pioneer Memorial, which is at the edge of the Mississippi River, there will be a short commemoration program. This event is an opportunity for everyone to remember the heritage of this area. Please dress for the cold winter temperatures and bring your own water bottles. For more details visit [NauvooHistoricSites.org](http://NauvooHistoricSites.org) We hope you'll join us!

## Valentine Sweetheart Meal

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) is sponsoring a Valentine treat for your sweetie again this year because of the “sweet” success of last year’s event. The Sweetheart Meal will be available on Saturday, February 12—to get a head start on any celebratory occasion you might have planned for the traditional event’s date! The preassembled meal will consist of either chicken cordon bleu OR vegetable lasagna, a mini loaf of bread, salad, two truffles, and a handmade valentine card ready for you to sign—all for \$20! (Meal deliveries may be made to Valentines within Nauvoo city limits for an additional \$5.)

Please reserve your Sweetheart Meal by Sunday, February 6, by picking up, filling out, and dropping off completed form available at City Hall (also on page 4) or by contacting Barb Schafer, 319-470-0495; Kathy Schoeni, 309-209-0337; Kathy Nelson at 217-242-2865 or Dianne Adkisson at 309-337-6284. (If no answer, please leave a message, and your call will be returned.) Meals will be assembled at City Hall and available for pick up from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Payment may be made at that time. (Make checks to NC5.)

This fundraiser is made possible by our local vendors: The Red Front Restaurant, Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe, Baxter’s Vineyard’s, Vicki Slater, and Sara’s Sweet and Savory. All proceeds after expenses go The Nauvoo Community Center’s Capital Campaign. This project could not be successful without your continued support. Thanks.



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### City Council Minutes January 11, 2022

The City Council approved the following:

- Reimbursement (mileage) to Superintendent of Public Works Barry Cuthbert for use of his personally owned vehicle (POV) to carry water samples to Peoria and for future POV trips when necessary.
- Change deadline for bids on the Community Center building from January 31 to February 18. This was needed to send out additional guidance to potential bidders on the requirement that they have an apprenticeship program. (NOTE: Part of the funding for the Community Center comes from an Illinois Library Grant which requires the builder have an apprenticeship program.)
- Construct a dividing wall in Room 120 of the old school building to accommodate the Quarry House Gallery's need to store merchandise in a climate-controlled area while the Nauvoo Band stores equipment in the other part. A contractor is willing to build the interior wall for "cost of materials only" (\$215). There was some disagreement among the aldermen as to whether space at the school, which was intended as a "business incubator" should be used for storage. The motion was approved by a vote of four to two, with Aldermen Adkisson, Christensen, Grant, and Nicholl in favor; Aldermen Anozie and Boyle opposed.
- Change the date of the Nauvoo Oktoberfest from October 22, 2022 to October 28, 2022. This would place the event on the day before the Boo-ti-ful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk.

Other:

- Alderman Jeff Christensen, chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported on a telephone meeting with Steve Kline, a Registered Municipal Advisor with The Economic Development Group, who specializes in establishing and administering Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. Alderman Larry Nicholl reported that the City has had 397 TIF Properties since 2011. Most of those properties have decreased in value since then. Twelve properties ARE producing value. They are seeking to create new TIF Districts for those properties that have decreased in value. The Committee is currently identifying which properties go into the new TIF District, and which should remain in the 2011 TIF District.
- The Council also discussed what to do about a tenant renting space at the old school who still has not signed the lease. Five months have passed since the City Council approved the lease, but the tenant has not signed it. The tenant has also not paid his share of the building's utilities costs. City Attorney Diane Vine instructed that if a tenant does not sign the lease, they are on a month-to-month lease by default. The Council agreed to prepare a bill for the amount owed for the maintenance agreement portion of the lease (October 1- January 31), along with a notice that the tenant has 14 days to pay, and to either sign the lease, or bring a proposal to negotiate. If the tenant does none of these things, he will have 30 days to vacate the premises. This notice will be sent to the tenant via certified mail.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

### Nauvoo Community Center Update

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) is looking forward to the February 18 due date to receive bids for the new Community Center (See City Council minutes extending January 31 deadline.) NC5 have high hopes that 2022 will be the year for a ground breaking for; however, is dependent on a number of variables still to be determined.

The committee thanks everyone who has generously given to the campaign and reminds supporters that there will be a Donor Wall which will acknowledge major donors in the following categories:

- Bronze –\$5,000 to \$24,999
- Silver –\$25,000 to \$49,999
- Gold –\$50,000 to \$99,999
- Platinum – of \$100,000 and up

It's not too late to donate for the first time or add to previous donations to graduate you into the next category of giving. You might also consider the purchase a brick for the entry plaza--a perfect way to create a lasting memory of your business, family, group, church, etc. Forms for the bricks are available at City Hall or by going to [www.nauvooc.org](http://www.nauvooc.org) and clicking on. "Entry Plaza." It is worthy to note that a small town was able to accumulate the funding for the construction of a community center without a bond issue or raising taxes. The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee thanks those who are making it happen.

### Nauvoo Historical Society

President Rebecca Williamson's report in The Nauvoo Historical Society's February newsletter indicates that storage issues are drawing to a close with more items being placed in museum locations when appropriate. Paper-file "sorting" is progressing, making it hopeful that the Weld House will soon be more of a "research stop than a community attic"! No major repairs to The Rheinberger House will be made in the near future. Simple, inexpensive repairs to gutters, windows, and plumbing will be addressed. Randy Soland will present the Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m. meeting at City Hall on "Mount Tabora, Joseph Smith, and the Founding of Illinois and Nauvoo." All members and visitors are welcome to attend.

### Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption allows you, as a qualified senior citizen, to have your home's equalized assessed value (EAV) "frozen" at a base year value and prevent or limit any increase due to inflation. A few, not all, of the requirements include your being 65 or older during 2022, total household income in 2021 was \$65,000 or less, and on January 1, 2021, AND January 1, 2022 you either used the property as your principal place of residence, owned the property...and had a leasehold interest..., and were liable for the payment of property taxes. You should have received mailed Form PTAX-340 (an orange form) in the last couple of weeks that outlined specifics. Last date to apply is July 1, 2022. For any questions, contact Hancock County Assessment Office at 217-357-2615.

### Fudge Factory

Have you wondered why the Fudge Factory hasn't been available to you and your sweet tooth? Answer: Installation of a new floor. March 1 is the target date for reopening. Those with a Fudge Factory chocolate craving will have to hang on for one more month!

## Another Treat-Your-Valentine Opportunity

Nauvoo Café and Bake Shoppe will offer a Valentine Dinner Opportunity for your Sweetheart on Monday, February 14. According to Sarah Schell, owner/operator, a reservation-only dinner featuring prime rib, baked potato, salad, hot roll, and choice of dessert will be offered for \$50 per couple; \$25, single. For an additional \$5, diners may purchase a bottle of sparkling grape juice to accompany their meal. Reservations will be taken from now until Friday, February 11. Carry-outs and delivery will be available from 4:30-7:00 p.m. For reservations, call the Café at 217-980-1095. (Note: Regular menu will not be available after 3:30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup>).

## Here and There

Ten Acre Treehouses, owned and operated by Bob Hopp, were featured in a getaway article in the January-February AAA Magazine. Bob has added acreage and a sawmill and has plans to build a fourth “treehouse,” Hilltop Cottage. Evidently the snow and cold weather are not deterring occupants.

## Water Tower Pipe Breaks January 8th



Water, water everywhere! If you were near the Nauvoo City Park last Saturday morning, you would have had to maneuver your car around the wide swath of water on Bluff Street and wondered what was going on—flushing hydrants, maybe? There were no gushing hydrants, and the City Park itself was slogged with a few inches of water. Maybe an ice skating rink was in the making? Or, did the Nauvoo water tower have a leak? That was it. A pipe within the tower had broken and was discovered by City workers Saturday morning around 7:00 a.m. With the help of a private contractor, the pipes were repaired, and the leak was brought quickly under control. Such excitement on a wintry day!

From an article by Alan Moberly

## Community Service Project

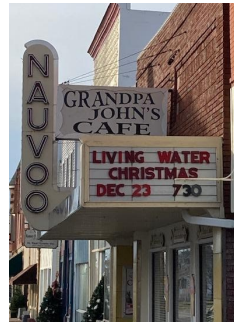
Need help understanding that math problem? We can help you with basic math, algebra, geometry, and even single-variable calculus! We are offering a free 30-minute tutoring session over Zoom or in person. Message us for more details! So said a post on the Caremonger Nauvoo IL Facebook page that came from Elder Hans Capener, a 19-year-old missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Capener, from Redding, California, is teamed up with Elder Colby Phillips of Gilbert, Arizona, to serve the people of the Nauvoo area. Church missionaries do more than proselytize. They spend some of their time in community service. After being counseled by their leaders to “think of talents you have to share,” they realized they both love and are very good at math, each having taken two years of college-level math prior to their missionary service.

The pair decided to offer their talents to the community, and that’s why they posted FREE 30 MINUTE MATH TUTORING SESSION on Facebook.

There is no cost nor is there obligation to listen to any religious preaching. They will help in person, by Zoom, or by telephone. Age is no limit, but minor children must be accompanied by a parent. The missionaries can’t promise they have all the answers or that a student’s grades will improve after meeting with them, but they do promise to do their best to explain the math concepts in a way that could help students understand them. They aren’t available long-term, so this is a limited offer. But if you or a family member needs a little help with that math problem, maybe these young men can help. You can contact them at 500372056@missionary.org, or 309-374-4134.

From an article by Alan Moberly

## Theater Given New Life

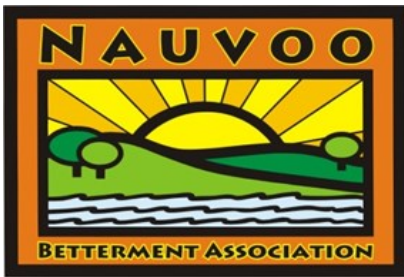


Laborers of love don’t go without notice. Many in Nauvoo have seen performances and movies over the years at the 250-seat theater attached to Grandpa John’s. It might have been a Christmas or Halloween gathering or a full-length movie production. In 1951, *The Nauvoo* theater addition was built and regularly showed movies from 1951-1958. It filled in for *The Mormon Theater* that burned in 1949. (It was located across the street in the green space just west of Zions Mercantile.)

Over time, the Nauvoo Theater brought nostalgic comments from locals and even a few die-hard reel-to-reel movie buffs visiting Grampa John’s who longed for the days when movies required a projection booth and someone to man to equipment. Today, a group of local enthusiasts are working to bring back a bit of the past and make it part of the future.

Two of these are Michael Haas and Kris Knoke. Kris noted that in 2021 \$10,000 has been put into refurbishment of the space for roof repair. Half of the money was given by the Kraus family; the other half came from donations that were, in part, from free-will offerings after various musical performances. The theater has been cleaned, the stage curtains have been removed, the projector is now permanently mounted on the ceiling with a new light bar. Two rows of seats have been removed to make room for a new sound and light area and for a wheelchair seating area. Future plans include electrical updates, fixing ceiling tile, and adding additional emergency exits. Once that is done, the group will focus on cosmetic fixes.

All this comes at a cost. The group is hoping that donations from future musical events will add to their treasury and that a TIF Grant might be in their future. Through their labor or love, they are hoping that the facility will be more functional and the space more convenient for other groups in Nauvoo to use and enjoy. And, last, but not least—just in case you needed to know, the marquis is once again fully lighted with 56 LED bulbs! Another bright spot for Nauvoo is in the making. Thanks for making it happen.



Articles may be submitted at any time to  
[seenauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenauvoonews@gmail.com)  
 Deadline for the March issues is February 25

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### Viking Ships in Our Area

No, not the ones from Scandinavia! The boat will finally start taking passengers this year on its 386 passenger, 193-stateroom Viking Mississippi in the late summer. The Swiss-operated boat is modeled after Viking's European riverboats and is being built in Louisiana, as the Jones Act prohibits foreign-built vessels from traveling between U.S. ports. The Viking Mississippi will have special docking agreements with several cities on the Upper Mississippi according to Big River Magazine (January-February 2022) and is scheduled to dock at Burlington 30 times between July 2022 and October 2023, paying \$1 per passenger that comes onto the docks (Des Moines Register, November 19, 2019.)

### Armadillos

According to Big River Magazine, 2022, these "armored-covered footballs" are expanding their range north and east from Texas and have been spotted in southeast Iowa in recent years. Has anyone seen them in our area? (If not, maybe it's because they can't swim!)

♥ HAPPY  
 Valentine's  
 DAY ♥

### NC5 Valentine Sweetheart Meal Fundraiser Saturday, February 12

*(Please use separate form for each order.  
 All orders due by Monday, February 7.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check one:  Chicken Cordon Bleu  
                    Vegetable Lasagna

Circle: \$20 meal, \$5 delivery charge Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Payable at City Hall the day of event from 4 to 6:00 p.m.  
 for both pickups and/or deliveries. Checks payable to NC5.*

*All proceeds after expenses go to NC5.*

**Complete information below for delivery:**

Deliver to: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delivery address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Put special instructions on back, if necessary!)

### Carbon Sequestration



Four area meetings were presented by Navigator Ventures LLC in four different locations in our area on January 12 and 13 to explain the carbon sequestration project. The Carthage Extension Center hosted one of them. Fifty-plus interested farmers and general public gathered to hear about plans to reduce the carbon footprint in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota, enabling them to become carbon neutral by 2050. The total pipeline covers 1300 miles, including 240 in Illinois, and will connect 20 ethanol and fertilizer facilities. It will

gather and collect the gas emissions, liquify, pipe, and eventually permanently force the carbon dioxide (CO2) in sandstone rock substrata located at the end of the pipeline in Christian County in south central Illinois.

CO2 gas is usually released into the atmosphere where it plays havoc with the environment. The plan is to capture the gas, turn it into a liquid, and pipe it to a location in Illinois where it will be injected into a sandstone rock layer where the gas becomes a solid (part of the rock, itself). The process is called "sequestration" because the gas is being "isolated" from the area where it can cause harmful effects.

There is no set route for the proposed pipeline corridor, although it will, no doubt, follow within a half mile of the recently installed gas pipeline. Landowners and tenants will be notified and have a chance to get additional information and have questions answered. Pipe size will vary from 6" to 24" and buried at least five feet deep, or deeper, depending on circumstances. Value of ground used is negotiated based on yield loss, tiling damage, etc. For more information, contact [info@hearlandgreenway.com](mailto:info@hearlandgreenway.com).

The family of Mary Logan is having a birthday card shower for Mary to celebrate her 98th birthday on February 25, 2022. Please send cards and memories to her address P.O. Box 297, Nauvoo, IL 62354.