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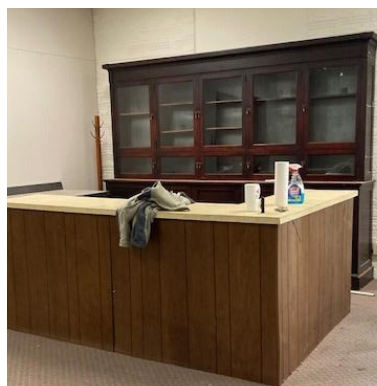
MARCH EVENTS

- Mar 11 & 25, Fish Fry, KC Hall 5-7 p.m.

The Signs of Spring Are All Around

Both raccoons and groundhogs have been seen scurrying around—probably looking for good birthing spots. Even though the temperature is in the teens and ice covers the watery highway, barges are plowing through. The W. Red Harris, a Marquette Transportation Company tow boat/pusher was seen slowly maneuvering downriver on February 22, and a US Corps of Engineers tow followed three days later going upriver. Get ready to be “barged” in Fort Madison! And, our beloved eagles are “flocking” to the open water in the Nauvoo area looking for tasty morsels now available to them above the dam.

The Fudge Factory reopens in March after the installation of new flooring. Moving all moveable pieces—especially the marble fudge slab called for local brawn. The Knights of Columbus are busily preparing the former furniture store in hopes that fish fries will be taking place during the Lenten season—the first, according to Bob Hopp, will be held March 11; the second, March 25. The new-and-improved KC Hall offers a space four times that of their former one. New bathrooms, a commercial kitchen, new rear entrance, fire code upgrades, and bar area that will showcase the former humidor from Grampa John’s are part of the ongoing upgrades being made to the facility. Availability for rental purposes is still to be determined, as is the future use of the former KC Hall. Last, but not the least, is that Hotel Nauvoo has announced April 1 as opening day. Sweet treats, fish fries, and smorgasbord fare are true signs of spring’s rejuvenation in Nauvoo.



Nauvoo Community Center Update

Even though the outside temperature is down, the fundraising thermometer measuring Nauvoo Community Center’s Capital Campaign is up (although the “mercury” still has to be updated on the thermometer posters around town). To date the NC5 has raised over \$1.9M in private donations and continues raising funds by sponsoring various events and applying for applicable grants.

Two of the fifteen contractors who showed interested in the project submitted proposals by the February 18 deadline. On Monday, February 28, each of those contractors will had a one and one-half hour interview session with NC5 building committee members: John McCarty, Larry Nicholl and Jordan Bodily. Alderman Jim Boyles also attended the meeting. Information presented in their proposals will be clarified and questions answered. The NC5 committee of the whole will meet and discuss the merits of the individual proposals at their next NC5 meeting. Their recommendation for contractor of choice will be brought to the March 8 City Council meeting for a vote. Once the City Council selects the contractor, NC5 members will work with the contractor on building specifications and timeline possibilities.



MARCH MEETINGS

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

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City Council Minutes February 8, 2022

Tourism Office

The City Council unanimously approved the following:

- Disbursement of \$100 to pay for registration fees for Aldermen Christensen and Nicholl to attend the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs (ILRW) online conference on February 23rd.
- Per diem, lodging and mileage for Public Works Director to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association Conference in Effingham on 15-17 February.
- Hiring part-time city employee Brenden Seigfried as a full-time employee.
- Joining the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). NOTE: IMRF is a "multi-employer public pension fund" that administers a program of disability, retirement, and death benefits for employees of local government in Illinois (excluding the City of Chicago and Cook County).
- A permit to allow the Knights of Columbus to remodel the former Kraus Furniture store to suit its needs.
- Several permits for residential remodeling projects.

New business:

- Dr. Tom Grant, Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce President asked if the City collected sales tax from vendors who come to town temporarily, for example, a food truck during the Pageant season. The answer was that temporary vendors must pay a fee for a temporary permit and must present an Illinois Sales Tax number in order to get a permit. Vendors send sales taxes to the State, which in turn remits Nauvoo's share back to the City. The State does not tell the City how much each vendor sold, as this information is not public. Jordan Squire, owner of The Red Front restaurant, urged caution in allowing food trucks. He stated that the Nauvoo economy would benefit more from "brick and mortar" businesses.
- Don Faulkner from Nauvoo River Experience requested that the City commit \$2,500 in materials, labor, or funds towards construction of a floating dock at the end of Parley Street. He is applying for an Illinois Tourism matching grant. Nauvoo River Experience is pledging \$7,500 towards the project. If the City pledges \$2,500, and if the State approves the grant, there would be \$20,000 available to build the boat dock. This is only a commitment if the grant comes through, not an actual disbursement at this time. The City Council unanimously agreed to this.
- Barb Schafer, from the Nauvoo Betterment Association, asked if the NBA could have the piano that currently sits in City Hall. The piano would be put to use as a Nauvoo entertainment feature if the City wanted to get rid of it. Tentative plans were to paint it and put it in front of the Nauvoo Market Place, where people could play tunes on it to entertain themselves and the passersby. The Council unanimously approved.

Before adjourning, the City Council left open the possibility of a special meeting on February 22 for opening bids for construction of the new Community Center building.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Greetings from the Nauvoo Tourism office to all the new and longtime residents of Nauvoo. Welcome to our wonderful community that is full of opportunities to get involved. What talents and interests do you have that could benefit one or more Nauvoo organizations? Here are a few groups that could use your help: Nauvoo Tourism Office, Chamber of Commerce, Nauvoo Betterment Association, Economic Development, Library, Elementary School, Bright Angels, Pumpkin Walk, Food Pantry, Senior Citizens Group, Grape Festival, Festival on Wheels, Community Center and more. For more information, please contact Sharon Nicholl at the Tourism office 217-453-6648 or drop by the office on the corner of Page and Mulholland.

The Kraus Family Returns to Nauvoo



After tossing the idea around for a few years, Matt and Amber decided that a German adventure had to be now or never and left for Germany in August of 2019, with a dog, two cats and two kids, and Elmer, in tow. They were in for a treat that few of us, by choice or chance, experience.

The family lived in a lovely two-story Bavarian style home in the small village of Vogelbach. They especially enjoyed the proximity to a variety of cultures and experiences: being able to hop on a train and be in Paris in a little over two hours or grab a flight and be in Greece in even less time.

They also found themselves taking road trips, hiking paths galore, and visiting castles. Neat experiences all. Even a trip to the grocery store was an adventure in a foreign country. Of all the different cuisines they tried, in the end, they kept coming back to bratwursts and French fries. (Matt says the beer wasn't bad either, or so his son told him....)

One of the biggest differences was the speed at which life seemed to move. Here it seems to move at lightning speed; there, it seemed to have a much more leisurely pace. Interestingly, mandatory quiet time was for everyone, every day from 1-3 p.m., meaning no activities such as lawn mowing. Almost everything was closed on Sunday.

After a couple years though, everyone was prepared to trade in road-trips and castles for the warm embrace of family and friends. The family returned in January 2022, bringing with them a new member of the family, Alina Jo, born on January 26, 2021.

Matt shared several things he learned about living in one place for an extended time. Being part of a military community again was nice because of its composed of people of all different races, religions and cultures. He was surprised at how amazingly resilient children are as they move into a new situation without skipping a beat. On the other hand, he found that he had little more difficulty as I found my new position as stay-at-home dad to be more demanding than anticipated. He also added that it's easy to view the place one lives as the center of the universe and sometimes it's nice to be reminded that that's not the case. Welcome home!



Untold Stories on Zoom

The 12th Annual Nauvoo Untold Stories took place via Zoom last month and hosted 258 viewers. Four speakers shared their knowledge and insights on consecutive evenings.

- Local historian Joseph Johnstun gave the history of the *Tomb of Joseph*, its possible re-discovery in front of Zion's Mercantile, the filming of the Tomb of Joseph documentary, the creation of the Tomb of Joseph Museum, and updates as to the documentary's future release. The underground vault in front of Zion's Mercantile actually may have been used by Joseph Ochsner in the early 20th Century as an ice vault. It is not the actual Tomb of Joseph, but it is the same size. The precise location of the historic tomb has not yet been located.
- Paul DeBarthe discussed the idigNauvoo project, sharing how the graves of Samuel H. Smith and Don Carlos Smith, brothers of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, were located. He shared pictures of many of the interesting items found during their architectural digs and gave prospects for future reconstructions.
- Randall Soland gave an interesting, amusing, and nostalgic portrayal of life in Nauvoo in the 1960s and 1970s when he was growing up, comparing it to the Andy Griffith Show. He told stories about interesting and/or eccentric characters of Nauvoo's recent past. He added his hopes of celebrating Nauvoo's French and German influences in the future.
- Michael Allen told about "Boats and Boating in Old Nauvoo" and the various types of water craft that provided shipping and passenger services in the Upper Mississippi (north of Saint Louis).

The City of Nauvoo, Nauvoo Tourism Office, Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Smith Historic Site and Historic Nauvoo sponsored the event. The presentations are available on YouTube by searching for "Untold Nauvoo Stories." The next Untold Nauvoo Stories symposium will be February 3-4, 2023. For more information, visit untoldnauvoostories.com

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Nauvoo Orchestra Under New Management

Hello to the Nauvoo community! My name is Mikilana Jackson and I'm the new manager for the Nauvoo Orchestra. I'm so excited to be involved in the community. Some of my goals are to continue to keep the orchestra prominently in the public eye and the best musicians on the stage. I grew up on the west coast with a couple of years in Missouri. Although we have spent the majority of our married years in Springville, Utah, we were married here in Nauvoo back in 2004. We have three kids that go to Nauvoo-Colusa and Warsaw High and we have spent the last year replanting our roots here.

The new assistant conductor, Jessica Kniel, is already a member of the orchestra, and has accepted the eventual conductor's position. Current conductor Rick Marshall will leave us in the fall to spend time with his family and to serve The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A couple of other changes include Dianna Moberly as Music Librarian, and Joan Daggett as Concert Mistress.

Both Laurie Peterson, Nauvoo Orchestra founder, along with Rick Marshall have been key in gathering and building the musical and creative community here, and we will surely miss their contributions. We wish them luck and good fortune to follow them wherever they go. If you would like to perform with the orchestra, be a volunteer or want to donate to the orchestra, please contact me at miki.evan@gmail.com.

NC5's Valentine Meal



Another fun time for the community. Another rewarding financial success for Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign Committee. Because COVID's containments were still an issue this year, NC5 decided to keep the event on a pickup or delivery basis. A total of 111 meals were sold and featured a meat or vegetable entrée choice, delicious salad, tasty mini bread loaf and delightful truffles. All were prepared by local food vendors located at Red Front, Nauvoo Café and Sweet Shoppe, and Baxter's Vineyards' Sara Harrison, and Vicki Slater.

NC5 members Elaine Ferguson and Dianne Adkisson were in charge of taking payment for the pre-ordered meals and were rewarded with additional donations from supportive community members, including a check for \$1,000 that added nicely to the \$205 free will donation jar.. The event netted \$2,710 all of which go toward our new Community Center. Once, again, NC5 thanks the community for their commitment to making Nauvoo an even better place to call home.

Red Front Recipient of Economic Development Grant

Morgan Squire, owner operator of Red Front Restaurant and supplier of the cordon bleu and lasagna for the Valentine meal, poses with Elaine Ferguson, Dianne Adkisson, Barb Schafer, Kathy Schoeni, and Rita Souther as she shows off one of the two catering containers that were purchased with funds from a Hancock County Economic Development grant. Portable and efficient, the cases kept the entrees hot at the NC5 Valentine event. So many opportunities are out there to make our businesses and workplaces run more efficiently, see what might be available for you.

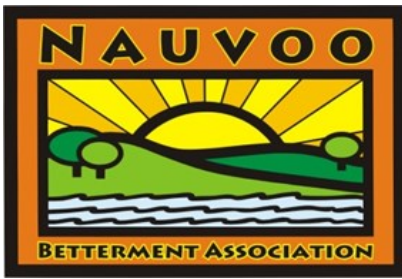


Hotspot Devices Now Available at Nauvoo Public Library!

Nauvoo Public Library is excited to announce the addition of two hotspot devices to our collection! This means that you can now check out the internet to take home with you for a few days! Likewise the library has two Amazon Kindles available for checkout, which will allow patrons to check out free eBooks from the library system. Patrons must have a current library card in good standing to check out devices. Call the library at 217-453-2707 for more details or to get yourself on the hold list for these devices!

Think Spring. Think Making a Run for It!

Mark your calendars. It's not too soon to start training for the 5K (3.1 mile), "Color Run," on June 11 (rain date June 18), sponsored by the Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign Committee (NC5). The course, which begins and ends at the old school block, will wind around Nauvoo's "flats" and bluff, giving legs a workout and eyes a treat as they view the scenery along the route! A race kit will include a shirt, bracelet, sunglasses, a packet of color, four color stations, and water stations--as well as cheering crowds along the route—all for \$35! What a deal! All proceeds, after expenses, will go toward Nauvoo's new Community Center. What a great way to contribute to your physical and mental health while contributing to the Nauvoo Community Center at the same time.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
Deadline for the April issues is March 25

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.

NBA-Sponsored Yard Sale

Nauvoo had a wonderful turnout of things for people to choose from at last year's yard sale held in the parking lot of Nauvoo Market Place. The event was such a success—bringing in over \$5,100-- that it will be added to NBA's June agenda this year. Manager Sharon Cohen happily gives all tax-exempt groups the opportunity to not only use the Market space free of charge but also funnels all of the proceeds right back into the sponsoring group's coffers. All proceeds from items tagged with #90 go to the NBA which, in turn, are given as their fundraiser for the Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign. What a deal!!! The June date is still TBD; however, it's never too early to start sorting, and tagging items with the #90 and pricing them, and readying them in general for the big event. Watch for further information in future editions of the newsletter.

Legacy Theater

The Legacy Theater is looking forward to hosting a full schedule this year. April provides two performances that might strike your fancy. On Friday, April 1 (no foolin'!), *The Church Basement Ladies* will present their comedic portrayal of small-town women as they manage the various problems of a rural Minnesota church at 2 and 7:00 p.m. Then, on April 30, 7:00 p.m., *Riders in the Sky*, a cowboy quartet, blend humor and song to entertain the audience.

Carl Sandburg College "Kids on Campus"

Carl Sandburg College is seeking enthusiastic and creative instructors to teach classes for its Kids on Campus summer program June 13-17. This event attracts several students each year from across the College's district and offers classes in a variety of subjects to children in grades K-6.

Instructors are needed in many subject areas and are encouraged to submit proposals for classes they have an interest in teaching. Teaching credentials are not required, but expertise and enthusiasm in a subject are essential.

Instructor compensation is \$20 per student per class, with \$3 per student per class budgeted for supplies. Instructors are asked to consider supply costs in advance and submit their supply list one week before classes start in order to have supplies on hand for the start of the program. The target class size will be 5-12 students (unless otherwise noted), with three classes taught in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Proposals may be submitted until 4 p.m. March 14 and will be considered on a first-come basis. Instructors who submit proposals will receive a response on or before March 18. Background checks are required for first-time KOC instructors if your course is selected. Course proposal forms can be downloaded at <http://sandburg.edu/Academics/Corporate-Leisure-College/index.html>. Forms also are available at the Sandburg Branch Campus in Carthage.

To send proposal forms or for more information, contact Linda Thomas, coordinator of the Branch Campus Support Services by phone at 217.357.3129 ext. 7243; by fax at 217.357.3512; or by email at lthomas@sandburg.edu.

Bald Eagle Tidbits

Bald eagles have "rested" in our area for some time. Now, a few pair even nest here—to our delight! The eagle was chosen as our national symbol, even though it came with some baggage, though, including stealing food from other birds—often in midair—giving it a reputation for laziness and immorality. Even famous birder Audubon described the eagle as having a "maniacal cackle" and "wrote loathingly of them, not missing an opportunity to murder them."

On the other hand, bald eagles mate for life, are devoted spouses and parents. Many North American Indian tribes ascribed the spiritual qualities of strength and wisdom to them; one California tribe saying the bald eagle is the Creator himself. History notes that Native peoples killed loads of eagles. The downy skin of eaglets were used for parkas; dance troupes were known to dress in the feathers of 300 of the birds; and it was noted that one ritual sprinkled eaglets cornmeal and then were squeezed to death. Some of the customs persist. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Eagle Repository, the legally designated morgue for every dead eagle in the nation, distributes feathers, heads, and entire corpses to various tribes for use in ceremonies. The agency recently authorized the Hopi to seize 40 eaglets a year from their nests, douse them in cornmeal, and strangle them. Ah, all belief systems have rituals that often seem incomprehensible!

Until the middle 1900s, the bald eagle had no federal protective designation, as they competed with hunters for small game and tormented livestock. They were treated, therefore, like rats, wolves, or any other nuisance animals.

The eagle was classified endangered in most of the Lower 48, as most had retreated to Alaska. In 1930, because of extreme patriotism, the Endangered Species Act was passed, saving our national symbol. Eagles have made such a comeback that the federal government has begun to consider their population control!

Taken from March 22 article in *The Atlantic*

Hancock County Retired Teachers' Meeting

The Hancock County Retired Teachers will meet on Monday, March 14 at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, 861 Walnut Street, Hamilton at 11:30 a.m. The ladies of the UMC will provide a delicious lunch with pie for dessert! The side entrance by the parking lot is ground level.

Don Faulkner of Hamilton will provide the program, updating us on the importance of Mississippi River traffic, what moves up and down the river, and why it is important to our region. Don is the owner of Legacy Tours which leave from Keokuk with plans for Fort Madison and Nauvoo. He was a former police officer for Hamilton and Chief of Police for Nauvoo.

Please email, text, or call your reservation to Ruth Gayton by Thursday, March 10. The cost is \$10, and we are charged for a minimum of 20 lunches. Please consider inviting someone who would be interested in our group, including spouses. We will cover the cost of lunch on their first visit if they are a potential member. If you need a ride the meeting, don't hesitate to ask when you respond. Ruth Gayton, rgayton@rocketmail.com, 217-430-6487.