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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov. 8, Voting
- Nov 4 & 5, Paranormal Event, see page 2
- Nov. 10, Bright Angel Donations due, See page 1

*The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination,
Albert Einstein*

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- Nov. 7, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- Nov. 14, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Inn at Old Nauvoo
- Nov. 9, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Nov 17, NFPD , Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21, School Board , 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21, Library Board 7 p.m.

New Business in Nauvoo



The former Nauvoo Needlework Shop is in the process of becoming a new needlework shop. Linda and Trace Chatwin from Layton, Utah, have decided to retire in Nauvoo and start a business, to boot! Linda, a nurse for newborns for 43 years, spent most of her career transferring children via air evacuation from small, critical-access hospitals to larger facilities. Trace's career was in insurance. In preparation for retirement, Linda had a long-arm quilting business in her home for the past five years. They are in the process of buying a house on south Iowa Street. The new store, Nauvoo Emporium, will offer long-arm quilting services, cotton fabrics, quilt kits, basic sewing supplies, and among others. The Emporium will also feature Nauvoo-related souvenirs for those who are not quilt enthusiasts. What lured them to Nauvoo? Their daughter Morgan Squire (of Red Front fame) and six grandkids—as well as the quiet peacefulness of our small river town. What more could one ask! Welcome to the community!



Bright Angels

The 15th annual Nauvoo Bright Angels program is accepting applications now until November 4th for families in need with children ages 0 to 18 living in the Nauvoo-Colusa School District and/or attending Sts. Peter & Paul School. (Applications will be distributed at both schools and are also available at the library) Angel Trees will be placed at the Nauvoo Public Library and the State Bank of Nauvoo by November 10. Donors may shop for the selected "angel" using the wish list provided on each angel tag. Total cost for each gift should be no more than \$25-\$30. Return the unwrapped gift along with the angel card to the Nauvoo Pharmacy by December 5. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation to "Nauvoo Bright Angels" at the State Bank of Nauvoo. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter this year. Enjoy the spirit of Christmas!

Election Day Reminders

- **General election day is Tuesday November 8. Be sure to vote!**
- Early voting in Illinois began on September 29 and continues through November 7 at the Hancock County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 to 4 p.m. (An additional opportunity to vote early in-person will be on Saturday, October 29, at the Courthouse.) Note: If you had planned to vote by mail, you must have requested to have an application mailed to you, filed with the County Clerk no later than November 3, and ballot mailed no later than November 3.)
- Because of the election, the November City Council meeting has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday, November 9



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City Council Minutes October 11, 2022

The Council approved the following:

- A donation of \$150 to the Warsaw High School Help-A-Thon (an annual donation).
- An increase of pay to Ryan Dykstra, who is serving as Acting Chief of Police until the position vacated by Mike Boley is filled. The temporary pay raise went from \$17 to \$25/hr.
- The purchase of one set of Class 3A body armor for \$1,322.99.
- Permission to purchase decals for two police vehicles for \$75 per vehicle.
- Set hours for Beggars' Night for Sunday, October 30, at 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- A request to add five nightly rental units (vintage campers) to the property at 1490 Mulholland (formerly owned by Restoration Outreach) and set up Sunset Hill shaved ice in the building currently there.

Other:

Chief Kendall Gallaher reminded the gathering that it was the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. He encouraged all to make speedy escape plans.

John McCarty, representing the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5), announced that an automatic door opener switch will be added to the new Community Center building front door, and that the contractor reports the building is 70% complete. Latest estimated completion date is the end of November.

Mayor Skog, on behalf of the City of Nauvoo, presented Alderman Larry Nicholl with a framed certificate of thanks for his service to the City, both as alderman from 2019-2022, and his involvement various City committees. Alderman Nicholl was a major player in obtaining grants for the library and other City needs. Larry and Sharon Nicholl are leaving to serve as full-time missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Anaheim, California FamilySearch Center. They plan to return in April 2024.

Christ Lutheran Church Sold

On October 26, the two parcels of Christ Lutheran Church sold (church building and parsonage) to Darren Adair of Nevada for \$445,000. The use of the buildings is unknown at this time.

Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD)

Several Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School participated in a Fire Prevention week contest last month where they laid out escape plans for their families should a fire occur. Winners got to have breakfast and a ride to school in a fire truck with firefighters and Marshall, the Fire Dog. This year's winners include: PreK, Quinn Dickerson; Kindergarten, Canyon Huston; 1st Grade, Maisie Grange; 2nd Grade, Brigham Bodily; 3rd Grade, Mesa Kohl; 4th Grade, Miles Aitchison; and 6th Grade, Kat Aitchison.

Another contest award went to the classroom that turned in the most fire escape plans. This year's classroom winner was the Kindergarten class where 100% of the students submitted their family fire plans and were awarded with a pizza party paid for by the Nauvoo Fire Protection District.

The final contest was a "Best Family Contest." Families documented themselves practicing a fire drill at home. Contestants could either video record or photograph themselves doing the drill and submit the documentation for evaluation. The winners of this contest was the Erin Fink Family. Congratulations, all!

Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce

At its October meeting, the Chamber elected Erin Jespersen of Cruz Nauvoo and Nauvoo Leather, as Secretary, replacing Larry Nichol, who was leaving for a mission. The Chamber also elected two new members to its Board of Directors: Morgan Squire of Red Front Restaurant and Kim Logan of KL Real Estate.

Some changes to membership requirements were approved:

- The cost of membership rose to \$150 a year. If a member owns more than one business, the cost is \$75 for each additional business. Home-based businesses and individuals can join for \$75. The Board can change the dues structure each year.
- Chamber members must obey all federal, state, and local laws. The Board can "evaluate" the continued membership of any member engaging in conduct that is potentially damaging to the Chamber, its membership, and community status.
- The "Nauvoo Area" will include any business physically located in Hancock County, as well as any business within the city limits of Keokuk, Iowa, and Fort Madison, Iowa. Other businesses located beyond these parameters may join the Chamber for \$250/year.

Exciting events are planned for Nauvoo for the remaining weeks of 2022: December 3, Merrymaking on Mulholland; December 9, Christmas Walk in Historic Nauvoo; December 16: Dickens Christmas Ball

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) Allocates Funds for the Nauvoo Community Center

The NBA's mission statement is dedicated to enhancing Nauvoo's appearance and offerings for its citizens and visitors. This is done through the efforts of short-term and on-going action committees. Last month, NBA members voted to allocate up to \$10,000 to underwrite the costs of three Wish List items for the Community Center: an automatic ADA door opener for the entry doors, a 5' roll-up door for the Center's cater kitchen's serving window, and as a stainless steel serving cart. All this could only be done with your supporting the activities and events NBA provides. Thank you. (Note: NBA does not have meetings in November and December; however, plans are already underway for February's Valentine Meal event.)

Paranormal Event Planned

Put Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th into your plans for a paranormal experience. Specialists, including a psychic medium who has been a "life-long paranormal investigator, "will thrill those gathered with ghost stories, psychic mediumship, haunted locations, folklore, and everything else...strange. Sounds like some spooky stuff.

They will appear on Friday, 7:00 p.m. at the old Presbyterian Church (190 N Page St), followed by the Red Front, then at the Tomb of Joseph. Saturday evening, they will investigate The Inn at Old Nauvoo. Whether a true believer or a skeptic, you may want to check this out. Cost: \$20 each evening; \$30 for both. For more information, contact Rebecca Williamson at 309-221-9803.

Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Fall Supper

Join us Saturday, November 5, 4:30-7 p.m. for a Fall Supper. Dine in, drive-thru & call in are available. Menu includes ham, wild rice dressing, corn, cheesy potatoes, pasta salad, and dessert. Call 217-448-4981 to order ahead.

October Recaps Yes, Nauvoo DOES own October!

The movie, *Hocus Pocus*, hosted by Nauvoo Public Library, was shown at Grampa John's Theater prior to the following events.

Scarecrow Festival



received cash prizes of \$40, \$30, and \$20 respectively, as well as award ribbons to attach to their winning scarecrows. Receiving honorable mention were "Toot Sweet," created by Kim Hall for the Fudge Factory; "Nauvoo Clipper," created by Pam Anderson & Ellen Hundt, and "Autumn" by Annette McLane. There were 52 entries in the competition. Judges Lynn Strnad and Janet Hill reported that there were many top choices.

Spooktacular Soup Sipping

The movie, *Hocus Pocus*, hosted by The Nauvoo Public Library, and shown at Grampa John's theater was followed by the announcement of the scarecrow awards. Then thirteen local "chefs" ladled out soups from their crockpots to the "judges"—those who had paid \$5 for sampling opportunities and were given three tickets that were used to vote for their favorite soup. Fun names were given to some of the soups, and some "chefs" donned costumes to add to the fun. Winning "chefs" were Carrie and BreeAnn Petersen, who were awarded the coveted "golden Ladle" for their Haystack Haunt soup, a creamy ham and corn chowder. Others who participated in the event were Jeff Christiansen, Kimberli/Tom Grant, Janet Hill, Karen Ihrig, Ana LaVesque, Annette McLane, Jenny Nilson, Barb Schafer, Kathy Schoeni, Randy Soland, Rita Souther, and Jeffrey Zhou. Approximately 75 people lent their taste buds to the event, which added \$444 to the Nauvoo Betterment Association's (NBA) coffers.

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

Oktoberfest Celebration

Nauvoo's German Heritage was celebrated during its first Oktoberfest on October 28th. The event was hosted by The Nauvoo Knights of Columbus and the Nauvoo Historical Society. Wall-to-wall people (500-600) crowded into the KC Hall and enjoyed German food, music, and each other. Some even attended a beer-making seminar and enjoyed the results—VERY tasty! Attendees could be seen marveling at the scarecrows that lined Mulholland as they made their way to and from the festivities. No doubt Oktoberfest will be a Nauvoo October event with a future!



Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk

The Pumpkin Walk outdid itself again this year, despite the passing of Durell Nelson, who lent his imagination and joy of Halloween bubble over into an annual event in Nauvoo. Over the years, events have been added to the merriment, including more than just oohing and aahing over pumpkins that are designed and carved by dozens of volunteers. The Vaudeville Valley Circus, brought to the festival by the Nauvoo Historical Society, honored Durrell Nelson and delighted a crowd with an amazing performance. A pumpkin cannon, haunted house, and Spooky Trail Parade have allowed Halloween lovers to "get into it"! This was the fourth year for the Halloween Hoopla decorating contest. Categories and winners of the contest were as follows: Best Nighttime Display (Glass, 1685 Young), Best Nighttime Display (Bailey, (1235 Knight), All-Around Crowd Favorite (Allen, 530 Winchester), Best Harvest Decorations (Knipe, 1760 Ripley), and Best Business Display, Baxter's Vineyard (2010 Parley. It only gets better and better. Now, those ideas for next year....



-from an article by Alan Moberly

An Act of Kindness

It happened in September—but not too late to acknowledge a selfless act. Jenny Powell, Fort Madison, and her sister Julie were driving south on Rte. 96 near the Nauvoo Pageant building when Julie took a bite of a sandwich, which got stuck in her throat. Jenny pulled over, pounded Julie on the back and attempted the Heimlich Maneuver to no avail. Brandon Motley, owner of Motley Fitness Center in Nauvoo, witnessed the problem, stopped, and performed the Heimlich maneuver. On the third try, the blockage was dislodged. Brandon attributed his ability to perform the Heimlich to his Boy Scout and military training. Thanks, Brandon, for your act of kindness.

-From an article by Alan Moberly

November 6. Turn your clocks back one hour. Goodbye to Daylight Savings Time!



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

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, Nauvoo Market Place, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, and The Red Front. 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.

Yoga Classes in Full Swing

Are you motivated to exercise on a regular basis? If not, Nauvoo Yoga, a Nauvoo business run by Nauvoo resident Karen Blunier might be just what you need. Both Karen and husband Joe are Army veterans, who served as medics and nurses. They moved to Nauvoo in 2010; Joe started working as a pharmacist at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa. Karen is a Registered Nurse, and in 2017, became a certified yoga instructor. The Bluniers have five children, ages 17 to 4.

Nauvoo Yoga opened its doors in 2019 and has clients who range in age from 17 to 77, who are involved in both Beginning and Total Body Yoga classes. In early November 2021, Karen decided she was ready to get back into the yoga business and start teaching again. She began offering online yoga classes via Zoom only, but now is happy to announce that she will be back in the studio for live classes at 1450 Knight Street, Suite 210 (the old school). The first class is always free—just to see if yoga works for you. The half-hour to forty-five-minute classes include Total Body Yoga for all levels, beginners welcome; Chair Yoga; and Gentle Yoga. She also offers Kids Yoga/Tumbling; Teen Class/Chill Class; Mommy and Me Music Time for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Karen, a cancer survivor, found that yoga was beneficial to help with the anxiety of cancer treatments and continues to be the methodology she uses to keep her anxiety controlled and manageable to this day. It keeps her focused on a prevention-focused mindset. The importance of consistency is where the real benefit is felt. Contact Karen for further information. Contact Karen's Facebook page or her website: coachkarenblunier.com.

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Christmas Walk Save the Date!

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the annual Old Nauvoo Christmas Walk, sponsored by the Nauvoo Historic Sites. It is Scheduled for December 9th from 6- 9 p.m. Join in celebrating the Joy of Christmas at this free activity! There will be Musical entertainment, A live nativity complete with an angelic choir, story tellers, wagon rides with caroling, and yummy refreshments. Information for this event can be found on nauvoohistoricsites.org under activities and events further down on the page.

HCRT Member

Hancock County Retired Teachers will meet at 11:30 a.m. , Monday, November 14 at the First United Methodist Church, 402 Main Street, Carthage, where a wonderful turkey dinner will be served. Kathy Bartholomew will provide the memorials for members who passed away in 2022: Donna McCutchan, JoAnn Peitzmeier, Mary Logan and Marlene Fox. During her presentation, she would love to hear any stories about these women that you might have.

Please text or call (217-430-6487) your reservation to Ruth Gayton by Thursday, November 10. The cost will be \$11. If you need a ride, please let Ruth know.



Caught Tickling the Ivories

The Morris family from Boone, Iowa, got caught “playing around” on Mulholland while they await Pumpkin Walk festivities to begin.

Keokuk Union Depot



Buildings of significant and historical value abound in our tri-state area. Keokuk, Iowa, boasts the Keokuk Union Depot, located at Johnson and South Water Streets, at trackside between the Mississippi River and the bluff. It has been undergoing restoration since its purchase by the City in 2011 and the establishment of the Keokuk Union Foundation In 2012. Since then, the Foundation has raised funds to restore this architectural gem.

In 1891, the five railroads serving Keokuk erected the Union Depot, designed by the well-known Chicago architectural firm of Burnham and Root. The Depot served the area until the end of passenger service in 1967. While still being retrofitted, it serves as a popular venue for local events by public and private entities. The restoration of the Depot continues, making it an historical attraction as well as a delightful place to host an event. For more information, please visit “Keokuk Union Depot” on Facebook, or go to info@keokukuniondepot.org.

Armadillos Relocating to Illinois

Possum-sized critters, about the size of a 10-pound bag of flour with pointy ears, a ridged brown shell, and a long tail, have been creeping north from Texas for decades, and are now seen in southern Illinois and as far north as in Chicago suburbs. No one is sure how they have gotten across the Mississippi Ohio Rivers. However, they are known to be surprisingly good swimmer, armor clad and all! They like to tear up yards as they sniff out grubs and other insects. and their dead bodies can be found littering highways with their carcasses. Interestingly, they are one of few animals that carry the bacteria that cause leprosy, though no armadillo tested in Illinois to date has been a carrier. Known to live in warm places, their migration is a sign that the climate is warming.



Happy
Thanksgiving