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## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb. 14, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Feb. 15, NBA, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 16, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17, Chamber of Commerce, No Meeting
- Feb. 28, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- Feb. 20, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20, Library Board 7 p.m.

## Outlaw Tees Expands



As Bob Dylan's song says "the times they are a changing," and that is true at Outlaw Tees. When the business started in 1984, it was a one-man shop in a two-car garage; after 38 years it was up to seven employees in a 4400 square foot building. In the early days the shirts were all printed manually, which worked fine for shirt orders around 100; but when they started getting in the 1000 range, Outlaw Tees entered the automatic printing world, which allowed faster turnarounds and controlled quality prints. Outlaw Tees not only did shirts for local businesses and schools; they created a niche market in the car show circuit. Their designs have been shipped all over the United States to over 80 shows a year.

Over the past few years, the increase in business had John and Connie trying to find options to reduce their workload. They were looking for a suitable buyer or a shop to handle just the printing portion of the business with John doing just the designs and signwork. They found a printer: Lance Ingwersen. Lance has operated Maleo Designs, a one-man shop for the last seven years. Lance will be running the Iowa Outlaw Tees operation from his shop at 113 West Main, New London, Iowa. The shop, a 9300 sq. foot building in the center of town, originally was built for the town's hardware store and most recently housed the Linkin Center Banquet Hall. Customers will be able to place and pickup orders at both the New London and Nauvoo locations.

## McCarty Art & Design

Actually, McCarty Art & Design isn't really new. It has been around for 50 years. The past 38 years the t-shirt business has overshadowed the sign portion and, now that the printing portion of Outlaw Tees will be handled in the Iowa location. There will be more time for John to concentrate more on his design and sign work. The business will operate out of its current location at 85 North Iowa Street. McCarty Art & Design will be the design and sign portion of the business. The removal of the printing equipment will allow more production space for sign production and vehicle lettering as well as allow for a few minor interior changes to help with production.

The office will be open five days a week. Connie assisting customers with both shirt and sign needs. John will be making trips to New London for several months during the transition so the hours will be limited with some days by appointment only. The McCartys are thankful for all their loyal customers who have supported them over the years.



## Do You Love Nature? Then this Article Is for You.

The Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) is hosting a special information-gathering meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is gather information from nature lovers who would love to share their particular knowledge of Nauvoo's natural assets/attractions: plants, animals, birds, and aquatic life of the Mississippi River. It will expand on the Nauvoo Riverwalk's introduction to local river history and activities, and the flora and fauna of the area. The meeting will include brainstorming ideas for cool activities for involvement with nature. The meeting is open to all ages and all levels of knowledge. The only requirement is a passion for the natural world—especially in and around Nauvoo.

The project is in its early stages of organization and is a part of three themed groupings of things to do in Nauvoo: Natural Nauvoo, Creative Nauvoo (Pumpkin Walk, etc.), and Historic Nauvoo. This educational opportunity will add to the attractions already enjoyed by those who visit or live in Nauvoo. "Natural Nauvoo" committee members are Annette McLane (annettemclane6@gmail.com, 224.214.7962), Rita Souther (ritasouther@gmail.com, 217.453.6635), and Karen Ihrig (kinaufoo@frontiernet.net, 217.453.2202). If they haven't already talked with you about the meeting, please feel free to contact them for more information.

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## Nauvoo City Council Meeting January 10, 2023

The Council, under pro tem mayor Tacy Nelson, unanimously approved the following:

- To donate \$100 to the Hancock County K-9 Fund to “reimburse” Chief of Police Ryan Dykstra’s use of a county phone while on duty in Nauvoo.
- Temporary (60-day) approval of a Policy Manual for Police, giving aldermen time to review the manual and temporarily giving the Nauvoo police force a working policy manual in the interim.
- \$50 per diem and use of police squad care for Bryton Hopp and Colton Hardy to attend a Breath Alcohol Operator Training class in Macomb.
- A \$1/hour pay raise to City employee Brenden Siegfried.
- An amount not to exceed \$1,000 to send Public Works Director Barry Cuthbert to the Illinois Rural Water Association Conference in Effingham in February. This includes payment of the conference registration fee (\$190), per diem (\$84), mileage (\$300), and lodging (\$235).
- The purchase of new forks, to replace reworked and unsafe forks for present backhoe, for \$3,400.
- To direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to increase City Water & Sewer rates by 3% (to keep up with increased cost of chemicals).
- The expenditure of \$968.68 for radio installation (needed to monitor the new community center building’s sprinkler system).
- To award to Heaton Environmental the contract for asbestos sampling at the old school building behind the new community center. The city will pay \$6,672 plus \$30 per sample for testing on suspect material. Total cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- To accept the winning bid of \$950 from John Jones for property no-longer-needed by the City: (1995 F150 pickup (\$200), 2006 F250 Super Duty pickup (\$250), and a 75 Galleon Road Grader (\$500))
- To accept the winning bid of \$8,010 from Brandon and Andrew Schoen for a 580 Backhoe.

**Nauvoo Community Center.** John McCarty, speaking on behalf of the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) reported that the new community center building is 95% complete. There was a installation holdup until January 23 because the HVAC units had to meet new federal requirements. The original contract with Schickedanz Construction included a 5-foot wide sidewalk around the perimeter of the building, which cannot be done until the weather gets warmer. A discussion followed about whether or not to terminate the current contract with Schickedanz WITHOUT the perimeter sidewalk, and put out a new bid request for the parking area as well as the perimeter sidewalk. No decision was made as the NC5 needs to consult with the City Attorney and research the Library Grant requirements first. [The City will conduct a walk-through before assuming total responsibility for the building. NC5 will plan a grand opening at a time TBD.] McCarty also advised the City Council that they will need to decide many issues that are outside the purview of the NC5, including: policies for facility rental, use of the lobby area by groups for displays, etc., parking areas for city employees, the public, and tenants at the former school building, trash removal, what to do with the current library and city hall buildings, and the feasibility of maintaining the old school building. McCarty also pointed out that the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, whose church and parsonage was auctioned off recently, made a \$23,000+ donation towards the new Community Center, along with folding tables, chairs, and a piano.

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**Crosswalk Possibility** :Alderman Jim Boyles talked about the study of putting a crosswalk at the intersection of IL96 (Mulholland) and Bluff Streets. This would include four handicapped curbs at the four corners (Temple Parking Facility, Zion’s Mercantile, State Bank of Nauvoo, and the southeast corner of the Temple Block). This would require the loss of one parking space in front of the bank and Zions Mercantile. No action was taken at this time.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

## Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD)

At the monthly NFPD Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday evening, the board voted to purchase a 2023 ambulance that had been used as a demo, which was more readily available for delivery. There were \$12,410 in additional costs: lighting, graphics, striping, for a total cost of \$192,300 plus the cost of \$8,003.06 for a new radio.

Chief Gallaher reported that he has been in discussions with the Dallas City FPD to provide Ambulance Services for the Hancock County portion (plus all of Dallas City) of their district. He also reported that NFPD responded to 43 fire incidents and 323 ambulance incidents for a total of 366 incidents during 2022.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

## Nauvoo Chief of Police



Ryan Dykstra has been Nauvoo’s Chief of Police since October 2022. From 2013-2016 he worked for the Sheriff’s office, as well as part-time in Nauvoo. In 2019 he returned to Nauvoo as a deputy, becoming Chief in 2022. Ryan served two years in the army, was injured, and elected to retire with full benefits rather than to stay in the military and settle for a desk job. One

of his goals is to combat the methamphetamine (aka “meth”) problem in Nauvoo, which he suggests is as high as 5-10% of the city’s population and affects all ages from late teens to those in their 80s. Ryan feels that more media attention should be paid to prevention, as once addicted, the possibility of stopping is extremely difficult. To compound matters, meth now is prepackaged and readily available for purchase. (As a side note, methamphetamine, aka “meth,” was introduced by the British in WWII. Both the Allied troops and Germany used meth to increase their troops’ effectiveness by keeping them alert and awake for long periods of time during battle.)

Nauvoo’s police department is made up of part-time employees. At present Ryan is looking for someone to work morning hours (8-4 a.m. would be ideal). Interested? Contact Nauvoo City Hall at 217-453-2587.) Aside from on-the-job concerns, Ryan enjoys spending time with his German shepherd, Sheriff (wouldn’t another dog named “Deputy” be neat!), and working out at the gym. He has a Facebook page that he invites the public to follow. Nauvoo welcomes Ryan.

## Fort Madison Bridge Toll Resumes

Free tolls for almost three years were getting to be a habit. However, be prepared with \$2 (or more, if a larger vehicle) when crossing from Fort Madison into Illinois. Tolls will resume on Monday, February 6. A free bridge was nice while it lasted!

### Movie Time!

Join the Nauvoo Public Library on Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Grandpa John's Theatre for a romance movie, just in time for Valentine's Day! We will be showing *Lover Come Back* (1961) starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day, Not Rated. Free admission, popcorn and soda!

### Art for You and Your "Sweet HeART"

Havenlight Gallery, 1335 Mulholland (next to Red Front), will host a Date Night Paint & Snack on Friday, February 17, from 6-9 p.m. Supplies, drinks, and snacks will be provided. For more information or to register [havenlightfineartnauvoo@gmail.com](mailto:havenlightfineartnauvoo@gmail.com).



### Pioneer Art Exhibit

The Havenlight Gallery, 1335 Mulholland St, will feature local artist Michael Bedard's work on February 2 from: 2-7 p.m., February 3 from 10 -5 p.m., and Feb 4 from 10-5 p.m. Michael Bedard is known for his inspirational work, especially with those recreating significant historical events. It coincides with the historical events commemorating the Nauvoo Exodus held on February 4 and the events connected with Nauvoo Untold Stories Event, Feb 3-4th. The exhibit is free. (Appointments may also be made by calling the Gallery 217-453-6571.)



### Eagle Watch

The River Road between Nauvoo and Hamilton has been thick with eagles lately. They have been seen in trees—sometimes as many as four or more in a single tree, on the ice, and soaring above the river, most likely looking for a tasty fish. The old saying "Eagles don't flock" is true, but those who are noticing large numbers of them in the area—sometimes over 100, might be interested to know that a group of eagles is referred to as a convocation or aerie (pronounced "air ee"). Neat, eh?

### Nauvoo Seniors News

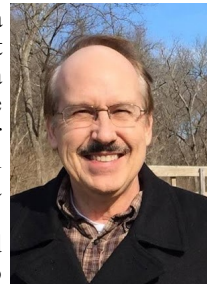
It's with excitement and anticipation that we look forward to being able to renew the Nauvoo Seniors Activities. This spring, as soon as the new community center is available, we will be able to begin meeting again. As you might remember because of COVID restrictions, we had to cease our monthly meetings and have been unable to use the fire station. We have many new senior citizens who now call Nauvoo home, so we look forward to becoming acquainted.

Submitted by Jackie Sumner

**Reminder: 2023 Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze, Homestead Exemption Application, and Affidavit** due to Hancock County Assessment Officer by July 1, 2023. (Ask for form PTAX-340. The taxpayer has to be income eligible for this exemption.)

### Randy Soland Opens Nauvoo Practice

Randy Soland, 69, was raised on a farm outside of Nauvoo, attended K-12 at Nauvoo schools, and went on to receive a degree from WIU as well as multiple graduate degrees. He is in his 43rd year providing assistance as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and is certified in a variety of issues involving individuals, couple, families, and groups.. Randy and wife Jodie have residences in both Nauvoo and Springfield, Illinois, where they have lived for 30 years. He maintains his clinical practice in Springfield three days a week (Monday through Wednesday), returning to Nauvoo for the remainder of the week. Loving what he does, Randy has expanded his practice to opening an office in Nauvoo where he started seeing patients in January. At present, Nauvoo appointments are available on Saturdays only (to expand as time permits) in the Health & Chiropractic business (entrance on Barnett Street).



Initially, Randy and Jodie did not plan to return to Nauvoo in retirement. They had entertained buying a condo in Chicago; however, the COVID epidemic and the city's rising crime rate changed everything. So, why not Nauvoo? In August of 2020, they moved into their Nauvoo home along the river. Randy likens himself Bob Newhart in the Bob Newhart Show—a real people person who loves being around and lending a helping hand. He has thrown himself into Nauvoo activities and committees with indefatigable zeal. Nauvoo is happy to see this "sparkplug" return to Nauvoo. (To schedule an appointment, contact the main office of Psychiatric Associates in Springfield, Illinois, at 217-523-3143 where a secretary will assist you in making a Nauvoo appointment.) Welcome home, Randy.

### Money from the Lutheran Church

Last year Christ Lutheran Church held its last service. The church, parsonage, and contents eventually sold, leaving \$457,677 for the congregation to make a final distribution that resulted in preselected set amounts to eleven entities, seven of them in Hancock County: Nauvoo Food Pantry (\$5,000), HUGS (\$5,000), Nauvoo Public Library (\$5,000), Bright Angels (\$500), Living Water (\$3,000), Nauvoo Senior Citizens (\$1,000), and Quilting for Warriors (\$500).

Ten preselected entities received percentages, which were much greater than anticipated due to the unexpected price of the sale total, each totaling \$23,341. Two were from Hancock County: Nauvoo Community Center and CARE. The remaining eight included Camp Callahan Trinity Lutheran (Carthage), Immanuel Lutheran, Talbot Sober Living Residence, Chaddock (Quincy), QUANADA, and Lydia's House (Keokuk). The ELCA Synod received a percentage of \$215,089. Church Treasurer Tom Haas, personally handed out the checks, leaving recipients with smiles on their faces and gratitude in their hearts.

Christie and Darren Adair from Cedar City, Utah, purchased the church building and parsonage. The Adairs are very interested in receiving input from members of the community regarding possible uses of the property that could actively serve the people of Nauvoo. Ideas? Contact Darren at 702-767-6086 or by email at [Adair.Darren@gmail.com](mailto:Adair.Darren@gmail.com).





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### Untold Nauvoo Stories

The 2023, 13th annual Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium will be held at The Inn at Old Nauvoo on Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4. The annual lecture series will feature 12 sessions (two speakers per session). For more information, please check [beautifulnauvoo.com](http://beautifulnauvoo.com) website. To register to attend, go to [www.BeautifulNauvoo.com/untold-nauvoo-stories-2/](http://www.BeautifulNauvoo.com/untold-nauvoo-stories-2/).

#### Friday, February 3rd

##### 1:00 p.m.

- "The History of the Pipe Organ at the Sts. Peter and Paul Church" (Therese Hayes and Rita Allen)
- "The History of the Press House Winery" (Denise and Kevin Koechle)
- "The Outhouse Daguerreotype" (Joseph Johnstun)
- "The Attack of the Killer Cows in Mormon Era Nauvoo" (Randy Soland).

##### 2:30 p.m.

- "Colusa, Illinois, from Early Times to Present." (Jayne Eckhardt)
- "Nauvoo Through the Eyes of William Clayton" (Rachel Clayton)
- "The Life of Father John Henry Reimbold" (Father Anthony Trosley)
- "Pioneer Missionaries, Priests and the 170-year-old Piece of Linen" (Dan Moffitt)

##### 4:00 p.m.

- "James Agee Smith, Another J. Smith in Nauvoo" (Victoria Morris)
- "Grain Gills" (James Easter)
- "Illinois Regional Archives Depository" (IRAD) (William Cook)
- "John Hay, Abe Lincoln's Secretary: Warsaw Resident" (Tim Roberts)

**5:30: Dinner and keynote speaker:** "Hidden Things Shall Come to Light: The Visual Image of Joseph Smith, Jr." (Lachlan Mackay), The Inn at Old Nauvoo for those who have registered.

#### Saturday, February 4th

**10 a.m.**(Annual Exodus Commemoration. Walk will begin at the Family Living Center on Main and end at the Pioneer Memorial at west end of Parley Street (not part of Untold Nauvoo Stories)

##### 1 p.m.

- "The Life and Times of Joseph Kirschbaum" (David Gerbode)
- "Joseph Nelson, Sr. and Joseph Nelson, Jr. and Nelson Park in Nauvoo" (David Felgar)
- "Old Sports in Nauvoo" (John McCarty)
- "Nauvoo Grape Festival" (Randy Bergmeier)

##### 2:30 p.m.

- "The Discovery of the City of Nauvoo Sexton's Burial Records" (Rita Southern)
- An Overview of Richard Proenneke's Life (Brie Anderson)

##### 3:00 p.m.

- "The Path of Commerce from the Corner of Main and Water Street to Sonora Landing" (Bob Baxter)
- "When the Native Americans Were the Only People Here" (Brian "Fox" Ellis)

##### 4:00 p.m.

- "Sonora Township Homecomings" (Paul McCoon)

The symposium ends with local residents sharing the stories of men and women of different eras who came to Nauvoo to create a better life for their families.

*To educate is to teach HOW to think not WHAT to think*