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JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan 3, Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe Opens 7 a.m.
- Jan 19, Flute Concert, see article p3
- **Save the date!** Feb 4, Untold Nauvoo Stories – Online only, see article p1



Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe

The Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe, formerly the Nauvoo Mill & Bakery, opens its doors this month. Sarah and Travis Scheel purchased the property from Carol and Paul Brown last November. They plan to offer year-round homestyle cooking—breakfast, lunch and dinner—to area residents and visitors in the “Café.” The “Sweet Shoppe” will serve up homemade pies, cakes, and cookies. Biscuits and gravy, pancakes, “maid rites,” pulled pork, chili, and daily specials will be menu regulars. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will also be available. They hope community members will find the Café a popular place to have a good breakfast and have a chance to “chew the fat” with friends and neighbors.



Sarah (Helenthal) Scheel grew up in nearby Clark County, Missouri, and served as a police officer in Nauvoo from 2005-2011. Sarah is returning to Nauvoo with her new husband Travis, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, who now works at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant west of Burlington. The Scheels say they “felt compelled to move here.” Some of Sarah’s older children moved to Nauvoo with them to help with the Café. Travis says he always wanted to own a business and Sarah always wanted to own a restaurant. They hope to hire local help as well.

The restaurant will open its doors for regular business on Monday, January 3rd. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours during the summer. We are looking forward to the dining experience.

From an article by Alan Moberly

Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium

The 12th annual Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium will move online for 2022. There will be two presentations on Friday evening, February 4, and two presentations on Saturday evening, February 5. Randall Soland will discuss the Utopian Communities of Illinois. Bob Smith and Paul De Barthe will discuss the I Dig project and archeological activity in Nauvoo. Joseph Johnstun will discuss the Tomb of Joseph museum and Mike Allen will discuss the boatmen on the Mississippi River. The next issue of *See Nauvoo News* will have more details about the speakers and their topics. To register for this free presentation, go to www.untoldnauvoostories.com.

Nauvoo Fire Protection District Considers Ordinance

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District held a Trustee Meeting on December 21 to consider an ordinance levying taxes for the tax year 2021 collectable in 2022. The Board of Trustees approved the sum of \$286,081 to be raised from taxes on all properties subject to taxation within the Nauvoo Fire Protection District for the year 2021. This is an increase of \$12,595 over the previous year (about 4.6%). This increase was mainly due to the loss of PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) revenue from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A breakdown of this sum is as follows: General fund (\$125,000) (down \$894 from previous year), Insurance and Liability Protection Fund (\$40,000), Social Security/Medicare Taxes (\$10,000), Audit Fund (\$1,000) for annual audit, Ambulance Fund (\$110,081) (up \$13,489 from previous year).

Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher announced that the Nauvoo Fire Protection District applied for \$9,300 from the Local CURE Program (Coronavirus Relief for Local Governments) for COVID related purchases back in 2020. The Illinois Department of Commerce has not yet sent the reimbursement. Chief Gallaher also reported that the NFPD has responded to 335 calls so far in 2021. The total for 2020 was 250 calls.

From an article by Alan Moberly

JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan 10, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Pageant HQ
- Jan 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Jan 17, School Board, 7 p.m.
- Jan 17, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Jan 24, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall

NOTE: Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

Nauvoo City Council Meeting December 14, 2021

The Council approved the following actions:

- An ordinance to change the water and wastewater rates. This will mean a 3% increase.
- Closing portions of Main and Parley Streets in Historic Nauvoo during the morning hours of Saturday, February 5, 2022 for the Exodus Commemoration.
- A Christmas gift for City Employees: \$150 for full-time, \$75 for part-time. The gifts will be paid in "Nauvoo Bucks", which are good at Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

The Council also considered moving the monthly City Council meeting start time to an earlier hour. After discussion, they decided to continued as is, 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Businesses Change Hands on Mulholland

Four Mulholland business locations were highlighted in the October 2021 issues of *See Nauvoo News*. Since then, the former Mill and Bakery (now the Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe) and the former Cornerstone of Zion (usage to be determined) have been purchased. The former Kraus Furniture Store was recently given to the Knights of Columbus, who plan to expand their food offerings to the public (fish fry events, among other activities) The theater at the rear of Grandpa John's is getting some remodeling in hopes to offer a venue for performances. Now, if we can find new owners for the former Sinclair Station and the former real estate office, (pictured) we'd all be delighted. They are in prime business locations on corner lots across the street from each other.



Former Cornerstone of Zion Has New Owners



Knights of Columbus Now Owners of
Former Kraus Furniture store

Two Mulholland Street Properties Remain Available for Purchase



Former Blimpie's/Real Estate Office



Former Sinclair Station

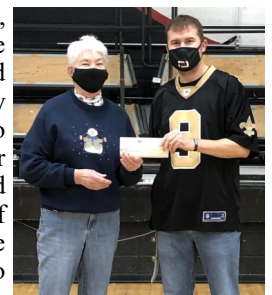
8th Grade Girls Do Nauvoo-Colusa Proud



Although the basketball tournament was a December happening, the newsletter would be remiss if it didn't congratulate the 8th grade girls' team for winning the 8-2A second place trophy. Nauvoo-Colusa had a 16-3 record; Teutopolis, 30-0. Stan Stambach coached the Vikings to a 16-3 record. The final score was 34-24. Top N-C scorers were Jadyn Climer (10 pts.), Brylee Balentine and Jaiyden Huston (6 pts.), and Kaia Figge (2 pts.). We're proud of all of you!

Nauvoo Colusa Elementary School Change Drive

On December 20, 2021, Principal Cox was very happy to have Mrs. Sandy Harman from Nauvoo Food Pantry, visit Nauvoo Colusa Elementary School (NCES) during Viking Time to pick up a check from the school for \$2,380.98 to donate to the local food pantry! That was the total amount of donations collected by NCES during the school-wide "Change Drive." NCES is so proud of our students, staff, and parents for their generosity and kindness to make this possible. Thank you all for your support.



One More Way to Decorate the Tree



The Nauvoo Post Office decided to make a little adjustment in the traditional Christmas tree ornamentation. How cute is that! Thank you to the staff at our local USPS for showing off your creativity!

Local Flutist to Perform in Burlington

Karen Weirather, creator of Nauvoo Flute Day, has been invited for a second time to perform as a guest artist in the Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music Series. Accompanied by Larry Finley, a colleague from the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, Karen will be performing a 30 minute recital on flute and piccolo, featuring all living composers. The recital will be hosted in the First United Methodist Church in downtown Burlington on January 19 at 12:15p.m. As per the concert series, this performance is free and open to the public and, you are invited to bring your lunch!

Library Coloring Contest Results

Results are in for the Nauvoo Public Library's first Advanced Coloring Contest Fundraiser. There were a dozen gifted participants that really made the decision challenging for our judges! The volunteer judges were Karen Ihrig, John McCarty, and Jamie Steen. Judging was anonymous and coloring pages 4, 10, and 1 were chosen, which are Don LeVesque in 1st place, Kathryn Schoeni in 2nd, and Amy Hill in 3rd. Prizes for winners were also donated by some wonderful citizens and included Casey's gift cards in various amounts, delicious candy from the Fudge Factory, and handmade glass ornaments.

The library thanks all participants for their donations and their creativity. We are also so grateful that our talented judges all took time out of their day to come and select the winners. It was not an easy job!

A Christmas Gift from Jamie Steen



Jamie Steen, one of Nauvoo's talented artists, went all out this year. She offered to paint a Christmas ornament for anyone who entered the decorate your house contest. She had no idea that there would be so many, there were 26 of them!

However, she was true to her word, adding, I just want everyone to know I appreciated their participation. And, they certainly appreciated hers! Thanks, Jamie, for your encouragement for the event as well as the donation of your artistic skills.

8th Annual Sts. Peter & Paul Cash Dash Opens

The SPPS God's Portion Day Committee is sponsoring the 8th annual Sts. Peter & Paul Cash Dash. The Cash Dash is a raffle drawing and only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each – one person can buy a ticket or multiple people can split the cost of a ticket. Total payout will be \$10,000. **Early Bird Drawing** will be held Friday, January 14th, 2022. Early Bird Prize is \$500. Early Bird winning ticket will still be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing. The **Grand Prize Drawing** will take place on Friday, February 4th, 2022. **Winner need not be present to win.** Winners: Early Bird - \$500, 1st Prize: \$5,000, 2nd Prize: \$2,000, 3rd Prize: \$100 each to 25 winners. Please contact a SPPS student, GPD Committee member or the SPPS office to purchase a ticket. Get Your Green On in support of SPPS! Thank you!

More Signs of the Times

Two new electronic signs now welcome visitors entering Nauvoo from both the north and the south. Brian Christiansen, owner of The Inn of Old Nauvoo (formerly Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites) and Zions Mercantile, recently placed the signs at these locations. Programable, they will alert visitors and locals alike to the activities and events taking place in our town in a timely fashion. Interestingly, last October the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) had recently put the need for such a sign on a short-term list of something for the group to accomplish in 2022. Thanks for making it happen much earlier than expected, Brian!



Memorial Hospital Applies for Grant

The transformation of the closed nursing home facility in Hamilton might become a new health center that would offer "comprehensive outpatient services, including a community health and wellness center and support for nutrition. Memorial Hospital and Quincy Medical Group (QMG) have submitted an application for a \$21M grant (to be paid out over several years) to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). The two area hospital groups are working together to bring expanded behavioral health services (a significant need in our area) among other offerings that would include hospital-at-home program that would revolutionize patient care in our rural area.

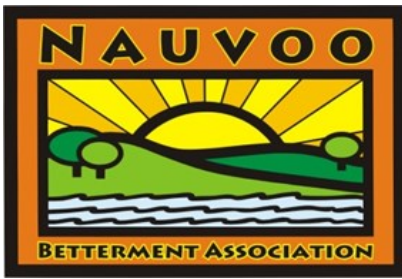
Memorial Hospital Receives Award

The 2021 Summit Award: Provider of Choice, the highest award of excellence, was presented to qualified, innovative, and progressive individuals, teams, and healthcare facilities who have made outstanding progress toward improving the patient experience and staff engagement. Memorial Hospital was chosen from 240 nominations from 21 different healthcare organizations spanning ten states. Nineteen were presented with a Summit Award in November in La Jolla, California. This is quite an honor for Memorial, Hancock County's critical access hospital. Ada Bair, Executive Officer at Memorial Hospital is dedicated to continuing to live up to the title. Truly a well-deserved honor for our rural hospital's administration and staff.

Thank You, Nauvoo Bright Angels

The Bright Angel committee would like to thank our participants in this year's program. We appreciate all of our community's angels and we are thankful that we were able to provide a bright Christmas for those in need.

Please remember our backpack program this coming summer in preparation for the upcoming fall school session. More information will be posted in this newsletter.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
Deadline for the February issues is January 21

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: Allyn House, City Hall, Dollar General, Fudge Factory, Nauvoo Clinic, Nauvoo Market Place, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, The Red Front, Three Keys Collection, Winning Looks, and Zions Mercantile. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvoo's Facebook Page and at www.beautifulnauvoo.com. **Note:** The See Nauvoo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

38th Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days - January 15 & 16

January 15, 2022 Events held in Keokuk, IA at the First Christian Church, 3476 Main Street

- “Creatures of Myth & Legends” Programs presented by the World Bird Sanctuary
10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Iowa State University Insect Zoo
- Lee County Conservation Eagles Nest and Nature Displays
- Native American Drum, Dancing & Artifacts
- Food and Beautiful Items to Buy!
- Children’s Activities with Nauvoo on the Road
- Eagle Viewing along the Mississippi River with trained spotters
- Southside Boat Club Breakfast, 625 Mississippi Dr., SATURDAY, 8am to 11am

SEMINARS

11:00 a.m. – “*Wind and Wildlife: An Overview of the Interactions of Wildlife with Wind Turbines*” by Terry VanDeWalle, Senior Biologist at Stantec. “The number of wind turbines on the landscape is increasing. As the number of turbines grows, the potential for wildlife/turbine interactions grows as well. This talk will provide an overview of wind/wildlife interactions, wildlife regulations affecting wind projects, and measures that can be taken by wind farm owners to reduce bird and bat mortality at operating wind farms.”

1:00 p.m. – “*Freshwater Mussels: Livers of the Rivers*” presented by Jared McGovern, Curator of Conservation Programs at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa. “You will be energetically engaged in the natural history and Iowa history of these amazing animals – and shown how exciting and vital these eyeless, rock like, slime filled little creatures are to our rivers and streams. Let’s flex our mussels together and work to save these awesome animals from extinction!”

2:00 p.m. – “*Getting The Most Out of Your Woodworking Machinery & Materials*” presented by Warren Hanlin, owner of Hanlin Custom Woodworking. “In over 35 years as a furniture maker, stair builder, and architectural woodworker, a few simple – and some not so simple – methods of using woodworking machines and tools have presented themselves. As the cost of lumber reaches new heights, using your machinery and materials efficiently takes on new importance. This seminar will be a brief overview of necessary wood-shop machines, and how to use them to turn rough lumber into beautiful and practical items.”

January 16, 2022 Events held in Montrose, IA at the Riverfront Landing, 203 N. First Street

- Live bird and wildlife outdoor & indoor viewing
- Lee County Conservation Displays Monk Creek Woodworks
- Serving brunch all day
- Hunold Heritage Center Open with Button Cutting Demonstration at 1pm

This is our first time of splitting the event and partnering with Montrose, Iowa. Day 1 is in Keokuk, Iowa and Day 2 is in Montrose, Iowa.

FRIDAY, January 14, 2022 Special Event

KIRK, DAVE & WARREN TRIO MINI CONCERT

The Cellar, 29 S. 2nd St., 7:30 p.m.

Free Admission sponsored by the Cultural & Entertainment District
Bald Eagle Appreciation Days is presented by the
Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau Foundation
Lee County Conservation Board
Montrose Riverfront Inc.

