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## NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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- Feb 13, Valentines Movie, 7 p.m., see article p2
- Feb 17, NASA in Nauvo, 2 p.m., see article p 2



### FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb 7, Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 12, Chamber of Commerce, noon, Nauvo Inn.
- Feb 13, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- Feb 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 19, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 19, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Feb 21, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 15, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 26, Chamber of Commerce Board, noon, zoom

### WE CAN NOW SPARK THE PARK!!

In July 2023, the City of Nauvo was contacted by Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) notifying the City that it was eligible for an Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) Grant because Nauvo was on a list of “economically distressed” communities. The program is meant to support the health and well-being of Illinoisians by expanding and improving local neighborhood parks through sports and recreational space, plants, playgrounds, among others.

Nauvo’s City Clerk and Treasurer, Carol McGhghy and Ana LeVesque, were on it! They saw a myriad of opportunities for City Park, located on Knight and Bluff adjacent to the former City Hall. They collected 862 signatures on a “Spark the Park” petition, which was part of the process in the Grant application. Over the years, minor improvements were made by NBA, the City and innumerable volunteers. Now a real opportunity to upgrade the park presented itself. And, the grants could be as much as \$600,000! Crunch time. The grant was due by August 31! One month to get ideas together for submission. They went for it, letting their imaginations go.

And now the rest of the story. City Hall was informed on January 30 that Nauvo City Park was one of the 111 park projects in Illinois who each received the \$600,000 grant. (Other nearby communities awarded \$600,000 included Quincy, Dallas City, and Perry.) Meetings with an engineering firm that handles these types of grants and projects will be scheduled and decisions made on the project this year. A public restroom as well as some handicap accessibility for the park are two items on the agenda at this time. Ana and Carol thank everyone that LIKED, SIGNED, and SHARED the petition. You knocked it out of the PARK!!! #WeAreNauvo

This year \$55 million was allotted for park projects throughout Illinois. OSLAD, in its 37th year, is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Since OSLAD was established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986, it has become one of the most popular grant programs in Illinois.



### Nauvo Public Library is Open!

On Monday, January 22nd, the Nauvo Public Library unlocked its doors in a new location. Looking at the beautiful building, it was hard to imagine the chaos of the previous two weeks. Moving is never an easy task, but the unprecedented weather added its own challenges. Even more incredible than the cold front was the number of volunteers that showed up anyway. On days when everything around was closed, the library had so many helping hands (and tires!) trudging through the deep snow and icy temperatures. We couldn’t have done it without the volunteers.

Our first week in the new building made all the freezing moving days worth it and we hope our patrons feel the same.

To see all of our books looking neat and not cramped is a reward in itself. We love staying current and ordering the latest books our patrons are interested in, but the lack of room was a constant struggle. Now, we have room to grow for many years to come.

From the two extra computer stations to the fully accessible bathroom, we have loved seeing our patrons enjoy the updated and more inviting space. The wonderful reactions people have had to the new library make our day each time.

While picking a favorite feature would be impossible, the activity room is a dream come true! So many wonderful ideas went by the wayside due to space constraints. One idea that we couldn’t let go of was starting a Dungeons and Dragons club at the library. We noticed a growing interest, and as far as we knew, there was no local group open to the public. Just days after opening, the library hosted the first meeting for the Junior Dungeons and Dragons club. Kids from ages 12-18 are welcome to come to the library every other Thursday at 6 for two hours of high fantasy adventure, creativity, and problem solving in the world’s greatest roleplaying game. This is just the beginning, and we are looking forward to all of the fun activities to come this summer during the Summer Reading Program.

We are incredibly grateful for our beautiful, modern space and the opportunity it provides to meet the needs of this wonderful community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible for the library. We can’t wait for you to see it!

## October City Council January 9, 2024

The meeting, usually scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, was delayed a week because of heavy snows on the 9th. Acting Mayor Tacy Nelson gavelled the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

(The Council had previously met in a quick special meeting at 7:14 in order to meet a requirement for a state grant that will pay 55% of the cost of a new police squad car. A previous possibility of buying a used police car from another city didn't work out. Details about the new car are not yet known.)

The Council approved the following:

- Payment for hotel, mileage, and per diem for Barry Cuthbert to attend Illinois Land and Water Reserve (ILRW) Conference.
- Payment for hotel, mileage, and per diem for Janet Hill to attend an economic development conference in Springfield.
- To pay two City employees a total of \$2,605.28 for their unused vacation time from 2023.
- To pay 50% of the cost of a property appraisal (up to \$1,500) to oppose a property tax appeal.

John McCarty, representing the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee, requested an explanation of the status of the old City Hall building at 60 Wells Street. The Nauvoo Police Department is still at the old building. The new Community Center (1445 Mulholland) was built using private funds from many donors, large and small. McCarty stated that the NC5 told potential donors that the new Community Center building would consolidate all City offices under one roof (and that the old buildings could be sold or rented to generate revenue for the City. He asked how the City was going to justify paying for utilities, cleaning, and upkeep of a second building. The aldermen discussed the issue and agreed that an explanation and decision should be made, possibly at the February 13th meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

### Need-a-Ride Reminder

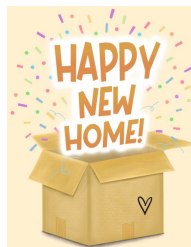
All counties served by the Area Agency on Aging have transportation available for persons 60 years of age and older. For information, call Hancock County's Information and Assistance Center at 217.357.6000 (Carthage) to learn how you can get rides to essential appointments.

### Valentine Movie!

Join the library on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Grandpa John's Theatre for a FREE showing of The Princess Bride, rated PG. A perfect family friendly love story, or a fun date night right before Valentine's Day! Starting this year, we will be selling popcorn for \$1.00 a cup and drinks for \$1.00 a can/bottle to raise money for ongoing library programs.

### NASA in Nauvoo! Venus and Valentines!

Join the library on February 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the new library activity room for our February installment of NASA in Nauvoo! This month we will be exploring the planet of Venus! Do you know how Venus relates to Valentines? Come and find out! As always, expect fun activities, space books, and official NASA information! A program fun for space fans of all ages!



## When are You Moving

The single most frequently asked question Carol, Amber, Alicia, and I have heard the past several months!!! Finally we can answer "NOW!!!!!!". After experiencing several delays, some taking longer than others, "The planets have aligned." WE ARE MOVING IN!!!!

Sidewalks . . . CHECK

Handicap accessibility . . . CHECK

Internet . . . CHECK

Phones . . . CHECK.

WAIT!! Who forgot to grab the toilet paper??? ME!

That would be me! Why is it always the most obvious that you over look??? Ha!Ha!

With a very small window of time between, Council, End of Month duties, Beginning of Month duties, and Auditors, Carol and I have managed to push, pull, and drag most of our belongings with us to the new City Hall office. The Library ladies, Amber and Alicia, will be quick to follow.

The second most frequently asked question has been "Are you EXCITED to move?" Well, that has been a tough question to answer. Obviously we are extremely thankful and find our new office to have so much possibility and love our colors and desks and everything!!! But . . . HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BOXES?!?!?!?! HaHaHa!! It is like an Office Supply store exploded in the middle of a huge room!!!! It is CRAZY!!! What we thought we did with so much planning and thought has now turned into a game of hide and seek with lots of second guessing!! So please be patient with us as we try to continue day to day activities as well as relocate decades of stored information.

Along with the insanity that is moving comes the melancholy. For Carol, 60 N. Bluff has been home away from home for 30 years. She has raised her children within those cement walls. With fond memories of them stopping in after school to them dropping by to say hi once they got out on their own. She has been the Clerk/Collector for several Mayors and assisted several Treasurers. While I have not been there for a fraction of the time Carol has, COVID happened right after I started. With restrictions and limited access to people 60 N Bluff became our own little safety bubble. We grew a friendship and camaraderie that made us a pretty good team. So it is with very fond memories with lots of laughing and tears that we start a new venture in new surroundings.

Stop in and check out the new City Hall office! Entry is through the front doors and turn right!!! We also have a locked

### Other Ways to Stay Informed

Not all of Nauvoo's happenings can get posted in our little newsletter. If you are on Social Media, many local organizations post events and updates on their Facebook Pages. Here are some pages to follow to help keep you up to date.

- Beautiful Nauvoo
- City of Nauvoo, IL
- Nauvoo Public Library
- Nauvoo Fire Protection District

Many of our local businesses have pages as well and post deals, hours and businesses updates. Take some time to look for you favorite Nauvoo business and follow them to stay up to date.



## Have You Registered to Vote?

According to the 2020 Census, there are 17,620 residents living in Hancock County. And, according to Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk and Recorder, 11,669 (66%) of them were registered to vote as of July 2023. The General Primary isn't until March 19 when the State's Attorney, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, five seats on the County Board (one from each district), and Precinct Committeemen will all be up for election. (FYI: There are no offices up for election in Nauvoo at this election.) And, the November 5, General Election is already gathering steam as potential candidates vie for positions.

If you aren't registered, there is no time like the present to do so. And, it's easy. To be eligible to register, you must be a United States citizen, turn 17 before March 19 (to vote in the Primary), turn 18 on or before November 5 (to vote in the General) and live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day. You must not be serving a sentence as a result of a conviction nor claim the right to vote anywhere else. You will need two forms of identification (one showing your current Hancock County address; one, your name.) You will need to complete a form and provide your signature. Within two weeks you will receive your Voter ID card that lists your polling place and the districts you vote in. (You may also go online if you have a valid driver's license and register through the state at <https://ova.electionsil.gov/>. Should you need to change or renew your driver's license, you are also able to register at the Secretary of State Driver's license facility.) If recently married and were registered, you will need to re-register with your new married name. Re-registration is also necessary if you already were registered in Hancock County and moved to another Hancock County address.

The voter registration department is on the first floor of the Hancock Courthouse and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (If you stop by from noon to 1 p.m., visit the Hancock County Clerk and Recorder's office on the second floor Room 7, and they will be happy to register you.

Voting is a serious responsibility as well as a privilege and a duty. Your vote will help make the decisions on how business is conducted in the United States, Illinois, and Hancock County.

Submitted by Karen Ihrig: Taken from *H.C. Journal Pilot* article, July 19, 2023

### Business Spotlight: Baxter's Vineyards & Winery

Nauvoo is fortunate to play host to the oldest winery in Illinois, Baxter's Vineyards & Winery. Started by Emile and Annette Baxter in 1857 this icon is still run by members of the Baxter family. Kelly and Brenda Logan took over as owners in 1987 (Kelly's mom was Mary Baxter-Logan). Most every day you will see Brenda in the winery working hard to keep up with the million tasks that need to be accomplished. Depending on the weather and season you might see Kelly out in the acres of vineyards pruning, cleaning, caring for, and eventually harvesting the grapes they grow, or getting ready to bottle more wine or cleaning up from the last bottling. It takes quite a crew to get things done in any business and Baxter's is no different. Luckily Brenda comes from a large family and has had many siblings and nieces and nephews and friends to help over the years. In the office, Kelly and Brenda are fortunate to have their daughter Kim Logan who manages the money side of things. The winery has lots of cheese and snack offerings inside as well as some really cute gift ideas from homemade jams and jellies, by Kathy's Kitchen, to essential oils, wine related gifts, and an array of bulk dry goods.

Baxter's Vineyards decided to do a little expanding almost 11 years ago and opened a small, quaint neighborhood bar right next door called The Wine Barrel. With cozy winery inspired décor and familiar Nauvoo faces tending bar you will love the relaxed friendly atmosphere, "The Barrel" is a nice place to go catch-up with friends and unwind. The Wine Barrel serves Angelini's pre-made pizzas and has several other appetizers available. It's a nice place to stop in and have a good pizza with friends on those evenings when you just don't feel like making something and sitting home alone.

As winter changes into spring and the days start to get longer and warm up The Wine Barrel plays host to lots of music weekends. When weather permits they have special music out in the courtyard and if the weather is not co-operative they have enough room to bring music inside. They have a great variety of music from the ever popular Bocephus Wayne to Craig Corzatt and lots of others!!

Recently, Baxter's Vineyards & Winery has opened a small venue space. During peak bottling season "The Stomping Ground" is a full functioning fermenting room which features a 30+ year old grape press, a crusher, and stainless steel fermenting tanks. In the off season it has been converted into a small venue area that can hold up to 30 people for small intimate gatherings.

To check on any musical guests or any other information or just to keep up with things going on follow Baxter's Vineyards & Winery on Facebook or check their website [www.nauvoowinery.com](http://www.nauvoowinery.com). To check on availability of The Stomping Ground call 217-453-2528.

### Business Spotlight: Sunset Hill Shave Ice & Soda Company

Since 2021 Brielle Hill-Johnson along with daughters; Bianca and Autumn, have welcomed warm weather with cold drinks!! Brielle is a college teacher at Carl Sandburg College who wanted to share an experience with her daughters. She wanted to give them insight into the world of business as only a small town local shop can do. Welcome Sunset Hill Shave Ice & Soda Company!! Sunset Hill offers soooooo many varieties of shave ice and soda that you could infinitely mix match and create a delicious concoction daily!! Opening in April and not closing up until September (with the exception of the Pumpkin Walk) Brielle and her crew welcome locals and visitors alike!! Sunset Hill also has a pretty cool selection of Made In Nauvoo sweatshirts, t-shirts, and other souvenirs. Since moving to a much larger location at 1490 Mulholland Street, Sunset Hill has been able to offer a nice event space for anyone to rent. Having all that extra space makes it super nice for all the youth groups that flow through Nauvoo during summer. Also offered, for groups that call ahead, is catering of lunch or dinner. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to have some delicious refreshing drinks and get some cute Nauvoo merch!!! With Sunset Hill right across the street from the new Community Center that houses City Hall I have a feeling it is going to be pretty tough not to be a frequent customer!!!! Might need a punch card!! Hahahaha!! Thanks Brielle and the entire crew at Sunset Hill, we can't wait to see you in April!!!!

## “Zoning” Isn’t a Bad Word

The zoning issue in contention over the proposed Historic/Temple Visitors Center’s location over the past eight months has been quite an “interesting” learning experience for everyone, whether a bystander or participant. The drama has since played itself out, leaving all to reflect on the meaning of the play and the intent of the players. Some, however, have been left with a bad taste in their mouths re: zoning, and wrongfully so. It doesn’t deserve the bad publicity.

Zoning is not meant to be a contentious method of keeping individual land owners from doing what they wish to do with their property, but rather, it is a tool for protecting property owners’ land assets while guiding the growth of the city as presented in the city’s comprehensive Plan. A great deal of thought and planning goes into creating the boundaries of the various zones within the city as well as defining what permitted uses would be allowed in each. It is not done on a whim.

Let’s say, for example, that you have enough wherewithal to purchase additional lot or acreage around your house—for privacy or to protect your view, perhaps. You are, in effect, creating a “zone” that fits into your “comprehensive” lifestyle plan. That zone provides a personal form of protection that is under your control. It wards off having a neighbor too close who might not have the same lifestyle plan in mind as you.

Similarly, Nauvoo’s largest landowner, the LDS Church (the Church), which owns approximately 50% of Nauvoo’s land area-- has its own “Comprehensive Plan” as well. Having the resources to do so, the Church, has been purchasing properties in earnest in Nauvoo since the 1950s in order to protect their interests and investments, thus creating their own protected “zone.”

In both examples, whether small or large, landowners must comply with Zoning Ordinance’s regulations should they wish to substantially modify or build on a property in any given zone that might ill affect their neighbors’ property.

Consider the location of the Temple, which happens to be in a Residential zone. (By the way, according to the RLUIPA law of 2000, there are no zoning restrictions regarding houses of worship). The LDS Church makes it a point to own land immediately surrounding their temples in order to maintain a degree of control re: land usage. In Nauvoo, the Church presently owns almost all of the land on the north, west, and south (except for the former Hart house) of the Temple.

The east side is owned by the City (zoned Residential) and the bank (zoned Commercial). While the Church does not own that land, it is afforded some protection from possible inappropriate uses—because of what? Zoning—and not for the Church’s sake—although the Church benefits, but for the greater good: the City as a whole ALL landowners in Nauvoo fall under the umbrella of zoning when modifying their properties and a Site Plan review spells out the intended use. However, you may not build whatever you please wherever you please—even if you own the land. Why? Because you live in a community, and the rights of those around you must be considered and protected. And, in doing so, the present and future value of your property is protected as well as the property of your neighbors.

In addition, having a Comprehensive Plan and a Zoning Ordinance are valuable instruments to be taken into consideration when it comes to receiving grants, creating TIF Districts, or other forms of financial assistance.

A Zoning Ordinance is a living instrument. It can be changed with the changing needs of the community. This is done via a variance request, which, under typical conditions, if uncontested by the neighbors, is permitted; if contested, it’s not.

Don’t sell zoning short. Its job is to work for a community, not against it. And, since its inception in 2001, it has worked to the City’s advantage.

Submitted by Karen Ihrig

### Having a BAT Day?

Ever been surprised by a bat? Mattie Haas (of Nauvoo Pharmacy) was at the Weld House Museum conducting research for her upcoming Untold Nauvoo Stories presentation. After she finished her work, she and Nauvoo Historical Society (NHS) Board member Rita Souther were about to leave, when they heard a persistent scratching noise in the corner of the Pioneer Room over and above the display of framed arrowheads. “It kind of sounded metallic and scratchy, so we thought there might be something in the wall or water dripping, but the picture frame started to MOVE!!!” recalled Rita. “I said I had never seen signs of mice in the Weld, but this might be a first.”

Rita continued; “So, I got the ladder and put my hat on and zipped up my coat so that no varmint could jump in my hair or clothes, and carefully climbed up to lift the frame from the wall to see if there was a hole and/or a mouse. Just as I got the frame off the nail, Mattie said, ‘Don’t panic, it’s a bat.’ Just then, two bats flew from the frame down to the floor!”

From there, the bats did not move. Believing that the bats were half-asleep from partial hibernation Rita covered each bat with a box and weighted the boxes down “so they could not escape”. She called fellow NHS Board member Rebecca Williamson, who called Jim Topic (another Board member), who said he would come check on them.

Jim rescued the bats and took them to his barn where they could finish their winter nap. Who says history is boring???

Taken from article by Alan Moberly

### Where Have All the Birds Gone?

Many bird lovers have noticed a lack of birds at their backyard bird feeders, and this is not just an Illinois phenomenon. The cause can range anywhere from pesticides to climate change to cats. (The Cornell Lab estimates that cats kill 1.3 billion birds each year in the U.S. alone, with 69% of these kills attributable to feral or unowned cats.) Habitat loss is the greatest cause of bird population declines in addition to collisions with buildings and windows. Pesticides and air pollution add to the problem. (Interestingly, according to MIT Climate Portal (updated December 12, 2023), wind turbines do kill birds but only a fraction as many as are killed by house cats, buildings, or even the fossil fuel operations that wind farms replace.) In addition, the CDC notes that bird flu viruses carried by waterbirds, like ducks, geese, and swans, among others, also lower bird numbers. Have you noticed, here HAVE been many fewer geese in Nauvoo this year....

Which birds have become scarcer at the feeder this season? Typically, woodpeckers (hairy, downy, and red-bellied), titmice, juncos, cardinals, chickadees, nuthatches, and sparrows are usually dependable regulars. Make a list of the ones you’ve been missing. It could be a topic for a future NBA “Natural Nauvoo” program.

Submitted by Karen Ihrig

## OH Baby!!!

Sometimes babies come quickly. Very quickly. It was late on Thanksgiving Day, very late. Sonora Township residents Jonny Grange and his very pregnant wife Korin were settling down for the night when Korin's water broke. Although Jonny and Korin had planned to have their baby at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, they knew that their baby would arrive before they could get there so they called 911.

The EMTs on call that night went to the fire station to get the ambulance, then arrived at the Grange's about 12 minutes after the initial call. Other EMTs in the NFPD heard about the delivery on their radios and came to offer help. In total, 12 EMTs (friends of the Grange's) showed up to offer assistance. They quickly assessed the situation, that baby was coming and coming now! The EMTs who assisted with the birth were Mary Ann Hancock, Trisha Allen, and Rebecca Bodily. Little Anthony Grange entered this world in the bathroom of his family's home at 11:55pm on Thursday, November 23, 2023, just seven minutes after the ambulance arrived. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. He is Jonny and Korin's sixth child, and first son.



At the annual NFPD Awards Dinner on New Year's Eve, all the EMTs who assisted were presented little "stork pins" to attach to their uniforms. According to Chief Kendall Gallaher, this was the first time in anyone's knowledge that the NFPD

had ever helped deliver a baby. He expressed with emotion that, "After so many times of seeing people leave this life, it was nice for once to help someone enter it!"

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

## Nauvoo Women's Inter-faith Society

The Nauvoo Women's Interfaith Society (NWIS) was organized in October of 2023. According to NWIS president Samantha McShane, the group has 20-25 members. Currently three local churches are represented in the membership: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Community of Christ, and United Methodist. McShane hopes that more women will join from Saints Peter & Paul Catholic, Living Hope, and Appanoose Faith Presbyterian churches, as well as from other faiths, and those who do not claim religious affiliation.

President McShane has lived just outside of Nauvoo for four years. She came from Carmel, California, where such an interfaith coalition works together for the common good. She wished that such an organization existed here, and instead of wishing, she acted, reached out and got this organization started.

McShane stated that The purpose of the Nauvoo Women's Interfaith Society is to build bridges of friendship and faith as we unite and serve our community.

All women of goodwill who want to unite to do good are welcome. Membership is open to all Nauvoo area women. Women of all faiths are invited to join. Even women who have no religious beliefs, but want to unite their efforts with other women of all faiths are urged to join.

For more information, email [n.w.interfaith.s@gmail.com](mailto:n.w.interfaith.s@gmail.com).

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

## K of C International Free Throw Championship

Eighteen youngsters competed in the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship at the Nauvoo Saints Peter & Paul School gymnasium last Saturday afternoon. Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. Beginning in 2013, the Supreme Council opened the Free Throw Championship to all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or province levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

The winners' scores were to be compared later with similar competitors in Monmouth and Macomb to determine the District Champion. The best shooter in each category will advance to the next level at Jordan Catholic School in Rock Island on March 9th.

Here is a list of the Nauvoo winners:

Boys age 9 - Brody Priebe - 9 out of 25  
 Boys age 10 - Jacob Brownlee - 20 out of 25  
 Boys age 11 - Milo Mitchell - 8 out of 25  
 Boys age 12 - Stone Hill - 15 out of 25  
 Boys age 13 - Chase Mitchell - 12 out of 25  
 Boys age 14 - Grant Feikert - 7 out of 25  
 Girls age 9 - Kaitlin Brownlee - 16 out of 25  
 Girls age 11 - Claudia Boyles - 7 out of 25  
 Girls age 12 - Elle Feikert - 15 out of 25  
 Girls age 13 - Anastasia Boyles - 9 out of 25

The Nauvoo free throw competition was led this year by Max Gnann. He shared his feelings about the experience with me as follows: "When I was growing up in the Nauvoo area, I participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and was even able to qualify for state in one of the years I participated. This was a great way for me to practice the fundamentals of basketball and sportsmanship. When Gabe Cuthbert, our Grand Knight, came to me with the opportunity of hosting it, I knew I wanted to take it on. Then I contacted current principal Trevor Knipe who was supportive in this event in hosting it at the school where it was previously held. I felt like this was an opportunity to give the kids in my area the experience I had in my youth and to see the kids of people I played basketball with in my youth; it was a fun experience for me."

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

## Did someone say wine pairing?!

Join us on March 23 in our new "stomping grounds lounge" (our fermenting room) for a delicious and fun wine pairing! Spring into flavors of bite-sized treats paired with Baxter's top 6 wines. Featuring our dry, semi-sweet and sweet wines of red, white, and blushes.

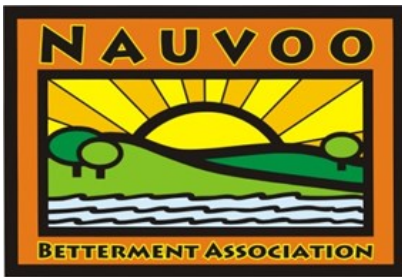
Time: 1pm - 4pm

Cost: \$25/person + \$1 extra for each extra wine sample

RSVP by March 16th.

Call (217-453-2528) us or message our FB page. Spaces are limited, so don't wait too long to RSVP! If you've never done a wine pairing, you need to add it to your 2024 bucket list! It's so interesting to see how food can totally change the taste of the wine, making flavors in the food POP, blend, and refresh.

All are welcome; we will also have **non-alcoholic** pairing featuring our famous Bloody Mary mix, Concord grape juice and fresh lemonade spritzer!



Articles may be submitted at any time to  
[seenuvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenuvoonews@gmail.com)  
Deadline for the March Issues is February 23

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](http://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.

## UNTOLD STORIES

To help generate interest in and enthusiasm for the upcoming Untold Nauvoo Stories Symposium (Friday and Saturday, February 10-11, 2024, at the new Nauvoo Community Center building at 1455 Mulholland), organizers have released the following information about scheduled topics and speakers:

### **Margret Shurts - Bread and Butter and Bread**

Margret will discuss a brief history of bread, as well as several techniques of making bread, both with an upright oven as well as without a regular oven, and how it affected our ancestors in the 1840s and 50s. Margret adds, "And of course when you have bread it is nice to have something to put on it. As a Homemaker and History Enthusiast, I have spent a lot of time in the kitchen making bread, and studying its history. I used to do this as a third-grade presentation, when my children were in school, and it was always a big hit, because we finished up with fresh Cinnamon rolls, when an oven was available. I took a number of college classes to perfect my cooking-for-a-crowd skills, finishing with a minor in Food Preparation, with an emphasis on the History of Food."

### **David Moehn - Captain James White's Stone House**

From its start as an early pioneer home on the edge of the frontier, this iconic Stone House played an important role in the History of Hancock County and Nauvoo for over a century as Nauvoo's "First" House. Dave is a lifelong resident in and around Fort Madison, Iowa. He has been deeply interested in area history since watching the archeological dig at Old Fort Madison in 1965 and the flurry of archeology and rebuilding at Nauvoo in the late 1960's and early 1970's. After receiving degrees in History and Political Science, he has tried to keep involved in historical research. Dave helped write a history of West Point, Iowa and helped research and rewrite parts of the Nauvoo Pageant, especially covering German speaking residents and their wine culture. In Fort Madison he helped write a city history, wrote a history of the Catholic Church, created a Victorian House Tour and was a long-time member of the Historic Preservation and Old Fort Madison Committees.

### **Bob Hopp - Admiral Edwin T. Layton**

Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton was born April 7th, 1903, in Nauvoo. His family moved to the Quad Cities but made summer trips back to Nauvoo as a young boy to visit his grandparents who lived on Young Street. Layton served as an intelligence officer under Fleet Admiral Nimitz during World War II. He was instrumental in cracking the Japanese communications on their intentions to attack Midway Island, giving the United States the advantage in the Battle of Midway which turned the tide in the war to the allies, ensuring victory in the Pacific!

Bob Hopp is a Nauvoo hometown boy He joined the US Navy after high school, and worked for the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland from 1984-1995. After a 24-year career in the Navy, he moved back to Nauvoo, and has been in the family construction business, Joe Hopp Construction. Bob is currently owner and builder of Ten Acre Treehouses in rural Nauvoo.

### **Christoph and Justina Lichner - Exploring German Heritage in Nauvoo and the Midwest**

In Nauvoo, the presence of German immigrants has left an indelible mark on the community, shaping its cultural fabric and enhancing its vibrant tapestry. This influence is particularly evident in the realm of Christmas celebrations, where traditions imported by German immigrants contribute significantly to Nauvoo's festive atmosphere. The historical context of German winemaking also looms large, as it not only enriches the local wine culture but also permeates social gatherings and events. The establishment of German churches further solidifies the community's ties, playing a pivotal role in both religious practices and overall community life. As a result, the dynamics of the German community in Nauvoo, including their integration with other residents, reflect a harmonious blend that navigates cultural differences. Despite the challenges faced in adapting to a new environment, the preservation of German traditions remains steadfast, leaving a lasting legacy on local culture. Today, Nauvoo stands as a testament to the enduring impact of German heritage, with echoes of the past resonating in the present, enriching the community's identity and cultural landscape.

Christoph Lichner was born and raised in Germany in a small town near Stuttgart. He studied Business in Saxony and has worked as an IT consultant for nearly ten years. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, cooking & baking. He is dedicated to community service. He works tirelessly as a volunteer in his church, and he has also recently fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming an American Boy Scout Leader.

Justina McCandless Lichner is from Salt Lake City, Utah. She met Christoph while they were both serving in the Berlin Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She worked as an international English teacher during her time abroad. She is a journalist who has written for the Salt Lake Tribune and for LDS Church Magazines. Since she moved to Nauvoo she started NauvooBlog.com and writes about the stories and history of Nauvoo under the nickname #NauvooBlogger.

### **Jim Topic - Origin Stories: How We Came to be Citizens of Nauvoo**

The stories of how we came to Nauvoo are as diverse as the history of Nauvoo itself as told by the members of the Nauvoo Historical Society under the direction of Board member James Topic. These stories of origin provide entertainment and insight as they present a personalized face to some of the broad historical currents that shape Nauvoo. Hear your neighbors tell their stories and better understand what makes Nauvoo such a special place.

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